

## Unmasking?

Council: Not quite yet, resolution extended through month of June

**JeanneGrimes**  
**The Purcell Register**

COVID-19 numbers may be dropping, but don't stop wearing your mask anytime soon.

The Purcell City Council unanimously approved a resolution extending the city's mask ordinance through the current fiscal year which ends June 30.

The resolution, which isn't mandatory, asks "every visitor to the city and every resident of the city to wear a mask when social distancing is not feasible and, if indoors, regardless of social distancing."

Mayor Ted Cox cited his research showing 28,554,665 COVID-19 cases nationally since the pandemic began in March 2020 represents 8.65 of the population.

However, Oklahoma's infection rate is 10.61 percent of the population and Purcell's is a whopping 19.86 percent.

"I think we need to continue the resolution," he said. "We can revisit it at any time."

The council appointed three members to the new Lodging Tax Committee.

From the Parks and Recreation Department, they selected John Blue.

Theda Engert will represent the council on the committee and Allen Eubanks will serve as citizen at-large.

City manager Dale Bunn will also have a seat on the committee.

Three members will be appointed by the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce. Those include a hotel representative, a merchant and chamber director.

A tentative opening date for the new Purcell Municipal Hospital is January 22.

The contractor reported to the council that the hospital will be "substantially complete" by the end of 2021, but the additional days will be time to complete any punch lists.

Even with weather delays caused by Winter Storm Uri, Bunn said tree removal is on track.

The storm sewer is complete and rough grading has been finished along with the sewer up sizing.

Work on water lines is 30 percent done, Bunn said, and there are two new rock check dams on site to control runoff.

Two change orders totaling \$151,956.83 were approved

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## 2 County Seniors Academic All-State

Lucy Wilson of Purcell High School and Evan Booth of Washington High School

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

Two McClain County seniors in the Class of 2021 have been tabbed as recipients of the prestigious Academic All-State Award.

Lucy Wilson of Purcell High School and Evan Booth of Washington High School have been chosen as two of the top 100 public high school seniors.

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence has announced the recipients in the top 100 that were selected from 379 nominations statewide.

Both Wilson and Booth become the fifth Dragon and fifth Warrior to be selected since the program's inception in 1987.

Previous Academic All-Staters from Purcell include Meegan Moore in 1998, Rachel Renbarger in 2009,



Lucy Wilson



Evan Booth

Shianne Andrews in 2016 and Ashley Howard in 2018.

Previous All-Staters from Washington have been Matthew Price in 1993, Garrett Street in 2001, Jacob Hart in 2003 and Raychel Kozik in 2013.

Wilson is a three-year recipient of the Letter P award, in the National Honor

Society, Oklahoma Honor Society, Superintendent's Honor Roll, Top 10 Percent, Governor's Award for Science and is on the Academic team.

She is vice president of both the Key Club and National Honor Society, on the band leadership team and is drum line captain and pole

vaults for the track team.

Wilson is the second captain of the academic team and an ambassador for the National 4-H Shooting Sports. She is a national qualifier in recurve archery and air rifle and she is a State Record Book finalist and winner. She is president of the McClain County 4-H and McClain County 4-H ambassador. She is president of the Purcell 4-H Club and vice president of the More Outdoor Adventure Club. She is also public relations officer for the rabbit club.

Booth is a National Merit Semifinalist and is a college board national rural and small town recognition program winner.

Among his other extracurricular activities are National

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### Grand Champion Gilt

**Tucker Bloodworth** (center) with his Grand Champion Gilt that was purchased by Grady Andrews (left) and Kevin Andrews (right) of Allen Farms at the Purcell Bonus Auction.

## Electric aftershocks

Customers brace for bills; utilities ponder plans to help

**JeanneGrimes**  
**The Purcell Register**

In the wake of Winter Storm Uri, anxiety abounds where upcoming utility bills are concerned.

But for Purcell residents, there is hope that anxiety will be allayed.

City manager Dale Bunn told the city council on Monday that the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority's finance committee is recommending to the board of directors to absorb the 133- to 333-fold increase in natural gas prices during the storm.

Bunn chairs the finance committee.

The authority normally

purchases natural gas to fuel electricity generation at a cost of \$3 per million BTU.

During the storm, however, that price soared as high as \$1,000 per million BTU. The authority was able to purchase some natural gas for \$400 per million BTU.

OMPA is out some \$60 million in increased fuel costs.

Instead of placing that burden on consumers, the plan is to refinance the authority's existing loans and extend the time to pay those off.

Bunn, who serves as the board's treasurer, said Tues-

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## 5 questions with Greg Cypert



Greg Cypert

**Editor's note: The Purcell Register continues its feature in which civic leaders and others will answer five questions. The following were answered by Purcell Fire Chief Greg Cypert.**

**Q: How did you get into firefighting?**

A: Firefighting is a tradition in my family. My Dad was a volunteer at Purcell FD and later, a career firefighter in Norman. I knew before I graduated high school that I wanted to be a

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### Ribbon cutting

**Justin and Hanna** Reikowsky and Phillip Adkins (center) cut the ribbon marking the official opening of A&R Beef and Provisions in Goldsby. Heart of Oklahoma Chamber members and Goldsby town officials were among those on hand to mark the special occasion.

## From the farm to the table

Store offers Made in Oklahoma beef and provisions

**Jeanne Grimes**

**The Purcell Register**

Something good for Goldsby and the surrounding community came out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Phil and Monica Adkins joined Justin and Hanna Reikowsky took note of a growing demand for locally produced food, particularly beef, pork

and lamb.

The two couples opened A&R Beef and Provisions in what had been an open patio area adjacent to Libby's Cafe about a month ago.

The fledgling store was welcomed into the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting on February 25.

"Justin has done a lot more of the leg work," Adkins said. "He's a farmer and rancher by trade."

The store sells beef raised on the Reikowsky's ranch.

The animals are processed at a USDA-inspected plant in Guthrie.

Among the other MIO products found on the store's shelves are a full line of homemade jams and jellies, breads from the kitchen of Brandi Beller-McMorris, spices, sauces and a variety of soft drinks branded OKC Soda.

Reikowsky said a dairy near Enid furnishes the store's offering of milk, cheeses and ice cream.

A&R Beef and Provisions is open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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## March comes in like a lamb

Temperatures are going to become very seasonably mild as we begin the month of March here in Oklahoma, as we have almost every day in the next week sitting in the sixties. A chance of storms will roll through our area Thursday

evening and these will linger into Friday morning, becoming more scattered overnight. No severe threats are expected, just a rumble of thunder or two. As we get into this weekend, get ready for a beautiful one! This weekend is the perfect one to

make plans outside as it is going to feel like spring! Cloud cover will move in during the early part of the next week, and a small chance of some showers will exist around next Wednesday.

— Colton Williams

## Purcell Junior High Teacher/Staff and Students of the Month

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

The December teacher/staff and students include:

**Noel Thrasher - Faculty of the Month**

Noel Thrasher said, "Seven years of teaching has flown by. I love all my students and they are the reason I get up each day!"

Her favorite movie is "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days," favorite food is anything Coach Gregson cooks and favorite vacation spot is New York City.

Her favorite hobbies are her dogs, golf and her side business, The Posh Spot.

**Drew Blair - Sixth Grade Boy of the Month**

Drew's favorite subject in school is English.

His favorite song is "Erase Your Social" by Lil Uzi Vert.

His favorite color is blue, his favorite food is pizza and his favorite sport is basketball.

The best book Mason ever

read is "Magic Tree House" because it was very funny.

An activity he enjoys is playing basketball.

Something you might not know about Mason is that he plays sports.

**Maria Rodriguez - Sixth Grade Girl of the Month**

Maria's favorite subject in school is math.

Her favorite song is "Walls."

Her favorite color is pink, her favorite food is french fries and her favorite sport is volleyball.

The best book Marlee ever read is "Fruits Basket" because it was cute.

An activity she enjoys is painting.

Something you might not know about Marlee is that she likes bunnies.

**Jayden Paulsen - Seventh Grade Boy of the Month**

Jayden has moved and there was no information on him.

**Paisley Nichols - Seventh Grade Girl of the Month**

Paisley's favorite subject in school is science.

Her favorite song is "9 to 5" by Dolly Parton.

Her favorite color is lime green, her favorite food is Chick-Fil-A and her favorite sport is baseball.

The best book Carli ever read is "Harry Potter" because of the great plot.

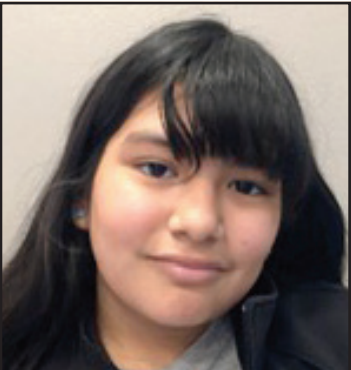
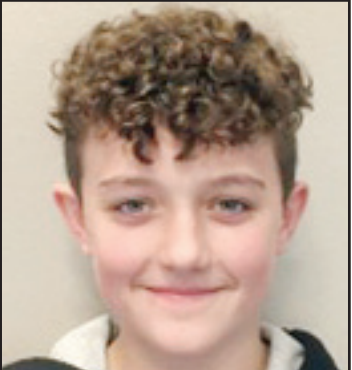
An activity she enjoys is playing with her little sister.

Something you might not know about Paisley is that her

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Noel Thrasher



Sixth graders Drew Blair and Maria Rodriguez

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# Stitt focuses on federal aid, McGirt and vaccine rollout in whirlwind trip to Washington

**BennettBrickman  
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Gaylord News**

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt spent the past two days begging for more federal money to help the state recover from a historic winter storm.

“This has been an important trip because I wanted to let our federal delegation know exactly what was happening after the historic weather events,” Stitt said. “We’re worried for Oklahoman’s sake that some of the electricity bills are going to skyrocket, and so we’re trying to figure out, is there a federal solution to that?”

Currently, the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s web page shows Oklahoma has received no federal assistance for the storm. President Biden declared a state of emergency in Oklahoma February 18.

Stitt said he also spoke with the delegation to talk about the state’s coronavirus response and the effects of the landmark McGirt v. Oklahoma Supreme Court decision.

In his meetings Stitt said he’s been highlighting Oklahoma’s “All of the Above” energy policy, which he said helped the state avoid the long-lasting rolling blackouts that plagued Texas.

“One of the things that we’re bringing awareness to in Oklahoma is that we have an All of the Above energy policy in Oklahoma,” Stitt said. “That proved very, very well in the last storm, because our friends of the South had some rolling blackouts for days and days at a time.”

This policy means Oklahoma gets its energy from many sources, including oil, natural gas, wind, solar and coal.

With this approach, Oklahoma was able to vary consumption between energy sources, depending on weather conditions.

In addition to seeking federal aid, Stitt met with the Oklahoma delegation to discuss ways to address the McGirt decision, which affects police jurisdiction on Native American land in eastern Oklahoma

under the Major Crimes Act.

“We’re up here also bringing awareness to the McGirt ruling, which is something that we think Oklahomans need to be aware of, and our federal delegation is working on that,” Stitt said.

“We’re hearing from district attorneys, we’re hearing from police departments all across eastern Oklahoma, that crimes are not being prosecuted, they’re being delayed (as a result of the ruling),” he said.

Moving forward, Stitt will continue to encourage the Oklahoma delegation to secure as many vaccines as possible for the state.

“We’re doing a better job than most any other state on how quickly we get those administered,” Stitt said. “We’ve set up some different (vaccination) pods in some historic minority communities to make sure that we are providing access all across the state.”

*Gaylord News a reporting project of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication.*



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**Meltdown**  
The piles of snow that were the result of city crews clearing streets are on the way out as temperatures have rebounded to spring-like weather.



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### NEWS In Brief

#### Kiwanis Annual Egg Hunt

The Kiwanis Annual Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 3, at the Purcell City Lake.

Children ages 12 and under are invited for the Easter Egg Hunt and

selfies with the Easter Bunny!

Photo ops begin at 9:30 a.m., while the actual egg hunt begins at 10 a.m. sharp.

#### 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.

### LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU

**Week of March 8**

**MONDAY BREAKFAST**

Whole grain cereal kit, fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Biscuit and gravy, sausage and egg, hash browns, stewed tomatoes, orange smiles, milk.

**TUESDAY BREAKFAST**

Mini cinis, orange smiles, fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Chicken and noodles, green beans, batter bread, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

**WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST**

Gogurt with cheese stick, craisins, fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, french fries, Jell-O with fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY BREAKFAST**

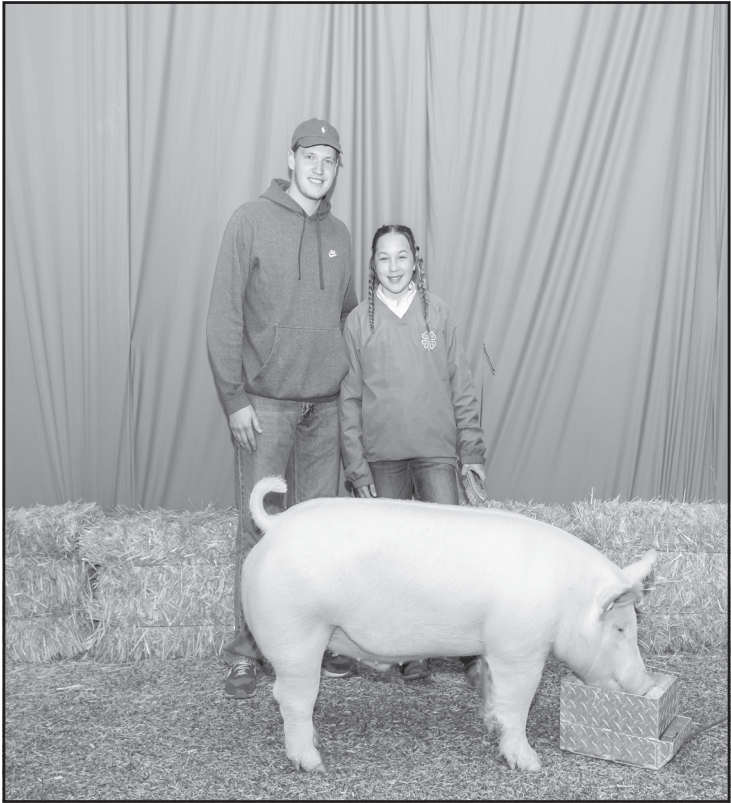
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**LUNCH**

Pizza, broccoli, carrots, fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY**

No School.



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**Grand Champion Barrow**  
**Carli Thomas** with her Grand Champion Barrow at the Purcell Bonus Auction. Her barrow was purchased by Thomas Green with B&H Construction.

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## Is free money really free?

I think it’s time for Congress to take a deep breath and possibly get a grip.

They passed a \$1.9 trillion measure in the wee hours of Saturday morning to give money away we don’t have.

Thanks to us throwing money away here, there and yon our national debt is already hovering around \$28 trillion and we are going to give away another \$2 trillion in one fell swoop?

Once again, some folks in office in Washington D.C. don’t seem to give two cents about saddling our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with a mountain of debt we will never be able to repay.

Where is the fiscal responsibility?

All five members of Oklahoma’s delegation voted no on the bill.

The Biden administration is asking to extend emergency unemployment insurance programs set to expire in mid-

### Editor’s Notebook



John D. Montgomery

March.

More giveaways.

And their idea for \$15 an hour minimum wage may sound good to those guys and gals with Potomac Fever.

But what about the small businesses that are already rocked with COVID problems, closings and shrinking amounts of business.

They are simply going to lay off workers to keep their doors open in lieu of paying what AOC thinks is fair.

It might be fair in NYC or other large markets but in the Lexingtons, Purcells and Goldsby’s of the world it’s just simply too much.

And \$15 a hour in NYC probably amounts to what \$7.25 an hour does in Oklahoma or many other rural area states.

It all sounds very sexy to the rank and file citizen.

Who wouldn’t like free money? You can count me in that number.

But is it really free?

The no free lunch phrase was coined back around 60 years ago.

It would be nice to have your own printing press where you could just print off a couple of trillion dollars to dole out to whomever.

It just doesn’t work that way.

At some point the fiddler is going to have to be paid.

Who’s going to do that?

No one that is currently working in Washington, D.C.

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## Your Views

### News from District 42

• Rep. Cindy Roe •



## House wraps up committee deadline

This week was our first major deadline of the new session. Thursday, February 25, was our deadline to pass bills out of their House committee, which is a vital first step to having a bill heard on the House floor. Legislation that is not first passed by its committee by the deadline will not be considered that session.

Due to last week’s bad weather, the Public Health Committee, which I chair, was forced to cancel our meeting and scheduled those bills for this week’s meeting. As a result, the committee heard over 20 bills during a two hour meeting on Wednesday.

Wednesday was also a long day on the House floor as well. We’ve already begun hearing numerous bills that had previously passed their House committees. Once a bill passes its committee and has received a co-author to spearhead the legislation in the Senate, it is eligible to be heard on the House floor.

While the vast majority of House and Senate committees have their deadline this week, there is one exception to this rule: the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Budget, which hears bills related to the state budget and drafts the budget every year.

The JCAB chairs are allowed to file as many bills as neces-

sary in order to ensure that the Legislature is not limited in its ability to craft a state budget by standard bill filing caps and deadlines.

With the committee deadline behind us, we’ll shift our focus to the hundreds of bills that were approved in committee and may now be heard on the House floor. Some bills are wildly popular ideas that fix a common problem facing many Oklahomans, and those bills are passed easily off the House floor in a matter of minutes.

However, other legislation may take over an hour between when it is brought up and when it is voted upon.

Once a bill has been explained by its author, other representatives have the opportunity to ask questions, which can take quite a while.

After questions have wrapped up, there may be debate, and each member debating typically receives 10 minutes to debate.

This procedure can be tedious and result in very long days on the floor; however, those long nights are always worth it when we see the benefits of the legislation we pass and the good it does in our constituents’ lives.

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

*Rep. Cynthia Roe, a Republican, represents District 42.*

## So much to be thankful for

**Dear John D. and Gracie:**

The Lil’ Dragon Food Pantry, has been a blessing to John, Brylie and myself, words escape, where tears replace.

Thank you to our Purcell community, our families of faith, corporations and small businesses, individuals from out of town, followers who send products via Amazon to our doorstep, to each one who has organized a food drive, collected, delivered and given of their money. John and I wish, that when we say we appreciate you, you could see our hearts flooding with love, humbleness, gratitude and pride.

We have had our tables stocked and restocked, for almost five years. With your help, the pantry has served 486 bags of food every week to supplement the Regional back pack program that our school district participates in.

We have given boxes away, for weeks when students are out of school, until they are able to return to classes. Nothing like this can be possible without the help of you.

We would be remiss, not to mention our school support from our counselors, principals and our superintendent. Folks, they let us in the door, to deliver to the schools, and they add to our giveaway when the need is there. They make sure the bags are sent home.

Once many years ago, in a land where Dragons live, some group decided that Purcell was the Heart of Oklahoma. Whoever that was pegged it just right. We just call it home.

We appreciate you for supporting our children!

**With Dragon Pride,  
The Hobbs**

### News from Washington

• Sen. James Lankford •



## Killing traditional energy not solution

Did you enjoy the recent free trial of living in Alaska? The sub-zero temperatures in the entire region challenged our families, our first responders, our churches, our nonprofits, and our energy infrastructure. The weather tested our resolve and our power framework.

The first was proven again; the second was pushed beyond its limits. Ice-encased wind towers, snow-covered solar panels, frozen natural gas well heads all decreased electricity production and dramatically increased the costs to heat our homes and run our businesses.

The words “energy diversity,” “base power,” and “system resilience” were the buzz words for a week, but they should be the priority moving forward.

No question: everyone wants clean air, land, and water. But, when the rolling blackouts started in the sub-zero temperatures, everyone also wanted to know how we can keep the

power on.

I have stayed in close contact with our Oklahoma and regional energy partners to assess the risks, reasons, and response for the rolling blackouts. We have also discussed ways to protect consumers from major price spikes on their energy bill and maintain energy supplies for the future.

People see that there are real consequences on the wall switch and in their wallet when we have an over-reliance on energy sources that can fail or are unprepared during peak usage.

I was recently asked to serve on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to bring the Oklahoma perspective to the nation. In Oklahoma, we know just about every business is connected to energy producers in some way.

Oklahoma produces nearly five percent of all the oil used in the country, nine percent of all the natural gas used, and

more than 10 percent of the wind electricity. We are truly an all-of-the-above energy state with 45 percent of Oklahoma’s energy coming from renewable sources.

Sadly, some in the media and on social media continue the narrative that states like ours just need to find another place for people to work because all traditional energy is “cancelled.” But as we’ve seen this past week, if you don’t have a baseload power on the coldest and the hottest days of the year, you could have a real crisis at the worst possible moment.

I have already reached out to President Biden to ask for an energy meeting in the White House to talk about the importance of energy diversity, mineral leasing on federal lands, and pipeline permitting.

This is more than a conver-

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## NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

## A fake rescue package

**Congressman Tom Cole**

In the early morning hours on Saturday of last week, Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives pushed through a massive spending bill under the guise of coronavirus relief.

Unfortunately, the nearly \$2 trillion fake rescue package more closely resembles a liberal wish list.

For background, the so-called relief legislation is the product of the budget reconciliation process, which allows for certain legislation to pass the Senate with a simple majority of 51 votes, rather than the usual 60.

As you might remember, earlier in the month of February, Democrats in both chambers passed the same version of a shell budget written and passed only to trigger the use of reconciliation.

Specifically, that action in-

structed 12 committees to write reconciliation legislation to increase spending by as much as \$1.9 trillion.

While 12 committees were given instructions to write portions of the bill related to their various policy jurisdictions, three failed to do so, ceding that authority to Speaker Pelosi and Democratic leadership.

Within the nine committees that did conduct markups, Republicans were completely shut out of the process. In fact, out of the nearly 250 commonsense amendments offered by Republicans to make the legislation actually targeted to the pandemic, all but two were blocked in committees and one was stripped from the final package.

Examples of the ideas refused included items like ensuring schools immediately get students back in the classroom for in-person learning, supporting

efforts to reopen the economy and delivering more resources for vaccine development and distribution efforts.

Instead, Democrats focused more on unrelated items that just so happen to be at the top of their progressive wish list. This includes irresponsible policies like a federal bailout of certain pension funds, providing bloated contributions to Democrat-run state and local governments and arbitrarily raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

While the minimum wage provision will ultimately have to be taken out in the Senate, due to a parliamentary violation, enacting such a misguided policy would cost nearly one and a half million Americans to lose their jobs and hurt economies nationwide.

Please see **Cole**, page 5A

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# TSET tackles youth obesity in Oklahoma

Oklahoma has the eighth highest youth obesity rate in the country, with an estimated 150,000 children who are classified as overweight or obese.

To help reverse this trend, the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) is launching Swap Up, a media campaign focusing on youth obesity prevention across the state.

The Swap Up campaign, which is part of the TSET Healthy Youth Initiative, launched February 11 and delivers nutrition messages to teens 13-18 years old by providing tangible tips to incorporate into their daily lives.

Teens will receive information on how to eat healthier and drink more water, which helps teens feel better, improve their studies and enjoy leisure time.

“Obesity is linked to 13 different cancers and is a risk factor for many of the leading causes of death in Oklahoma,” said TSET Executive Director Julie Bisbee.

“Teens are influenced by their environment, their friends and social settings when it comes to the food they eat. As teens approach adulthood, they’re making more independent choices. Swap Up provides teens with realistic ways they can improve their health outcomes today and in the future,” she said.

Swap Up developed messages based on a research survey conducted with more than 400 Oklahoma teens. The survey provided information about eating habits, meal and snack sources, and nutrition-based knowledge, attitudes and beliefs.

Oklahoma teenagers have a nearly 70 percent chance of being overweight or obese as adults, so the need for nutritional education was high.

A follow-up survey will be conducted in spring 2021 to assist in tracking impact of the campaign.

“Changing youth nutrition behaviors is a challenge. Many times teens receive messaging and information from multiple sources. Effective obesity prevention messaging must do more than just tell teens to live healthier, it must show them the what, how, where, and when of healthy living,” said Jeff Jordan, president and executive creative director of Rescue Agency.

“We developed Swap Up for Oklahoma to not only provide teens with specific and attainable changes they can make, but to also illustrate how those choices can lead to a healthier, and sustainable lifestyle change,” he concluded.

Beginning with the “Fuel for Football” messages, which launched the week of February 8, Swap Up feature various examples about how fruits, vegetables and water can improve a teen’s mood, concentration and physical performance on various social media channels and television.

In particular, youth are given specific recommendations for changing eating habits in a manner they can control such as what sides they should eat at a restaurant, selecting healthy convenience store snacks or choosing water over sugary drinks.

To learn more about Swap Up, visit [www.SwapUpOK.com](http://www.SwapUpOK.com). The Swap Up campaign will build on TSET’s Shape Your Future messaging that encourages parents, teachers and children to build healthier habits by taking one small step at a time.

Teens, parents and educators can receive tips, hacks and helpful resources at [shapenyourfutureok.com](http://shapenyourfutureok.com).

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## Lankford:

sation about jobs, which is obviously important; it is about American energy independence, system resilience, and helping those in poverty get access to reliable inexpensive energy.

Our national energy policy directly affects our current jobs, our take-home pay, and our future opportunities, but it also reflects our values. As I mentioned before, we all want clean air and water, but we also do not want to empower major human rights abusers like communist China when we buy solar panels and rare earth minerals from them.

China maintains abhorrent

child-labor practices and deplorable working conditions, which some leaders ignore to advance their clean-climate agenda. We should produce resources in America so we do not benefit the communist Chinese government and instead maintain our energy independence.

I support all Oklahoma energy sources, but we should remember that each one has strengths and weaknesses. Expanding our energy diversity and our ability to produce clean, reliable, and affordable base power in the peak usage moments should be one of our top goals for the future.

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## PJH:

favorite television show is “The Office.”

**Brayden Tharp - Eighth Grade Boy of the Month**

Brayden’s favorite subject in school is English.

He doesn’t have a favorite song.

His favorite colors are black or white, his favorite food is tacos and his favorite sport is basketball.

The best book Brayden ever read is “Transall Sage” because it’s a weird book.

Activities he enjoys are going to the courts by Carl’s Jr. to play basketball with people and also play video games.

Something you might not know about Boston is that he has the best dog in the world.

**Coty Sessions - Eighth Grade Girl of the Month**

Coty’s favorite subject in school is science.

Her favorite song is “I Believe I Can Fly.”

Her favorite color is red, her favorite food is macaroni and cheese and her favorite sport is softball.

The best book Coty ever read is “Where the Red Fern Grows” because it is very heartfelt.

An activity she enjoys is wrestling. She wrestles for the Lion’s Wrestling Academy.

Something you might not know about Coty is that she is a two-time state wrestling champion.



Seventh grader Paisley Nichols



Eighth graders Brayden Tharp and Coty Sessions

From page 4A

## Cole:

Moreover, states and municipalities already have the power to raise the minimum wage within their jurisdiction as they see fit and some states have already done so.

Above all else, we need to get children out from behind screens and back to class before they fall further behind. Prior to the pandemic, children had access to in-person staff and services at schools.

While many communities have followed the science and moved to reopen schools, that is not true everywhere. In fact, millions of students remain in virtual school and are becoming increasingly isolated and depressed.

As a result, more students are losing ground academically, more students are contemplating suicide and more children are falling into despair.

Considering that Congress has already provided unspent funding to help schools reopen, it is irresponsible that Democrats pushed for billions

more in new funding with no requirement that schools must actually reopen.

While I certainly support equipping our schools, our priority should be to get kids back in the classroom.

To be clear, communities across our entire nation continue to suffer in some way because of the coronavirus pandemic, and I fully support targeted relief for the most urgent needs, such as continuing to help our small businesses stay afloat by extending and improving assistance like the highly successful and job-saving Paycheck Protection Program and providing funding for distribution of life-saving coronavirus vaccines and therapeutics.

After Congress proved it could work together to deliver bipartisan coronavirus relief for the American people on five separate occasions last year, I regret that Democrats have chosen to completely abandon any good faith efforts to work with Republicans to do so again.

### Purcell School Menu

**Week of March 8  
MONDAY  
BREAKFAST**

Grab N Go—Pancake on a stick or pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Pig in a blanket, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit, milk.

**TUESDAY  
BREAKFAST**

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

**LUNCH**

Pulled pork sandwich, baby carrots, Ruffles, fruit, milk.

**WEDNESDAY  
BREAKFAST**

Grab N Go—Fruit pizza or

rice krispie granola bar, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Chicken fajitas, Mexican salad, chips and salsa, fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY  
BREAKFAST**

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

**LUNCH**

Frito chili pie, chili beans, fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY  
BREAKFAST**

Grab N Go—Cinnamon roll or pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Breaded chicken sandwich, french fries, fruit, milk.

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### Wayne School Menu

**Week of March 8  
MONDAY  
BREAKFAST**

Egg and biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Chicken noodle, carrots, peas, tropical fruit, juice, milk.

**TUESDAY  
BREAKFAST**

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Spaghetti, green beans, corn, garlic bread, mandarin oranges, juice, milk.

**WEDNESDAY  
BREAKFAST**

Mini pancakes, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Hamburgers, french fries, pickles, pork and beans, pears, juice, milk.

**THURSDAY  
BREAKFAST**

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit cocktail, juice, milk.

**FRIDAY  
BREAKFAST**

Doughnut, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**

Pizza, salad, corn, cake, juice, milk.

## Absentee ballots

Apply now for April 6 elections

McClain County voters who want absentee ballots mailed to them for the April 6 board of education and municipal general elections should apply now, county election board secretary Karen Haley said.

Although the County Election Board can accept applications for absentee ballots until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, Haley urged voters who want to vote by absentee ballot to apply early.

Absentee voters may apply

in person at the county election board office in the McClain County Courthouse or may mail, fax or email their applications.

An online version of the form may be filled out and submitted electronically at [www.elections.ok.gov](http://www.elections.ok.gov).

Ballots must be in the hands of County Election Board officials by 7 p.m. on election day to be counted.

Please see **Ballots**, page 8A

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# Society

## “Ask an Expert” during library series

The Pioneer Library System invites the community to “Ask an Expert” in an upcoming series covering multiple topics and specialties.

Five editions of the “Ask an Expert” series will take place during March and April. These are virtual programs offered via Zoom, and are designed to connect experts in fields with members of the community.

The schedule features:  
Saturday, March 6, 11 a.m.—Brenda Hill from the Cleveland County OSU Extension Office will answer questions about preparing delicious and healthy bread;

Friday, March 12, 11 a.m.—A State Department of Health representative will answer questions about Covid-19 in Oklahoma;

Saturday, March 27, 11 a.m.—Catherine Warren with

Bee Organized shares 10 steps to get organized;

Saturday, April 3, 11 a.m.—Debra Woods, Mayo Clinic certified health and wellness coach, answers questions on self-care and stress management;

Friday, April 9, 11 a.m.—Representatives from the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board will answer questions about unemployment, resume and interview skills, high demand jobs, and scholarship opportunities.

Signup with a valid email address is required in advance. Separate registration is required for each of the programs, and either teens or adults may participate.

For more information on this or any of the library’s services, go online to [www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org](http://www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org).



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### Nurse of the Day

**Sen. Mary Boren**, D-Norman, poses with Susan Thompson, an RN from Norman, who served as Nurse of the Day on February 22.

## Pre-K enrollment, Kindergarten Round-up

Pre-K Pre-Enrollment as well as Kindergarten Round-up for the 2021-2022 school year are finally here!

The Pre-K Enrollment Application is ready and we can’t wait to get students enrolled for next year.

We also have a Kindergarten Round-Up for students who did not attend our Pre-K Program.

Students who are currently enrolled in Purcell Schools do NOT need to fill out the Kindergarten Pre-Enrollment packet.

You can find forms on Purcell Public School’s web page, <https://www.purcellps.org/opes>, under Purcell Elementary.

If you have any questions, reach out to the school office at 442-0099.

## Norman Nurse serves as Senate Nurse of the Day

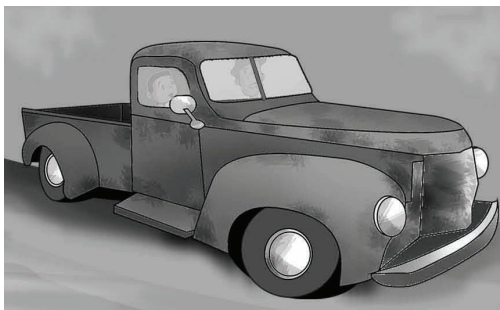
Susan Thompson, APRN-CNP, of Norman served as Nurse of the Day for the State Senate Monday.

Thompson was sponsored by Sen. Mary Boren, D-Norman. “All of the members of the State Senate deeply appreciate Nurse Thompson’s service and expertise,” said Boren. “The Senate is grateful for her donating her time. She gave legisla-

tive members, staff and others valuable care during her time.

Thompson has been a nurse for over 50 years and has worked as a Nurse Practitioner the last 25 years.

As a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner for children, she provides services to all ages and sociological groups, including children in state custody and foster care.



# MILES & THE MONARCHS

By Carolyn Mueller | Illustrated by Philip Goudeau

### CHAPTER TWO

Miles’ dad tore open a sack of sunflower seeds. He reached in and cracked the salty seed with his teeth, spitting the husk neatly out the window. Miles helped himself to the snack, enjoying the breeze on his face as he and his dad made their way toward Philadelphia to see the Monarchs play in the Negro League World Series.

“How did the Negro League get its start?” his dad repeated Miles’ question. “Well, son, that was all thanks to a man named Rube Foster.”

“Rube Foster?” Miles said. “I think I’ve heard of him.” “I know you love baseball,” Miles’ dad said. “So, I’m sure you’ve heard of him! Rube was both a manager and a pitcher. He started pitching back in the late 1800s.”

“Whoa,” Miles said. “That was a long time ago.” Miles’ dad laughed.

“Well, not so long ago. You see, black baseball players have been a part of the sport for a long time. Way back in the day—as you say, a long time ago,” Miles’ dad chuckled. “There was no Negro League, but black athletes still played the game. They formed teams and traveled around the country barnstorming.”

“Barnstorming?” Miles asked, “What’s barnstorming?” Just then they happened to be passing a big, cherry red barn. He imagined a group of baseball players storming toward it.

“Barnstorming means the teams would travel together from town to town organizing games and attracting new and different audiences. Usually rural, country towns. That’s why it was called barnstorming.”

Miles knew that the Nationals played in Griffith Stadium. “So, they didn’t really have a home stadium?”

“Nope,” Miles’ dad answered. “They played all over the place. Rube Foster was a part of the barnstorming. He was a talented pitcher, but more than that he was also an excellent manager and a really smart guy. In 1920...”

“That long ago!” Miles interrupted, teasing his father.

“Not that long ago, in fact when I was only a little older than you, Rube Foster decided to organize black baseball, so he created the first Negro National League.”

“He just started it?”

“Well, he modeled the system after white Major League Baseball, which was already going on. There were a lot of talented black players and the Negro National League offered the players competitive salaries, so it just took off.

Plus, it was entertaining! You’ll see when we get there. Negro League baseball is something a little different—daring, exciting, controlled but yet played at an almost faster pace than what you’ve seen in the Major Leagues. You’ll love it.”

Miles’ dad glanced down at the gas gauge.

“We’re gonna’ need to fill up the tank,” he told his son. Miles saw a gas station! It was just up the road.

“There, Dad!” he shouted.

The pair saw a lone white man standing near the pumps.

“Not that gas station,” his dad said. “We can make it a little further,” he glanced down at his map, which had been marked on with pencil notes and lines. “We just need to find the right place.”

**Newspaper Connection: Miles’ dad talks about “barnstorming.” Find a picture of a place in your local paper that isn’t a baseball field, and explain how you could play baseball there.**



## It’s a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to my daughter-in-law, Caitlin Montgomery of Norman.

Caitlin celebrates her birthday Tuesday, March 9.

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Happy anniversary to Mike and Janie Allen!

They will celebrate their 52nd anniversary Sunday, March 7.

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Happy birthdays also go out to Linda Lanell Walck, Riley Lang-Foshee, Rodney Gray, Mat Nauman, Madi Self, Glen Boydston, Brantley Lang, Matthew Low, Karen Bollenbach, Steve Perigo, Shianne Andrew, Alexis Wenthold, Phil Clark, Anna Ray Berger, Susan McCurdy Vaughn, Betty Pat Goddard, Charlotte Shaw, Gil Galyean, Buck Stevenson, Jennifer Maynard Brewer, Zac Duffy, Linda Hurst, Fabiola Calixto, Adriana Losoya, William Wyndham, Maria Franco, Alejandra Garcia, Roberto Garcia, Betty Hooper, Teresa Orta, Emanuel Guadalupe Perez, Barbara Brown, Alexis Wallace, Fernando Auz, Antonia Ortiz, Barbara Sheehy and Coral Vazquez.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Join in Ask an Expert, a virtual program at the Purcell Public Library, will be held Saturday, March 6, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Ask an Expert is a Q&A style program designed to connect you to experts in your community and share information.

This is a virtual program and registration is required by calling 527-5546 or email [mc@pioneerlibrarysystem.org](mailto:mc@pioneerlibrarysystem.org).

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Join the Purcell Public Library via Zoom for the Third Saturday Book Group March 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The March discussion will be held on the book *Don’t Skip Out On Me* by Willy Vlautin.

This is a virtual program and registration is required.

Copies of the book can be picked up at the Purcell Public Library.

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

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

Topics and dates for the next two discussions are:

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

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

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

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Here’s something a little different to enjoy.

**Cheeseburger in Paradise**

1 lb. lean ground beef  
1 large onion (chopped)  
1/2 teaspoon of seasoned salt  
1/2 teaspoon of garlic powder  
Dash of Worcestershire sauce  
1 cup of shredded cheddar cheese  
1 cup of milk  
1/2 cup of Original Bisquick mix  
2 eggs

Heat oven to 400°.

Spray a 9 inch pie plate with non-stick cooking spray

Cook beef and chopped onion in a skillet over medium about 10 minutes or until beef is brown. Drain excess fat.

Stir in salt, garlic powder and worcester sauce and then spread in pie plate. Sprinkle the shredded cheese on top of the beef

In a small bowl, whisk together the milk, eggs and Bisquick. Make sure you try to get as many lumps out as you can. Pour over meat mixture.

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# Washington announces Students of the Month

**AngieSteele**  
**Washington Correspondent**

Congratulations to Washington Elementary Students of the Week! Garrett Harryman, Tatum Beverly and Chance Riley represent their second-grade classes for the week of March 1-5.

Chance Riley is in Mrs. Bates’class. He loves to eat junk food nd his favorite color is blue. His favorite class at school is P.E. and his favorite movie thing to watch is You-Tube. When Chance grows up, he wants to be a farmer.

Mrs. Burch’s class is represented by Tatum Beverly. She loves to eat ice cream and her favorite colors are pink and purple. Tatum enjoys math class at school and her favorite movie is “Toy Story 2.” When she grows up, she wants to be a teacher.

Garrett Harryman is in Mrs. Talley’s class. He likes to eat Mega-meats and his favorite movie is “Venom.” He enjoys learning computers at school and likes to go fishing and play games. When Garrett grows up, he plans to work at Sonic.

**Washington Livestock Show Results**  
 Goat Buckles  
 Grand Wether—Karlee Trammell  
 Reserve Grand Wether—Katelyn Blankenship  
 Grand Doe—Katelyn Blankenship  
 Reserve Grand Doe—Kate-lyn Blankenship  
 Sheep Buckles  
 Grand Market Ewe—Paige Burns  
 Reserve Grand Market Ewe—Caden Crosthwait  
 Grand Breeding—Paige Burns  
 Reserve Grand Breeding—Paige Burns  
 Grand Wether—Paige Burns  
 Reserve Grand Wether—Paige Burns  
 Cattle Buckles  
 Grand Steer—Wyatt Mc-Cauley  
 Reserve Grand Steer—Kinzer Scott  
 Grand Heifer—Cole Scott  
 Reserve Grand Heifer—



• Photo by Suzy Talley

## Students of the Week

**Garrett Harryman**, Tatum Beverly, and Chance Riley represent their second grade classes at Washington Elementary School as Students of the Week for March 1-5.

Hunter Harris  
 Hog Buckles  
 Grand Barrow—Peyton Bridwell  
 Reserve Grand Barrow—Lilly Vandivort  
 Grand Gilt—Presley Strickland  
 Reserve Grand Gilt—Presley Strickland  
**Beloved Educator Passes**  
 Long-time, and beloved educator Betty Soto, passed away February 25.  
 Ms. Soto started her teaching career at WPS in 1964, and after 44 years of dedication to the community, she retired from WPS in 2008. Ms. Soto continued subbing for the district after her retirement.  
 Ms. Soto taught many generations of Warriors. Both of her sons attended Washington Public Schools. Coworkers will miss her genuine personality, her laugh, her classroom efficiency, and her delicious chocolate chip cookies. Thank you, Ms. Soto, for your dedication to our youth.  
 Graveside services will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Ada Memorial Park and Cemetery. In place of flowers, the family has asked to donate to the Washington PTO in her memory.  
**Washington Senior Center Lunch**  
 Need a job? Know someone

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

Lunch is served at the Washington Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Friday for senior citizens in the community. Come on down and enjoy lunch and time with friends. Age 60 and over and any age with a disability is a \$2 donation, under 60 meal charge is \$5.  
 Menu for March 4-12:  
 Thursday, March 4—White bean chili with chicken, cornbread, cookies.  
 Friday, March 5—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, biscuits, pineapple upside down cake.  
 Monday, March 8—Taco salad, cheese sauce, chili beans, fruit cocktail cake.  
 Tuesday, March 9—King Ranch Chicken, Mexican corn, peanut butter chew.  
 Wednesday, March 10—Beans, rice, spinach, cornbread, peach crisp.  
 Thursday, March 11—Chicken tetrazzini, broccoli, garlic bread, chocolate no bake cookies.  
 Friday, March 12—Steak fritters, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, dump cake.

Friday Music Jams starts at 10 a.m.  
 All meals are served with a beverage, dessert and salad bar.  
**Washington Public Schools Calendar**  
 March 4—HS Baseball at Sulphur, 4:30 p.m.; Band Winter Concert W.E.C.; Class 3A Basketball Area Tournament, Ada.  
 March 5—JH Baseball home vs Tuttle, 5 p.m.  
 March 6—JV baseball at Bridge Creek, 12/2 p.m.; HS baseball, home with Lindsay and Crossings Christian, 12/2:30/5 p.m.  
 March 8—HS Slow Pitch, at Moore, 5 p.m.; J.H. Baseball vs Lexington, 5 p.m.; JH Slow Pitch-McCloud Tourney; HS Baseball at Lexington, 5 p.m.

**Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation**  
 I would like each of you who

has submitted your VA claim information to our website to know we are working diligently to process your claims as quickly as possible. As you know, the pandemic has taken a toll on our volunteers. We all know that when any illness strikes us, and you are 70-plus years of age, it takes a little longer to recover.

Some of our volunteers, including me, were diagnosed with that illness during the last six months. During that time, we were in the process of converting all our veteran claims to a digital format. To be more to the point, between COVID-19, sick volunteers, and switching to a digital claims system, we have not been able to process all of our claims as quickly as we would like.

The quality of our submitted claims remains extremely high, but we will be working diligently to process more and at a faster rate. Volunteers have been working many hours each week, and we are beginning to catch up on the backlog of claims in our system.

Recruiting new volunteers continues to be our top priority. If you would like to help serve veterans from the safety of your home, please fill out our volunteer application found on our website.

Once completed please email the volunteer application to [page@dkgvf.org](mailto:page@dkgvf.org).

Last week, several volunteers returned after illness had kept them home since before Christmas. We hope to continue training new volunteers to help us assist the many veterans and surviving spouses who need our help with their VA claims and questions.

We look forward to starting up our veteran transportation program soon for those who

need rides to our location or VA appointments. Last week, we were able to provide several electric scooters and wheelchairs to veterans.

We have several fireproof filing cabinets that we would like to give to a veteran or donate to a non-profit that could use them. They are five-drawer uprights and weigh in at 500 pounds each. Please contact us if you know of the right place for them.

To donate to our Foundation, you can do so online at [dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org](http://dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org) or mail a check to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, 1268 N. Interstate Drive,

Norman, OK 73072.

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**Washington Correspondent Contact Information**

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

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

**Angie Steele**



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## Grand Champion Steer

**Wyatt McCauley** won the Grand Champion Steer honors at the Washington Livestock Show.



• Photo provided

## Beloved educator

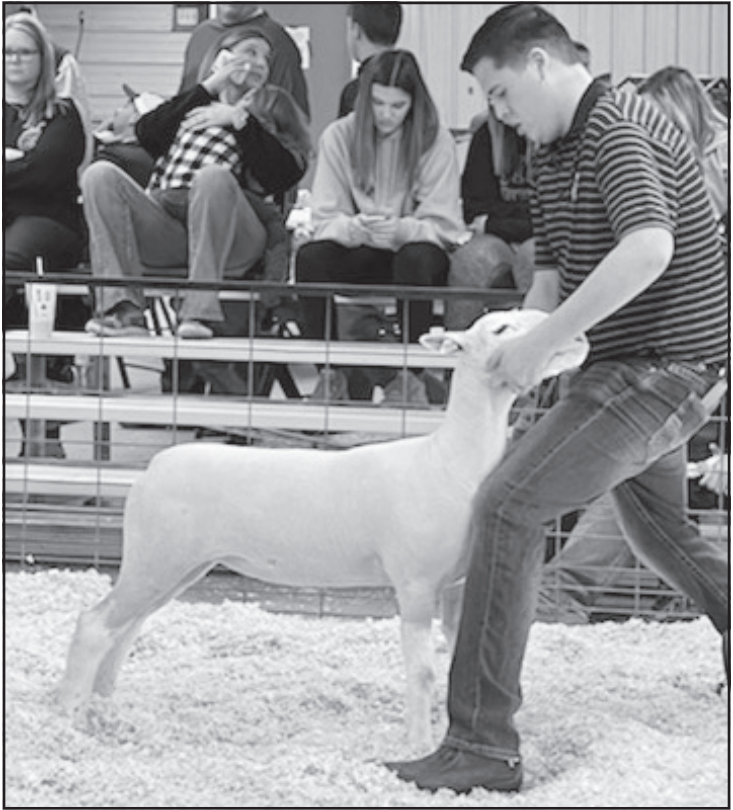
**Long-time**, and beloved educator Betty Soto, passed away on Thursday, February 25th. Ms. Soto started her teaching career at WPS in 1964, and after 44 years of dedication to the community, she retired from WPS in 2008.



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## Award winner

**Peyton Bridwell** shows her Grand Barrow at the Washington Livestock Show.



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# Obituaries

## Joe Mannon Talley

Joe Mannon Talley passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home on the morning of February 28, 2021 at the age of 98. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory, Midland, Texas. Viewing will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory on Thursday, March 4, from 8 AM-5 PM. Services will be at 10 AM, Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home, 127 S. Canadian, Purcell, Oklahoma. Interment to follow at Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, Oklahoma.

Joe M. Talley was born December 9, 1922 in Blanchard, Oklahoma, to parents Burch Lester Talley and Effie Martin Talley. He was one of twelve children. He married his love, Mildred Talley, on April 10, 1942. They were married for seventy-eight and one-half years.

Joe proudly joined the United States Army in 1940 and valiantly fought during World War II as a radio-operator. During his military career, he participated in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded many distinctions such as The Bronze Star and The Purple Heart. After honorably serving his country, he began a long oilfield career with Barnsdall Drilling Co, Frank Frawley Drilling Co, and Johnn Drilling Co, before finally retiring as a tool pusher in 1983.

All through his life, Joe M. Talley loved watching sports whether in-person, listening on the radio, or watching on television. He always rooted for Dallas Cowboys Football, Texas Rangers Baseball, and Oklahoma Sooners Football. He also loved playing blackjack in Las Vegas and once he was unable to travel and walk around Las Vegas any longer, he played numerous hand-held black jack and draw poker games and recently celebrated and shared the news of a big win “Royal Flush” on his favorite game.

Joe is survived by daughter, Bonnie Husband of Midland, Texas; son, Dan Talley of Hobbs, N.M.; granddaughter, Cyndi Pyles and her husband, Doug, of Midland, Texas; grandson, David Husband of Midland, Texas; granddaughter, Candice Talley of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by great-grandsons, Caden Pyles of Midland, Texas, and Colton Pyles of Lubbock, Texas; brothers, Lindell Talley, Lester Talley, Bob Talley and Vic Talley, all of Oklahoma; and sister, Rita Fay Spann of Atlanta, Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Talley, just 3 months ago; daughter, Judith Lynn Talley; parents, Effie Martin Talley and Burch Lester Talley; siblings, Jack Talley, Erb Talley, Donnie Talley, Vera May Hindman, Anna Lee Cox and Darlene Autry.

Joe’s family would like to express their gratitude to Stella Hurtado, Joe’s caretaker from Visiting Angels, and Meals on Wheels Midland.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Midland Meals on Wheels, Visiting Angels, and the Veteran’s Association.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Mary Sue Penner

Mary Sue Penner died February 22, 2021 in Wayne, Oklahoma at the age of 83 years 9 months. Funeral Services were held Friday, February 26, 2021 at Wadley’s Funeral Chapel.

Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell, entrusted to the care of Wadley’s Funeral Service. Online condolences can be made at [www.wadleysfuneralservice.com](http://www.wadleysfuneralservice.com).

Mary Sue was born May 22, 1937 in Maysville, Oklahoma, to Robert and Willene (Powell) Moore. She was raised and attended school in the Maysville area, graduating from Wayne High School in 1956.

Mary Sue married Russell Junior Penner in Rosedale, Oklahoma, on July 23, 1955, and was married for 49 years before Russell passed in 2004. Russell and Mary Sue moved to Wayne, Oklahoma in 1999 after living for many years in Noble, Oklahoma.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Mary Sue enjoyed going to church, crocheting, gardening, camping, working crossword puzzles and watching westerns. She loved OU football, holidays, and going to garage sales. Mary Sue worked for the University of Oklahoma for many years as a custodian, retiring in 1993.

Mary Sue was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Willene Moore; her husband, Russell Penner; her siblings, David Moore, Loverta Moore, Margie Findley and Annette McDowell.

Survivors include her son, Vernon Penner and wife, Nancy, of New Mexico; her daughter, Rhonda Wadley and husband, Charles, of Wayne; her grandchildren, Alicia Proffitt and husband, John, of Virginia, J.R. Penner of Oklahoma City, Amanda Black and husband, Bryan, of Virginia, Amy Penner and fiancé, Jason, of North Carolina, Stephanie Helton and husband, Tony, of Purcell and C.J. Wadley and wife, CyRinda, of Washington; her great-grandchildren, KC, John Tyloer, Darren, Patrick, Logan, Kailynn, Kalon, Kyson, (Kace) on the way, Sabina, Carson, Ashton, JaSontay, Shayla and Olivia; her great-great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Levia; her siblings, Larry Moore and wife, Jaquita, of Purcell, Roberta Oliver and husband, Curtis, of Chickasha and Carolyn Ruth and husband, Richard, of Durango, Colo.; her in-laws, Johnny Penner and wife, Myrna, of Lexington, Junior Jones of Wayne, Mary Lynn of Purcell and Deral Clour of Wynnewood; her second daughter-in-law, Laura Penner; and numerous other relatives and friends.

The family would like to say a special Thank You to the following people and businesses for all of their care and assistance: The staff of Loving Care Home Health, The staff of Wadley’s EMS, Kristen Ellis, Dalene Bay, Kenneth Harris, Jim Paddock, Dr. Rick Schmidt and Staff, Rachel Dunn, The Pastor and members of Memorial Assembly of God, members of the Wayne Church of Christ, and members of the Wayne Baptist Church. To the many friends and family, we could not list everyone, just know that your care and assistance did not go unnoticed, and is very much appreciated.

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## Randy Lynn Hill

Funeral services for Randy Lynn Hill, 63, of Lexington will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 4, 2021 at the First Baptist Church in Lexington. Interment will be at Konawa Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell. Mr. Hill died Feb. 26, 2021.

He was born June 5, 1957 in Ada, Okla., the younger of two sons of Quinn Thomas Hill and Mary Katherine (Little) Hill.

Survivors include his wife, Stacy Hill of the home; his mother, Mary Stevenson of the home; his son, Brett Hill and wife, Stevy, of Konawa and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lexington First Baptist Church Falls Creek Fund in Randy’s memory.

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

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## Jimmy Ray Nunley Sr.

Private family services will be held for Jimmy Ray Nunley Sr., 75, of Wanette. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Nunley died Feb. 26, 2021 at Purcell Municipal Hospital. He was born Dec. 2, 1945 in Coweta, Okla., the second of six children of Floyd Lee Nunley and Vergie (Munholland) Nunley.

Survivors include his two sons, Jim Nunley of Haslet, Texas, and Terry Nunley of Mulhall, Okla.; brother, Richard Nunley of Oklahoma City; three sisters, Wanda Coffman and husband, Charlie, and Jeanne Colclazier, all of Oklahoma City and Linda Dotson of Pauls Valley; and friend and companion, Joeann Parker of Wanette.

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## Ballots:

However, absentee voters can activate certain special conditions in the following circumstances:

- Voters who are physically handicapped or who care for physically handicapped persons who cannot be left unattended.
- Voters who are confined to nursing homes within the

county.

- Military personnel, county residents residing overseas and their spouses and dependents are eligible to receive absentee ballots.

For more information on absentee voting, contact the county election board at 527-3121.

## 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 18-24, 2021.

### Traffic

Atatiana S. Thompson, reckless driving, 1st offense.  
Anton A. Khudoley, speeding, 89/65.  
Johan V. Cifuentes, operator not reasonable and proper.  
Johan V. Cifuentes, no insurance.  
Mariano Ramirez, no valid driver’s license.  
Mariano Ramirez, operator not reasonable and proper.  
Joseph K. Blankenship, speeding, 77/70.  
Malyar Mallakhail, speeding, 80/70.  
Dylan J. H. Baker, no seatbelt.  
Anthony J. Calderon, speeding, 89/70.  
Ricky Steve, taxes due state.  
Richard K. Hitt, speeding, 55/45.  
Lucas Fishburn, taxes due state.  
Lucas Fishburn, DUS.  
Alexander T. Hoozer, failure to reduce speed.  
Jason R. Miller, no seatbelt.  
Antonio Gonzalez, no seatbelt.  
Antonio Gonzalez, operator not reasonable and proper.  
Antonio Gonzalez, no valid driver’s license.  
Gilbert Sanders, no seatbelt.  
Amber McCollum, speeding, 70/60.  
August Waldren, no valid driver’s license.

### Misdemeanors

Dianna L. Tennyson, trespass after being forbidden.  
Brian M. Hill Jr., resisting an officer.  
Derrick M. Jackson, possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Charles D. Tow, possession of CDS.  
Terry G. Freeman, trespass after being forbidden.  
Trevor W. Piercy, public intoxication.  
Joseph F. Allen, possession of CDS.  
Robert S. Kyles, possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Jose Sandoval, public intoxication.  
Carlos A. Fuentes, obstructing an officer.  
Wilbert R. Johnson, possession of CDS.  
Pichaarany R. Kchao, trespass after being forbidden.  
Charles D. Tow, possession of CDS.  
Samuel K. Stevens, possession of CDS.  
Robert A. Keefe, petit larceny.  
Jennifer R. Solnick, possession of CDS.

### Felonies

Luis A. Garcia Jr., DUI.  
Michael L. D. Smith, child endangerment/permitting/when driver is impaired or DUI.  
Meriah M. Coley, unauthorized use of a vehicle.  
Eric J. Ayala, unlawful possession of controlled drug with intent to distribute.  
Alan Ware, indecent exposure.  
Scott R. Simmons, unlawful possession of controlled drug with intent

to distribute.

Annie Gallegos, trafficking in illegal drugs.  
Micah O. Yokley, trafficking in illegal drugs.  
Ricky M. Williamson, trafficking in illegal drugs.  
Bradley D. Stage, uttering a forged instrument.

### Small Claims

Kent Smith vs. Shea Fox, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.  
Liberty National Bank vs. Kyle A. Taylor-Qualls, small claims over \$5000.  
Liberty National Bank vs. Milton D. Taft Jr., small claims under \$5000.

### Civil

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Larry J. Hosek Jr., civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Bank of America NA USA vs. Blake A. Warner, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Midland Funding LLC vs. Pat Testerman, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Tiffany Bostwick, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Angel R. Sherrell, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Tammy S. Warren, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Credit Corp Solutions Inc vs. Pam M. Clinton, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
State of Oklahoma Ex Rel vs. Justin D. Hearon, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Dean Codner, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Citibank NA vs. Amanda Lee, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Woodward Health System LLC vs. Heather Reed, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. David F. Jay, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
TD Bank USA vs. Shannon D. Largent, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Progressive Northern Insurance vs. Stephanie M. Smith, civil action \$10,000 or less.  
Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Cheryl A. Dorffler, civil action \$10,000 or more.  
Tracy Hamilton vs. Steven Ely, civil action \$10,000 or more.  
Discover Bank vs. Paul R. McKay, civil action \$10,000 or more.  
TD Auto Finance vs. Edye A. Lucas, civil action \$10,000 or more.  
Bay Enterprises, LLC vs. RV General Stores, Inc, civil action \$10,000 or more.  
Laura S. Lane vs. Jason D. White, civil action \$10,000 or more.

### Marriages Filed

Amanda J. Eggleston, 41, and Collin G. Hardcastle, 34, both of Washington.  
Kolton C. Johnson, 22, and Marly A. McElvee, 20, both of Purcell.  
Jesse M. Hubbard, 19, and Alexis R. Chilvers, 20, both of Byars.

### Divorces Granted

Lane W. Shephard vs. Samantha S. Shephard.  
Hunter D. Berglan vs. Shelby S. Berglan.  
Karla J. Beatty vs. William R. English.

## Purcell and Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello once again everyone. We have a dubious anniversary coming up in a couple of weeks. It has been nearly a year since our Purcell and Wayne centers were open for lunch, cards, dominoes and just plain fellowship. Never would have believed that we would still be closed, serving to-go lunches only, this many months later.

But all of you, at both of our centers, have really helped make this a smooth transition. Some of you have opted to stay home as an extra precaution, and we will certainly be happy to welcome you back, whenever that will be.

Please continue to reserve or cancel your meal reservation by calling the kitchen at 527-9462 and ask for Sherrie, Evelyn or John. It is best to call before 8:30 a.m.

Here is the menu for March 8-12:

Monday—Beef stew, pickled beets, cornbread, butterscotch pudding swirl.

Tuesday—Taco Joe on a bun, potato soup, available fruit, snickerdoodle cookies.

Wednesday—Chicken tetrazzini, tossed salad with dressing, green beans, garlic bread, gelatin with topping.

Thursday—Salmon patties with tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, tomato spoon relish, cornbread, fruit cobbler.

Friday—Barbecue pork sandwich, potato chips, baked beans, blushed pears.

Milk is available with every meal.

The senior garage sale is still open every Thursday and Friday for your convenience. Still lots of good stuff cheap. Put on a mask and stop by. All proceeds benefit local seniors. Donations of items are always appreciated, but if you bring your items after 1 p.m. Please call Hester at 990-1840 so she can assist you.

There is currently no time table for opening the centers, but as soon as there is information to pass along, I will pass it on.

Thank you once again for your continued support of your senior centers of Wayne and Purcell.

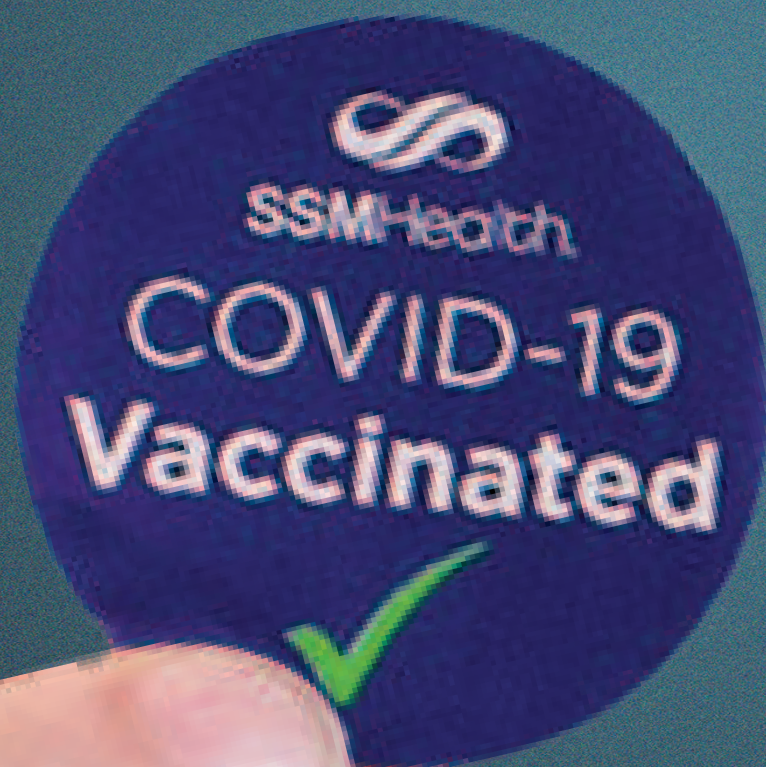
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## Standing by

**Purcell Firefighter** Barry Askew and his tanker unit on the west side of the wildfire that gave area firemen trouble early Tuesday afternoon. The fire, just west of 192nd and Box Road, was completely out by 2 p.m. Firefighters from Sooner Country, Slaughterville, Purcell and Lexington answered the call just after 12:30 p.m. Firefighters also had to battle very wet soil that hampered their ability to fight the fire.

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## Power:

day that he expects the board to approve the recommendation when they meet March 11.

The bottom line for electric customers in OMPA’s member cities is this: no fuel cost adjustment on post-storm bills.

“But you will have higher bills if you used more electricity,” he continued.

The bitter storm didn’t hammer just Oklahoma and unprecedented demands were placed on a power grid not designed for the national deep freeze.

Though temperatures have recovered to seasonal norms, the big question on the minds of many is the cost of staying warm during the storm.

Some concerns were raised last week after an Oklahoma City television station reported OMPA isn’t regulated by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

The reason, Bunn said, is a simple one. OMPA is a state agency.

The authority has requested the Oklahoma Attorney General’s Office investigate and determine if natural gas producers engaged in price gouging when rates rose as the mercury plummeted.

The price hike for natural gas produced a ripple effect across “at least 200 other utilities,” Bunn told the board.

The estimated hit on additional utilities is \$6 billion, he said.

Oklahoma Natural Gas on February 14 called on its customers to cut back their natural gas usage.

“That helped us avoid widespread outages during the extreme weather event,” the company reported on its website.

That curtailment was lifted February 21.

ONG noted it does not set the market price for natural gas and in fact purchases natural gas from suppliers.

“The price we pay the suppliers for gas is the price customers pay. There is no markup,” ONG reported. “We will be working with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission on options related to the impact to customer bills associated with the current price spikes in natural gas.

“We will work with every customer to help them find alternatives for paying their bill. There are a number of payment options and resources that we offer customers who are having financial difficulty. While we don’t know the details of the impact from this winter storm yet, we will commit to doing what we can to help our customers.”

OG&E reported spending

“about 1 billion” in fuel costs during the storm.

That utility has proposed to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission a 2-step plan to recover that cost.

The utility would begin recovering a portion of the fuel costs starting in April and continuing through December.

Then starting in January 2022, the remainder of those costs would be recovered over a period of 10 years.

“If approved, the average residential customer should expect an increase on their monthly bill of less than 10 percent,” OG&E reported.

Patrick Grace, chief executive officer for Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, said OEC is “prepared to work with each individual member to set up a flexible payment plan, if needed. We understand the magnitude of this event and its potential long-term effects, and we want to work with you.

“Unfortunately, we will all feel the effects of February’s events when we open our March bills. We are using some cash reserves we have in place specifically for events like this to absorb some of the blow, but the record-setting usage will almost certainly lead to electric bills quite a bit higher than normal.”

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## Cypert:

firefighter. I have a son who has followed in the family tradition and is a firefighter in Norman.

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

A: My favorite part of the job will always be responding to the many varied calls that we face everyday and finding a solution

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## Masks:

by the council.

That will come out of a 5 percent contingency on the project. After the change order, \$465,000 remains in the contingency fund.

Overall, the hospital construction remains on budget.

Bunn said proceeds from a second Payroll Protection Plan loan are now available for the hospital’s use.

The new loan is for \$991,500 and is “saving Purcell jobs.”

Bunn also praised city crews for their work during the winter storm.

A columbarium has been placed at Hillside Cemetery, with room for two more.

Rehabilitation work continues at the water tank on Red Hill.

Workers are now sand blasting and applying primer paint to the tank’s interior.

The council acknowledged the existing airport terminal building presents a poor first impression when people fly into Purcell.

The building, which also houses an office for Kevin Rhoads, the city’s emergency management director, is infested with termites.

“They (termites) have literally taken that building over,” council member Danny Jacobs said. “It makes a terrible first impression.”

The council approved Rhoads’ request to use grant funds to demolish the existing structure and construct a new 24-by-30 foot building.

Total cost is estimated at between \$32,000 and \$33,000.

In other business, the council approved a \$4,248.48 budget amendment from an insurance claim on water damage at the police department.

The council also approved a proclamation declaring April as World Autism Month and April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day in Purcell.

to the challenges they present.

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

A: The most challenging part of my job is to fully staff both North and South stations with career and volunteer firefighters. Purcell Fire Department covers 80 square miles, that we respond to structure fires, grass fires, hazmat, medical calls and I-35 vehicle accidents and mutual aide. I have to make sure my firefighters have the skills and knowledge to face and handle all these situations with care and excellence.

**Q: What are the challenges for you as a firefighter now that you are the Chief?**

A: Much of my career has been working as a profes-

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## All-State:

Young Arts Foundation competitor, All-State Jazz Band, All-State Orchestra, All-State concert band and was in the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute Orchestra.

He is All-Region Honor Band for the Southwestern Oklahoma Band Director’s Association, a member of the Shortgrass Honor Band and has been a member of the Washington High School Concert, Marching and Jazz Bands.

Booth is the high school Academic Team Captain and Co-founder and was the highest scoring player in the Mid-America Academic Bowl Conference in 2020 and third highest in 2019. He is a three time participant in the R. Daryll Fisher statewide Creative Writing Contest and placed first in Advanced Music Theory and Music Fundamentals at the Southwestern Interscholastic Meet.

Booth is a member of the National Honor Society, has volunteered at the Purcell Public Library and is a member of the Washington Science Club.

Each of this year’s All-Staters will receive a \$1,000 merit-based scholarship and a medalion. The All-Staters will be recognized at the foundation’s 35th annual Academic Awards Celebration May 22 at the Cox Business Center in Tulsa.

David Boren, founder and chairman of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, describes the selection of the scholars as “Oklahoma’s most rigorous academic awards selection process.”

To be nominated for Academic All-State, students must meet

sional firefighter. Many of the firefighters who now work under my leadership have been lifelong hunting, fishing and golfing buddies. When I accepted the position as the Fire Chief, separating myself from being co-worker to Chief was a challenge, but as a team we established a mutual respect for each other. I am honored to wear the title of Fire Chief for the City of Purcell.

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

A: I am on call 24/7, so I always have to be prepared to head to the call. I enjoy any outdoor activities with family and friends. My wife and I have two sons, that we enjoy spending time with.

one of the following criteria: an American College Test (ACT) composite score of at least 30; a combined SAT evidence-based reading and writing and math score of at least 1370 or be selected as a semi-finalist for a National Merit, National Achievement or National Hispanic Scholarship.

This year’s All-Staters scored an average of 33 on the ACT, with 11 recipients scoring a perfect 36. The students’ average GPA was 4.26. In addition, 34 of this year’s All-Staters are National Merit semifinalists, and two are National Hispanic Scholar semifinalists.

Academic All-Staters are selected based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community involvement, as well as letters of recommendation and an essay submitted by each nominee. The selection committee, which is chaired by retired Tulsa attorney Teresa B. Adwan, works independently of all other foundation activities. The committee members are a diverse group of business, education, and civic leaders, as well as past Academic Awards Program honorees.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s Academic Awards Celebration will have limited attendance for the safety of honorees and their guests. The awards ceremony will be televised statewide May 29 by OETA, the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority. For more information, call the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence office at (405) 236-0006 or visit its website at [www.ofe.org](http://www.ofe.org).

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# Lady Warriors Advance

Play Community Christian in Ada for Area



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## Balling

**Washington sophomore** Tinley Lucas scored 45 points in three games as Washington marched into the Area tournament. Washington plays Community Christian today (Thursday) at 6 p.m.

**JohnDennyMontgomery**  
**The Purcell Register**

Washington’s Lady Warriors won the consolation bracket in the Class 3A Regional to advance to the Area Tournament in Ada tonight (Thursday).

Washington will face off with Community Christian at 6 p.m. in the tournament’s first round.

The Lady Warriors dropped the first round of the Regional at the hands of Marlow, 53-32 but rebounded to bump both Lexington and Comanche from post-season play.

Sophomore Tinley Lucas led the Lady Warriors in the final two games that vaulted them into the Area Tourney with 33 points in the two games.

She poured in 19 against Lexington including going 6-10 from the charity stripe.

Lucas backed that up with 14 in the Comanche contest a number matched by senior Laylin Scheffe.

Scheffe was right on the heels of Lucas against the Lady Bulldogs with 17. Sophomore Abby Wood knocked down a dozen and junior Mattie Richardson also finished in double digits with 11.

Richardson canned 12 points for Washington in the Comanche contest.

“I was real proud of the girls,” head coach Rocky

2/27

**Washington 54**  
**Jones 57**

Jones ..... 5 16 14 22—57  
Washington .... 8 21 14 11—54

| Player           | Points |
|------------------|--------|
| Kenneth Love III | 14     |
| Kobe Scott       | 13     |
| Luke Hendrix     | 12     |
| Hayden Hicks     | 7      |
| Cash Andrews     | 4      |
| Hector Quinonez  | 2      |
| Graham Schovanec | 2      |

Clarke said. “They played lights out.”

Washington takes a 16-10 record into the Area Tournament.

### Boys

The Warriors ended post season play with losses to Marlow and Jones sandwiched around a 64-49 victory over Lexington.

The Warriors opened post-season play with Comanche and pinned a 48-34 loss on the visiting Indians.

“Our guys did a good job against Comanche,” said Warrior head coach TJ Scholz. “Comanche runs an awkward zone defense and we did a good job getting the ball inside and using our athleticism to get down the floor.”

Kobe Scott had a huge game

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**Washington 32**  
**Marlow 53**

Marlow ..... 15 15 16 7—53  
Washington ..... 5 10 10 7—32

| Player            | Points |
|-------------------|--------|
| Tinley Lucas      | 12     |
| Laylin Scheffe    | 7      |
| Mattie Richardson | 3      |
| Kamy Johnston     | 3      |
| Kaytin McKay      | 3      |
| Karlee Kilcrease  | 2      |
| Bailey Hyde       | 2      |

for the Warriors with 15 points.

“Kobe played well in the last five games and rebounded well,” Scholz said. “All the guys were shooting well in the last five games. We had been waiting for the offense to come around.”

Washington played Marlow in the first round of the Regional tournament. They were defeated 39-32.

“We always know Marlow is going to be a dogfight,” said Scholz. “Every game we play against them is a tough, physical game.”

The Warriors matched the Outlaws’ intensity in the game but were unable to hit as many shots as Marlow.

Please see **Area**, page 2B

## Washington ends Lexington’s season

Washington’s boys and girls put an end to Lexington’s cage seasons last Friday night at Washington.

The Warriors pinned a 64-49 loss on the Bulldogs despite Zeke Faulkenberry, Seth Pearman and Drew Dierking all finishing in double figures.

Faulkenberry led the ‘Daw-

gs with 14 points with Pearman right on his heels with a baker’s dozen. Dierking finished with 10 points.

Coach Derek Clark’s squad came up on the short end of a 71-36 count to the Lady Warriors.

Rylee Beason paced Lexington with 15 points.

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**Lexington 57**  
**Little Axe 26**

Lexington ..... 15 13 14 15—57  
Little Axe ..... 9 6 3 8—26

| Player            | Points |
|-------------------|--------|
| Teagin Pruitt     | 13     |
| Zeke Faulkenberry | 11     |
| Drew Dierking     | 8      |
| Ty Mixon          | 8      |
| Carter Moore      | 5      |
| Seth Pearman      | 4      |
| Josue Calixto     | 3      |
| Tyler Stockdale   | 2      |
| Israel Trejo      | 2      |
| Heath Winterton   | 1      |

2/26

**Lexington 49**  
**Washington 64**

Lexington ..... 16 9 10 14—49  
Washington .... 25 20 12 7—64

| Player            | Points |
|-------------------|--------|
| Zeke Faulkenberry | 14     |
| Seth Pearman      | 13     |
| Drew Dierking     | 10     |
| Carter Moore      | 6      |
| Heath Winterton   | 4      |
| Josue Calixto     | 2      |

2/25

**Lexington 36**  
**Little Axe 35**

Lexington ..... 11 11 9 5—36  
Little Axe ..... 10 9 4 12—35

| Player            | Points |
|-------------------|--------|
| Rylee Beason      | 12     |
| Harley Salisbury  | 8      |
| Jaci Idlett       | 5      |
| Leslie Barber     | 3      |
| Carol Lair        | 2      |
| Janelle Winterton | 2      |
| Abby Sample       | 2      |
| Madison Manuel    | 2      |

2/26

**Lexington 36**  
**Washington 71**

Lexington ..... 2 12 14 8—36  
Washington .. 22 16 15 18—71

| Player            | Points |
|-------------------|--------|
| Rylee Beason      | 15     |
| Madison Manuel    | 6      |
| Janelle Winterton | 4      |
| Kiely Givens      | 4      |
| Harley Salisbury  | 2      |
| Jaci Idlett       | 2      |
| Leslie Barber     | 1      |
| Carol Lair        | 1      |
| Landri Bean       | 1      |

## End of the line for Purcell

Leopards nip Dragons while Davis ends girls’ season

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

Purcell put the 20-21 crazy season to bed last weekend in Lindsay with the Leopards nipping Purcell by a deuce, 36-34 and Davis getting revenge on the girls, 46-37.

Coach Roger Raper’s Dragons were nipped in double overtime at Kingston last Thursday despite 21 points from Mojo Browning but bounced back to post a 57-40 victory over Holdenville Friday with three players in double figures.

Browning nailed three treys in the Kingston game and was 4-4 at the charity stripe.

Jorge Munoz paced the Dragons with

a dozen while Lincoln Eubank and Browning both chipped in 10 points.

Nate Willis led the scoring in the loss to Lindsay with 11 while Browning added 10.

“The Kingston game was a tough, physical ball game,” Raper said. “I was proud of how hard we battled.

“I could not be more proud of our team and the perseverance and resiliency they were able to show throughout the year,” Raper said.

“With three full weeks of the last six weeks being spent either in a seven day quarantine or seven day weather issues that kept all of us out of the gym, these guys never quit.

“They finished as the Canadian Val-

ley Conference Champions, District Champions and battled in two tough road games in the Regional Tournament.

“Our seniors Mojo Browning, Misael Duque and Gammy Solis have had an incredible four years of high school basketball and I am very thankful for each of those guys.

“They have been a huge part of setting the standard and our culture as tough, competitive Dragon basketball players,” Raper concluded.

Purcell finished the season 14-9.

David Sikes’ Dragons finished the

Please see **Dragons**, page 3B



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## Drive time

**Purcell junior** Nate Willis drives during the District tournament against Davis. Purcell’s basketball season ended Saturday after a 36-34 loss to Lindsay.



Area:

“They’re a hard team to beat three times in one season. They outplayed us,” Scholz said. “We still had a chance to tie it up when we got an open look at a three with about a minute left. Now they’re one game away from making the State tournament.”

Cash Andrews was the leading scorer for Washington in the game with eight points.

The Warrior offense was running on all cylinders against Lexington in their consolation bracket match up. Washington soundly defeated the Bulldogs 64-49.

“I felt like our offense was really clicking against Lexington,” Scholz said.

Luke Hendrix went off for 23 points in the game and Washington had a 20-point lead by halftime.

“We knew Luke was that type of returning player,” Scholz said. “He was our leading scorer from last year and his work ethic has been great this year.”

Washington’s final game of the season was a 57-54 loss to Jones in the finals of their consolation bracket.

“We played some really good basketball for three quarters,” Scholz said. “They played a zone and we picked it apart. Our offense was clicking.”

But Washington got sloppy

with the ball late and turnovers would dash any hopes they had of reaching Area.

“Towards the end of the game we had some bad turnovers,” Scholz said. “We followed the game plan and had a 12-point lead in the third but we got loose with the basketball. Jones had a 7-0 run in the fourth quarter because of our turnovers.”

Washington was led in scoring by Kenneth Love III (14), Kobe Scott (13) and Luke Hendrix (12).

It was a disappointing end to the season for a team that was playing maybe its best basketball of the season.

“It’s emotional because we know we’re right there (on the verge of going deeper in the playoffs),” Scholz said. “We had a nine-game winning streak. We won 11 of the last 14 games. Our offense was clicking.”

The Warriors lose five seniors from this team. They are Ellis Tontz, Kenneth Love III, Kelton Schultz, Jaxon Sanchez and Graham Schovanec.

“These guys were great teammates and great for me to coach,” said Scholz. “They are very polite and will be greatly missed. This whole team loved each other and they cared about each other. They wanted to keep playing for each other.”

Notes

For the season the Warrior defense held opposing offenses to 35% shooting and 42 points per game.



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The flush

**Washington junior** Kobe Scott slams a ball home during Washington’s 48-34 win over Comanche during the District tournament. Scott scored a team-high 15 points in the game.

Elizabeth Mullendore

‘One for the Record Books’

Mid-America Technology Center student Elizabeth Mullendore is an extraordinary student, but what you don’t know about her is why.

She is only 17 years old, but as the idiom goes, she’s already ‘one for the record books,’ and she is literally listed in a record book.

Elizabeth competed in the first ever OSSAA Girls State Wrestling Championships held in the Jim Norick Arena in Oklahoma City.

Her wrestling journey started in sixth grade at Bethel Middle School. It was time to pick a sport and she chose wrestling. Elizabeth said, “I thought I’d give it a try and I immediately fell in love with it...it was for me.”

The Mullendore family

moved when Elizabeth was in eighth grade, where she continued wrestling at Little Axe middle school and is now wrestling on the high school team.

There are only three girls on the team, but they work out daily with the entire team. Elizabeth doesn’t let the boys get the upper hand, saying that she can outwrestle the boys. “I win most days!”

Elizabeth has been wrestling for seven years, and she has no plans for stopping in the near future. Before COVID, she was working out with Oklahoma’s only collegiate women’s wrestling team at Oklahoma City University.

She is planning on wrestling on the collegiate level and has several out-of-state schools

looking at her. Elizabeth said, “I’ll probably attend an out-of-state school where there are more women’s teams.”

But Elizabeth is more than wrestling. She is a member of the National High School honor society, a cheerleader, takes concurrent classes as MACU, attends the Therapeutic Health Careers class at MATC, and is HOSA President.

While Elizabeth didn’t win at the state tournament, she’s not dwelling on it but is going forward with plans for her future.

“I plan on going to college, major in Biology, and eventually become an Orthopedic Surgeon. But next year, I’ll continue to get good grades, work and practice hard, sign with a college, and of course, win state wrestling!” she said.



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# Dragons:

year at 14-9 sandwiching a 41-35 victory over Lindsay between a 45-43 loss to No. 5 Kingston at Kingston and a 46-37 loss to Davis at Lindsay. It was Purcell’s fourth meeting with the Lady Wolves this year. The two teams split 2-2. “This season is one to re-

member for sure. This team has fought every game extremely hard.

— **David Sikes,**  
head coach

member for sure,” Sikes said. “This team has fought every game extremely hard. “We have been able to knock off four ranked teams and that was after turning our season around from a slow start. “My seniors have shown tremendous leadership and my underclassmen have grown in so many ways,” Sikes said. The coach was referring to Kayla Skinner, Emily Madden and Kora Keith. “This has been the grittiest team I’ve coached and I’m thankful to have had that privilege,” Sikes concluded. Keith, who finished with 13, knocked down a trio of buckets from downtown against Kingston and went 2-2 at the line. She was joined in double figures by Lauren Holmes and Skinner with 10 each. Madden and Keith both had 10 in the victory over Lindsay while Madden led the scoring in the Davis game with 11.

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| 2/25               |            |
| <b>Purcell 38</b>  |            |
| <b>Kingston 44</b> | <b>2OT</b> |

|                |   |   |   |   |   |       |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Purcell .....  | 6 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 4—38  |
| Kingston ..... | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 10—44 |

| Player         | Points |
|----------------|--------|
| Mojo Browning  | 21     |
| Nate Willis    | 8      |
| Jorge Munoz    | 4      |
| Lincoln Eubank | 3      |
| Brody Galyean  | 2      |

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| 2/25               |  |
| <b>Purcell 43</b>  |  |
| <b>Kingston 45</b> |  |

|                |    |    |    |       |
|----------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Purcell .....  | 7  | 9  | 17 | 20—43 |
| Kingston ..... | 13 | 11 | 8  | 13—45 |

| Player        | Points |
|---------------|--------|
| Kora Keith    | 13     |
| Lauren Holmes | 10     |
| Kayla Skinner | 10     |
| Jaiden Avila  | 6      |
| KK Eck        | 4      |

## Purcell Baseball 2021

| Month    | Opponent           | Site | Time | V/JV  |
|----------|--------------------|------|------|-------|
| 3/2      | Wayne              | Home | 6    | JH/V  |
| 3/4      | Lexington          | Away | 4:30 | V/JV  |
| 3/8      | St. Mary           | Home | 5    | V/JV  |
| 3/9      | St. Mary           | Away | 5    | V/JV  |
| 3/11     | Dibble             | Home | 4    | V/JV  |
| 3/16     | McCloud            | Away | 3    | 2 (7) |
| 3/18     | Asher              | Home | 1    | V/JV  |
| 3/22     | Harrah             | Away | 5    | V/JV  |
| 3/23     | Harrah             | Home | 5    | V/JV  |
| 3/25-27  | Little Axe Tourney | Away | TBA  |       |
| 3/29     | Kingfisher         | Away | 5    | V/JV  |
| 3/30     | Kingfisher         | Home | 5    | V/JV  |
| 4/1-3    | Newcastle Tourney  | Away | TBA  |       |
| 4/5      | Heritage Hall      | Away | 5:30 | V/JV  |
| 4/6      | Heritage Hall      | Home | 5    | V/JV  |
| 4/9      | Lexington          | Home | 4:30 | V/JV  |
| 4/12     | Seminole           | Home | 5    | V/JV  |
| 4/13     | Seminole           | Away | 5    | V/JV  |
| 4/15-17  | HOOT               | Home | TBA  |       |
| 4/19     | Douglass           | Home | 5    | 2 (7) |
| 4/22     | Newcastle          | Away | 5    | V/JV  |
| 4/23     | Konawa             | Away | 4:30 | V/JV  |
| 4/26     | Pauls Valley       | Home | 4:30 | V/JV  |
| 4/30-5/1 | District Tourney   | TBA  | TBA  |       |



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## Tight rope

**Purcell senior** Kora Keith makes an acrobatic save during the District basketball tournament. Purcell’s season ended Saturday with a 46-37 loss to Davis.

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| 2/26                  |  |
| <b>Purcell 57</b>     |  |
| <b>Holdenville 40</b> |  |

|                   |   |    |    |       |
|-------------------|---|----|----|-------|
| Purcell .....     | 7 | 13 | 21 | 16—57 |
| Holdenville ..... | 8 | 6  | 12 | 14—40 |

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 2/26              |           |
| <b>Purcell 41</b> |           |
| <b>Lindsay 35</b> | <b>OT</b> |

|               |    |    |   |    |      |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|------|
| Purcell ..... | 9  | 12 | 8 | 10 | 2—41 |
| Lindsay ..... | 12 | 7  | 7 | 9  | 0—35 |

| Player          | Points |
|-----------------|--------|
| Emily Madden    | 10     |
| Kora Keith      | 10     |
| Leslie Thompson | 9      |
| KK Eck          | 5      |
| Kayla Skinner   | 4      |
| Lauren Holmes   | 3      |

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 2/29              |  |
| <b>Purcell 34</b> |  |
| <b>Lindsay 36</b> |  |

|               |    |   |   |       |
|---------------|----|---|---|-------|
| Purcell ..... | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7—34  |
| Lindsay ..... | 12 | 2 | 9 | 13—36 |

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|-------------------|--|
| 2/27              |  |
| <b>Purcell 37</b> |  |
| <b>Davis 46</b>   |  |

|               |    |    |   |       |
|---------------|----|----|---|-------|
| Purcell ..... | 5  | 14 | 6 | 12—37 |
| Davis .....   | 11 | 12 | 8 | 15—46 |

| Player          | Points |
|-----------------|--------|
| Emily Madden    | 11     |
| Leslie Thompson | 9      |
| KK Eck          | 8      |
| Kora Keith      | 6      |
| Kayla Skinner   | 3      |

## Lexington Softball 2021

| Month          | Opponent             | Site         | Time | V/JV    |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|------|---------|
| 3/8            | Dibble Festival      | Chickasha    | TBA  | V       |
| 3/9            | Dibble Festival      | Chickasha    | TBA  | V       |
| 3/11-12        | Lexington Tournament | TBA          | TBA  | V       |
| 3/22           | Blanchard/Newcastle  | Home         | 5    | 1/3     |
| 3/23           | Tecumseh/Dale        | Home         | 5    | 1/3     |
| 3/25-26        | Harrah Tournament    | Harrah       | TBA  | V       |
| 3/30           | Washington/LA        | Washington   | 5    | 1/2     |
| 4/5            | Sulphur              | Home         | 4    | V/JV    |
| 4/5            | All Conference Games | Tecumseh     | 7    | V       |
| 4/6            | Davis                | Home         | 6    | JH/V/JV |
| 4/12           | McCloud              | McCloud      | 6    | V       |
| 4/13           | Moore/Choctaw        | Choctaw      | 5:30 | 2/3     |
| 4/15           | Plainview Festival   | Plainview    | TBA  | V       |
| 4/16           | Dale Festival        | Firelake     | TBA  | V       |
| 4/19           | Lindsay              | Home         | 5:30 | JH/V/JV |
| 4/20           | Purcell*             | Home         | 5:30 | JH/V/JV |
| 4/22-23        | Districts            | TBA          | TBA  | V       |
| 4/29-30        | Regionals            | TBA          | TBA  | V       |
| 5/4-5          | State                | Firelake/HOF | TBA  | V       |
| * Senior Night |                      |              |      |         |

## Washington box scores

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| 2/23 Boys            |  |
| <b>Washington 48</b> |  |
| <b>Comanche 34</b>   |  |

|                  |   |   |    |       |
|------------------|---|---|----|-------|
| Washington ..... | 5 | 7 | 20 | 16—48 |
| Comanche .....   | 3 | 8 | 8  | 15—34 |

| Player           | Points |
|------------------|--------|
| Kobe Scott       | 15     |
| Luke Hendrix     | 8      |
| Cash Andrews     | 7      |
| Kenneth Love III | 7      |
| Graham Schovanec | 6      |
| Tony Trejo       | 3      |
| Hector Quinonez  | 2      |

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| 2/25 Boys            |  |
| <b>Marlow 39</b>     |  |
| <b>Washington 32</b> |  |

|                  |   |    |    |       |
|------------------|---|----|----|-------|
| Marlow .....     | 3 | 13 | 12 | 11—39 |
| Washington ..... | 6 | 6  | 10 | 10—32 |

| Player           | Points |
|------------------|--------|
| Cash Andrews     | 8      |
| Kenneth Love III | 5      |
| Hayden Hicks     | 5      |
| Kobe Scott       | 4      |
| Graham Schovanec | 4      |
| Jadon Cornelius  | 2      |
| Hector Quinonez  | 2      |
| Luke Hendrix     | 2      |

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| 2/26 Boys            |  |
| <b>Washington 64</b> |  |
| <b>Lexington 49</b>  |  |

|                  |    |    |    |       |
|------------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Lexington .....  | 16 | 9  | 10 | 14—49 |
| Washington ..... | 25 | 20 | 12 | 7—64  |

| Player           | Points |
|------------------|--------|
| Luke Hendrix     | 23     |
| Kobe Scott       | 9      |
| Hector Quinonez  | 7      |
| Cash Andrews     | 6      |
| Kenneth Love     | 5      |
| Hayden Hicks     | 3      |
| Cam Bates        | 3      |
| Tony Trejo       | 3      |
| Graham Schovanec | 3      |
| Lane Steele      | 2      |

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|----------------------|--|
| 2/26 Girls           |  |
| <b>Washington 71</b> |  |
| <b>Lexington 36</b>  |  |

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|-----------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Lexington ..... | 2  | 12 | 14 | 8—36  |
| Washington ..   | 22 | 16 | 15 | 18—71 |

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|----------------------|--|
| 2/27 Girls           |  |
| <b>Washington 52</b> |  |
| <b>Comanche 51</b>   |  |

|                 |    |    |    |       |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Comanche .....  | 17 | 9  | 6  | 19—51 |
| Washington .... | 7  | 17 | 16 | 12—52 |

| Player            | Points |
|-------------------|--------|
| Tinley Lucas      | 14     |
| Laylin Scheffe    | 14     |
| Mattie Richardson | 12     |
| Madisson Myers    | 9      |
| Kaytin McKay      | 3      |

| March        | Opponent               | Site | Time      | V/JV  |
|--------------|------------------------|------|-----------|-------|
| 4            | Elmore City            | Away | 4:00 p.m. | V/JV  |
| 5            | Maysville/Wanette      | Home | 4:30 p.m. | 2V/JV |
| 8            | Fletcher/Clinton       | Away | 4:30 p.m. | 2V    |
| 9            | Dibble Festival        | Away | TBA       | 3V    |
| 11-13        | Lexington Tournament   | Away | 4:30 p.m. | V     |
| 22           | Dibble                 | Away | 4:30 p.m. | V/JV  |
| 23           | Vanoss/Ninnekah        | Home | 3:30 p.m. | V/JV  |
| 25-26        | Wayne Festival         | Home | TBA       | V     |
| 29-30        | Big 8 Tournament       | Away | TBA       | V     |
| <b>April</b> |                        |      |           |       |
| 1            | Bowlegs/Elmore City    | Home | 4:00 p.m. | V     |
| 2            | Wynnewood/Healdton     | Away | 4:30 p.m. | 2V    |
| 5            | Paoli                  | Home | 4:30 p.m. | 2V    |
| 8-10         | Vanoss Tournament      | Away | TBA       | V     |
| 13           | Empire                 | Away | 4:30 p.m. | V/JV  |
| 15           | Davis/Holdenville/Byng | Home | 4:00 p.m. | V     |
| 19           | Central                | Away | 4:30 p.m. | V/JV  |
| 20           | Stratford              | Away | 4:30      | V/JV  |
| 22-24        | District Tournament    | TBA  | TBA       | V     |
| 29-5/1       | Regional Tournament    | TBA  | TBA       | V     |
| <b>May</b>   |                        |      |           |       |
| 4-5          | State Tournament       | TBA  | TBA       | V     |

## Wayne Baseball 2021

| March        | Opponent                | Site    | Time      |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 5            | Purcell                 | Away    | 5:30 p.m. |
| 8            | Dibble, Wynnewood       | Dibble  | 4:30 p.m. |
| 9            | Frederick               | Away    | 5:00 p.m. |
| 11           | Apache                  | Away    | 5:30 p.m. |
| 12           | Elmore City, Central    | Central | 1:30 p.m. |
| 23           | Colbert (Double Header) | Away    | 4:30 p.m. |
| 25-27        | Central Marlow Tourney  | Away    | TBA       |
| 29           | Elmore City             | Home    | 5:30 p.m. |
| 30           | Calera (Double Header)  | Home    | 4:30 p.m. |
| <b>April</b> |                         |         |           |
| 1-3          | Stratford Tourney       | Away    | TBA       |
| 5            | Wynnewood, Dibble       | Away    | 4:30 p.m. |
| 6            | Frederick               | Home    | 5:00 p.m. |
| 8-10         | ECP Tourney             | ECP     | TBA       |
| 13           | Maud                    | Home    | 5:30 p.m. |
| 15           | Bray-Doyle              | Away    | 5:30 p.m. |
| 19           | Alex                    | Home    | 5:30 p.m. |
| 20           | Walters (Double Header) | Home    | 4:00 p.m. |
| 22           | Apache                  | Home    | 4:30 p.m. |
| 27           | Stratford               | Home    | 4:30 p.m. |
| 29-May 1     | Districts               | TBA     | TBA       |
| <b>May</b>   |                         |         |           |
| 6-8          | Regional Tournament     | TBA     | TBA       |
| 13-15        | State Tournament        | TBA     | TBA       |

## Washington Slow-pitch 2021

| Date    | Opponent                | Site        | Time            |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 3/22    | Deer Creek, Dale        | Dale        | 6:00, 7:00 p.m. |
| 3/23    | Newcastle/Harrah        | Harrah      | 6:00, 7:00 p.m. |
| 3/25-27 | Beast of the East       | Stonewall   | TBA             |
| 3/29    | Tecumseh/Blanchard      | Tecumseh    | 5:00, 6:00 p.m. |
| 3/30    | Lexington               | Home        | 5:00 p.m.       |
| 4/1-2   | Best of the West        | Weatherford | TBA             |
| 4/5     | All Star Conference     | Tecumseh    | 7:00 p.m.       |
| 4/8-9   | Washington Invitational | Home        | TBA             |
| 4/13    | Tushka/Byng             | Byng        | 6:00, 7:00 p.m. |
| 4/15    | FireLake Festival (3)   | Shawnee     | TBA             |
| 4/22    | Districts               | Home        | TBA             |
| 4/26    | Purcell                 | Home        | 5:00 p.m.       |
| 4/27    | Tahlequah/Chandler      | Chandler    | 6:00, 7:00 p.m. |
| 4/29    | Regionals               | TBA         | TBA             |
| 5/4-5   | State                   | Shawnee     | TBA             |

## Washington Baseball 2021

| Date     | Opponent            | Site  | Time             |
|----------|---------------------|-------|------------------|
| 3/5      | Bridge Creek        | Away  | 6:00 p.m.        |
| 3/6      | Lindsay, Crossings  | Home  | 12:00 p.m.       |
| 3/8      | Lexington           | Away  | 5:00 p.m.        |
| 3/9      | Lexington           | Home  | 5:00 p.m.        |
| 3/11     | Plainview           | Away  | 5:00 p.m.        |
| 3/15-18  | Gulf Shores Tourney | Away  | TBA              |
| 3/22     | OCS                 | Home  | 5:00 p.m.        |
| 3/23     | OCS                 | Away  | 5:00 p.m.        |
| 3/25     | Dale                | Home  | 5:00 p.m.        |
| 3/27     | Antlers, Perry      | Home  | 12:00, 5:00 p.m. |
| 4/1-3    | Marlow Tournament   | Away  | TBA              |
| 4/5      | CCS                 | Home  | 4:30 p.m.        |
| 4/6      | CCS                 | Away  | 4:30 p.m.        |
| 4/8-10   | Jones Tourney       | Jones | TBA              |
| 4/12     | Bethel              | Home  | 4:30 p.m.        |
| 4/13     | Bethel              | Away  | 4:30 p.m.        |
| 4/15     | McCloud             | Home  | 5:00 p.m.        |
| 4/22     | Davis               | Home  | 5:00 p.m.        |
| 4/23     | Marlow              | Home  | 5:00 p.m.        |
| 4/26     | Tuttle              | Away  | 5:00 p.m.        |
| 4/29-5/1 | District Tournament | TBA   |                  |
| 5/6-8    | Regional Tournament | TBA   |                  |
| 5/13-15  | State Tournament    | TBA   |                  |



# Religion

## Church Directory

### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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



**Emmanuel  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Purcell, OK  
2705 N. 9th • 527-2535

Sunday services      Wednesday services  
9 am Sunday School      6:30 pm Bible Study  
10 am Worship      6:30 pm Avaras &  
6 pm Evening worship      Youth

[www.ebcpurcell.org](http://www.ebcpurcell.org)



**Union Hill  
Baptist Church**

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

**newlife**  
TABERNACLE

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

### Westside Church of Christ

401 W. Broadway  
Lexington  
Sunday Morning 10:30 am  
Sunday Evening 3:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 7:30 pm

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LEXINGTON

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

### Johnson Road Baptist Church

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



**CHRISTIAN  
LIFE**  
sunday 10:30AM  
[www.christianlifeok.com](http://www.christianlifeok.com)

### CALVARY Holiness Church

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

### Memorial Assembly of God

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



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



**Lighthouse  
Worship  
Center**

Rev. Jeff Pierce  
527.6214  
2726 N. 9th, Purcell  
Sunday Morning - 10:30 am  
Sunday Evening - 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm  
[www.lighthousechurch.tv](http://www.lighthousechurch.tv)

### Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

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

### GRACE CHAPEL

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

### First Baptist Church Purcell

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

### Goldsby Baptist Church

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

### Trinity United Methodist Church

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

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7th & Monroe St.

### Church of Christ

Purcell, OK  
Sunday 10:30 & 1:30  
Wednesday Evening 6:30

### 9th & Pierce Church of Christ

1207 North 9th  
Purcell, OK 73080  
**405-527-3176**  
Sunday Bible Class      9:45 a.m.  
Worship      10:45 a.m.  
Evening      6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Class      7 p.m.  
Search Ministries Sunday      7:30 a.m. Channel 34  
[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)



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



### Sunray Baptist Church

James and Pam Kyzer sang “Reach the World” for the special morning special.

Brother David used Ephesians 6:17-20 for his sermon telling us that God has given us spiritual armor and that we need to join together to march on, taking the battle to Satan.

We are to embrace our position in Christ having both a spiritual defense and offense. Satan cannot remove us from the security of Jesus Christ.

We are to empower ourselves with God’s word. When we’re obedient to the Word of God we defeat the enemy. We need to be regularly in the Word, meditate on it, apply it and share it.

We should engage our enemy through prayer, praying in the Spirit with supplication. Praying means to come to God because you need help He will take care of you.

The evening message was from I Timothy 2:1-7 and spoke of a priority of the church, the priority of prayer. We should be in a habit of giving thanks, with humility and confession. Praying for those in authority helps us have a peaceful life.

Our men and boys will meet early this coming Sunday at 8:45 a.m. for a men’s prayer breakfast.

The senior adults will be taking a van trip to Norman on

March 8, at 4 p.m., to enjoy fellowship and a meal at Cracker Barrel.

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

Come and find your place at Sunray! There is a place for you to worship, learn, serve, make friends, grow in your faith, experience God’s grace and to share in God’s work. Our Sunday morning service is now available live on Facebook at 10:50 a.m. We are located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell. For additional information call 527-6808.

## Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

February 28, 2021 was the Second Sunday in Lent. Lent is 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Easter.

It has a two-fold purpose: 1. For those who are preparing for baptism and reception into the church at Easter, these 40 days are filled with prayer and preparation for the Easter Vigil. 2. For all those who are already baptized, the 40 days present the opportunity, through the discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to prepare to renew their own baptismal promises during Easter.

The Gospel reading was from Mark 9. Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him to a high mountain. Suddenly Jesus was transfigured and his clothing became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah then appeared and Jesus was talking

with them.

Peter, maybe thinking he was in charge, said “it’s good that we three are here. We can build a tent (shelter) for each of you.” I cannot recall another passage in the Bible explaining behavior as “he hardly knew what to say.” And as if they had not been shocked enough for one day, out of the clear blue sky, God talks. This time he said, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

As Jesus, Peter, James, and John were coming down from the mountain, Jesus told them not to tell anyone about this except when the Son of Man has risen from the dead. They kept it a secret, questioning what rising from the dead meant. This event is another one of those times that the disciples were not sure what they were seeing and hearing.

Can you imagine them looking at each other for confirmation that they had seen and heard the same things? And when Jesus told them to keep it to themselves, did they think “no one would believe it if we told them.”

What does this mean to us today? Our belief in Jesus makes us want to help others as he helped us. While we may not understand God’s plans for us, we must be open to the opportunities before us.

Our benevolence and kindness may be the only picture of Jesus some people see. We need to show them that the world’s view that “it’s me, me, me” is shallow. Focusing outside of “me, me, me” leads to a much more fulfilling life.

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## Green Avenue Church of Christ

The Wednesday evening auditorium class began its examination of the husband and wife relationship in Ephesians 5:22-33. We will continue this discussion in the weeks ahead, although next week, March 3, we are scheduled to examine the next four songs in our song book as we compare them with Scripture and gain a better understanding of them.

The Sunday morning adult Bible class is currently studying the subject of Spirituality in a broad series of lessons entitled Issues of the Modern Age. We focused on comparing spiritual

things (1 Cor. 2:13-15) and introduced a section regarding spiritual gifts from 1 Corinthians 12-14.

During the Sunday morning assembly Keith Shackleford brought a lesson from Luke 13:31-35 where Jesus gives an example of dealing with threats and where He also foreshadows His upcoming suffering at Jerusalem.

The sermon showed that Jesus was determined to please God by continuing to do just what He had been doing and not give in to the threats against His life. One of the main takeaways

from this was to not give up doing right.

The Sunday evening message asked the question, “What more should God do?” It began with highlighting many things God has already done for man: He created Adam and Eve and put them in a garden paradise with everything they needed to thrive and be happy.

When they sinned He did not abandon them but He continued to provide for their good. Ultimately God provided

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## Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Welcome all to the ‘front porch.’

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record a powerful story of the faith of a blind man named Bartimaeus (Bart-i-me-us). Jesus is making his final trip to Jerusalem. It is an extremely emotional trip for the Lord, as

He is only a week away from Calvary, and His “face is set” toward Jerusalem for Him to accomplish the greatest feat in the history of man.

The law of Moses requires all boys and men twelve years old and upward to go to Jerusalem three times a year for their three major feasts, this one being Passover. But those people who cannot go up to Jerusalem line the sides of the street to celebrate with those who were making the pilgrimage.

On this day – as Jesus comes to the city of Jericho – the crowd is more rambunctious than usual, because a young Galilean of whom they had heard so much is passing by – “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by,” writes Luke. I hope He passes by all of our lives, don’t you!

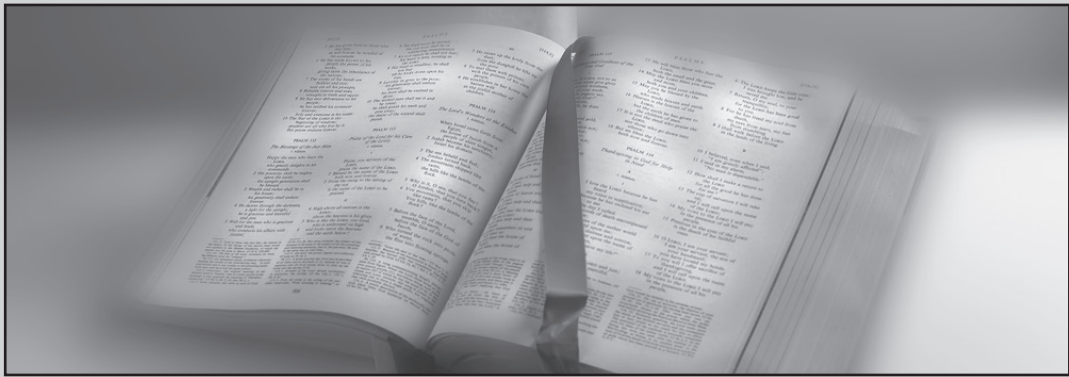
Here is where the story takes some interesting twists. When we compare the three different accounts of the story, we see

some interesting differences, so much so that some skeptics will claim contradictions in the Bible. There are two difficulties, in particular. The first is whether they are entering or leaving the city of Jericho, and the other is the number of blind men involved:

Note Mark’s account: “And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho, his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus ... sat by the highway side begging” (10:46).

You’ll note in Mark’s account that this event takes place as “they went out of Jericho.” Matthew and Mark both record that Jesus is leaving the city – but Luke says the event occurs as Jesus “was come nigh unto Jericho.” So, two writers have Him leaving the city, one has

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## Lexington United Methodist Church

The next Food Bank Give-Away will be held Saturday, March 20, from 12 to 4 p.m. We ask that everyone continue to wear masks to protect each other. We also continue to social distance. Masks can be provided if you do not have one. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Our lesson this week anticipates what we will be reading for Holy Week at the end of this month. (Easter is early this year, on April 4.) Our focal Bible passage is Matthew 21:12—17, part of the story when Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, which would have been the day after the Sabbath and part of Passover.

After Jesus entered Jerusalem, he went to the Temple to look around. There he saw the activity in the outer Court of the Gentiles where anyone could go. Here the usual exchange of the Roman coins with the face of the Caesar to the Tyrian shekels occurred.

The Jews weren't allowed to use coins with human images pictured, but the plain coins could be used inside the temple, hence the exchange. Doves and other animals were sold here to those travelers who needed an unblemished sacrifice. The temple tax was also paid here. Jesus wasn't upset about what

was going on in the Court of the Gentiles. The activity was normal and to be expected, so it is not accurate to portray Jesus's act as being done out of anger.

In three of the four gospels, this story happens toward the end of Jesus's ministry and can be explained as part of the plan ending in Jesus's crucifixion. We hear of the incident as being the Cleansing of the Temple, or more facetiously as the "temple tantrum." In any case, Jesus turned over the tables used and rushed the money changers and their customers away.

All of the acts in the Court were essential to the business of the Temple, not necessarily the source of dishonesty. Many of the acts described as part of Holy Week were carefully planned to set the stage for the Crucifixion and Jesus's Resurrection. This was one of the first ones, designed to get the attention of the Romans as well as everyone else. It can be interpreted as a symbolic act predicting both the destruction of the Temple and the death of Jesus.

The second incident we read about is the healing of the blind and lame. This wasn't unusual for Jesus to do, but it would be frowned upon to perform it in the Temple. Since the time of David, people with disabilities

such as these were seen to be unclean, just as blemished animals weren't allowed for sacrifices. The chief priests and legal experts were upset by this, which again anticipates Jesus's trial during Holy Week.

Finally, the chief priests and others became even angrier that the children were still shouting "Hosanna" as they did when Jesus entered Jerusalem. In these last two cases, we see again where Jesus accepts all people who are marginalized and seen as lesser humans as the disabled and the children were.

During this last Passover that Jesus celebrated, the scene is set for all of the turmoil that Jesus is responsible for during Holy Week. It was only the beginning of Jesus's end time, which we will study over the next few weeks.

No matter who you are, what you look like, or where you are from, you are welcome to be with us. Our goal is that we all may be one. Share our worship at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, followed by Sunday school at 10:50 a.m. Our address is 631 East Ash, just west of Lexington High School. For more information, please call the church at (405) 527-3506 to leave a message, or contact Pastor David directly at (405) 406-6174.



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### Wayne Students of the Month

**February Students** of the Month at Wayne Elementary School include Tyler Patton, Braylen Evans, Shada Barton, Hannah Stidham, Gavin McCaleb, Stryker Smith, Zachery McCullar, MaKenna Arnold, Natalie Knobloch, Leilany Flores and Jeremiah Peterson. Not pictured is Alex Erwin.

## March is National Nutrition Campaign Month

**Connie Wollenberg**  
**Extension FCS Educator**

March is National Nutrition Campaign Month.

This campaign is celebrated each year during the month of March focusing on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

Keep in mind these tips this month.

#### Eat Breakfast

Start your morning with a healthy breakfast that includes lean protein, whole grains, and fruit/vegetables. Many studies have shown the benefits of eating breakfast. It improves your energy level and the ability to concentrate in short term memory.

Eating breakfast daily may also help reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes and heart dis-

ease, along with better weight management in the long term.

#### Make half your plate Fruit and Vegetables

Your daily goal should be two cups of fruit and 2 -1/2 cups of vegetables. Experiment with different types of foods to add color and texture to your meals. These may be fresh, frozen or canned.

#### Get Cooking

Preparing foods at home can be healthy, rewarding and cost effective. This can be a family affair and a learning tool. Include your children in meal preparation, studies show that kids have a tendency to taste/eat foods they prepare.

#### Watch Your Portion Sizes

Read labels and be aware of serving size recommendations and size/amounts. Get out your measuring tools and see how close your guesses are to the

recommended amounts.

Fill half your plates with fruits and vegetables, then divide the other half with whole grains and then lean protein. The recommended size for a dinner plate is 9 inches. To complete the meal, add a serving of fat-free or low-fat milk or yogurt.

#### Drink More Water

Quench your thirst with water instead of drinks with added sugars. Stay hydrated and drink plenty of water, especially if you are active or are an older adult.

It is recommended that a person should drink eight 8 ounce glasses of water per day.

The human body is comprised of approximately 60 percent water. Water effects our skin cells along with organ and muscle ability to function properly.

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### Westside:

Him entering. Of course, you can see where biblical skeptics point at that seeming-discrepancy as a contradiction.

There are a number of possible explanations for the difference, maybe the best being that there were two Jerichos, the old one (destroyed in the days of Joshua) and then the re-built city. Truth is, the Bible is 'silent' about the matter and doesn't give us an explanation. But the main point is that the Bible is inerrant and there is an explanation, whether we know it or not.

The second difficulty some

see is that Mark only mentions Bartimaeus—but Matthew and Luke say there are two blind men—again, something some might consider a contradiction. We know it's not, and this case is actually a little more clear cut than the first. You see, where there are two, there is one. The fact that Mark focuses on the one does not contradict the other two accounts.

So, this story gives us a good example of the importance of the "silence" of the scriptures.

While we find these points interesting, something that is key here is that probably most

of the differences in religious teachings are related in some way to the mishandling of the silence of the scriptures. The question we have to weigh carefully is, "Does silence in the scriptures permit or prohibit?"

Stay tuned, and we'll take a closer look at that question soon, here on the 'front porch.'

coachbowen1984@gmail.com

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### Green Ave.:

His son Jesus as our redeemer and savior. God has prepared heaven for the faithful. But God has expectations for us to meet. Namely that we should learn to obey Him and be faithful.

So, what more should God do for us? Then the question was asked "what should we do towards God?" In a nutshell the answer is trust Him, obey Him and serve Him.

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

You can call the office at 527-4052 or email cofc\_purcell@hotmail.com for correspondence courses or other information.

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### OLV:

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

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

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

Peace be with you.

## Spring turkey hunt to take place at Kullihoma

The Chickasaw Rangers are hosting a spring turkey hunt for Chickasaw citizens at Kullihoma.

The spring 2021 season begins with a youth hunt April 3-4. Adult hunts take place April 6-25.

Hunts will be first come, first served daily throughout each hunt.

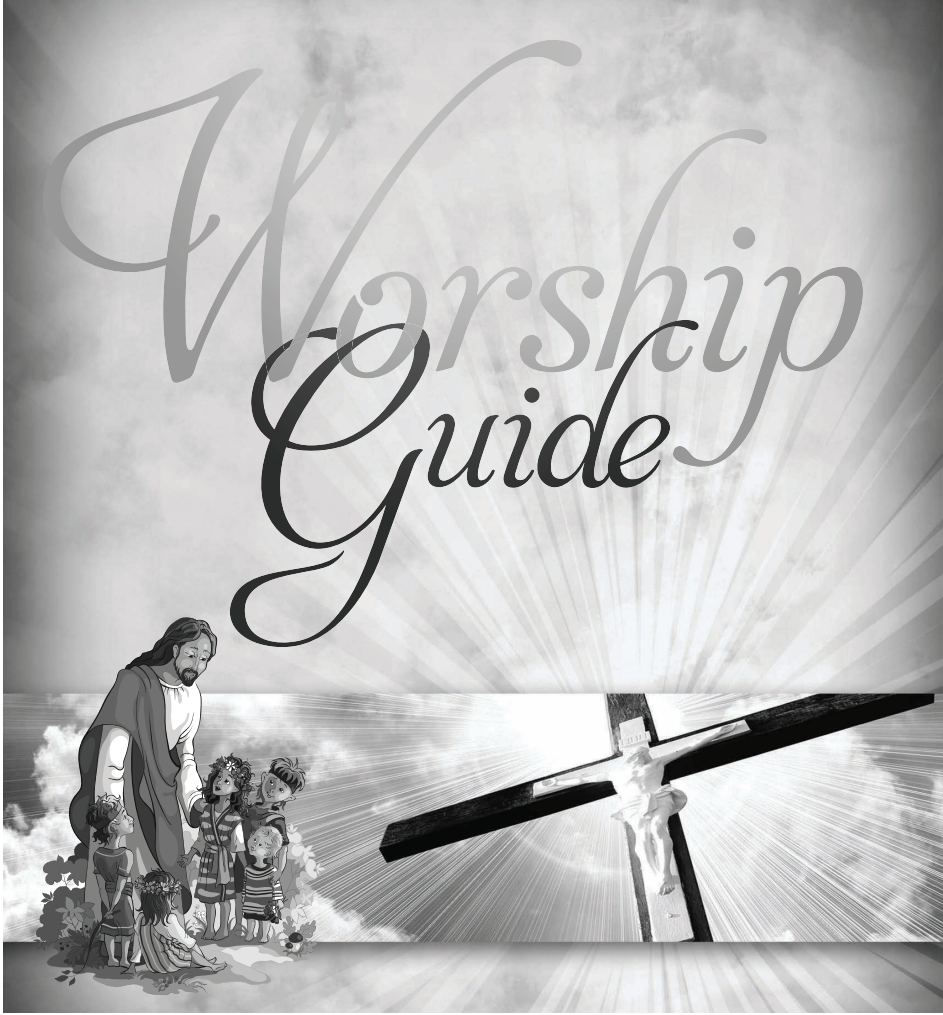
Participants will sign up to

hunt a specific area on the information board outside the Kullihoma office.

The season limit will be one tom turkey, and hunters will need to call and report their harvest to the rangers' office.

For more information about upcoming hunts and hunting registration, contact the Chickasaw Rangers at (580) 310-6466.

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# Legal Publications

No. 109-March 4-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF ROCK ROY BATES, Deceased.  
Case No. PB-2020-95  
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL  
ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR  
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,  
DISTRIBUTION AND  
DISCHARGE  
NOTICE is hereby given that  
Rock Roy Bates, II, Personal  
Representative of the ESTATE OF  
ROCK ROY BATES, Deceased,  
having filed in this Court his Final

Account of the Administration of  
said estate, and his Petition for  
Distribution of said estate and for  
Final Discharge of said Personal  
Representative, the hearing of the  
same has been fixed by the Judge  
of said Court for 9:30 o'clock a.m.,  
on the 18th day of March, 2021,  
before Judge Charles Gray in his  
chambers in the McClain County  
Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma,  
and all persons interested in said  
estate are notified then and there  
to appear and show cause, if any  
they have, why the said account  
should not be settled and allowed,  
the heirs of ROCK ROY BATES,

Deceased, determined, said es-  
tate distributed, and the Personal  
Representative discharged.  
WITNESS MY HAND this 24th  
day of February, 2021.  
CHARLES GRAY  
ASSOCIATE  
DISTRICT JUDGE  
Judge of the District Court  
BILL C. LESTER (OBA #5389)  
Attorney for Personal Repre-  
sentative  
212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407  
Purcell, OK 73080  
(405) 527-5623

No. 106-February 25-2 Times  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
The McClain County Board of  
Commissioners will be receiving  
sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., March  
12, 2021 and the opening will be  
March 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. for  
the sale of (1) 16' tandem axle  
trailer with 3500# axles for McClain  
County District Two.  
Invitation to Bid forms are on  
file in the McClain County Clerk's  
Office, 3rd Floor, Room 303, Mc-  
Clain County Courthouse, Purcell,  
Oklahoma or request to be mailed.  
Submit bids to McClain County  
Clerk, PO Box 629, Purcell, OK  
73080.  
The Board has the right to ac-  
cept or reject any and/or all bids.  
SEAL  
DATE: 2/22/2021  
/s/ Pam Beller  
Pam Beller  
County Clerk

No. 113-March 4-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF CLEVELAND COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARD-  
IANSHIP OF DAVID WESLEY  
CAVNAR, INCAPACITATED PER-  
SON  
Case No. PG-2020-342  
NOTICE OF SALE  
OF REAL PROPERTY  
Notice is hereby given that pur-  
suant to an Order For Sale hereto-  
fore entered herein in the Matter of  
the Guardianship of David Wesley  
Cavnar, an incapacitated person,  
Case No. PG-2020-342, District  
Court of Cleveland County, Okla-  
homa, that the guardian, Connie  
Haraughty, will sell at private sale  
to the highest bidder, for cash, sub-  
ject to confirmation of said District  
Court of Cleveland County, on or  
after the 31 day of March, 2021,  
all the right, title and interest that  
said estate has by operation of law  
or otherwise acquired in and to all  
the certain improved real property  
situated in Counties of Cleveland  
and McClain, State of Oklahoma,  
described as follows:  
Lot Fifteen (15), Block Eleven  
(11), OAK RIDGE SECTION  
THREE, Cleveland County, Okla-  
homa, according to the recorded  
plat thereof; also known as 2120  
SW 30th Street, Moore, Cleveland  
County, Oklahoma 73170.  
Lot Six (6), Block One (1),  
CHRISTIAN NO. 1 ADDITION,  
to the City of Purcell, McClain  
County, Oklahoma, according to  
the recorded plat thereof; also  
known as 936 Luglena, Purcell,  
McClain County, OK.  
Upon the following terms and  
conditions, to-wit: Each Prop-  
erty is purchased in its "as is"  
condition, \$1,000 Earnest money  
required with tendered bid, Cash  
at closing following confirmation  
of sale by Court; Bids with earnest

money must be in writing and  
may be left on or after the above  
stated date at the office of Brent  
D. Coldiron, Attorney for Guard-  
ian, 1800 E. Memorial Road, Suite  
106, Oklahoma City, OK 73131 or  
delivered to the guardian, Connie  
Haraughty, 3051 Highway 85,  
Cookson, OK 74427.  
DATED this 26 day of Febru-  
ary, 2021.  
/s/ Connie Haraughty  
CONNIE HARAUGHTY  
GUARDIAN  
/s/ Brent D. Coldiron  
BRENT D. COLDIRON, OBA  
#1773  
ATTORNEY FOR GUARDIAN  
1800 East Memorial Road,  
Suite 106  
Oklahoma City, OK 73131  
(405) 478-5655  
FAX (405) 478-5616

No. 112-March 4-1 Time  
BEFORE THE CORPORATION  
COMMISSION OF THE  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
APPLICANT: CAPSTONE LAND  
COMPANY  
RELIEF SOUGHT: WELL LOCA-  
TION EXCEPTION  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION  
34, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE  
1 WEST, AND SECTION 3, TOWN-  
SHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST,  
MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
CAUSE CD NO. 202100100  
AMENDED NOTICE  
OF HEARING  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All  
persons, owners, producers, op-  
erators, purchasers and takers of  
oil and gas and all other interested  
persons, particularly in McClain  
County, Oklahoma.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Applicant/Operator in  
this cause is requesting that the  
Commission grant a well location  
exception for a well to be drilled  
and produced from the Woodford  
targeted reservoir underlying Sec-  
tion 34, Township 6 North, Range  
1 West, and Section 3, Township  
5 North, Range 1 West, McClain  
County, Oklahoma, said well to be  
located:  
Commencement of Completion  
Interval in Section 3:  
no closer than 165 feet from the  
south line and no closer than 1,320  
feet from the west line of Section 3,

Township 5 North, Range 1 West,  
McClain County, Oklahoma,  
End of Completion Interval in  
Section 3:  
no closer than 0 feet from the  
north line and no closer than 1,320  
feet from the west line of Section 3,  
Township 5 North, Range 1 West,  
McClain County, Oklahoma,  
Commencement of Completion  
Interval in Section 34:  
no closer than 0 feet from the  
south line and no closer than 1,320  
feet from the west line of Section  
34, Township 6 North, Range 1  
West, McClain County, Oklahoma,  
End of Completion Interval in  
Section 34:  
no closer than 165 feet from the  
north line and no closer than 1,320  
feet from the west line of Section  
34, Township 6 North, Range 1  
West, McClain County, Oklahoma.  
The offset lands to said Sections  
34 and 3, are contained within Sec-  
tions 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, and 35,  
Township 6 North, Range 1 West,  
and Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11,  
Township 5 North, Range 1 West,  
McClain County, Oklahoma.  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN  
that the proposed well is moving  
towards the following wells: None.  
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cause is requesting the following  
special relief: to designate the  
Applicant or some other party as  
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sion, Jim Thorpe Building,  
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and that this Notice be published  
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name and telephone number.  
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Land Company, PO Box 517, Must-  
tang, OK 73064, (405) 494-9191,  
or Eric Huddleston, Attorney, Two  
Leadership Square, 211 North  
Robinson, Suite 1300, Oklahoma  
City, OK 73102, Telephone: (405)  
232-3722.

CORPORATION  
COMMISSION  
OF OKLAHOMA  
J. Todd Hiett, CHAIRMAN  
Bob Anthony,  
VICE CHAIRMAN  
Dana L. Murphy,  
COMMISSIONER  
DONE AND PERFORMED THIS  
26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.  
BY ORDER OF THE COMMIS-  
SION  
Peggy Mitchell, Secretary

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

The Goldsby Airport Trust (GAT)  
will accept sealed bids for an ag-  
ricultural lease for approximately  
165 farmable acres of the property  
located within the fenced bound-  
aries of the David J. Perry Airport  
in the Town of Goldsby, McClain  
County, Oklahoma. GAT has the  
right to reduce the farmable acres,  
after the October 1, 2021 term, to  
remove the properties which fronts  
Adkins Hill Road and Airport Road.  
Sealed bids will be received on  
March 18, 2021 at 4:00pm. Bids  
will be received at the office of  
the Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of  
Goldsby, 100 East Center Road,  
Goldsby, Oklahoma 73093. Bids  
received after 4:00 pm March 18,  
2021 will not be opened and will  
not be eligible for consideration.  
The sealed bid must be legible,  
must clearly state the bid amount  
per acre per year. The bid must  
identify the bidder and should in-  
clude the bidder's contact address  
and contact telephone number.  
The envelope or wrapper in which  
the bid is submitted must not iden-  
tify the bidder and should clearly  
state "2021 Goldsby Airport Trust  
Agricultural Lease Bid."

The Town of Goldsby has estab-  
lished a reserve price of \$65.00 per  
acre per year. If a Minimum Bid of  
at least \$65.00 per acre per year is  
not received a lease contract will  
not be awarded.  
The term of the lease is six (6)

months and term and rent will com-  
mence October 1, 2021. However,  
in the case of growing bean crops,  
the former Lessee shall have the  
right to enter the lands and harvest  
the growing crops before Novem-  
ber 30, 2021. Annual Cash Rental  
shall be payable no later than 15  
days after notice of award is given.  
The lease contract contains  
numerous material restrictions and  
conditions. The Town of Goldsby  
uses are paramount and the lease  
may be terminated for any part of  
the leased property which shall be  
needed for Town of Goldsby or  
governmental purposes.  
Prospective bidders must in-  
spect the property and review the  
lease contract form (the Review  
Form) prior to bidding. The Review  
Form is available for review at the  
offices of the Clerk/Treasurer of  
the Town of Goldsby at 100 East  
Center Road, Goldsby, Oklahoma.  
Upon the approval of the Trust-  
ees of the Goldsby Airport Trust,  
a lease in form and substance  
substantially like the Review Form  
may be awarded to a responsible  
bidder bidding the highest annual  
cash rental per acre. The Trustees  
of the Town of Goldsby reserve the  
right to reject all bids. If a lease  
is so awarded, the lease contract  
must be signed by the lessee and  
returned to the Clerk/Treasurer of  
the Town of Goldsby within fifteen  
(15) days after notice of the award  
is given.

CORRECTIONS AND AD-  
DENDUMS TO THIS NOTICE  
ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO THE  
SEALED BIDS MAY SUPERCEDE  
THIS NOTICE.  
The Board of Trustees of the  
Town of Goldsby  
Sandy Jenkins, Secretary

No. 111-March 4-1 Time  
BEFORE THE CORPORATION  
COMMISSION OF THE  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
APPLICANT: CAPSTONE LAND  
COMPANY  
RELIEF SOUGHT: MULTIUNIT  
HORIZONTAL WELL  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION  
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MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
CAUSE CD NO. 202100099  
AMENDED NOTICE  
OF HEARING  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:  
Ajay Patel; Alice Badger Dan-  
gott Trust c/o BOKF, N.A.; Alyce  
Burden; Amanda Sue Chambers;  
Andy Shaver; Angela Dawn Sharp;  
Anna Naomi Sharp Revocable Liv-  
ing Trust dated the 6th day of Oc-  
tober, 2016; Annabelle Murray; Aran  
Daniel Sharp; B & G Resources,  
LLC; Badger Royalty Company;  
BancFirst, an Oklahoma Banking  
Corporation; Barbara Jean Watts,  
f/k/a Barbara Jean Anderson;  
Bernice Higgs; Black Stone Min-  
erals Company, L.P.; BNW, Inc.;  
Bradley M. Walck; Brenda Murray;  
Brent P. Walck; Brian G. Walck  
and Barbara Bliss-Walck 2017  
Revocable Trust dated June 29,  
2017; Bruce L. Walck and Shirley  
J. Walck; Bryan P. Cook; Buffalo  
Creek Minerals LLC; Carol Ann  
McGowen; Carolyn Sue Robinson  
Irrevocable Trust UTA dated Sep-  
tember 19, 2014; Charles Vandiver,  
a/k/a Charles E. Vandiver; Cindy  
Lea Owens, now Gentry; Cook  
Living Trust dated the 6th day of  
November, 2015; Crystal R. Cook;  
Cynthia Ann Grisham Revocable  
Trust; Danny Anderson, a/k/a  
Danny Dean Anderson; David B.  
Mueller; Debby Madden; Deborah  
Sue Geisler a/k/a Deborah Sue  
(Anderson); Derek James Rogers;  
Diana L. Mills, now Blankenship;  
Donna Kay Dickmann; Donna Lou-  
ise Knapp; Doris Fay Anderson;  
Eckard Land & Acquisitions, LLC;  
Edward Alan Beams; Ellis Living  
Trust dated March 18, 2003; Elva  
Norene Sharp Living Trust dated  
May 17, 2005; Erick Shaver; Fer-  
relloil Company, LLC; Frank Love  
Johnson; Freda Gayle Perry; Gail  
Wilks; Gary Corbin; Gary M. Ellis  
and Maelinda L. Ellis Trust; Gary  
Tatum; George L. Noah Trust  
dated April 29, 1985; Glenda  
Faye Theissen, a/k/a Glenda Faye  
Theissen-Johns; Golden Creek  
Minerals, L.L.C.; Grisham Family  
Revocable Trust dated December  
3, 2001; Gwendolyn Jean Davis;  
Helen L. Beams; Hod Minerals  
LLC; Hunt Family Trust dated  
January 12, 2000, for the benefit  
of Garland Henry Hunt; Jacqueline  
Hollis; James Dean Newbern,  
a/k/a James Newbern; Janice J.  
Reeves Revocable Trust; Jason A.  
Mills and Melissa N. Mills; Jaynella  
M. Anderson; Jerry K. Chandler;  
Jewell LaNell McKay, a/k/a LaNell  
McKay; Jimmie Lee Cassidy and  
Shirley Jean Cassidy Revocable  
Trust; Jody Eugene Chambers;  
John Alan Newbern, a/k/a John  
Newbern; Johnson J. & Bonnie  
H. Jones Living Trust dated April  
17, 1998; Judy Bryan; Juleta Marie  
Autrey, a/k/a Juleta Marie Koziol

Autrey, a/k/a Juleta M. Baskey-  
field; Julie A. Kranker Living Trust  
dated the 26th day of April, 1999;  
Julie Ann Newbern McBroom,  
a/k/a Julie Ann McBroom; Kandi  
Jo Anderson; Karis A. Kranker;  
Katelyn Carpenter, a/k/a Katelyn  
Murray; Kathleen L. Calimer, a/k/a  
Kathleen L. Cramer; Kelsey Mur-  
ray; Kenneth Albert Hollis; Kerstan  
P. Kranker; Kevin Charles Wade;  
Kevin Murray; Kirk Vandiver; Kyle  
J. Kranker; Lacey Ryan; Larry  
Dale Anderson; Larry K. Chandler;  
Laura Joan Dangott Trust c/o  
BOKF, N.A.; Lenda Kaye Hilburn;  
Linda Claire Tucker, formerly Linda  
Claire McKown; Linda Ellis; Linda  
Starr Cook Revocable Living Trust  
dated the 6th day of August, 2015;  
Lloyd Wayne Anderson; Lyndon  
Lee Boler; Magic M&R, LLC; Mari-  
lyn Jean Merrill Barnes Revocable  
Living Trust dated September 12,  
2006; Marilyn Woods; Marion Sue  
Hollis; Mary Bingaman; Mary Jo  
Hamrick; Matagorda B1, LP c/o  
Sentinel Trust Company; Mela-  
Dee Gillespie; Memorie Gay Scott;  
Michael C. Rosso; Michael Hollis;  
Nancy Elois Patton; Nilay Sheth;  
Nisarg Shah; Norman Glen Payne  
and Leona Rose Payne Living Trust  
dated June 14, 2018; Noroma  
Energy, LLC; Oweeta M. Smith;  
Paisano Energy Fund I, L.P.; Pa-  
tricia A. Lester; Patty Hogan, a/k/a  
Patty Jane Hogan, a/k/a Patricia  
Jane Hogan; Paula Dian Taylor;  
PEC Minerals, LP; Peggy L. Tal-  
ley; Peggy Hallbauer, a/k/a Peggy  
S. Hallbauer; R.A. MacDonnell  
Company; Raghav Trivedi; Rajal B.  
Shah; Ralph Lee Hollis, a/k/a R.L.  
Hollis; Ramona Traverse; Randy  
Hollis; Richard S.C. Grisham  
Mineral Trust dated November 3,  
2008; Rivercrest Capital Partners,  
LP; Robert Bruce Wade; Robert  
E. Mueller; Rupa Patel; Russell V.  
Johnson, III; S.H. Davis Company;  
Sam and Jo Stark Trust dated  
November 3, 2016; Sarah Jeanne  
Wade, now Johnson; Shah Energy,  
LLC; Shannon A. Sasse; Sharon  
Annette Bradford, a/k/a Sharon  
Annette Anderson; Sharon Etue;  
Sharon Helzer; Sharon Hillje; Sha-  
ron Kay Asher; Sherrie Vandiver,  
a/k/a Sherrie A. Vandiver; Sherry  
L. Puckett; Sheth Family, LLC;  
Shirley Murphy; Smith Minerals,  
LLC; SRN Consulting, Inc.; St.  
Clair and Geraldine P. Newbern  
Trust dated May 30, 1979; St.  
Germain Company; Stephen G.  
Puckett; Sue Peery, a/k/a Carolyn  
Sue Peery; Sunflower Royalties,  
LLC; Taylor Companies Royalty  
Holdings I, LLC; The Hassan and  
Sarah Lee Newbern Beykpour  
Revocable Trust dated June 20,  
1995; The Ferner Company, Inc.;  
The Sherry Ann Sharp Revocable  
Trust dated May 24, 2019; The  
William R. Cook Revocable Trust  
dated May 24, 2016; Thomas S.  
Cook; Tommy Gentry; Trust A  
created under the Will of Frank  
C. Love, Deceased c/o BOKF,  
N.A.; Trust B created under the  
Will of Frank C. Love, Deceased  
c/o BOKF, N.A.; Vishal Dhar; W.N.  
Smith Company; Wacker-Ewert  
Interests, LLC; Wendy Ruth Ann  
Chambers; Whitney Rogers Clay;  
Wilbur Oil, LLC; William Cook;  
XTO Energy Inc.; Yvonne Stiles;

Alva Sue Bee, Deceased; Billy  
Ray Anderson, Deceased; Dwayne  
Hollis, a/k/a Buford Dwayne Hollis,  
Deceased; Elva Norene Sharp,  
Deceased; Evelyn McAtee, now  
Williams, Deceased; Esca Eu-  
gene Anderson, Deceased; Freda  
Merle Idleman, Deceased; Geneva  
Corbin, a/k/a Geneva Bell Corbin,  
Deceased; Harold Hollis, a/k/a  
Kenneth Harold Hollis, Deceased;  
Horace Dean Anderson, De-  
ceased; Imogene Chandler Mur-  
ray, Deceased; Jana Michael, De-  
ceased; Janice Jeanne Ross, a/k/a  
Janice Jean Ross, Deceased; Jay  
H. Chandler, Deceased; John-  
nie Pauline Cramer, Deceased;  
Johnny Ray Hollis, Deceased;  
Leona Mangram, Deceased;  
Leslie Leo Chandler, Deceased;  
Lucy Shaver, Deceased; Mary O.  
Hollis, Deceased; Maury J. Mills,  
Deceased; Mike Murray, a/k/a  
Michael Henry Murray, Deceased;  
Nell Tatum, Deceased; Norman  
Rex Hollis, a/k/a Rex Hollis, De-  
ceased; Olive Easter Anderson,  
Deceased; Oris Guynn Anderson,  
Deceased; a/k/a Orix Gwynn Anderson, a/k/a  
Guynn Anderson, Deceased;  
Peggy Owens, a/k/a Peggy Joan  
Owens, Deceased; Ralph D. Hollis,  
Deceased; Raymond W. Boler, De-  
ceased; Reah Mae Chandler, De-  
ceased; Sally Mueller, Deceased;  
William J. Cramer, Deceased; J.  
C. Winters and Blanche Winters  
Family Trust; Jay Benji Johnston;  
Jo Ann Johnston, now Sanders;  
Lynda L. Todd Family Trust dated  
8/17/1992; Martha Jo Anderson;  
Mary Michelle Melott; Mel C.  
Gray; Monica Johnston Penner;  
Rock K. Winters and Debra E.  
Winters; Stacie Ann Gray; Sydney  
Dauterive Davis; The Warren and  
Priscilla Gravely Revocable Trust  
dated January 5, 2018; Frances  
Irene Scott, Deceased; George  
Winters, Deceased; Glenda Buck,  
Deceased; Ina Alline Chandler,  
Deceased; Ivan Louis Owens,  
Deceased; James William John-  
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this cause is requesting that the  
Commission approve a multiunit  
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targeted reservoir under the  
above-described units, so as to  
allow such multiunit horizontal  
well to be drilled as described in  
paragraph 2.3 in the Amended  
Application on file herein, and to  
be completed in and to produce  
from the above-named common  
source of supply, designating  
an operator for such well, and  
establishing a proper allocation  
factor for allocating the costs of

and the production and proceeds  
from such multiunit horizontal well  
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The Town of Goldsby will accept  
sealed bids for an agricultural  
lease for approximately 19 farm-  
able acres of the property owned  
and located within the Town of  
Goldsby, McClain County, Okla-  
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The Town of Goldsby has estab-  
lished a reserve price of \$65.00 per  
acre per year. If a Minimum Bid of  
at least \$65.00 per acre per year is  
not received a lease contract will  
not be awarded.  
The term of the lease is six (6)

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

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

Prospective bidders must in-  
spect the property and review the  
lease contract form (the Review  
Form) prior to bidding. The Review  
Form is available for review at the  
offices of the Clerk/Treasurer of  
the Town of Goldsby at 100 East  
Center Road, Goldsby, Oklahoma.  
Upon the approval of the Trust-  
ees of the Town of Goldsby, a lease  
in form and substance  
substantially like the Review Form  
may be awarded to a responsible  
bidder bidding the highest annual  
cash rental per acre. The Trustees  
of the Town of Goldsby reserve the  
right to reject all bids. If a lease  
is so awarded, the lease contract  
must be signed by the lessee and  
returned to the Clerk/Treasurer of  
the Town of Goldsby within fifteen  
(15) days after notice of the award  
is given.

CORRECTIONS AND AD-  
DENDUMS TO THIS NOTICE  
ANNOUNCED PRIOR TO THE  
SEALED BIDS MAY SUPERCEDE  
THIS NOTICE.

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



No. 116-March 4-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF JOHNNY FARRELL MCGEE,  
Deceased  
Case No. PB-2020-99  
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL  
ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR  
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,  
DISTRIBUTION AND  
DISCHARGE  
NOTICE is hereby given that  
Maria McGee, Personal Represen-  
tative of the ESTATE OF JOHNNY  
FARRELL MCGEE, Deceased,

No. 110-March 4-3 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
HOLBROOK-1 FARMS, LLC,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
RODRIGO PONCE, SR., a mar-  
ried person; THE UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE, IF ANY, of RODRIGO  
PONCE, SR.; RODRIGO PONCE,  
JR., a married person; THE UN-  
KNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, of  
RODRIGO PONCE, JR.; and,  
THE UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS  
OR TENANTS, IF ANY, OF THE  
SUBJECT PROPERTY,  
Defendants.  
Case No. CJ-2020-170  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:  
RODRIGO PONCE, SR.; THE  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY,  
of RODRIGO PONCE, SR.;  
RODRIGO PONCE, JR.; THE  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY,  
OF RODRIGO PONCE, JR.  
TAKE NOTICE that you have  
been sued by HOLBROOK-1  
FARMS, LLC, and that you the Pe-  
tition of said Plaintiff on file in said  
cause on or before the 14th day of  
April, 2021, which is at least forty-  
one (41) days from the date of first  
publication of this Notice, or the  
allegations of said Petition will be  
taken as true and judgment in rem  
rendered against you, establishing  
the Plaintiff as owner and holder  
of a good and valid mortgage lien  
and entitling Plaintiff to foreclose  
upon and sell by Sheriff's Sale the  
following described real property  
located in McClain County, Okla-  
homa, to-wit:  
Tract #24 of The Meadows,  
containing 5 acres MOL, and Tract

No. 114-March 4-1 Time  
BEFORE THE CORPORATION  
COMMISSION OF THE  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
APPLICANT: EOG RESOURCES,  
INC.  
RELIEF SOUGHT: MODIFICATION  
OF POOLING ORDER NO. 692160  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION  
16, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE  
4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY,  
OKLAHOMA  
CD NO. 202100293  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
TO ALL PERSONS, OWNERS,  
PRODUCERS, OPERATORS,  
PURCHASERS AND TAKERS OF  
OIL AND GAS, INCLUDING but  
not limited to all persons if living  
or if deceased, their known and  
unknown heirs, executors, admin-  
istrators, devisees, trustees and  
assigns, immediate and remote  
of any such party, and all corpo-  
rations existing and if dissolved,  
known and unknown successors,  
and all persons having an interest  
in the captioned land.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:  
That EOG Resources, Inc. is  
requesting that the Commission  
enter an order modifying Order  
No. 692160 to designate EOG  
Resources, Inc. as the Operator  
of the E/2 of Section 16, Township  
9 North, Range 4 West, McClain

No. 115-March 4-1 Time  
BEFORE THE CORPORATION  
COMMISSION OF THE  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
APPLICANT: EOG RESOURCES,  
INC.  
RELIEF SOUGHT: MODIFICATION  
OF POOLING ORDER NO. 694308  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION  
21, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE  
4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY,  
OKLAHOMA  
CD NO. 202100294  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
TO ALL PERSONS, OWNERS,  
PRODUCERS, OPERATORS,  
PURCHASERS AND TAKERS OF  
OIL AND GAS, INCLUDING but  
not limited to all persons if living  
or if deceased, their known and  
unknown heirs, executors, admin-  
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assigns, immediate and remote  
of any such party, and all corpo-  
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known and unknown successors,  
and all persons having an interest  
in the captioned land.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:  
That EOG Resources, Inc. is  
requesting that the Commission  
enter an order modifying Order  
No. 694308 to designate EOG  
Resources, Inc. as the Operator  
of the E/2 of Section 21, Township  
9 North, Range 4 West, McClain

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
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DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,  
DISTRIBUTION AND  
DISCHARGE  
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Maria McGee, Personal Represen-  
tative of the ESTATE OF JOHNNY  
FARRELL MCGEE, Deceased,

having filed in this Court her Final  
Account of the Administration of  
said estate, and her Petition for  
Distribution of said estate and for  
Final Discharge of said Personal  
Representative, the hearing of the  
same has been fixed by the Judge  
of said Court for 9:30 o'clock a.m.,  
on the 25th day of March, 2021,  
before Judge Charles Gray in his  
chambers in the McClain County  
Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma,  
and all persons interested in said  
estate are notified then and there  
to appear and show cause, if any  
they have, why the said account  
should not be settled and allowed,

#25 of The Meadows, containing  
5.01 acres MOL an unrecorded  
Subdivision being part of the South  
Half (S/2) of Section 8, Township 6  
North, (T-6-N), Range 4 West (R-  
4-W), of the Indian Meridian, Mc-  
Clain County, State of Oklahoma,  
less all oil, gas, minerals & wind;  
More particularly described by a  
Metes and Bounds description  
as follows:  
Tract #24  
A tract of land being a part of  
the South half (S/2) of Section 8,  
Township 6 North (T-6-N), Range  
4 West of the Indian Meridian,  
McClain County, Oklahoma, be-  
ing more particularly described  
as follows:  
Commencing at the South  
Quarter corner of said South Half  
(S/2) Section 8;  
THENCE North 89° 31' 22" East  
a distance of 187.90 feet to a point;  
THENCE North 00° 11' 12" West  
a distance of 659.90 feet to the  
Point of Beginning;  
THENCE North 00° 11' 12" West  
a distance of 328.27 feet to a point;  
THENCE North 89° 20' 19" East  
a distance of 661.99 feet to a point;  
THENCE South 00° 11' 12" East  
a distance of 329.67 feet to a point;  
Thence South 89° 27' 35" West  
a distance of 661.98 feet to the  
POINT OF BEGINNING, having an  
area of 5.00 acres, more or less,  
and subject to all easements and  
rights of way of record,  
and,  
Tract #25  
A tract of land being a part of  
the South half (S/2) of Section 8,  
Township 6 North (T-6-N), Range  
4 West of the Indian Meridian,  
McClain County, Oklahoma be-  
ing more particularly described

County, Oklahoma, and to modify  
the subsequent well provision.  
8. Special Relief: Applicant  
further requests that the order to  
be entered in this cause may be  
made effective prior to the date of  
issuance of the order.  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN  
that this cause will be heard before  
an Administrative Law Judge on  
the Initial Hearing Docket at the  
Corporation Commission, Jim  
Thorpe Building, 2101 North Lin-  
coln Boulevard, Oklahoma City,  
OK 73105, at 8:30 a.m., on March  
23, 2021, and that this notice be  
published as required by law and  
the rules of the Commission.  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN  
that due to the COVID-19 pan-  
demic, access to the Jim Thorpe  
Building is restricted. The refer-  
enced hearing may be conducted  
via teleconference or videoconfer-  
ence. Before coming to the build-  
ing for this hearing, please visit the  
Oklahoma Corporation Commis-  
sion website at [www.occeweb.com](http://www.occeweb.com)  
to determine the status of  
building access. Instructions for  
participating via teleconference or  
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cant's attorney, prior to the hearing

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the heirs of JOHNNY FARRELL  
MCGEE, Deceased, determined,  
said estate distributed, and the  
Personal Representative dis-  
charged.  
WITNESS MY HAND this 2nd  
day of March, 2021.  
CHARLES GRAY  
ASSOCIATE  
DISTRICT JUDGE  
Judge of the District Court  
BILL C. LESTER (OBA #5389)  
Attorney for Personal Repre-  
sentative  
212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407  
Purcell, OK 73080  
(405) 527-5623

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ing an area of 5.01 acres, more or  
less, and subject to all easements  
and rights of way of record;  
and,  
all of which you will take due  
notice.  
Witness my hand and official  
seal this 24 day of February, 2021.  
KRISTEL GRAY, Court Clerk  
MCCLAIN COUNTY  
BY: /s/ Donna Morrow  
Deputy Court Clerk

(Seal)  
APPROVED:  
/s/ Gary L. Giessmann  
Gary L. Giessmann, OBA  
#11318  
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MANN, P.C.  
4101 Perimeter Center Dr.,  
Suite 200  
Oklahoma City, OK 73112  
(405) 917-5000 (Telephone)  
(405) 917-5005 (Facsimile)  
E-mail: [garyg@nashfirm.com](mailto:garyg@nashfirm.com)  
Attorneys for Plaintiff,  
HOLBROOK-1 FARMS, LLC

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN  
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tion concerning this action contact  
Dax Taylor, Landman, EOG Re-  
sources, Inc., 14701 Hertz Quail  
Springs Parkway, Oklahoma City,  
OK 73134, Telephone: 405/246-  
3166; or Gregory L. Mahaffey and/  
or Caleb A. Hartwell, Attorneys,  
300 N.E. 1st Street, Oklahoma  
City, OK 73104-4004, Telephone:  
405/236-0478.  
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J. TODD HIETT, Chairman  
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DANA L. MURPHY,  
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## Grand Champion Heifer

**Hayes Anderson** handles his Grand Champion Heifer that was purchased by Tom and Beth Runyon of Swift and Henry Order Buying at the Purcell Bonus Auction.

# Classifieds

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GARAGE SALE: Saturday, 8am-3pm, 24430 State Hwy. 39, 2-1/2 miles west on Hwy. 39 from Green Ave. Bundles of bargains! Redecorated house. Couch, lamps, end tables, art, 2T boys clothes, women's & men's clothing and much more. 3/4/1tp

LARGE YARD SALE: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 to 5. 1 mile east Hwy. 39 and 84th, Lexington. We cleaned out sheds. Have lots of junk! Outdoor furniture, bedroom set, sofa, chairs, too much to list. 3/4/1tp

OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET at Madden Crew Offroad Park! March 26th & 27th, 8am-6pm, March 28th, 8am til noon. Auction starts at noon to sell what is left of your merchandise if you want (10% auction commission fee.) \$10 booth fee for the weekend (does not include tables or tents.) Free entry for buyers & a big variety of merchandise. Food truck will be here during the flea market. Location: Madden Crew Offroad Park, 30607 Neal Road, Wanette, OK 74878. Please call/text us at 405-388-8065 or message us on Facebook. 3/4/1tp

## Licensed Practical Nurse needed

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## LIVESTOCK

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## Registered Nurse needed

at Lindsay Municipal Hospital.

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## Registered Nurse needed

at Lindsay Municipal Hospital.

FT Night Shift.

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## Screeners FT Nights needed

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in ER for COVID precautions.

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## CNA needed

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A photograph of a white window sill. On the sill are several potted plants: a succulent in a dark wood-textured pot, a large terracotta pot with soil, a plant in a white pot behind it, a tall thin plant in a white pot, and a small plant with orange flowers in a green pot. Large wooden letters spell out 'HOME' across the sill. The letter 'H' is green, 'O' is green, 'M' is light wood, and 'E' is light wood. A red patterned letter 'X' is partially visible on the left. The word 'Spring' is written in a red cursive font above the letters.

# Spring

## **New Kitchen on a Budget**

Affordable features  
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revamping your kitchen

## **Building a Better Bathroom**

What to expect during  
a bathroom remodel

## **Taking Care of Your Tools**

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# What to expect during a bathroom remodel

There are many reasons to renovate a home. Some homeowners purchase fixer-uppers and commit to making major renovations before they even move in, while others may renovate their homes with an eye on resale value. But many homeowners also take on renovation projects to make the homes more livable for themselves.

Bathroom renovations are popular projects. In fact, a 2018 survey from the National Association of Home Builders found that bathroom remodels are the most popular remodeling projects. But just because bathroom remodeling projects are popular doesn't mean they're easy to endure. Knowing what to expect during a bathroom remodel can help homeowners get through the renovation process.

## Cost

Bathroom remodeling projects can be expensive. According to *Remodeling* magazine's "Cost vs. Value 2019" report, a mid-range bathroom remodeling project cost an average of \$20,420 in 2019, while an upscale remodel cost just under \$64,000. Homeowners should develop budgets for their bathroom renovation projects to determine which type of project they can afford. In addition, setting aside a little extra money for overruns is a wise move that can help homeowners handle any unforeseen expenses that arise during the project.

## Noise

Few home renovation projects can be undertaken quietly, and bathroom renovations tend to generate a lot of noise. The noise can be difficult to overcome for professionals who work from home full-time, and it also can be hard on parents of young children who still nap and don't yet go to school. Parents of young children may find it best to delay bathroom renovation projects until their children are school-aged and out of the house for most of the day on weekdays.

## Mess

The debris generated by bathroom renovation projects is another thing homeowners must prepare for. In addition to preparing for the waste generated by the project, first-time renovators must realize that dust might be a big issue once the project begins. Dust can pose a threat to residents' overall health, particularly the health of youngsters whose bodies haven't yet fully developed. As a result, parents of young children may want to schedule renovations during family vacations so their children are exposed to as little dust as possible.

## Changes

Few renovations go off without a hitch. Once a project begins, contractors often uncover issues that weren't noticeable to the naked eye. These issues may increase the cost of completing a project or force homeowners to change their plans to make the project stay as close to their budgets as possible. Recognizing that these decisions may have to be made on the fly can help homeowners feel more prepared when unexpected issues arise.

Bathroom renovation projects are worthwhile investments. Knowing what to expect during a bathroom renovation project can help homeowners handle all the twists and turns that may arise.





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# Essentials *for a* bathroom remodel



**W**hat began as a utilitarian space for personal sanitation has, in modern times, transformed into one of the most coveted rooms in the house. Bathrooms have become a place to relax and unwind, and new bathrooms are on the tops of many homeowners' wishlists.

Bathrooms can be as lavish as budgets allow. Wish lists can include everything from luxurious soaking tubs to rainfall showerheads to chaise lounges to televisions or home entertainment systems contained in the space. Those contemplating their own bathroom renovations may draw inspiration from the following features.

• **Hot water recirculation system:** Few things can be as disappointing as desiring a hot bath or shower only to find that the hot water tank has been drained. The home remodeling company Normandy Remodeling says that water recirculation systems provide on-demand hot water. In such systems, hot water may continuously run through the pipes or there may be a pump underneath a sink. Either way, one needn't wait for the **water to warm up any longer.**

• **Double undermount sinks:** Bathroom time is at a premium, especially when people must prepare and leave the house together. Rather than jockeying for position around a single sink, dual sinks enable more breathing room and time efficiency. Undermount sinks are easy to clean because there is no lip around

where the sink meets the vanity, preventing the accumulation of grime and gunk.

• **Glass-free shower:** Soap scum and water deposits can form on shower doors, even for homeowners who are diligent with cleaning. A sizable shower prevents water spray and affords the ability to forgo glass doors or curtains, thereby cutting down on cleaning and making the room feel more modern.

• **Multihead shower:** When redoing the shower, account for various shower heads so that the water can cascade across the body more completely. This provides a spa experience at home.

• **Touchless faucets and soap dispensers:** These aren't just for public bathrooms anymore. Touchless faucets and dispensers are more sanitary and convenient.

• **Separate toilet room:** A shared bath almost necessitates this type of set-up. The toilet is housed inside its own small space and closed away from the rest of the bathroom. It's more private and convenient this way.

• **Heated flooring:** You need not worry about stepping out of a warm shower onto a cold floor when heated flooring is part of the equation. This option is available in various flooring materials as well.

Remodeling a bathroom boils down to certain coveted features that can really set a space apart.

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# Affordable features to consider when revamping your kitchen

**K**itchens are popular gathering spots in many homes. That popularity is reflected in various ways, including how many homeowners choose to remodel their kitchens.

A 2019 report from the home renovation and design resource Houzz found that kitchens were the most popular room to renovate in 2018. Homeowners considering kitchen remodels should know that the Houzz report also indicated that spending on kitchen remodels increased by 27 percent in 2018.

Homeowners concerned by the cost of remodeling a kitchen should know that there are ways to give kitchens a whole new feel without breaking the bank.

## Appliances

*Consumer Reports* notes that luxury home buyers expect high-end features, including professional ranges and built-

in refrigerators that match the surrounding cabinetry. However, many mainstream brands offer “faux pro” features that can equal more expensive alternatives. *Consumer Reports* even notes that many budget-friendly faux pro appliances outperformed their high-end counterparts in terms of reliability.

## Countertops

Countertops tend to capture the eye’s attention when walking into a kitchen. Outdated and/or damaged countertops grab that attention for all the wrong reasons, while updated countertops made from today’s most popular materials provide that wow factor homeowners seek. If granite is a must-have, *Consumer Reports* notes that homeowners can save substantial amounts of money by choosing granite from remnants at the stone yard. If marble is your ideal countertop, save

money by choosing a domestic product as opposed to one imported from overseas.

## Cabinets

Custom-built cabinets may be a dream, but they tend to be a very expensive one. Such cabinets are designed to adhere to the dimensions of the kitchen, and *Consumer Reports* notes that they can cost tens of thousands of dollars. If that estimate would bust your budget, examine the current layout of the existing cabinets. If the layout is fine but the cabinets need work, you can give them a whole new look by refinishing them. If the cabinets must go, stock units or semi-custom cabinets can provide a new look without busting the budget.

Kitchen remodels can be expensive. But there are many affordable ways to revamp a kitchen.



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# Improve storage *at home*



**H**omes are getting bigger, but it seems like people are still lamenting a lack of storage space. National Public Radio says the average American home has nearly tripled in size during the last 50 years. Despite that, 10 percent of Americans still need to rent off-site storage, according to a report in *The New York Times Magazine*. Self-storage facilities are one of the fastest-growing commercial real estate segments, and the Self Storage Association says there are more than 50,000 storage facilities in the U.S. alone. The commercial real estate company CBRE, Ltd., says there are roughly 3,000 self-storage facilities across Canada, and 65 to 85 percent of self-storage tenants are residential users.

Improving storage at home can be a cost-effective alternative to renting storage space. With these easy tips, homeowners can maximize space immediately.

## Utilize track storage systems

Closets may be plentiful, but if not efficiently utilized, space may still seem lacking. Track closet storage systems often make greater use of closet space than traditional shelf and hanging rod systems. Customizing closets using track systems or other modifications can improve utility of all closets in the house.

## Invest in storage beds

Storage beds typically feature cubbies or drawers within a platform-style bed frame. It's a practical home storage solution, and does not require any building.

## Think vertically

Maximize spaces by looking up and down for storage possibilities. Items that are not used frequently, such as seasonal decorations or travel suitcases, can be stored in high spaces. Shelving on walls can go as high as necessary and be put to use in awkward wall areas, such as in corners or under eaves.

## Invest in storage benches/ottomans

A stopping area inside the front door replete with a storage bench can house shoes, umbrellas, hats, backpacks, and other items, keeping them tidy and out of sight. In living rooms, look for chests or ottomans that are decorative and functional. Store throw blankets or board games inside.

## Recess drawers or shelves

Gain more storage by recessing a chest of drawers into what is called the "knee wall" of homes that have sloped ceilings in attics and upstairs bedrooms. Utilize these short walls in an efficient manner by sinking drawers or shelves into them, without taking up floor space.

## Rafter shelving

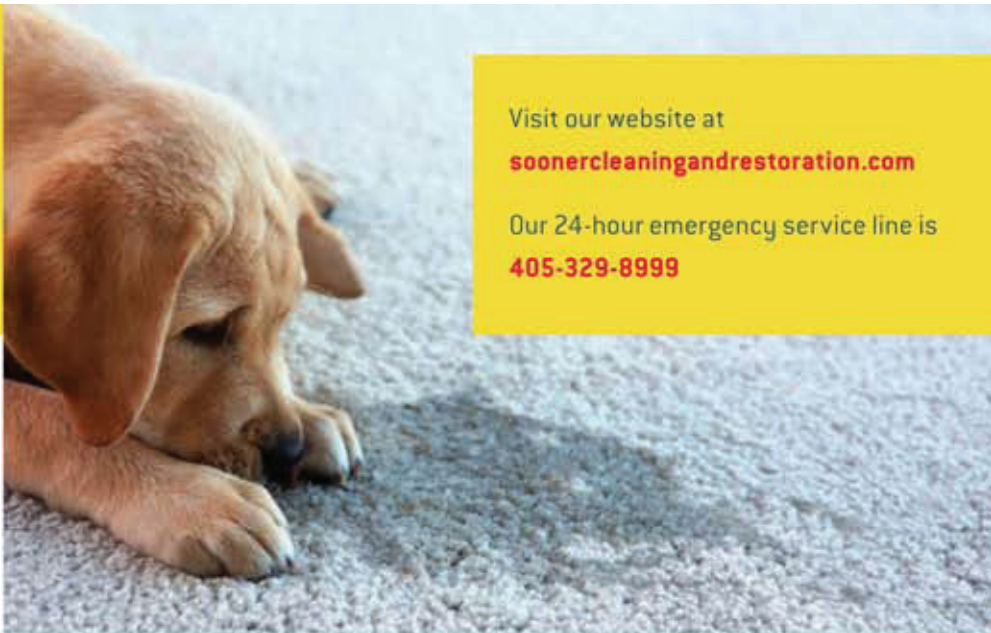
While in the attic (or a garage), add hanging shelves to rafters or exposed beams to create off-the-floor storage as well.

These are just a few of the handy ways to improve the interior storage space in a home.

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# Exterior renovations *that can* improve home value



## 71%

*of prospective home buyers say a home's curb appeal is an important factor in their buying decisions*

**R**enovating a home to improve its value can be a smart investment. Interior improvements, such as updating kitchens and baths, offer good return on investment, but there are plenty of exterior renovations that can add value to a home and give it that coveted “wow” factor.

### Landscaping

Abundant and well-planned landscaping can instantly boost curb appeal. According to the landscaping company Lawn Starter, 71 percent of prospective home buyers say a home's curb appeal is an important factor in their buying decisions. As buyers use the internet to look for their dream homes, there's no denying a beautifully landscaped, nicely photographed property can entice buyers to click and read more about a house.

### Address insects and minor repairs

Improving home value may come down to fixing areas of the home that can negatively affect its appeal to buyers. Hire an inspector to look at key components of the house and recommend what needs to be fixed. This way it is discovered before home buyers come in and do their own inspections. Termite infestations, deteriorating roofs and hidden water leaks are some things that might need fixing.

### Improve the entryway

The front door is the focal point of a home's exterior. Invest in a new door or paint it a striking

color to add appeal. *Remodeling* magazine's “Cost vs. Value Report 2019” indicates changing an entry door to a steel replacement can offer 74.9 percent ROI. Such a door provides visual appeal and added security — things buyers look for. In addition to the front door, make sure that the entryway has a level walkway, steps that are in good repair, accents that are free from rust or tarnish, and decorative plants.

### Outdoor lighting

Outdoor lighting can add to the ambiance of a property and serve as a security feature. Utilize different lights, such as a bright light by the entry, uplighting in trees and shrubs for drama, a light-lined path to the door to improve visibility, and motion-detection lights to improve the security of the property.

### Repaint (or reside) the exterior

A fresh coat of paint or new (or cleaned) siding can instantly give homes a facelift. Neutral, warm and inviting colors tend to have the widest appeal. Adding manufactured stone veneer to the home can offer a 94.9 percent ROI, says *Remodeling*. And after doing the front door and siding, investing in a garage door replacement offers the highest ROI of all exterior projects listed on the “Cost vs. Value Report 2019.” This improvement returns 97.5 percent when selling.

Knowing which improvements add value to a home can help homeowners tailor their efforts to those that are most financially beneficial.



## Did you know?

**W**hen planning spring landscapes, homeowners should always group plants with similar water needs together. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, grouping plants with similar water needs together helps to conserve water, which can be an especially useful strategy if or when drought restrictions go into effect in summer. Homeowners also can embrace additional strategies to landscape with water conservation in mind. For example, aerating soil helps to improve water flow to plants' roots and reduces water runoff, helping to ensure that plants get all of the water they need while reducing the likelihood that homeowners will have to use excessive amounts of water to keep plants healthy. In addition, using low-water-using types of grass can help homeowners who live in areas prone to drought conserve water while still maintaining lush, green lawns.



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## DIY Projects that can conserve energy around the house



*Project:* **Install exterior low-e storm windows.**

*What is it?* Low-e windows reflect infrared heat back into a home. Such windows are coated with an ultra-thin layer of metal that improves the window's insulation ability.

*How much can I save?* Homeowners who install low-e windows can save between 12 and 33 percent on their annual heating and cooling costs.

*Project:* **Seal uncontrolled air leaks.**

*What is it?* Air leaks let cool air in during winter and warm air in during summer. Caulking, sealing and weather stripping all cracks and large openings can cut back on air leaks that are costing you money. The DOE recommends hiring a contractor to seal any leaks on heating and cooling ducts.

*How much can I save?* Homeowners who seal uncontrolled air leaks can save between 10 and 20 percent on their annual heating and cooling bills.

*Project:* **Plant shade trees.**

*What is it?* If you plant a deciduous tree between six and eight feet tall near your home, it will begin to shade your windows within a year of being planted. Depending on the species of the tree and the home, the shade tree will begin shading the roof within five to 10 years. The DOE notes that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce air conditioning costs.

*How much can I save?* Properly planted shade trees can reduce air conditioning costs by anywhere from 15 to 50 percent.

*Project:* **Insulate the water heater tank**

*What is it?* New water tanks are likely already insulated. But homeowners with older hot water tanks can insulate their tanks with a water heater insulating blanket kit.

*How much can I save?* Insulating a water heater tank can save homeowners as much as 16 percent on their annual water heating bills.

Even the smallest DIY projects can produce big savings. More information about energy-saving home improvement projects can be found at [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov).

Home renovation projects can pay numerous dividends. Renovations can have a positive effect on resale value, make homes more livable for residents and, in some ways, make homes more affordable.

Renovation projects that aim to conserve energy can save homeowners substantial amounts of money. Such projects don't often require considerable effort or even sizable financial investments, which can make homeowners skeptical as to just how much they can save after completing the project. But the scale of a project may have little to do with how much homeowners will save. For example, the U.S. Department of Energy notes that a relatively effortless task like turning back a thermostat between 7° and 10° F for eight hours per day can save homeowners as much as \$83 per year. A more labor-intensive task like planting shade trees saves homeowners an average of between \$35 and \$119 per year.

When looking for ways to conserve energy around the house and save money, homeowners need not necessarily commit to expensive projects. The DOE notes that the following are some energy-saving projects and details what homeowners can expect to save after completing them. While each individual project may not result in jaw-dropping savings, homeowners who follow many of these recommendations may end up saving more than \$1,000 per year.





## 3 COMMON DIY MISTAKES *to avoid*

**P**ride tends to swell when homeowners successfully complete do-it-yourself projects on their homes. In addition to saving homeowners money, DIY projects provide a unique way for men and women to personally connect with their homes. The ability to look at a

finished project and say it's a result of your own handiwork can make a home feel more your own.

As fun and fulfilling as DIY projects can be, they also can be nerve-racking and induce anxiety. When DIY projects falter, fixing them can prove costly, as

homeowners typically must call in contractors to correct their mistakes and get a project back on track. That results in additional labor and material costs that might have been avoidable, especially for homeowners who make an effort to avoid some common DIY mistakes.

### 1. Failure to secure permits

Even though homeowners own their homes, that does not mean they have carte blanche to do what they want with them. Many renovation projects require homeowners to secure permits before projects can commence. Some may even require additional permits as the projects advance. If proper permits are not secured, homeowners may be fined and projects may be nixed, regardless of how much money homeowners have spent up to that point. Before beginning a home renovation project, homeowners should always contact their local permit office to determine if any permits are required. Bankrate.com notes that permits are often required for any project larger than painting or wallpapering.

### 2. Overestimating your abilities

DIY television shows make home renovation projects look easy, but reality suggests otherwise. Homeowners with little or no experience renovating a home may want to take classes before they think

about starting a project on their own. Even online tutorials tend to make jobs appear easier than they are. Roofing and plumbing projects tend to be best left to the professionals, as these projects can be either dangerous or vulnerable to disaster if not addressed by trained professionals.

### 3. Incorrect materials

Whether it's to save money or a byproduct of inexperience, DIYers do not always choose the correct materials for a job. Experienced contractors have ample experience working with all sorts of materials and are therefore in a unique position to recommend the best materials for any given job. That resource is not available for DIYers, who must perform ample research before beginning a job so the project involves the most appropriate materials. Incorrect materials can be a sunken cost that derails a project, but even jobs completed using incorrect materials may need to be redone a lot more quickly than those that employed the right materials the first time.

Many home renovation projects can be completed without the help of professional contractors., especially when homeowners take steps to avoid some of the more common mistakes made by DIYers.

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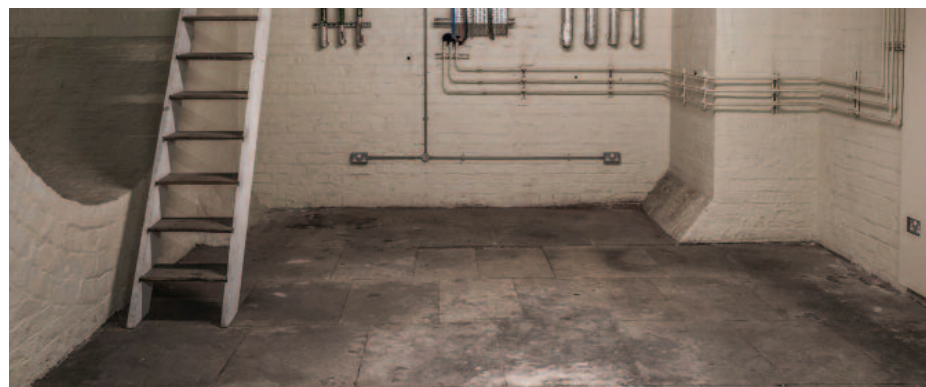
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## Tips for waterproofing a basement or crawl space



Water can be a homeowner's worst nightmare. Few things have the potential to damage a home as much as water. From leaks to flooding to moisture problems like mold, water can wreak havoc on a home.

Basements or crawl spaces are areas of a home where water can do the most damage. Basements and crawl spaces tend to be the lowest-lying spots in a home, and therefore prime spots for water to enter. Water problems in these areas can contribute to the demise of the structural integrity of the foundation.

According to Olshan, a foundation solutions company, water can enter homes in numerous ways. Many building materials, including concrete, that seem solid at first glance actually are quite porous. As ground water collects around these materials, the weight of the accumulated water, called hydrostatic pressure, can weaken the materials, causing cracks where water can seep through. Water also can enter subterranean spaces through basement windows and gaps between footings and concrete slabs, or push up through foundation floors when homes are in areas with high water tables.

Remedying water issues in a home generally breaks down into two methodologies: exterior waterproofing and interior waterproofing. Depending on the cause and severity of the water issue, one or the other, or even both, may be recommended.

### Exterior waterproofing

Exterior waterproofing aims to keep water away from and out of the home. The home improvement information resource DoItYourself.com says that

exterior waterproofing generally includes the application of a waterproofing agent to the concrete foundation. In addition, exterior waterproofing also could include excavation so a drainage system can be installed around the entire footing of the home. Regrading a property and properly relocating gutters and downspouts can help with many water issues.

### Interior waterproofing

When water in a basement or crawl space needs to be remediated indoors, a system to collect, drain and remove water may be necessary. This can include sump pumps, drains, gravity discharge systems, and more. Moisture barriers, which can include special paints or products applied to the foundation walls and floor, also can help keep water from entering the space.

### Moisture solutions

Keeping water out is only one part of the equation. Homeowners also need to manage moisture, like excessive humidity. A marriage of HVAC and waterproofing techniques may be necessary to improve air flow and remove humidity in the air.

While many homeowners have attempted to address water issues on their own, many times it is a job best left to the professionals. Because water penetration can have multifaceted causes, a professional can best assess the situation and create solutions that fit with homeowners' budgets and needs. The review and advice site Angie's List suggests finding at least three waterproofing companies that offer both interior and exterior waterproofing services that can provide the best ideas for fixing the issue.



# What is sweating a pipe?



Copper plumbing long has been a standard in home construction. Anyone who has a home with copper pipes should have an understanding of how to make repairs in the case of a leak or if modifications need to be made. "Sweating pipes" is one term homeowners may hear when maintaining their pipes.

Sweating a pipe refers to soldering a pipe or the joint. Sweating seals a new joint or mends a fault. When sweating a pipe, it is important to do the job correctly so that a soldered pipe can last for years and years.

PlanItDIY, a source for how-to advice, says that sweating pipes involves some key steps.

- Cut the pipes to the right length using a copper tube cutter or hacksaw.
- Use a file or wire brush to remove burs and smooth down the ends.

Clean the end of the copper pipe with a cleaning brush until the surface is bright all around. In addition, clean the inside of all fittings.

Brush plumbing flux on the brushed surfaces and assemble the joint. The how-to resource Huncker says flux is an acidic paste applied to all of the pieces

of copper that you want to connect together. The flux paste will draw in the solder after the pipe is heated using a blow torch. The acid in the flux attracts the solder into the seam between the two copper pieces and fills the gap while creating a semi-permanent bond between the pieces.

- To create the seal, move the flame around the joint to heat it evenly. The copper will get shiny, and the flux will melt. When the pipe begins to dull and the flux sizzles and smokes, it is time to apply solder. Touch lead-free plumbing solder to the joint and apply more heat.
- The sweating process is finished when the solder bubbles out of the end of the seam. Let cool and the joint should now be water-tight.

Sweating pipes gets easier with practice. DIYers who are nervous about plumbing projects that involve sweating can be reassured there are connection products available that are used in lieu of flux and solder. These push-to-connect fittings seal joints as well.

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# 7 things to consider when buying a shed



**B**ackyard sheds can be useful assets. Sheds can create storage space in the garage, basement or other areas of the house that have become gathering spots for gear typically used outdoors. Sheds are ideal for housing mowers, tools and even pool-care equipment. But they can be put to other uses as well, such as being key spots to engage in hobbies or even as a child's clubhouse.

Various factors should be considered before building or buying a shed. A storage shed can be a significant investment. Once placed, sheds may remain in their dedicated spots for years to come. That means careful thought should go into the planning process.

## 1. Check your local building codes first.

Before you accumulate building materials or order a shed, be sure to know the ins and outs of shed codes. The codes may impact the shed's placement, construction, the materials used, size, and numerous other factors. It's much easier to amend plans beforehand than to face the hassle and expense after learning you did things incorrectly.

**2. Choose placement wisely.** Spend several days assessing the yard and thinking about the uses for the shed. If you plan to store pool floats and chemicals inside of the shed, it should be located close enough to the pool to be convenient. Look at the lay of the land. If there is a soggy patch of land that can turn swampy under the shed's foundation, that is a poor location choice. If you need access to electricity, placing it far away from the house could necessitate running expensive wiring.

**3. Consider the design.** Just because a shed is for storage doesn't mean aesthetics should be overlooked. Choose a shed style that complements your home. You may also want to match certain architectural features, like arched doorways or dormers. Design also may relate to practicality. For instance, storing a riding mower inside may necessitate dual doors that open widely.

**4. Invest in quality materials.** Spending a little more and using quality materials can ensure it lasts long enough to be cost-effective. The right materials will be resistant to splitting, cracking, decay, and insect damage.

**5. Prepare the site well.** A proper foundation for the shed is almost as important as the shed itself. You cannot just drop the shed on the lawn and leave it, as the shed can sink or structural issues may arise if it is placed on a weak base.

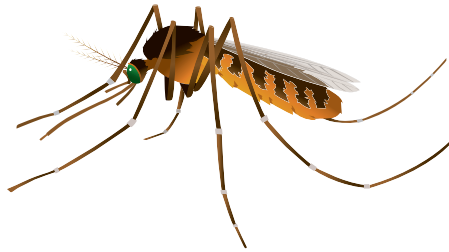
**6. Blend into the environment.** Surround the shed with shrubs or plants so that it blends into the yard and complements the space.

**7. Deck out the interior.** Use every storage tool at your disposal to maximize floor, wall and even rafter space for storage. Plan where items will be kept and customize the storage options around those locations.

Sheds can be an asset and improve storage capability in the backyard.



# Address insects *before* entertaining season



*Use various natural remedies to keep insects from invading entertaining spaces.*

**B**arbecues in the backyard or cocktails on the patio provide some fun ways to enjoy the great outdoors from the comforts of home. While friends and family flock to such entertaining opportunities, some unwanted guests may want to crash the festivities.

It's impossible to ensure a completely bug-free outdoor environment, but there are steps homeowners can take to reduce the amount of pests who want to join the party.

Western Exterminator Supply suggests first identifying which kind of insect infiltrations are most common where you live. House flies, fruit flies, mosquitoes, wasps, and bees tend to be abundant in spring and summer. Ants, termites and other bugs also can be prevalent. These insects, however pesky they may seem, often can be kept away without the use of pesticides and other chemicals.

• **Lure away pests.** Many insects will be happy to snack on a treat and leave you alone. Put out a dish of sugar water or slices of fruit for insects that feed on sweets and nectar, or a slice of sandwich meat for wasps and yellow jackets. Place these items a fair distance from your gathering.

• **Install fans.** A patio ceiling fan can blow away mosquitoes and flies relatively easily. And you and your guests will likely enjoy a nice breeze on sultry days.

• **Use mulch wisely.** Mulch will add to curb appeal, but having it too close to the house, according to the National Pest Management Association, can present an ideal environment for roaches and ants to nest and find their way into a home. As

mulch decomposes, it generates heat and a cozy spot for pests, including mice. Keep mulch 12 inches away from the home's foundation and entertaining spaces, or use inorganic mulch.

• **Keep patios clean.** Sweep up and clean away any spilled foods and beverages promptly. Even a tiny nugget of food can attract ants and other insects.

• **Use natural pest deterrents.** Citronella oils can drive away some insects, as can garlic and rosemary. Lavender, eucalyptus, marigolds, and other pungent aromas will naturally keep mosquitoes and other flying insects at bay. Some people also have luck with mint-flavored mouthwash misted on patios and furniture.

• **Address standing water.** Mosquitoes and some other insects lay their eggs in standing water. Routinely drain areas where water collects, including gutters and downspouts

• **Use light colors.** According to HouseLogic, studies show that bugs see dark and bright colors more easily than light colors. Choose lighter shades of paint for outdoor areas and it may make these spaces less attractive to some bugs.

• **Leave those spider webs.** Many people yell "eek" at the sight of spiders and spider webs. But those arachnids and their sticky webs can do a fine job of capturing many unwanted insects. Resist the temptation to tear down webs and shoo spiders away.

Addressing insects means employing various natural strategies to make outdoor entertaining more pleasant.

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## Tips when planting shade trees



**B**eautiful landscaping can add instant curb appeal to a property. But beauty isn't the only thing that makes idyllic landscaping attractive to homeowners. Some landscaping features, such as shade trees, save homeowners money while adding aesthetic appeal.

The U.S. Department of Energy notes that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce solar heat gain in a home. Shading also cuts air conditioning costs, which tend to be expensive in areas with warm, humid climates. In fact, the DOE notes that well-planned landscapes can reduce unshaded homes' air conditioning costs by anywhere from 15 to 50 percent.

When planting shade trees, one of the first decisions homeowners will need to make is which type of tree, deciduous or evergreen, they want to plant. Deciduous trees are those that seasonally shed their leaves, while evergreens are trees that keep their leaves throughout the year. Deciduous trees can help keep homes cool in the summer by blocking sun, and those same trees can be beneficial in winter after they shed their leaves by letting the sun in and keeping homes warm. But evergreens also can be beneficial in winter by blocking wind, potentially preventing cold air from making its way into a home through cracks in walls or around windows.

When planting shade trees, techniques vary depending on which type of tree homeowners ultimately choose to plant.

### Planting deciduous trees

The DOE says that deciduous trees that are between six and eight feet tall when planted will begin shading the windows of a home within a year of being planted. Depending on the species of the plant and the home, those same deciduous trees

may begin shading the roof within five to 10 years of being planted. When planting deciduous trees, homeowners should keep these tips in mind.

- Plant trees to the south of the home. When planted to the south of the home, deciduous trees can screen between 70 and 90 percent of the summer sun while still allowing residents to feel summer breezes.
- Consider sun angles. Homeowners who want to shade their homes from low afternoon sun angles should plant trees with crowns that are lower to the ground on the west side of their homes.
- Cool air before it reaches your home. Shrubs and groundcover plants can be planted to cool air before it reaches a home.

### Evergreen trees

Planting evergreens to block wind is known as "windbreaking," which lowers the wind chill near a home. Wind also can be used to cool a home in summer. But these benefits can only be realized when evergreens are strategically planted.

- Location, location, location: The DOE advises planting evergreen trees to the north and northwest of the home to stop wind. In addition, to get the most bang for your windbreaking buck, the distance between the home and windbreak should be two to five times the height of the mature tree.
- Plant trees on either side of the house. Planting trees on either side of the house will direct cooling winds toward the home in the summer.

Shade trees can help homeowners reduce their energy bills, making them valuable and attractive additions to any landscape.

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## Signs your tools may need some **TLC**

**A** do-it-yourselfer is only as good as his or her tools. Without the proper tools, even the handiest men and women may struggle to complete jobs well within their abilities.

It doesn't take a seasoned do-it-yourselfer to recognize when hammers and screwdrivers need to be replaced. And such tools are generally so affordable that replacing them, even when they still have some utility, won't affect too many DIYers' budgets. However, power tools are considerable investments that do not necessarily need to be discarded when the first signs of trouble pop up. In fact, sometimes power tools just need some TLC to become useful once again. The following are some common symptoms of power tool problems, and what may be behind those problems.

### Difficulty starting

A power tool that won't start can delay a project. But a tool that won't start should not be immediately written off, especially not before DIYers employ a multimeter. The cost of digital multimeters varies widely, with some retailing for less than \$20 while others sell for hundreds and hundreds of dollars. Serious DIYers who spend every weekend working on one project or another may find the more expensive multimeters more to their liking, but many weekend warriors can get by with less expensive alternatives. Multimeters are useful because they can measure voltage on a power tool to determine if power is effectively moving through the tool.

Dust and dirt also can compromise power tools. This may be especially likely in spring, a time synonymous with home renovations, when many homeowners pick up their tools for the first time in months. Inspect a power tool that's not starting to see if dust or dirt is the culprit. If so, clean the tool and then try to start it again.

### Loss of power

Some power tools may start but still lack the extra muscle that make power tools more beneficial than manual tools. In such instances, the carbon brushes might need to be replaced. The online resource

replacement.parts.com notes that heat damage to brushes can reduce the overall conductivity of the brush, resulting in less power reaching the tool's motor. In such instances, replace the carbon brushes. In addition, chipped or damaged brushes can result in inconsistent power output. Replacing the brushes in such instances may be all that's necessary to restore a tool to its powerful self.

### Burning smell

Many a DIYer has dealt with a power tool that emits an odor of burning. The power tool experts at Grainger notes that tools like sanders contain drive belts, and these belts should be the first place to look when tools produce a burning smell. When the drive belt is to blame, the tool will typically stop working even when the motor is running. Capacitors may be behind the burning smell when using tools without drive belts. Sometimes tools have simply overheated. Whenever DIYers get a whiff of that burning smell, turn off the tool immediately and let it sit for 30 minutes before trying to diagnose the problem. Replacing these parts can restore them to full usefulness and get rid of that unwelcome aroma.

Replacing worn or damaged power tool parts as opposed to the tools themselves is often the most budget-friendly way to get these must-have DIY accessories back on track.

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## Best methods to **repair damaged driveways**



**A**sphalt and concrete driveways are common throughout suburban neighborhoods. They are as much a part of a home as lawns, decks and other exterior elements. Regardless of how they're utilized, driveways need to be cared for and maintained to retain their appearance and function.

Even the most durable driveways can suffer from cracks and pits over time. As cracks form, they pave the way for more deterioration if they are not addressed. Water infiltration can break down the integrity of the driveway during freeze and thaw periods, and any little hole or crack can promote weed growth. Driveway repair can be a do-it-yourself project, but pay attention to the details to ensure the job is done right.

### Asphalt

The home improvement resource The Family Handyman says it is key to first repair cracks and pits in an asphalt driveway before planning to topcoat it, which is generally done every year or so to maintain its appearance and durability. A variety of topcoat products are available at various price points. Experts recommend investing in a quality product that will not shrink and crack. A melt-in material that is similar to products used by highway crews can be purchased for around \$100. This product also will require use of a propane torch. Caulk-style crack repair products may not require as many tools, and are much easier to apply. They may not last as long, however. Homeowners must weigh the pros and cons to each before beginning.

The experts at *Popular Mechanics* say that there also are other asphalt patch mixes available at home supply retailers. Serious holes, rather than cracks, can be addressed with a coarse-aggregate filler commonly referred to as cold patch.

After cracks and holes are filled, use a sealer to lock everything in place and create a smooth topcoat appearance. Speak with a store employee if you are unsure which product is needed for your application.

### Concrete

The process is similar with concrete driveways, yet the products differ. Small driveway cracks can be repaired by scrubbing out the crack to remove debris and then filling using a mortar repair compound, suggests the repair advice site Home Guides. Larger cracks and potholes should be cleaned. Once that's done, apply a painted-in bonder to the crack or hole, followed by a dry concrete patching product mixed with water. The material can be worked into the damaged area with a trowel, and then leveled using a wood board. Afterward, a liquid concrete sealer can be applied to help prevent future cracks and holes.

Homeowners who are hesitant to fix their driveways can contact masons or asphalt specialists to perform the job. Keeping up on driveway repair can prolong the life of the surface and help delay a complete driveway replacement for several years.



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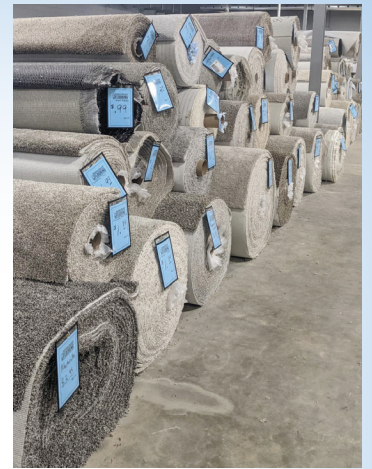
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