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Commendation

Purcell Rotary president Elisabeth Baker (right) presented past president Debbie Tims with a plaque in appreciation for her service to the club.

It's not over yet Purcell Schools release COVID plan

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

There are no crystal balls in use at Purcell Public Schools where administrators drafted the district's Safe Return to Learn Plan. Built into the plan for 2021-24 are five continuing review and public input periods set aside for public input as the district finds its way out of the threat posed by COVID-19.

The first of those was in

June. Subsequent periods will be December 2021, June 2022, December 2022 and June 2023.

"As we navigated through the 2020-21 school year with great success, we understand that there is still much to be accomplished as we prepare for the 2021-22 school year and beyond," su-

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Montgomery takes the reins as NEW OPA President

John Denny Montgomery III, co-publisher of **The Purcell Register**, took office as president of the Oklahoma Press Association July 1, 2021.

OPA members elected Montgomery during the annual business meeting at the June 11-12 OPA Convention in Oklahoma City. Montgomery, who succeeds Mike Strain as president, will serve a one-year term.

"It is my highest privilege to serve as president of OPA," said Montgomery. "I've looked up to so many past OPA presidents during my lifetime, including my parents, John D. and Gracie, and I'm honored for the op-



John Denny Montgomery III

portunity to serve the association and its membership." Mark Millsap, publisher of **The Norman Transcript**,

was elected to a one-year term as vice president. Jeff Mayo, publisher of the **Sequoyah County Times**, was re-elected to a second one-year term as treasurer.

Misti Rinehart, sales manager for the **Tulsa World** and **Oklahoma Weekly Group**, was elected to a three-year term as a board director. Other directors are Zonelle Rainbolt, Wesner Publications; Don Mecoy, **The Oklahoman**; Shauna Belyeu, **The Eufaula Indian Journal**; Sheila Gay, **Woodward News**; and **Suzie Campbell**, Countywide

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PMH progress right on track

Construction of Purcell's new municipal hospital remains on pace and on budget, city council members learned Tuesday at their monthly meeting.

City manager Dale Bunn said the storm sewer and sanitary sewer work is complete and water lines for the new hospital are 95 percent complete.

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Counselor Corps

Area districts reap \$912K in grants

Four of McClain County's six school districts are among 181 districts across the state to share in grants totaling \$35.7 million.

The grants, awarded by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, will enable the

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'Bagpipes with pleats'

Dale Starchman's love affair with accordions



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Office serenade

Surrounded by the accordions he loves, Dale Starchman tests the sound of a recently restored instrument.

Jeanne Grimes
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Dale Starchman labors in a small shop attached to his home at 709 W. Jackson.

Computers he's refurbished are displayed on two benches, along with an occasional clock or sewing machine needing some TLC to keep on ticking and stitching.

Those are the business' bread and butter.

And then there are the accordions.

Restoring worn out or neglected accordions, well, that is Starchman's passion. Or obsession.

Starchman is a lifelong musician, a pianist who toured with an evangelical team.

He was born in Seattle, but grew up not far from Joplin in

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Back in business

Purcell's Senior Citizens Center welcomed guests last Thursday for the first time since closing for the pandemic. Site manager John Webb welcomed the patrons and reminded them they need to sign up ahead when they plan to attend to have lunch.

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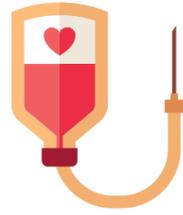
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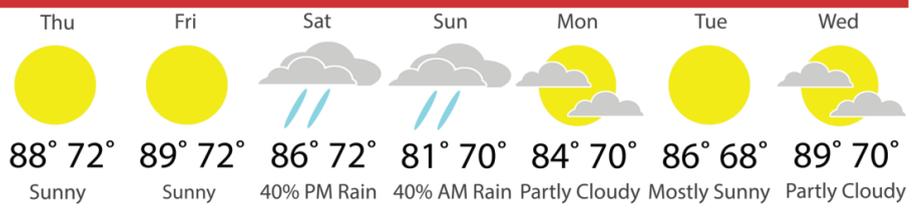


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Red, white and blue

A patriotic quilt was the perfect table decoration last Thursday at the newly reopened Purcell Senior Citizens Center. Donna Holcomb and Brenda Bailey checked out the quilt.

Temperatures remain in 80s

July continues to hold on below average temperatures as we move through the next week. This weekend an overnight rain chance will move into our area. Overnight Saturday, a system will move in and bring us a 40 percent chance of rain, but this will move out by lunchtime Sunday. Sunday's highs will be pushed into the low 80s. We will start a warmup trend on Monday, with highs beginning to approach 90 again by Wednesday.

- Colton Williams

Cole appointed to serve on Healthy Future Task Force

Congressman Tom Cole made the following statement after he was appointed by House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy to serve on the Healthy Future Task Force. Cole is the Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. "As the United States continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the importance of strengthening and sustaining our country's health care system for the future is vital as much as it is urgent," said Cole. "In the coming days and months on the Healthy Future Task Force, I look forward to collaborating with my Republican colleagues to address, modernize and find solutions to set America up for success when it comes to matters of public health, biomedical disease research, pandemic preparedness and biodefense. Indeed, a healthy future is the key to a strong future for America," he concluded. Led by Congressman Devin Nunes (CA-22) and Congress-

man Brett Guthrie (KY-02), the Healthy Future Task Force will examine workable policies to modernize and personalize America's health care system, support innovative treatments, restore the doctor-patient relationship and provide all Americans more affordable health care options that fit their individual needs. The task force will also aim to make sure the U.S. is prepared for the next pandemic and ensure our country has a more resilient medical supply chain.

Seed-to-Sale delays sow confusion in medical marijuana market

Paul Monies
Oklahoma Watch

Delays in implementing Oklahoma's "seed-to-sale" tracking system for medical marijuana have sowed confusion for businesses in the fast-growing cannabis industry as law enforcement authorities step up their enforcement efforts for illicit marijuana products. The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority's efforts at putting the seed-to-sale system in place at the end of April was delayed by a lawsuit from a group of businesses who said the state was forcing them to

buy the tags needed to track the cannabis products. A judge in Okmulgee County agreed to halt implementation until the end of June. Oklahoma voters approved medical marijuana in 2018 under State Question 788. Most states with legal medical or recreational cannabis markets have some type of tracking system to verify that products are grown, processed, transported and sold under the law. The state's seed-to-sale system was part of House Bill 2612, the so-called "unity bill," in 2019. There is broad agreement among cannabis businesses that seed-to-sale is needed to ensure legal products and en-



able quicker consumer recalls if there are health or safety problems with a particular product. But how the state chose its vendor and how much businesses should bear the costs of regulation has split many in the industry. Attorney Ron Durbin, who filed the lawsuit in Okmulgee County on behalf of a few dispensaries, said the law requires a seed-to-sale system but doesn't require businesses to use Metrc LLC, the Florida-based vendor that won the bid for the system in September. More than a dozen other states with legal cannabis markets use Metrc for their seed-to-sale systems.

More knowledge means more donations

OBI encourages donations

As it faces the worst blood shortage in decades, Oklahoma Blood Institute is launching a new donor eligibility hotline to help encourage more people to discover whether they can donate blood products. The hotline will allow donors to ask confidential questions about their eligibility status, which could have changed due to recent criteria changes made by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA). The hotline will also address many common misconceptions about donor eligibility. Please see **Donation**, page 8A



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New Rotarians

Five new members were inducted into the Purcell Rotary Club. They are, from left, Justin Carr, Nicole Carr, Graham Fishburn, Ariel Anglin and Susan Whitley. Also pictured is Purcell Rotary president Elisabeth Baker.

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Durbin said the state failed to properly require medical marijuana licensees to use the Metrc system under agency rulemaking. He said press releases and social media posts by the medical marijuana authority notifying cannabis businesses about Metrc's implementation constituted "backdoor rule-making" and didn't allow for public comment. Durbin said tag costs and monthly subscription fees for the platform was a tax or fee never approved by the Legislature. "I'm arguing those are not the way you adopt regulations, and the regulations don't require any of this," Durbin said in an interview. "If that's the case, we're back to where I said we should be, which is: Go adopt some lawfully appropriate regulations to implement your seed-to-sale tracking program. OMMA has way over complicated this. Quite frankly, they dropped the ball and didn't do their job in getting regulations done." Durbin said the state's 7 percent medical marijuana excise tax, which has brought in \$100 million since 2018, should allow for the authority to pay for the seed-to-sale tracking

NEWS In Brief

Football

Sign-ups

Washington Little League Football will have a sign-up/parent/player meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 11, in the indoor football facility.

If you have a child that is going into the first through sixth grades who is interested in playing football, please plan to attend this meeting.

Those attending will go over new changes for the upcoming season. There will be sign-up forms to fill out and dues will be collected at that time as well.

Auxiliary

Luncheon

The American Legion Unit 301 Ladies Auxiliary announces its popular bean luncheon will be Tuesday, July 13, starting at 11 a.m.

Anyone with a weakened immune system or who has not received the vaccine is encouraged to wear a mask.

A variety of beans, cornbread, special dishes and other items along with desserts and drinks will be served. To-go containers will be available for those preferring not to eat on sight. It will be all you want

for a \$6 donation to be used for Unit programs.

The Legion Hall is located at 104 E. Broadway in Lexington, across the street from City Hall.

Emmanuel VBS

Emmanuel Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 9-11 a.m. July 12-15.

Children four years old to sixth grade are invited to attend.

Sign up today @ ebcpurcell.org.

Breakfast in

Washington

The Washington Masonic Lodge is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 7-10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 17.

All money raised will go to the Children's Hospital Foundation.

The meal includes eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes and biscuits and gravy among other treats.

The Lodge is located at 200 W. Sharp Ave. in Washington.

Our Lady of

Victory VBS

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell will hold Vacation Bible School July 20 and 21 from 6-8 p.m. each evening.

All children age four to 10 are invited to attend.

The theme for VBS is "The Year of Joseph."

To register pick up a form at the church or call the church office at 527-3077.

Save the Date

for Free Fair

This year's McClain County Free Fair will be held September 7-11 in Purcell.

More information can be found on our website at www.mcclaincountyfair.com or follow us on our Facebook page @mcclain-countyfair for updates and information.

Fair books can be found at the OSU Extension Office, at Pioneer Library in McClain County or downloaded online.

First Baptist

Clothes Closet

Purcell's First Baptist Church Clothes Closet has reopened in a new location.

The clothes closet is now located in the former Purcell High School/Junior High Building at Apache and Green.

The Clothes Closet summer hours will be Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m.

It will also be open the third Saturday in July from 9-11 a.m.

Museum News

At this time, the McClain County Museum and Historical Society board members have decided that due to COVID-19, volunteer applications and museum tours will resume at a later date.



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Ready for lunch

Patrons of the Purcell Senior Citizens Center like Thomas Eric Darnell, left, and Michael Williams flocked back to the center last Thursday for lunch for the first time since the pandemic hit.

Keep your garden looking its best all summer long

By Melinda Myers

Summer means hot and often dry weather for many gardeners. Keep your garden looking its best with less water and maintenance throughout the summer.

Spread a layer of organic mulch like leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips on the soil surrounding plants. This helps keep plant roots cool, conserves moisture, suppresses weeds and improves the soil as it decomposes.

Use a three- to four-inch layer of coarser material like wood chips and a thinner, one-inch layer of finer materials like leaves. Pull the mulch away from the trunk of the tree, stems of shrubs, and base of flowers and vegetables.

Water thoroughly to encourage deep, drought tolerant roots. Light, frequent watering promotes shallow roots, making plants more susceptible to drought and other environmental stresses.

Check new plantings every day or two and water often enough to keep the root area and surrounding soil slightly moist. Gradually extend the time between watering. Most plants thrive with an inch of water each week.

Let soil moisture not the calendar be your guide. Adjust your watering practices based on temperature, soil type and rainfall.

Water gardens early in the day to reduce water lost to evaporation and the risk of disease. Consider using drip irrigation or soaker hoses to apply water directly to the soil where it is needed. You will conserve moisture and help reduce the risk of spreading disease with overhead watering.

Check container gardens daily. Water thoroughly, until excess water exits through the drainage hole, whenever the top few inches of potting mix are dry. Succulents like to go a bit drier while moisture-loving plants prefer evenly moist soil.

Continue weeding throughout the summer. These unwanted plants compete for water and nutrients. Many are hosts for insects and disease, attracting them to the landscape and putting your garden plants at greater risk.

Remove faded flowers (dead-

head) to improve the plant's appearance, encourage more flowers or prevent reseeding. Self-cleaning plants like impatiens, cuphea and calibrachoa need no deadheading to keep blooming.

Columbine, Amsonia and bee balm are a few perennials that produce lots of seedlings. Deadhead these and other plants that produce more seedlings than you desire.

Stop deadheading perennials in late summer or early fall to allow seed heads to form. The seed heads add winter interest and many attract songbirds to the garden.

Use twigs, decorative stakes, or other supports to keep tall, floppy plants standing tall in the garden. Take time to mask functional supports so staked plants still look their best.

Consider decorative stakes or convert found items into garden art that adds interest while keeping your plants upright.

Don't fret when some of your annuals stop blooming during the hotter days of summer. Lobelia, French marigolds, and sweet alyssum are a few annuals that may stop flowering (heat stall) during hot weather. Continue to water and trim back as needed. Then wait for cooler temperatures and flowers to return.

Add a few hanging baskets or containers for extra color and pizzazz. Place containers and

hanging baskets in lackluster garden areas like the front entrance, next to the patio or anywhere a bit of fresh color is needed.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*.

She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" TV & radio program.

Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine.



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New fiber optic

Crews have been in and around Purcell lately hanging new fiber optic cable for Windstream to improve their service.

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 June 24-30, 2021.

Traffic

Debra S. Wakeman, speeding, 85/75.
Alexander Estrada, no valid driver's license.
Michael S. Hervey, no seatbelt.
Kalob A. Belvin, DUS.
Kalob A. Belvin, no seatbelt.
Stephen T. Scott, speeding, 90/70.
Stephen T. Scott, unsafe lane change.
Aidan C. Beauchamp, speeding, 70/60.
Bryan K. Rose, failure to devote full attention.
Bryan K. Rose, no insurance.
Cody L. Prince, no seatbelt.
Alex E. Laney, no seatbelt (passenger).
Dusty R. Ring, taxes due state.
Kristy R. Dixon, left of center.
Tammy S. Moss, unsafe lane change.
Nicholas W. Spivey, no seatbelt.
Tyler D. Wheeler, speeding, 80/60.
Noel Sanchez, speeding, 70/60.
Noel Sanchez, no seatbelt.
Andrew B. DeLeon, unsafe lane change.
Mary T. Morgan, speeding, 85/75.
Ian J. Trent, speeding, 85/75.
Leah F. Rios, no seatbelt.
Dylan Eubanks, speeding, 80/60.
Dylan Eubanks, taxes due state.
Dylan Eubanks, no insurance.
Beonica K. Henry, no seatbelt.
Miqueas Portillo, taxes due state.
Miqueas Portillo, DUS.
Miqueas Portillo, no insurance.
Andrew M. Bivens, no seatbelt.
Latonia D. Verser, no valid driver's

license.

Misdemeanors

Kylee I. Albers, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
Vanessa M. Campbell, possession of CDS.
Joey B. Duffle, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.
Jacob R. Garrett, possession of drug paraphernalia.
Tyler W. C. Hardesty, possession of drug paraphernalia.
Anthony P. Kurtz, public intoxication.
Shannon C. Novotny, possession of CDS.
Ralph A. Phillips, possession of drug paraphernalia.
Trisha M. Schmadebeck, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
Terry D. Short II, malicious injury to property.
Caleb A. South, public intoxication.
Jazzmine M. Surveyor, assault and battery.
Robert L. Tooman, carrying firearm unlawfully.
Derek R. Travelstead, possession of CDS.
Jeffrey A. Webb Jr., protective order violation.

Felonies

Emmanuel A. Flores, unauthorized use of a vehicle.
Lindel L. K. Hayles III, prisoner placing body fluid on government employee.
Mary C. Shepherd, larceny of automobile, aircraft/other motor vehicle.
Marshawn A. Meadows, unlawful possession of CDS with intent to distribute.
Donovin L. Lampkin, unlawful possession of CDS with intent to distribute.
Melissa J. Romine, falsely personate another to create liability.

Small Claims

Christopher Bebout vs. Mona Hare, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Civil

Crown Asset Management LLC vs. Brandi D. Privett, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Discover Bank vs. Jerry S. Workman, civil action \$10,000 or less.
OU Federal Credit Union vs. Triston Oden, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Brandie Nero, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Craig W. Christian, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Daniel L. Foster, civil action \$10,000 or less.

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We need to pull together

I'd like to know where we're headed in this country.

People kneel or turn away from the flag during the national anthem.

Some people are wanting to defund the police departments, yet crime is on the rise.

Many, far too many, people won't take the COVID vaccines, yet that is the only way to curb this terrible pandemic.

Politicians cannot get past the color of their party when it comes to govern.

Who pays that price?

You and me, that's who.

We've had disagreements in the past.

Sometimes volatile.

The Civil War comes to mind.

But these days it seems like very few folks are getting along, especially if they are Blue or Red and working in Washington D.C.

I've even had friends of mine tell me they are depressed and they think it stems from the

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way many politicians conduct themselves.

In a country of free speech you are welcome to speak your mind as long as you agree with the thinking of your neighbor.

Whatever happened to let us agree to disagree?

In an era of the threat of China or Russia, the internet hacking and the pandemic, maybe the greatest threat to our great nation is us.

Despite the efforts of many,

racial tensions in the country remain as they were back in the 1960s.

Sad fact but true.

Why can't we all just get along?

For some strange reason our country can make any issue into a political issue.

How is that possible?

It's possible because we make it that way.

In days gone by we had problems but they were our problems.

Nowadays they are problems for everyone else.

Not my fault.

No one seems to want to take the blame for anything yet many things are in a mess.

That's someone's fault.

Maybe all our faults.

We need to start mending fences instead of always arguing over issues and start peddling in the right direction.

All for one and one for all no matter your political affiliation.

Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



Update from the Capitol

Celebrating the 4th of July is such a special time for our young nation. While other countries have been around for several hundred years, the United States is only 245 years old.

It's mind boggling to think that we're one of the youngest, yet we are the world's most powerful nation. This speaks to our heritage of patriotism, courage, entrepreneurship, and faith.

While we've had our struggles and hardships, we've always overcome them, arising even stronger and more united.

After this past year that devastated so many families, businesses, and communities, I'm overwhelmed with pride with the resilience of our fellow Oklahomans and Americans. My prayer is that we continue to lean on each other because we are stronger together.

We must stop letting history and hatred pull us apart. I don't know who the author is, but I recently saw a quote on social media that I absolutely love.

"You can't start reading the next chapter of your life, if you keep re-reading the last one." May we learn from the mistakes of the past, and simply be a kinder, better society.

Last week, I discussed the interim studies and different work taking place before the next session begins. I thought I'd elaborate a bit more on the budgetary process and state agencies' role in it.

July 1 is the beginning of the new fiscal year, so the FY'22 budget we approved is now in effect. Agencies have been working in recent weeks to prepare their budget work program, which sets out how they're going to allocate their spending, including legislative appropriations, federal funding, and revolving funds for specific programs, and also includes an outline of their planned monthly spending.

This had to be submitted by July 1 to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES), who makes sure each agency's budget work program

is practical and in compliance with appropriations laws. Once approved, OMES then starts distributing agency funds on a monthly basis and agencies must abide by their approved budget work program.

Work also begins on the next budget cycle. July through October, agencies prepare their budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year, which must be submitted to the governor and the Legislature by October 1. This is the best time for advocacy groups to meet with state agencies with requests.

In November, the appropriations subcommittees begin analyzing agency program performance measures and filing related reports. No appropriations can be made to an agency until these reports have been filed. So, as you can see, the budget process is a year-round endeavor, not just during session.

In other news, I'm so honored

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Proud to be an American

Congressman Tom Cole

As we celebrate 245 years since bold patriots declared independence from tyranny and created the unique and free country in which we live, I encourage you to remember how fortunate we are to call ourselves Americans.

To this day, there is no freer country in the world nor is there any other place on earth that offers more opportunity for its people than the United States of America.

And over the years, the fundamental belief that everyone has the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" has drawn people to come here for their own share in the American Dream.

While there have certainly been some dark and difficult

chapters in our history, our founding ideals have always beckoned us to overcome injustice, expand freedom and become better.

Indeed, with each birthday, the United States has become better and succeeded in more closely resembling the principles first laid out in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Although the pandemic and societal challenges of this past year have caused many to feel discouraged about America's future, I urge you not to ever underestimate or lose hope in our country's strength and potential.

Generations before us have stared crises down time and again and shown the world that Americans will always triumph over adversity. Regardless of

one's point of view or political persuasion, that spirit is indeed something we can all be proud of as Americans.

This year on the Fourth of July, I invite you to join me in celebrating the blessings of living in America and distinct freedoms we are privileged to enjoy. Cherish them.

Teach your children and our young people to understand the value of them. Honor and remember the generations of Americans who have answered the call to serve and defend them.

Commit to doing your own part to protect our great republic and help it become an even more perfect union. And remember that our brightest moments will always overcome the darkest ones.

God bless the USA.

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Our Views

Old wives' tale?

Turns out we've been had.

The old story goes that if you have a hard winter the mosquitoes, ticks and the like will not be as bad. We had one of the coldest and hardest winters ever and now the mosquitoes are bigger than ever.

Ticks and fleas are plentiful, too.

Kinda shoots a hole in the old tale.

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Your Views

Dear Postmaster General Louis DeJoy:

We write to express our serious concern about the substantial rate increases for mail the U.S. Postal Service requested on May 28, 2021. At this most critical moment in our nation's economic recovery from the devastating impact of COVID-19, and in light of improving revenues for the Postal Service, this increase is premature and counterproductive.

We respectfully request that you revise the request so that any potential rate increase be deferred until at least January 2022, and that any requested increase account for aforementioned circumstances. Additionally, we request that you and the other Postal Service Governors provide us an accounting of how these proposed rate increases would affect mail use and volume in one year, three years, and five years.

In November 2020, the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) granted authority to the Postal Service to increase rates for market dominant products above the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Industry groups feared this authority could result in increases of more than six percent for mail generally, and more than eight percent for so-called "under water" products – such as charities, magazines, newspapers, and catalogs.

Their concerns were substantiated when the Postal Service announced its request to raise general mail prices by approximately 6.8 percent, and 8.8 percent for charities, magazines, newspapers, and catalogs. This request would be on top of an inflation-adjusted price increase at an average of 1.8 percent for market dominant products applied in January 2021.

We have heard clearly from employers in our districts and across the nation that a second increase in a single year will be highly disruptive and result in significant job losses and significant reduction in their use of Postal Service mail services. Many of these companies, especially small businesses, cannot afford a second increase, saying such action will reduce revenues and lead to job losses.

Additionally, the Postal Service's revenues have increased when compared to last year's performance, driven by a surge in package business that took hold during the pandemic. Mail pricing increases above CPI should not be made until the Postal Service has greater clarity on how the pandemic affected Postal Service sales and revenue. Any requests to increase these costs must include financial projections that account for whether changes to the mail mix prompted by the pandemic will continue.

Congress is actively working in a bipartisan manner to advance postal reform legislation that would provide the Postal Service financial relief from long-standing and unique funding obligations, including the removal of the requirement that the Postal Service pre-fund all of its retiree health care benefits. On May 13, 2021, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform unanimously passed H.R. 3076, the Postal Service Reform Act of 2021, which includes provisions to repeal the prefunding requirement and would also integrate Postal Service retirees into Medicare. Similar legislation, S. 1720, was introduced in the U.S. Senate on May 19, 2021.

While the nation continues to rebuild in the months ahead, and mailers of every kind across America – as well as their suppliers in paper, printing, technology and more – seek to rebuild, now is not the time for actions that further disrupt the economy and the use of mail.

The mailing industry accounts for approximately 7.3 million jobs and represents 4.4 percent of the nation's total civilian labor force. Keeping these companies healthy and ensuring they remain customers of the U.S. Postal Service is critical to maintaining viability, so the Postal Service can continue to serve the American people and help to spur our economic recovery overall.

While we continue to work to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Postal Service through legislation, we believe it is vital that the Postal Service not take any action that will weaken its long-term financial success by chasing customers out of the mail market. All Americans depend on the preservation of this essential institution that is meant to be self-sustaining.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Congressman Frank Lucas
Congressman Glenn Grothman

Why Canada matters to the U.S.

By Rachel McCormick

For over 150 years, Canada has been more than just a great neighbour we are your best customer, closest security partner, and largest supplier of energy. Oklahoma is an important part of all these mutual benefits.

Oklahomans may think of other countries first when they consider international trade and cooperation. We understand that, but we think we should go against type and brag a bit about Canada's contributions to the Oklahoma economy.

Canada is often thought of in terms such as friendly, polite, and snowy. We own them all, but we also have a compelling economic and trade story to tell in Oklahoma we are the Sooner State's largest export market.

You exported \$1.8 billion in goods and services to Canada in 2020, accounting for 27 percent of the state's total export market. Beyond our common North American geography, we share values and interests, and multi-layered economic ties.

Here are the adjectives I would use to describe our bilateral relationship and why Canada matters:

Prosperous. Canada and the United States share the largest trade relationship in the world. Our trade is balanced, fair, and supports growth and innovation in both our countries.

Every day nearly \$2 billion worth of goods and services cross the Canada-U.S. border. This prosperous economic partnership supports good paying jobs in both countries. More than 5,500 Canadian-owned businesses in the U.S. support nearly 900,000 jobs. We buy more goods from the U.S. than China, Japan and the U.K. combined.

Integrated. Canada and the United States not only sell to each other, we make things

together. Since the beginning of the pandemic, our countries have worked hard to maintain the two-way flow of goods, particularly medical supplies and critical inputs across our borders, while protecting our communities from COVID-19.

On average, over 25 percent of a finished product we sell to you is American content. Just like most imports from Canada are used in production that puts Americans to work. These long-standing, binational supply chains have not only kept us safe, they have kept us competitive globally.

Reliable. Energy from Canada more than from any other country contributes directly to U.S. economic prosperity, security and environmental objectives. We are your largest and most secure supplier of all forms of energy, carried by 71 oil and gas pipelines and 35 transmission lines across our shared border.

Importantly, a good portion of those energy liquids go to Oklahoma for further refining and processing, providing jobs and generating exports. We are also investing in new technologies and infrastructure to be a global leader in clean energy and innovation.

Canada is developing our energy resources; in a way that creates prosperity and engages communities, while reducing emissions and preserving the environment.

Steadfast. Canada has fought alongside the U.S. in defense of our common values through World Wars I and II, the Cold War, Korea, Balkans, the Middle East, and Afghanistan.

In fact, Canadian Army, Navy, and Air Force officers are embedded throughout the U.S. military, and at the bi-national North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) at all levels protecting and

defending our shared continent in search and rescue operations, interdiction of illegal narcotics, interception of non-allied military aircraft, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions.

A local testament to this longstanding relationship is the Canadian detachment at the 552nd Air Control Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, one of the largest outposts of Royal Canadian Air Force members, which has been in existence since 1979.

Foreign Direct Investment has led to greater employment for Oklahomans. Canada plays an outsized role in this story, with 76 Canadian-owned companies operate right here in Oklahoma, and these companies account for almost 4,800 jobs throughout the state.

On July 1, as we celebrate the first anniversary under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), Oklahoma businesses have continued access to duty free supply chains from Canada.

Previously known as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the updated agreement preserves key elements of NAFTA, modernises provisions to address 21st century trade challenges, reduces red tape at the border, and provides enhanced predictability and stability for workers and Oklahoma businesses.

Though we may be separated by more than 1,000 miles, we are closely connected by our shared values and interests, coupled with powerful, multi-layered economic ties.

As Oklahoma forges ahead on the path to recovery, Canada should remain front of mind as a longstanding friend, partner and ally.

*Rachel McCormick
Consul General of Canada
to Oklahoma*

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Garvin:

to have been recently recognized by two organizations for my support of pro-business and pro-family legislation this session. I was one of 19 senators who received high marks from the Research Institute for Economic Development (RIED), which tracked nearly 20 bills that will strengthen our economy, create jobs, and make our state more business-friendly overall.

These bills dealt with a number of issues including universal licensing, expanding broadband services, and keeping businesses and registered vendors better notified of business opportunities with the state.

I was also named to the "CEO's Honor Roll," by the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) on their 2021 legislative score card, which included nearly 20 bills to help improve the lives of Oklahoma's children. I'm pleased that two of the bills I carried in the Senate were among those tracked.

HB 1773 directs preservice teacher preparation programs to require candidates to study the philosophy, framework, components, and implementation of multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) to address students' core academic and nonacademic needs.

HB 1797 prohibits perpetrators of substantiated findings of heinous and shocking abuse by DHS to work with children, reside in a childcare facility, or be hired by someone who provides services to children.

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

Faint heartbeat for Austin's victims

By John Armitage, M.D.

By keeping 100,000s of pints of blood pumping from donors to patients during the pandemic, Oklahoma Blood Institute has had an opportunity to feel the pulse of the community's response to the crisis.

The last year traced an unstable pattern of ups and downs for our blood supply as we journeyed through elective surgery bans, new case surges, restricted gatherings, reopening stages and post-vaccine freedoms.

There is always a new twist in the tale, and none has been so worrying as the barely detectable reaction to the recent 14-victim shooting spree in Austin, Texas.

The blood center that supplies Austin hospitals faced a spike in demand following the shooting. It needed 136 O positive and 36 O negative red blood cells and 23 platelets to treat the known trauma patients. With the shooters still on the loose, there was a prospect for further carnage.

In face of this emergency, the call went out requesting these blood products from other blood centers. This type of sharing is commonplace in a disaster response and represents mutual support that strengthens the civil security for all Americans.

Sadly, the plea was answered with only 36 red cell and 26 platelet units. I am proud to say we contributed a share and that our Texas neighbors managed through the immediate crisis. Our role was even more important because only four blood providers could find any blood to spare because of severe summer shortages.

Such an anemic reaction is not at all typical after a disaster and warns of a weakening

national resilience to face the next mass casualty event.

Another gut punch from COVID-19 is part of the explanation. A major drop in collections occurred over the last month as people rushed to travel, socialize and otherwise reengage in the social reawakening.

With many businesses and organizations not yet ready to host drives again, the usual summer struggles of blood bankers are worse than ever.

As a stunning danger signal, the nation's largest blood supplier has asked its hospitals to slow the pace of elective surgeries and recommends "providers confirm product availability with the hospital blood bank before scheduling procedures that may require blood."

Setting off more alarm bells, our flow of donations following the Austin shooting has been flat.

Usually after a mass tragedy, collection rates rise as many people donate to help the victims needing transfusions and to show compassion for those hurting. This expression of caring gives blood centers confidence to share in the short term, knowing that they will soon see a bump to refill their stocks.

If there is no rebound effect to be expected, centers will be less generous with each other in the short term.

While the "new normal" feels great in many ways, for those of us monitoring the blood levels available for cancer, trauma, obstetric and surgical patients there is much anxiety.

Will we be able to meet the pre-pandemic standard of transfusion care? The vital signs currently are not trending well.

John Armitage, M.D. is the president and CEO of Oklahoma Blood Institute.

Don't give up your personal freedom

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

You may create instability and insecurity for your personal life if you put others in charge of your decisions.

The idea of a child or acquaintance "shouldering" your life's concerns and finances might feel comforting. Having someone else pay your bills and oversee your welfare might feel like a relief. For many it ends up being the end of freedom and security.

You love your children, or that special niece or grandchild. You are so bonded to them. You may feel that adding their name to your checking or other financial accounts will increase your bond and the ongoing warm fuzzy relationship. Be very aware.

An acquaintance wanted her daughter to have the family home so bad that she went ahead and did all the legal work to assign the house to her daughter. Her daughter's name was added to all her savings and checking accounts. For the rest of her life this poor woman never had a life.

From that point forward, her daughter made every decision about what "was" her mother's money. She would even tear up any kind of credit or retail purchasing card that her mother tried to get with commentary such as, "You don't need these." The mother spent her remaining years hearing almost weekly from her daughter that she was going to "put her in a nursing home."

Another acquaintance with a healthy savings account and beautiful house signed everything over to a nephew and gave him her power of attorney. He soon made the

decision to put her in a nursing home telling her she would be better off.

He now drives her car and spends out of her checking account. He has told her she will have to sell her house to cover the costs of her nursing home care.

Just recently, an elderly acquaintance said, "I have no cash. My son takes care of paying all my bills, groceries and more but I don't have access to any money."

There is always the possibility that any of us could become physically or mentally disabled. Make your legal arrangements for when and if that happens. Be wary about putting children or loved ones on your accounts now.

Get with your attorney and draw up a document that says, "When, such disability happens or death happens then Mr. or Mrs. John Doe are to have "this" or "that."

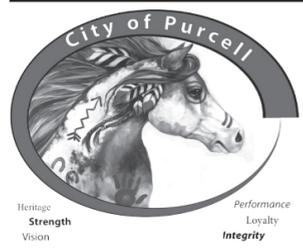
Of course, do what you want to do. Sometimes it works out. However, do you really need someone saying to you, "Now mom, now dad, do you really need to buy those shoes?" Or, "Do you really need to take that trip?" "Now mom, now dad do you really need to be shopping at the mall?"

Hey friend, it's your money. You and your spouse work it out and if you live alone you and God can work it out. It can be wise to seek financial counsel from a professional.

However, you can do this without giving up your personal freedom. Contact him at GMollette@aol.com. Learn more at www.glennmollette.com. Like his facebook page at www.face-

book.com/glennmollette.

Dr. Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of 12 books including *Uncommon Sense*.



NEWS from the City of Purcell

Grass Clippings

From: Code Enforcement

We appreciate the hard work you do in keeping your property mowed. This is just a reminder that you are not allowed to deposit the clippings in the street or sidewalk.

Please sweep them up or blow them back in your yard, not your neighbors or across the street. This not only makes the street and property look bad, the clippings wash into the storm drains, clogging them.

This is a code ordinance 90-34. The fine is \$249.

Again thank you for maintaining your property.

If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 527-6561 or 527-4656.

Orthopedic Surgery & Sports Medicine

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Dr. Schultz and Michael Crawford, PA are at the Purcell Municipal Hospital Specialty Clinic every Friday.

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Michael Crawford, PA

Lucas joins Congressman Grothman urging no postal rate increase

Congressman Frank Lucas (OK-03) joined Congressman Glenn Grothman (WI-06) in sending a bipartisan letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy requesting he postpone the proposed postal rate increase until January, 2022.

This would be the second postal rate increase this year

and would outpace the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

"We have heard clearly from employers in our districts and across the nation that a second increase in a single year will be highly disruptive and result in significant job losses and significant reduction in their use of Postal Service mail services.

"Many of these companies,

especially small businesses, cannot afford a second increase, saying such action will reduce revenues and lead to job losses." said the lawmakers.

"While we continue to work to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Postal

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Society



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to **The Register's** own Diane Hall. Diane celebrates her birthday Friday, July 9.

Happy birthdays also go out to Noah Ewing, Amy Nemeczek, Stephanie Knowles, Debbie Umber, Karlee Tolle, Mary Dawson, Jeff Wells, Erik Gonzalez, Eric Peters, Bruce Moore, Scott Stephens, Pam Beller, Sheri Enox, Alison Wells Bell, Sondra Richards, Greg Lucy, Julie Franco, Leonard "Junior" Bryen, George Carpenter, Jeremiah Berger, Ozzie Gentry, Curtis Jones, Michelle Field, John Croslin, Charlene Fluke, Lorren Isley, Sean Michael Braden, John Schmitz, Kenslee McKiddy, Rowan Ardery, Daniel Chavez, Tanner Clouse, Tony DiRienzo, Eduardo Reyes, Erika Romero, Mary Flueckiger, Regina Hayes, Kelly Lambdin, Brian Luna and Teresa Jones.

The Purcell Public Library will hold its 3rd Saturday Book Group from 10 a.m.-12 noon on Saturday, July 17.

Adults are invited to join in for a virtual book discussion each month! In July, the discussion will be held on *Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout.

Registration is required by calling 527-5546 or online at

mcpioneerlibrarysystem.org.

The Purcell Public Library Story Time is going on the road to the Purcell Lake at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 12 and 26.

Meet at the lake's pavilion for stories, songs, games and more. And then afterward, take a stroll on the walking trail and check out the library's Story Walk, located on the south side of the trail loop.

The crockpot is a life saver when you're busy and want to have dinner on the table quick.

Crockpot Italian Chicken
4 chicken breasts
1 packet Zesty Italian dressing seasoning
8 oz. cream cheese (softened)
2 cans cream of chicken soup
2 tablespoons of garlic powder
1 package of pasta

Add 4 chicken breasts, 1 packet Zesty Italian dressing seasoning, 8 oz. cream cheese (softened), 2 cans cream of chicken soup, 2 tablespoons of garlic powder into the crockpot.

Cook on low for 4 hours. If sauce is too thick, add a little milk.

When you are ready to serve the chicken, cook pasta according to package. Drain pasta.

Add pasta to the chicken sauce in the crockpot and toss together.

Miller releases book about human trafficking

The Rev. Lisa Leigh Miller has released her book "Sold to the Highest Bidder" that tells the story of a young girl sold to strangers in a foreign county, how she escaped and how she was purchased again.

In 1966, a two-year-old girl hitchhiked across two countries with her father and was sold on the black market after his incarceration.



Miller

With no mother, and a father who was a career criminal, she faced many challenges but none so great as a childhood riddled with abuse and the loss of her daughter to a sudden illness.

This little girl who had been buried in heartache with a lifetime of suffering began to emerge and rise from the ashes as the woman God created her to be all along. Her story includes glimpses she was given through dreams and visions that revealed the very real spiritual war being fought over her since birth.

However, what the enemy meant for harm, God would ultimately use for good. Her personal testimony to the goodness of God would be used as a message to the lost and the broken, so they could find the deliverance and hope she found in Christ.

"Sold to the Highest Bidder" is available at Amazon.com

as well as other participating bookstores.

Miller, who is a graduate of Noble High School and who lived in Norman, for over 30 years, is a wife, mother, pastor, Oklahoma author, vocalist, musician, and lover of God.

For several years, she has led women in ministry, inspiring them to join her in pursuing a deeper and more intimate relationship with Jesus.

Lisa has been the keynote speaker at women's Christian retreats, a mentor to other survivors of abuse, and counselor to bereaved parents.

She has long been an advocate for abused and orphaned children and a CASA volunteer before becoming a licensed pastor.

She is now certified in the prevention and intervention of human trafficking and speaks to groups to bring awareness to the growing industry of child sex trafficking and what they can do to help stop it.

Her story testifies to the powerful healing grace of God. He miraculously delivered her and brought her to the other side of tremendous heartache and loneliness. She has now dedicated her life to sharing her personal testimony because what God has done for her, He desires to do for all.

For more information visit www.LisaMillerMinistries.com or contact Lisa at (405) 517-3639 or email lisa@LisaMillerMinistries.com



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STEAM graduate

Paisley Nichols of Wayne was among the 75 campers across Oklahoma recently graduated from the SAGE STEAM Camp held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. The Southwest Alliance for Girls' Enrichment (SAGE) in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts/Humanities, and Mathematics (STEAM) Camp was a weeklong, residential summer camp hosted on SWOSU's campus for girls who are entering the eighth and ninth grades this fall. Campers were chosen after being nominated by their teachers and undergoing a phone interview, which evaluated STEAM interest and the need for this opportunity.



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Cooling down

With temperatures approaching 90 the splash pad in Purcell provides a place for visitors to cool their heels.

OMRF receives \$2.19 million to study rare neurological condition

The National Institutes of Health has awarded the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation \$2.19 million to continue research on a rare neurological disease.

OMRF scientist Wan Hee Yoon, Ph.D., received a five-year grant to study a gene called ATAD3A and how mutations in it lead to a rare disease called Harel-Yoon syndrome. Yoon co-discovered the condition in 2016.

Harel-Yoon syndrome is a disorder that results in delayed motor development, intellectual disability, lack of coordination, muscle weakness and vision defects. Symptoms

typically begin to show in children between 2 and 3 years old.

"There are only a few dozen confirmed cases of the disease in the world," said Yoon, who joined OMRF from the Baylor College of Medicine in 2017. "But we suspect that many more cases will reveal themselves as we better understand the disease."

To study the rare condition, Yoon's lab will use fruit flies and patient-derived cells.

"Flies are small and easy to maintain, and about 75 percent of their genes mirror those in humans," said OMRF scientist Linda Thompson, Ph.D., who served as a mentor to Yoon during the early stages of the project. "They also have a very

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Council:

While wet weather has interfered with outside progress, work is continuing on the interior and the final roof is scheduled to be delivered this week.

Bunn also updated the council on improvements at the airport with the construction of a new terminal office.

Bid opening for the apron rehabilitation at the airport will be July 14. The apron rehab is the major airport construction project planned for this year.

He also said the Red Hill water tower is now ready to fill. Replacement valves for the tower are expected to arrive in four to five months and he reminded the council that nominations are needed for positions on the senior citizens center board.

It doesn't appear that residents around Canadian Avenue and Eel River Street will be getting a stop sign for the intersection.

According to city officials, Canadian Avenue already has more stop signs than any other street in Purcell.

In other business, the council:

purchase 23 portable police radios and chargers;

- approved \$103,460 to purchase four 2021 Dodge Charger police cars, \$94,871 to up fit them and \$11,100.80 for four radios;

- approved \$96,080.32 to purchase a new backhoe for the cemetery;

- appointed Jackie Wadley to the Rural Fire Board, David Loades to the Airport Board and Rachel Carr to the Pioneer Library System Board;

- voted to apply a \$20,995.30 OMAG escrow credit to the Workers Compensation renewal premium;

- approved five budget amendments, and

- approved the joint operation of a city/county 911 communications center on a month-to-month basis.

The Purcell Public Works Authority approved \$10,897.85 to renew the city's main water service line easement with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and the heliport.

Trustees also approved a \$75,000 professional services agreement for a new city yard.

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Jaywalkers

The geese at the Purcell City Lake took a break from the water and crossed the road around the lake.

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Market:

systems and tags, or at least the costs for the first few months. (Medical marijuana products are also subject to state and local sales taxes.)

The medical marijuana authority declined to comment on the lawsuit but said in court filings the state legally awarded the contract to Metrc and a seven-month training and implementation period had been derailed by the lawsuit. Metrc allows other seed-to-sale programs or point-of-sales systems to communicate with its tracking system. More than 7,100 licensees in Oklahoma have already signed up to use the Metrc system.

"It is only once a commercial licensee's data makes its way into Metrc that the OMMA can view and track that inventory," Kelly Williams, the authority's director, said in an affidavit filed in the case. "In other words, the contract with Metrc provides the OMMA a cloud-based system that gives it visibility in real time to perform its auditing and regulatory function."

Metrc wasn't named in the original lawsuit. The company successfully argued in a June 1 hearing that it should be allowed into the lawsuit as a party because the temporary restraining order interfered with its state contract. The next hearing is scheduled for June 29 in Okmulgee County.

Ready To Go

LeeAnn Wiebe, CEO of Apothecary Extracts in Beggs, said her businesses were all ready to go on the Metrc system by April. Apothecary Extracts is vertically integrated and has a grow operation, manufacturing facility and a dispensary. Her company also has hundreds of clients on the wholesale level.

"We hit that April 30 date and we already had everything loaded in before the extension, so we just said, 'Now we're live, we're going to keep it going,'" Wiebe said.

The same wasn't true for many of her wholesale clients, who had Metrc accounts but stopped using the system amid the confusion over the lawsuit and the new deadline for implementation.

Wiebe estimated about nine out of 10 of her company's wholesale clients aren't using the platform.

"We really had to adjust at our end because we're fully integrated to Metrc to be able to transfer products," she said. "We've worked with other clients who aren't in Metrc, but we've had to create some workarounds. It's really put a damper on the rollout for sure."

Before the state awarded the Metrc contract, medical marijuana businesses still had to track their inventory and keep records for the medical marijuana authority. But it was in an often times cumbersome program that required a lot of manual entry. Wiebe, who started a cannabis business in Colorado, said there were growing pains in that state when the Metrc system was implemented there.

Wiebe said Metrc's costs, for the license and the RFID tags, is less than 1 percent of the costs for her Oklahoma businesses. She spends much more to test medical marijuana products, with an estimated \$2 million in testing costs this year compared to \$20,000 in Metrc tags.

"Anytime you have a new system, it can be overwhelming or cumbersome and it's a bit fearful because you don't know it," Wiebe said. "But shortly after it was implemented, everyone could see the value in transparency and everyone using the same system."

Wiebe said some of the reluctance to use the Metrc system might be because it's easy to manipulate the current system.

"Based on working with hundreds of growers at this point, and our challenge in getting license verification, test results or batch information, nine of 10 places we can't work with because they can't provide us that information," she said. "I think most people who don't want Metrc don't want it because it eliminates those loopholes or that ability to easily get unregulated product into the market."

Curbing Illegal Sales

Lawmakers passed several bills in this year's session to help curtail illegal black market activity in the medical marijuana industry. The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics has broken up illegal grow operations in the past few months, including one earlier this month in Muskogee County that had up to 24,000 plants. Last month, authorities seized 4,700 plants

in Logan County.

"We are working a lot of investigations statewide on growers illegally shipping out of state and a few stores selling product brought in from out of state," said Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics spokesman Mark Woodward. "Black market growers are thriving in Oklahoma. Regarding seed-to-sale, tracking would be helpful in some of our investigations, but it hasn't hampered our ability to build solid cases on those we've already shut down."

Among the legislative changes are laws that allow the state Bureau of Narcotic and the medical marijuana authority to hire more agents and inspectors. House Bill 2904 would let the authority, which is under the state Health Department, to hire 76 new employees by December 1 for compliance, inspections and investigations. That addition would take the authority to more than 200 employees.

At a special meeting last week for emergency rules, Williams said the authority has a goal of inspecting all licensed businesses this year. So far, about 40 percent of businesses have had an inspection. The authority has a contract with health department food inspectors to perform some of those inspections.

Sam Bein, owner of Rocking Star Farm in Inola, said enforcement and seed-to-sale tracking are the only ways to ensure legal businesses are on a level playing field. Bein was initially a Metrc skeptic, but said he's come around to the platform after seeing how it worked.

"It's going to make it harder to cheat," Bein said. "Illegal products are still going to get in here, but Metrc is going to slow it down. If you're a legal business and you're buying from certified and compliant farms like ours, our product is going to be safe for you. I think the consumer is going to gravitate to those dispensaries and those farms."

To make up for some of the costs of the Metrc system, Bein said lawmakers should direct the Oklahoma Tax Commission to provide tax credits or deductions to allow medical marijuana businesses to write off their compliance costs. Because marijuana is a controlled

substance at the federal level, many deductions or credits available to other industries aren't available to cannabis businesses under federal tax law.

"These costs get passed on to the patient," Bein said. "If we make those costs higher, then we drive people back to street drugs and out of the safe, legal means of going to a dispensary and the state won't receive any tax revenue."

For dispensaries, the Metrc system will need a lot of up-front costs when it gets implemented, said Blake Cantrell, CEO/partner of The Peak, which is about to open its fifth dispensary in Oklahoma. The company also runs a distribution business supplying dispensaries across rural Oklahoma.

Cantrell said the delays and uncertainty when the system might go live means it's a guessing game for many dispensary owners. The Peak had to buy enough tags and get on the Metrc platform to account for all its inventory at the original deadline at the end of April. Then that got pushed to the end of June, although the next court hearing is June 29.

"We had scheduled it out with our point-of-sale provider because it requires their involvement as well to upload to Metrc our initial inventories for each of our stores to take that systemwide and check the integrations," Cantrell said. "Now we'll have to make these exact same types of time-based decisions and plans for the new upcoming date, which could very well be delayed again."

Cantrell said a lack of communication, from both the medical marijuana authority and Metrc, has meant a lot of confusion among many in the industry. He is also board president of the Oklahoma Cannabis Industry Association.

"We need better understanding, and we need better communication," he said. "I know that OMMA is actively working on improving that, and they're getting better, but it's still not good. Something like this has real-world impacts on us and hard financial costs."

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Happy July 1

July 1 proved to be the grand reopening of the Purcell Senior Citizens Center and folks like Barbara Gunter, left, and Pauletta Price took advantage of the opportunity.



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Monsoon rainfall

It rained buckets in the area last Monday as part of a tropical system, coupled with a cold front, that dropped six to 10 inches of rain in parts of the metro.



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Picturesque Purcell

A drive down Green Avenue last week greeted visitors with a scenic cruise along a manicured median under pretty skies. Not bad for early July in Oklahoma.

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Undefeated!

The Purcell Flyers completed a perfect 24-0 undefeated season in league this season, winning the preseason tournament along the way. Team members are Hollis Gillen, Kyleigh Reinhold, Kyleigh McClung, Teagan Hernandez, Cora Booker, Tylie Winters, Graci Pollard, Keeley Dobbins and Spencer Wilson. Not pictured is Raegan Wilson. Coaches are TJ Gillen, Brooklynn Wilson and Derrick Dobbins. The team qualified for State in Preston, Okla. and was the first undefeated team for softball or baseball to appear in Preston since they started holding the State tournaments in 2012.

Dibble Senior Citizens

By Eddie Cantrell

Greetings to the Seniors of the Dibble Community!
I think I am starting to grow webbed feet as the rain is about to get me down. Every ball game we have wanted to go to has been rained out. This considering we just invested in two mobility scooters just so we wouldn't have to walk such long distances at the ball parks and have yet to be able to use them. We did, however, break them in at Academy in Norman as we had a race up and down the aisles looking for new tennis shoes. I won by a nose!

Our sick and injured are holding, with Arthur and Mary hangin' in there. Linda Bourne is getting stronger every day. Alma Elam is still struggling with her back and hip problems.

The food pantry is holding steady as numbers are still lower than mid-COVID-19.

Green Car Report: Well we have been driving a Nissan Leaf now for about 10 years. It is a 2011 model and I can report we have done zero repairs on it except for tires. The battery is starting to deplete and we will have to replace it at some point.

To the nay-sayers, I can say I won't rub salt in the issue as many said electric vehicles will never fly. Not so says all the new electric vehicles coming out next year. Looks like folks would get tired of eating crow after a while! Stay Tuned..

P.S. New engine for a V8 Ford or Chevrolet is around \$4,500. A new battery for an electric car is about \$3,500. I rest my case!

We are serving meals on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays for anyone who wants food and fellowship. Be there or be square!

The menu includes:

Monday—Beans, cornbread, fried potatoes.

Thursday—Chicken and dumplings.

Friday—Fritas.

My cousin Oscar says he is devoted to his wife and would do anything for her except for a few things. When I asked what are the few things he replied washing, mowing, vacuuming and any kind of girly house work. When I asked him what he does do is to contribute to the family in the line of work and he said "riding around on the lawn mower and drinking beer." He ain't right!

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Donation:

including medication usage, international travel, vaccinations and more.

"We hear every day from donors who believe they can't give blood because of a medication they're taking or information they were told many years ago," said Dr. John Armitage, president and CEO of Oklahoma Blood Institute. "In this time of heightened need and with new guidance in effect, we're encouraging everyone to discover their eligibility status and stand ready to help support the community blood supply."

The blood supply remains at critical levels following a national blood shortage, worsened by consistently high hospital usage and lower-than-expected donation levels. Blood has no substitute, so donors are needed regularly to replenish the local blood supply.

Donors are asked to call 888-308-3924 with questions about their eligibility. Answers to frequently asked questions are listed at obi.org/blood-

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For many, health conditions are assumed to render them ineligible to donate. However, many conditions, like diabetes, high blood pressure or thyroid disease, do not generally disqualify a person from donating blood.

For others, including many military donors, prior European residency or travel previously deferred them from donating. This regulation was scaled back dramatically by the FDA during the COVID-19 pandemic, however, so potential donors are encouraged to call the hotline about their specific situation.

Appointments to donate blood can be made at obi.org or by calling 877-340-8777. Walk-ins are welcome.

Oklahoma Blood Institute is the 6th-largest independent blood center in the nation, providing more than 90 percent of Oklahoma's blood supply to over 160 hospitals and medical facilities.

For more information, visit obi.org.



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Sorting sizes

Jo Anderson checks the sizes of "new" blouses before hanging them on the racks at the expanded First Baptist Church clothes closet. The ministry moved recently into two classrooms at the old junior high school.

Purcell and Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello again everyone. Well we did it! A successful reopening of the Senior Centers of Wayne and Purcell. Attendance was good and it was nice to hear the buzz of conversations and card games. It's been way, way too quiet for the last 16 months. I hope you all enjoyed seeing each other again as much as we enjoyed seeing all of you together.

In Purcell, I introduced you to Val (or Valerie) Blackburn, the new senior center coordinator. She is very enthusiastic about the opportunity to start planning activities for our seniors. She will be taking over this article very soon.

I know she wants to get to know each and every one of you and pick your brain regarding activities you may want to have. She is a wonderful addition to our senior family.

Here is the menu for July 12-16:

Monday—Salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, peaches.

Tuesday—Tuna salad sandwich, potato salad, coleslaw, chocolate sheet cake.

Wednesday—Chicken tetrazzini, carrots, broccoli, fruit.

Thursday—Beef stew, oven fried okra, cornbread, lemon delite pudding.

Friday—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, bread, chocolate cookies.

Milk is available with every meal.

The senior garage sale is still open every Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations of money and merchandise are always welcome with all proceeds used for local seniors.

We could sure use another couple of volunteers to either help with delivering meals to our homebound recipients or with the garage sale. Louise is only going to do it for a short time, so if you are interested please call the center at 405-527-5070 and ask for Val.

Please continue to call the kitchen at 405-527-9462 to either make or cancel a meal reservation. We will only prepare food for the number of reservations we have, so be sure to let us know when you sign in if you will be here the next day or the rest of the week. Please don't assume that we will know one way or the other. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions about how to qualify for receiving a meal, call John at 405-527-9462 and I will be happy to explain the process.

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

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HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 822 Monarch Way, Purcell, behind the Dollar Store. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Furniture, chest freezer, amp, collectable Barbies, baby bed, other items, baby girl and boy clothes from 0-5 years, women and men clothes reg to plus 52, Denim Days Antique items, too much to list! 7/8/1tp

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Post Office Box 1028
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Sunday - 10:00am/6:30pm
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Goldsby, OK 73093
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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
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Susan Whitley
211 N. 2nd, Purcell
527-2256 Office

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

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

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



Sunray Baptist Church

We celebrated our country's birthday this past Sunday with several patriotic songs and the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

James and Pam Kyzer, with help from the congregation, sang "God Bless the USA" for the special.

Brother David used I Thessalonians 5:11-13 for his sermon which described what the church should look like at the end of time. We need to know how to grow a strong church while the world is falling.

We are to encourage our pastors, watching how they lead and how they teach the Word. We are to respect them, esteem and support them. We are to be at peace with them and with each other.

There was no evening service.

This coming Sunday we will be having our quarterly business meeting at our evening service. This will be followed by a time of fellowship and snacks.

Our senior adults will travel to Norman for fellowship and lunch at Olive Garden this coming Monday at 11 a.m. Church cleanup days are scheduled for July 16 and 17 at 9 a.m. each day. All ages are invited to come and help.

Please join us for Sunday school, worship and all activities at Sunray Baptist Church. David Pickard serves as our pastor. We are a small, traditional church with a lot of friendly people. We are located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell. For more information call 405-527-6808.

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

A Dark-Haired Beauty and a Lesson on Prayer (A half-a-century later!)

I recently thought about a particular dark-headed young lady from LaGrange High School for the first time in years, and for a couple of reasons. One, my high school classmate Bob Hadley and I became friends on Facebook recently. I actually hadn't thought of Bob in a long time, either, to my regret, but we all know how the high school years fade gently into the eastern sky before you know it.

To me, Bob will always be inextricably linked to the young lady of whom I am referring. Her name I will withhold for now, only to tell you that she was a notable graduate of the distinguished LaGrange High School class of 1975.

Bob and I connected, I believe, in our junior year, my last full year at our beloved alma mater. It seems that I remember seeing him walking to school one day and, since I was the proud driver of a sparkling red 1965 Chevy Nova, I stopped and gave him a ride.

Two things I most remember about Bob are, one, that we rode home from school together for a good length of time that year and, two, and equally important, that he had a class with this particular young lady with whom I had somewhat of an interest. The hope was that Bob might be able to have some pull and set us up. I must admit the chances of that, as I look back, were sketchy, at the best.

No, I'm not blaming Bob, because, as you well know, you have to give somebody something to work with in these kinds of matters. Bob's attempt to get me face to face with this young lady was a little like shooting baskets down at the Y without a ball. Or, if there were a ball sitting over in the corner of the gym, it was too flat to bounce. You understand.

So, despite Bob's gallant efforts, I never spoke to that young sophomore back in 1972-73, except - wait, I could be wrong. I did say 'hey' to her a few times as I passed her in the hall changing classes. That junior year, I walked by that young lady every single day, timed it just right, I am sure, but the only twirling of my vocal cords that I could muster was a weak 'hey,' accompanied with a bashful smile.

This young lady was nice and would return the courtesy, but her return smile was probably her thinking, "That boy's gotta get some nerve up, because I know good-and-well he wants to talk to me." But the Georgia boy never did, and the young romance fizzled like a piece of ice on the hot July sidewalk. Psssst, and the chances melted away.

I said earlier there were two reasons I thought of Bob and the young lady after almost half a century. If the romantic ending fizzled, maybe this part will make the story worthwhile.

I have been studying on prayer as of late, and I came across that verse over in Hebrews where the apostle says that we can come boldly to the throne of grace - and 'boldly' there literally means to come 'sharing everything.' You don't hold anything back, kind of the way we do when we talk to a good friend.

I thought, "What better way to teach that concept than by telling the story of the unapproachable dark-haired girl (at least, in my book). I did anything and everything else besides go 'boldly' to the dainty sophomore and make a request for a little of her time. You understand.

I was afraid, I am sure, that her answer would be something like, "Uh, never," or "I'll get back to you," which, as we know, is a nice way to say 'never.'

But, thankfully, with the Lord, we don't have to approach Him with the fear and trembling of a nervous boy who is never even able to get his voice untangled from his tonsils. No, with the Lord, we just walk up to that throne of grace and say what it is we need to say. And the Lord, even though we know He is way out of our league, as we say, will listen.

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

Green Avenue Church of Christ

Wednesday evening the congregation engaged in singing hymns and spiritual songs, as admonished by Ephesians 5:19, and took occasion to learn a song that was new to most of those present.

The Sunday morning adult Bible class, continuing a study of persecution, began to look at some of the practical aspects of the subject that are experienced today. The class noted several examples of cancel culture including recent instances of people losing their jobs or being fined, sued or even jailed for standing up for biblical teachings in Canada and the United States.

During the the Sunday morning assembly guest speaker Shelton Legg, who preaches for the East Sixth Avenue church of Christ in Stillwater, presented a lesson on the subject of "Difficult Commands." The sermon cited several examples of difficult commands in both the Old and New Testaments.

These examples began with Jesus' command to "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood," (John 6:53-59). Other examples included Noah building the ark (Genesis 6-8 and Hebrews 11: 7),

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Our Lady of Victory VBS

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell will hold Vacation Bible School Tuesday, July 20, and Wednesday, July 21, from 6-8 p.m. each evening.

All kids ages four to 10 are invited to attend.

The theme for VBS will be "The Year of St. Joseph."

To register pick up a form in the church or call the church office at 527-3077.

Union Hill Baptist Church to host VBS

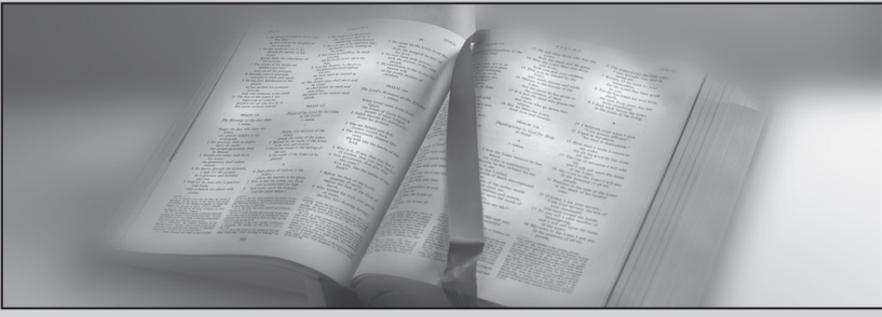
Union Hill Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 11, through Thursday, July 15.

Classes are from 6-8:45 p.m. with drop-off starting at 5:45 p.m.

The church is located at 20441 Bryant Ave. in Purcell.

For more information call 405-527-3957.

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

July 11, 2021 is the fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time, the Gospel focuses on the teachings and miracles of Christ during his time on earth.

The second reading for this Sunday is from Ephesians 1:3-14. God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, chose us in Christ before the world was made to be holy and faultless, marking us to be adopted sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ. Jesus was God's free gift to us. Through his blood, we gain our freedom and the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace God has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. It is in him that we have received our heritage. Now you have heard the message of the truth and the gospel of your salvation. Having put your trust in it, you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, who is the pledge of our inheritance, for the freedom of the people whom God has taken for his own, for the praise of his glory. What an uplifting passage.

Remember the little puzzles where children try to see which pictures are the same and which are different. It is generally hard because the pictures are

so similar. When discussing Christian faith, the various churches seem to focus on the differences. Today let us focus on the similarities. Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary. After a public ministry of about three years, he was crucified. On the third day after he died, he rose again.

Having been raised Baptist, the Catholic Church was a mystery to me. In the 1950s, I was told the service was in a foreign language and nobody understood what the minister was talking about.

In my thirties, I became interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. What a shock! All the things I thought I knew about Catholics were certainly not correct. As teenagers, we Baptist kids thought Catholic kids could do whatever they wanted, confess to a priest, and then do whatever they wanted again. Wrong!

Sometimes people think they are locked in if they explore the Catholic faith. Not the case. If you have given some thought to becoming Catholic, an opportunity on August 8 at 9 a.m. in the Annex (the church offices which are north of the church)

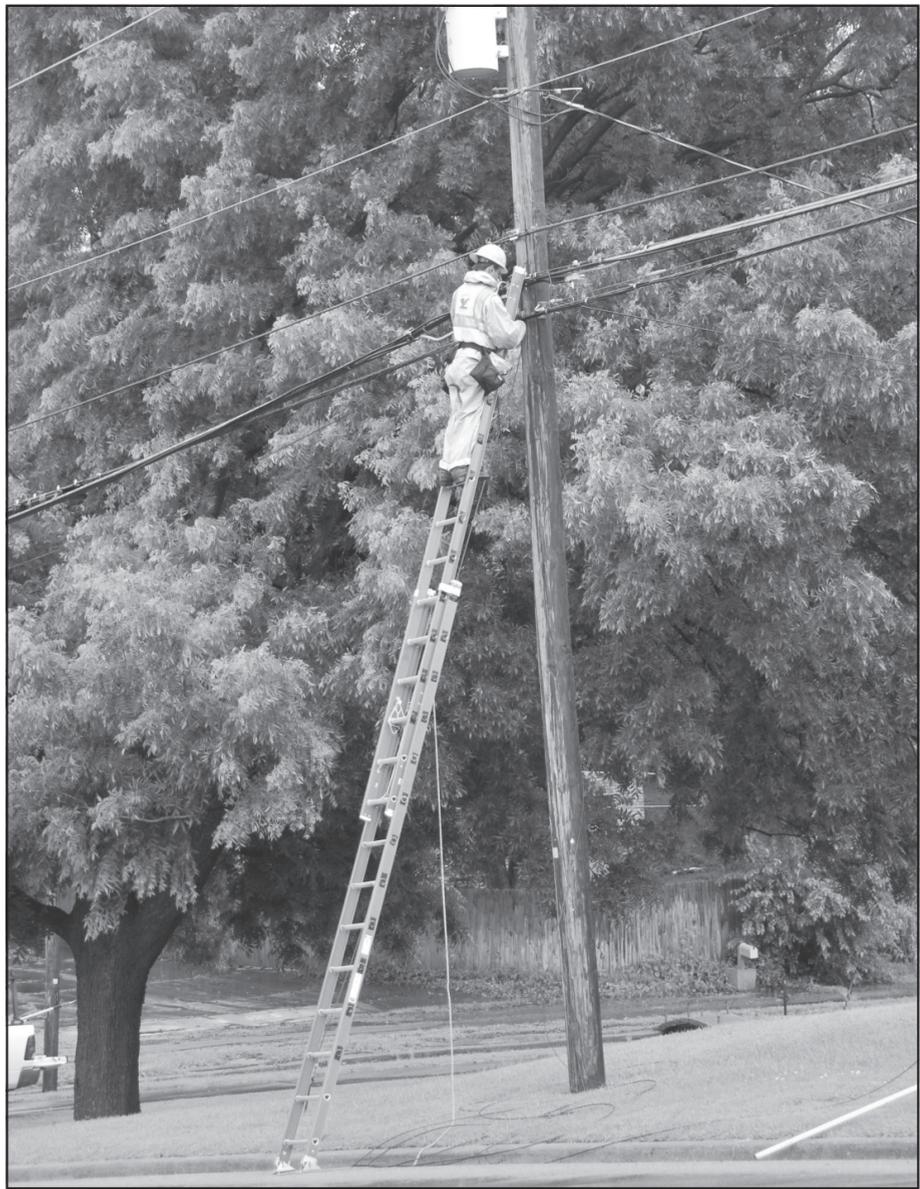
can help you. Please call Deacon John (405-833-2013) if you would like to know more. At the meeting, he will explain the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and answer any questions you have.

¿Es el catolicismo para mí? ¿Estás pensando en convertirte en católico? Únase a nosotros en agosto para responder a sus preguntas y explicar el catolicismo. Llame al diácono John (405-833-2103). Si lo desea, traiga a un amigo católico para que le brinde apoyo moral. Tentativamente comenzará el domingo 8 de agosto a las 9 a.m. en el anexo (las oficinas de la iglesia frente a la iglesia). Llame a Duvi Diaz al 405-694-9142 para el RCIA en español.

Our Lady of Victory parish is located at the southwest corner of 3rd Street and Jefferson. The office is open weekday mornings. The phone number is 527-3077.

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.



Jeanne Grimes • The Purcell Register

All-weather lineman

Conditions for this lineman in northwest Purcell were less than ideal as heavy rain has moved through the area over the last couple of weeks.

Lexington United Methodist Church

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July. It was wonderful to be able to safely gather together again!

We would like to welcome Ashley Green-Young, the new pastor at Bowman Chapel UMC in Purcell. We wish that she and their church will have fruitful growth in this chapter of their future together. Please keep them (and us!) in your prayers.

To continue the decreasing trend of infection and to continue working toward herd immunity, please get vaccinated if you have not done so yet. The shot doesn't cost anything except time. Even if you don't do it to protect yourself, consider getting the shot for others, especially those who are immunocompromised or have other health issues.

If you are going to be in a group of people inside a facility, especially if they are outside your usual circle of associates and family members, please continue to wear a mask and social distance from others for the protection of all.

Our next Food Bank Give Away will be Saturday, July 17, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. We are still asking everyone to continue to be cautious because not everyone has been vaccinated. Masks can be provided

if you do not have one and wish to wear one. Hand sanitizer will also be available.

God blessed Oklahoma with some amazing weather for the Fourth of July holiday weekend. It certainly hasn't seemed like a normal July for Oklahoma. However, our brothers and sisters in other parts of the country have had a number of challenges. The western and northeastern parts of the U.S. have had unusually warm temperatures. The west has been extremely dry with concerns about water.

The apartment building collapse in Florida has been a shock to all. The pictures of it reminded me so much of the bombing of the Murrah Building and brought back the memories of the search for survivors and the recovery of others. I wouldn't be surprised if it has activated incidents of PTSD for those directly affected by the bombing.

There have been additional concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic. It seems sad that we Americans have enough vaccine for all of our people, yet so many are choosing not to take it. In contrast there are other countries (for example, India) that don't have access to the medication which they need and want.

Often when I'm reading

or writing I think of songs or hymns. One that comes to mind now is "His Eye is on the Sparrow." With all the concerns on our hearts, we can be assured that no matter what happens, God is always watching over us.

Another song is "From a Distance" by Bette Midler, which again reminds us that God is watching us. I'm not so sure God is distant because I think God is right here with us. But no matter what, we need to be aware that we are accountable to God for what we do and for how we take care of the creation we have been provided. That creation includes our bodies and the environment.

Please pray for our world and all the people in it. Allow God to lead us in doing what we need to be doing to fulfill our purpose here on earth. And, as Tiny Tim says in "The Christmas Carol," "God bless us every one."

We welcome everyone to worship and pray with us at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, followed by Sunday school at 11 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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Green:

the command against divorce except in the case of sexual immorality (Matthew 5:31-32) and Abraham showing his willingness to sacrifice his only son (Genesis 22:1-18 and Hebrews 11:17-19).

At the Sunday evening assembly Keith Shackleford preached on the unremarkable conversion of the apostle Paul. Although the conversion of the apostle Paul took place a few days after the notable miracle of a shining light followed by a voice from heaven on the road to Damascus, Paul's conversion itself was no different from any other conversion. He was taught what he must do and he did it (Acts 9:17-18).

The church is located at the intersection of Jackson Street and Green Avenue in Purcell.

Worship services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Sunday with Bible classes at 9:45 Sunday morning and 7 p.m. each Wednesday evening.

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

OSU AGRICULTURAL News

Farm succession plans difficult but necessary

Brian Brus
Agriculture Communications

Merlin Schantz has been dwelling lately on what might seem like existential questions surrounding his mortality and what he will leave behind for the next generation.

For Schantz and many other agricultural producers like him, such musings are not hypothetical. The family farm in Hydro, Oklahoma, represents an inheritance of monetary value as well as priceless childhood memories for his four adult children, and he doesn't want their hard work to crumble after five generations.

Even with help from Oklahoma State University Department of Agricultural Economics experts, he's come to the conclusion that succession planning is just as difficult as tending crops in the field.

"Right off the top, unfortunately, you've got to deal with what you owe. I don't want to leave any debt to my kids," Schantz said during a short break recently during wheat harvest.

"And how do you work it out between the siblings who are still working on the farm and those who have moved away? How do you evaluate what's a fair division for the next generation when their goals and interests are so different? These are definitely not easy questions," he said.

The sweeping impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic forced many ag families to examine their own contingencies and operational continuity, said Shannon Ferrell, OSU Extension agricultural law specialist.

Ferrell has seen an increase in farmers and ranchers interested in the seminars he offers on the topic. As vaccinations increase, he's planning a series of in-person presentations in the Panhandle.

"I have been absolutely bombarded with inquiries from people confronting this," he

said. "It typically involves one of two perspectives: One, they lost somebody in the pandemic and are trying to deal with the administration of a farm estate they weren't expecting. Or two, they've seen so much loss in other families that they've been prompted to address it for themselves sooner rather than later."

Succession can be intimidating, so Ferrell and J.C. Hobbs, OSU Extension tax education and farm management specialist, suggest five steps to begin the process:

- Assess the financial position and performance of the farm as well as its founder's goals.
- Talk to everyone with financial and emotional stakes in the farm.
- Develop a plan that addresses the continuity of business operations.
- Integrate an estate plan for other assets.
- Reevaluate and revise.

When it comes time to consider passing a business from one generation to the next, family farms face the same challenges as any other ongoing interest, Hobbs said. Whether a bank, retail shop or cow-calf operation, sometimes the founder's offspring don't feel the same calling, for example, or circumstances take them to another town or there are conflicts within the family or there might be no heir apparent at all – in other words, life gets messy.

In rural settings, the potential for loss can feel even more acute because the investment in land and day-to-day flow is difficult to recapture once lost. Land assets comprise about 85 percent of the typical family held farm balance sheet, Ferrell said. Without a succession plan, default inheritance laws fall into place, and they usually involve asset liquidation.

That was the highly publicized case of the Annuschat family in Okarche, Oklahoma,

when four of eight siblings recently died from COVID-19 and the remaining family couldn't agree on how to divide the dairy farm.

The youngest of the surviving adult children struggled to buy the land at auction. Ferrell said it's a sad scenario that could have been avoided.

"One of the more common questions is, 'Only one of my kids wants to come back to this as their full-time job and the others don't. How do we handle the fact that so much of our wealth is tied up in this farm?'" he said. "In other words, 'How do we do this equitably if not equally?'"

Ferrell's presentations introduce what might already be vaguely familiar terms. Estate tools, for example, can include intestate succession plans, wills, trusts, life insurance and transfer-on-death deeds.

Succession discussions also touch on alternative business structures – the Schantz family, for example, developed a partnership with shares to allow for the father's withdrawal while protecting his four adult children's interests.

One of his sons, Aaron Schantz, said the family had several difficult discussions to ensure he, his brother and two sisters were comfortable with the arrangement.

"It was important that everyone was invited to the table," Aaron Schantz said.

Hobbs said that might be the most important step of all: clear communication among all the stakeholders. Sometimes a family member may want nothing more complicated than the right to fish in the farm pond or to share the hunting experience with their own children.

"You can attach dollar figures to almost anything, but it's always the emotional details that get you," Hobbs said.

More information about farm transitions is available online from OSU Extension.

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Pretty amazing, huh!

I bring up 'out of our league' because that young lady was a cheerleader, honor roll, class officer and the works, and, certainly, was in kind of another stratosphere than that junior lad who drove the red Nova to and from LaGrange High back then.

But, still, I am pleased to say – with a chuckle and fond memories, that the young lady is a Ms. Leigh Herrin, Ansley, now, with what I understand to be a very nice family living down in Jacksonville. And I am honored now to refer her and her family to that throne of grace we've been talking about and thank her, too, for allowing her name to be splashed all over the bottom of this story. Well,

maybe not 'splashed,' but at least tucked away safely for only the most patient readers to see.

Maybe there's a lesson here the young lady, now years later, will appreciate, perhaps that's why the Lord unfolded this story as it did way back then, so that we can all walk up those golden steps to the heavenly throne more boldly now. We always 'have a prayer,' I guess, when it comes to the Lord. That's good to know.

But as for having a prayer with that dark-headed honor-roll young lady I passed in the LHS hall every day – ah, don't think I ever had one of those.

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Little League football sign-ups this Sunday

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Washington Little League Football will have a sign-up/parent/player meeting on Sunday, July 11, at 2 p.m. in the indoor football facility.

If you have a child that is going into the first through sixth grades that is interested in playing football, please plan to attend this meeting!

We will go over new changes for this upcoming season. Also, we will have sign-up forms for you to fill out and collect dues at that time as well.

Washington School Open House & Pre-K Meeting

Washington Public School will host a Pre-K meeting for new students and their parents on August 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Open House will be held on August 10 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Goldsby Baptist Church VBS

Goldsby Baptist Church will host VBS Treasured Vacation Bible School for kids age 4 years old through sixth grade July 26-30 from 6-8 p.m.

The registration link is <https://vbspro.events/p/events/509dd9>.

Cheer Clinic

A group of Washington High School cheerleaders are raising funds to perform in the Macy's Day Parade.

The group is putting on a cheer clinic July 27-29 from 8-11 a.m. at the Goldsby Park.

Ages four and up are welcome to attend the camp. Each camper will learn jumps, stunts, chants, and receive a T-shirt. The fee is \$40.

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054aabad2fa3fe3-cheer>.

Washington Warrior Basketball Camp

Washington High School Boys Basketball will host a camp July 12, 13 and 14 at the Warrior Event Center.

Instruction by boys' basketball coaches TJ Scholz and Dustyn Orr. The cost is \$50 per camper which includes a t-shirt and a basketball.

Contact Coach Scholtz at 405-742-4404 if you have questions. You may pay and register the first day of camp.

1st-6th grade—9-11 a.m.

7th-9th grade—12-2 p.m.

Washington School Ready to Learn Plan

Located under Parent Resources on the school website, https://www.wps-isd.com/311582_2, you will find the 2021-2022 Washington Schools Return To Learn Plan, which was school board approved on June 14.

As we prepare for the start of the 2021-2022 year, we will be regularly updating this plan based on current health conditions within our community.

Washington Schools is seeking parent input on the revised Return To Learn Plan. Please send comments to school Superintendent Chris Reynolds at creynolds@wps-isd.com or contact him by phone at 405-288-6190 to provide feedback and input.

Washington 2021-2022 School Supply Lists Available Online

The 2021-2022 school supply lists are available online for all elementary grades. Visit wps-isd.com click Parent Resources/supply lists.

Washington Senior Center

The senior center is searching for a cook. Stop by the center to apply.

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 July 8-16:

Thursday, July 8—Chicken tetrazzini, broccoli, garlic bread, chocolate no-bake cookies.



• Photos provided

Drama camp participants

Washington's Drama Camp was a huge success! The camp was led by Dawn Lanham and LuGlenna Moore along with high school drama students.

Friday, July 9—Steak fritters, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, dump cake.

Monday, July 12—Blue and Gold Sausage gravy, biscuits, scrambled eggs, hash browns, strawberry/banana.

Tuesday, July 13—Shake & Bake Chicken, oven roasted vegetables, hot rolls, pumpkin pie.

Wednesday, July 14—Ground beef stew, cornbread, cake.

Thursday, July 15—Ham, sweet potatoes, cream corn, hot rolls, frog egg salad.

Friday, July 16—Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, cookies.

Friday Music Jam starts at 10 a.m.

All meals are served with a beverage, dessert and salad bar.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

June 7-July 29—Summer

2021 Performance Course.

July 9—Warrior Athletic Basketball Tourney.

July 5-July 28—Summer 2021 Little Warriors Performance Course.

August 9—Staff breakfast & district welcome back.

August 10—Open House, 5:30-7 p.m.; Pre-K parent meeting, 5-5:30 p.m.

August 12—First day of school.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

We want all veterans and surviving spouses to know about our first new client sign-up day held on July 12 at the Moore-Norman Technology Center, 13301 South Pennsylvania Ave, in Oklahoma City. Please bring a copy of your DD-214 Discharge along with any VA rating or denials you have. This event has been a long time com-

ing due to the many issues that the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused for all of us.

Our volunteers have continued to assist veterans with their VA claims and questions for the last year and a half using our new computer system to work most claims remotely.

During the last several months, we have started making appointments for some veterans and surviving spouses who need in-person assistance. As we move forward, we are planning to let veterans with computer skills register from home or at the Cleveland County Library. Using this digital system should help us increase the number of veterans that we can assist each week.

For those who would like to join our crew of volunteers who work at our location or from home, you have a personal invitation from us who work at our veteran's foundation. Volunteers like you, are what makes this organization different from others who are serving veterans and their families.

The lives of the men and women who we assist everyday are changed for the rest of their lives. I know this true because of the tens of thousands of veterans and their families who have a story to tell about how the volunteers improved their lives at our foundation.

There are many families and individuals who went from a \$1,200 social security income to over \$3,000 per month after one of our volunteers assisted them to file a claim for a disability that occurred or was aggravated by their military service. The most common of these is the service-connection of hearing loss and tinnitus. As all of us know the acoustic trauma that many of us were exposed to every day of military service caused that awful ringing in our ears (tinnitus) and hearing loss. Many jobs in the military are presumptive to noise exposure, and service connection may be granted by VA.

If you are not available to volunteer right now, but still want to push our mission for-

ward, you can help by donating at <https://careasy.org/nonprofit/dalekgrahamveteransfoundation> to donate any vehicle that you do not need or want. It does not have to be a car, it could be a motorcycle, ATV, farm equipment, anything that you are willing to donate would be much appreciated and would help us help more veterans.

For those of you who would like to be a part of what we do, please consider filling out our volunteer application available at <https://dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org/volunteerapplication>.

To donate to our Foundation, you can do so online at dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org or mail a check to Dale K. Graham

Veterans Foundation, 1268 N. Interstate Drive, Norman, OK, 73072.

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

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

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

Angie Steele

No. 432-July 8-1 Time
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
JERRY WAYNE YOAKUM-LOGAN
Plaintiff,

CV-2021-95
NOTICE OF FILING PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Take notice that Jerry Wayne Yoakum-Logan has filed in the above court a petition to have his name changed as follows, to-wit: From Jerry Wayne Yoakum-Logan to Jerry Wayne Yoakum and that the same will be heard in the Courtroom of Charles Gray, Judge of the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in the County

Court House, located at 121 N. Second St., Purcell, Oklahoma on the 22nd day of July 2021 at 9:30 o'clock A.M.; and that any person may file a written protest in this case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
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Newsmakers

EOSC names honor students

Eastern Oklahoma State College has announced honor rolls for the spring 2021 semester.

Heart of Oklahoma students named to the President’s Honor Roll are **Ryan Stockton** of Purcell and **Ashleigh Gay** of Washington.

Students named to the President’s Honor Roll had a 4.0 grade point average in 12 or more credit hours during the semester.

Renbarger graduates from Baylor

Rachel Leigh Renbarger of Purcell graduated from Baylor University in Waco during commencement ceremonies May 6-8.

Renbarger received a PHD in Educational Psychology.

OU announces spring honor roll

The University of Oklahoma has announced the students named to its spring 2021 honor roll, a distinction given to those who achieve the highest academic standards.

The honor roll recognizes undergraduate students in the academic programs based at OU’s Norman campus and at the OU Health Sciences Center.

In most colleges, full-time undergraduate students who completed 12 or more letter-graded hours with a grade-point average of 4.0 were named to the President’s Honor Roll. Students on the Norman campus with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher were included in the Dean’s Honor Roll.

Students who are on both the President’s Honor Roll and the Dean’s Honor Roll are denoted by an asterisk.

Honor roll students include **Zoie M. Bates**, **Aaron B. Beller**, **Maci J. Milligan***, **Josie D. Pruett** and **Connor D. Yates***, all of Goldsby; **Mackenzie A. Dodson**, **Kathleen S. Kernal***, **Theron Kitchen**, **Faith E.B. Landers**, **Tanner R.G. Madden**, **Esmeralda Pacheco***, and **Brian J. Varva**, all of Washington; **Jessica L. Harris** and **Layla R. Haskins***, both of Wayne.

Also **Kaegan T. Clark**, **Nicole R. Escoe***, **Connor E. Findley**, **Dylan D. Green**, **Lauren A. Lipford***, **Evan P. McCown**, **Clara H. McKinley***, **Ethan W. Scott**, **Casady A. Shaw**, **Austin G. Stejskal***, **Tobi L. Wade**, **John C. Webster**, **Larissa J. Whisenhunt** and **Marylly Y. Chavez**, all of Lexington.

And **Christopher Burrus**, **Emily E. Cornforth**, **Jacob M. Craig***, **Jeremy D. Cudd**, **Brenda Diaz***, **Gabriela K. Escobedo***, **Corbin J. Hall**, **Connor M. Horton**, **Braiden A. Maggia***, **Gabino J. Mandujano**, **Conner W. McElderry**, **Reece W. Milner**, **Jackson C. Milner***, **Alexis M. Munoz**, **Caylin B. Nimmo**, **Payte L. Owen**, **Ashten M. Pendley**, **Annabel N. Phillips***, **Ryan S. Rogez***, **Makenna L. Scholthauer**, **Madison K. Shields***, **Michael D. Smith** and **Bryce L. Tuck**, all of Purcell.

OSU names spring graduates

Oklahoma State University has announced the 2021 spring graduates.

Heart of Oklahoma graduates include **Madisyn J. McCauley** of Goldsby, BSAG Animal Science; **Hudson L. Horton**, a Washinton High School graduate, BSAG Agribusiness; and **Abigail E. Berrey** of Purcell, BSIE Industrial Engineering & Mgmt.

No. 413-July 1-3 Times
NOTICE TO SELL COUNTY PROPERTY ACQUIRED AT RESALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the receipt of bid, that I, Teresa Jones, County Treasurer of McClain County, Oklahoma, will on the 21 day of July, 2021, beginning at 10:00 am at my office in Purcell, Oklahoma, sell separately the hereinafter described tracts, parcels, or lots of land, all situated in McClain County, Oklahoma and heretofore acquired by said county at the resale authorized by 68 O.S. § 3125. Following the description of each property separately offered for sale is the name of the bidder and the amount bid as follows:
Description; Bidder; Amount
Bid
PURC -00-134-003-0-000-00

No. 429-July 1-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES RAY TOMPKINS, Deceased.

Case No. PB-21-24
ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES WHEREAS, Rodney Ray Tompkins, has filed a Petition in this Court representing that Barbara Kay Spratt, died testate in McClain County, Oklahoma, on May 1, 2013, leaving real and personal property in this County; Petitioner prays that Letters of Administration be granted to him, that he be appointed Personal Representative, that the heirs-at-law of the Decedent be judicially determined. After review of the file and being fully advised in the premises; THE COURT FINDS, AND IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Petition is

No. 414-July 1-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
WILLIAM LARRY BASKETT, Plaintiff,

vs. GUY BILES, DECEASED, and THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, AND ASSIGNS OF GUY BILES, DECEASED, Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2021-93
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Guy Biles, Deceased, and the unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Guy Biles, Deceased

The above-named Defendants will take notice that in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in the above-styled and numbered case, an action has been filed by William Larry Baskett, to quiet any right, title, or interest in and to the real property described herein below which you have or may claim to have and you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before August 16, 2021 or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that the Plaintiff is the owner of, and that the Plaintiff is in actual and peaceful possession and occupancy of, the following described real property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit

No. 408-June 24-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
RANDALL FULLER AND KATHERINE SUE FULLER, Husband and Wife, Plaintiffs,

vs. W.M. MORGAN, JR., Same Person as W.M. MORGAN, Deceased, and THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS OF W.M. MORGAN, JR., Same Person as W.M. MORGAN, Deceased Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2021-90
ALIAS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: W.M. Morgan, Jr., same person as W.M. Morgan, Deceased, and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of W.M. Morgan, Jr., same person as W.M. Morgan, Deceased

The above-named Defendants will take notice that in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in the above-styled and numbered case, an action has been filed by Randall Fuller and Katherine Sue Fuller to quiet any right, title, or interest in the real property described hereinbelow which you have or may claim to have, and you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiffs on file in said cause on or before August 13, 2021, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that the Plaintiffs are the owners of, and that the Plaintiffs are the actual owners of the surface of

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The said property will be separately sold to the highest competitive bidder, for cash in hand, or to the original bidder at the amount bid if there be no higher bid offered, subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

The apportioned cost of advertisement and other expense incident to the said sale shall be paid by the purchaser, in addition to the amount bid upon said properties.

Witness my hand this 23 day of June, 2021.

/s/ Teresa Jones
County Treasurer

set for hearing on the 22 day of July at 9:30 a.m., in the District Courtroom of the Honorable Judge Gray Courtroom #225, in the McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma.

THE COURT FINDS AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that notice of the hearing be given as required by law.

WITNESS MY HAND and so Ordered this 25th day of June 2021.
LEAH EDWARDS
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Approved for presentation:
/s/ Phillip Scott Spratt
Phillip Scott Spratt, OBA No. 21365
The Spratt Law Firm
333 NW 5th Street, Suite 415
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102
Phone: 405-701-3033
Fax: 405-600-7351
EMAIL: Scott@Sprattlawfirm.com
ATTORNEY FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR

(the “Property”):

The North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (N/2 NW/4 NW/4) of Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 2 West, McClain County, Oklahoma free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances, Guy Biles, Deceased, and the unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Guy Biles, Deceased, and each of them have no right, title, interest, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, or assessment in or to said hereinabove described real property, and a Decree quieting and confirming the Plaintiff’s title and possession thereto, as against said Defendants and their unknown successors and forever barring and enjoining the Defendants and their unknown successors from any and all right, title, estate, interest or equity of redemption in and to the said lands and premises, or any part thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 23rd day of June 2021.
(Seal)

Kristel Gray, Court Clerk
By: /s/ Donna Morrow
Deputy Court Clerk

APPROVED:
/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731
Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC
138 W. Main/P. O. Box 1565
Purcell, Oklahoma 73080
PHONE: (405) 527-7575
FAX: (405) 527-7574
Attorney for Plaintiff

the following described real property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit (the “Property”):

Lots 1 through 26, in Block 1, Town of Rosedale, McClain County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof; and

Lots 1-6 and the North Half of Lots 19-24, in Block 2, Town of Rosedale, McClain County, Oklahoma.

free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances of the unknown successors, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, of W.M. Morgan, Jr., same person as W.M. Morgan, Deceased, have no right, title, interest, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, or assessment in the surface of said hereinabove described real property, and a Decree quieting and confirming the Plaintiffs’ title and possession thereto, as against said Defendants and their unknown successors and forever barring and enjoining the Defendants and their unknown successors from any and all right, title, estate, interest or equity of redemption in and to the surface of said lands and premises, or any part thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 21st day of June 2021.
(Seal)

McClain County Court Clerk
By: /s/ Donna Morrow
Deputy Court Clerk

APPROVED:
/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
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Attorney for Plaintiffs

No. 434-July 8-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN RE: THE MATTER DETERMINING COST OF INCARCERATION FOR THE MCCLAIN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER.

AO-2021-1
ORDER SETTING HEARING
To all concerned: Please be advised that a hearing on the

merits has been scheduled in this matter for August 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. before Judge Edwards in her courtroom at the McClain County Courthouse located at 121 N. 2nd Street, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080.
Dated this 28th day of June, 2021.

/s/ Leah Edwards
LEAH EDWARDS
DISTRICT JUDGE

No. 433-July 8-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SALLYE HILL BERNARDIN, Deceased

No. PB-2020-83
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADMINISTRATOR’S FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION, AND DISCHARGE

Robert M. Seymour, having filed in this Court a Final Account and Petition for Final Settlement, Determination of Heirs, Devisees, Legatees, Distribution and Discharge,
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that on the 29th day of July 2021, at 9:30 am, has been appointed as the time for hearing said final account and petition in the District Court of McClain County, Probate Division, in the City of Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where any persons interested in said estate may appear and contest same.
Dated this 28th day of June, 2021.

Charles M Gray
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Deputy Court Clerk

/s/ Michael L. Seymour
Michael L. Seymour, OBA #8098
Attorney for Administrator
1416 Terrace Drive
Tulsa, Oklahoma
(918) 749-1202
Mlse1@cox.net

No. 430-July 8-1 Time
BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
APPLICANT: CAMINO NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC
RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE 1M, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
Cause CD No. 202101299
NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas, and all other interested persons, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma, including the following: Susan Linn Credeur; GST Exempt Harry Phillips Kiewer Trust under the Marilyn P. Kiewer Revocable Living Trust, dated December 10, 1993, as restated on May 30, 2007; GST Exempt Frank Brent Kiewer Trust under the Marilyn P. Kiewer Revocable Living Trust, as restated on May 30, 2007; Phillips Living Trust, dated April 7, 2011; Harry H. Phillips Mineral Trust established under agreement dated January 6, 2005; Dana Lynn Perry Shewmaker; if any of the above-named individuals be deceased, then the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, both immediate and remote, of such deceased individual; if any of the above-named parties designated as a trustee is not presently acting in such capacity as trustee, then the unknown successor or successors to such trustee.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant, Camino Natural Resources, LLC, has filed an application in this cause requesting the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma to enter an order pooling the interests, and adjudicating the rights and equities in connection therewith, of the oil and gas owners in the 640-acre horizontal well units formed in Section 30, Township 9 North, Range 4 West of the 1M, McClain County, Oklahoma, for the Mississippian and Woodford separate common sources of supply, in respect to the development of such separate common sources of supply in such units. The interests of the oil and gas owners involved herein and the rights and equities in respect thereto are sought herein to be pooled and adjudicated pursuant to 52 O.S. §87.1 within and on the basis of such units as a group or a unit or in the aggregate, and not limited to a single wellbore. The application in this cause states that Applicant has proposed the development of the separate common sources of supply in the units involved herein under a plan of development and has proposed to commence such plan of development of such units by an initial well in the lands covered hereby. Such application further states that Applicant has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners of drilling rights named as respondents herein with respect to such proposed plan of development of the separate common sources of supply in the units covered hereby. Such application further requests up to 365 days within which to commence operations on or in connection with such initial well under such plan of development.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application in this cause requests that Camino Natural Resources, LLC, or some other party recommended by Applicant be designated as operator under

the order to be entered herein of the separate common sources of supply in the units covered hereby, including the initial well and any subsequent well or wells to be drilled under or otherwise covered by Applicant’s proposed plan of development of such unit.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause is set before an administrative law judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma. Notice is further given that the application in this cause may be amended at such hearing in accordance with the rules of the Commission and the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before an administrative law judge on the Conservation Docket at the Western Regional Service Office of the Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Building, 2101 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 A.M. on the 27th day of July, 2021, and that this notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if this matter is unopposed, testimony may be offered by telephone or video conference, and if this matter is protested, testimony may be offered by telephone or video conference only with the consent of all parties of record and the Administrative Law Judge. The cost of telephonic communication and video conference shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone or video conference in an unopposed matter or a protested matter where the necessary consents have been obtained shall contact Applicant or Applicant’s attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their names and telephone numbers.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access to the Jim Thorpe Building is restricted. The referenced hearing may be conducted via teleconference or videoconference. Before coming to the building for this hearing, please visit the Oklahoma Corporation Commission website at www.occeweb.com to determine the status of building access. Instructions for participating via teleconference or videoconference are available on the Commission’s website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact Land Department, Camino Natural Resources, LLC, 1401 17th Street, Suite 1000, Denver, Colorado 80202, Telephone: (720) 405-2777; or John R. Reeves, Attorney, OBA #7479, Seventeenth Floor, One Leadership Square, 211 North Robinson Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, Telephone: (405) 272-5742.

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

DONE AND PERFORMED this 6th day of July, 2021.
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:
PEGGY MITCHELL, Commission Secretary

/s/ John R. Reeves
John R. Reeves – OBA #7479



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Pauls Valley Opry

Missy Rude entertained the crowd at the 6th Annual Pauls Valley Opry in the Park last Saturday at Wacker Park.

Pauls Valley Opry in the Park a success

The 6th Annual Pauls Valley Opry in the Park was a huge success. It was a beautiful Oklahoma night and the Stars of the Pauls Valley Opry lit up the sky.

We are so thankful for the opportunity to get together again with old friends and to make countless new friends and to celebrate our wonderful and blessed Nation!

Bailey Wesberry is not only one of the brightest stars of the

Pauls Valley Opry, but she is also an accomplished songwriter/musician/entertainer. On Saturday night, this little “bride-to-be” nailed the Martina McBride tune, “Independence Day” and then she rocked the house with her own composition of “Wichita Falls.”

One of our very favorites,

Please see **Opry**, page 14A

Obituaries

Alma Loyce Crosley

Alma Loyce Crosley died July 3, 2021 in Noble, Oklahoma, at the age of 77 years 9 months 9 days. Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, July 9, 2021 at the Robinson Street Baptist Church in Norman. Interment will follow at Dripping Springs Cemetery in Noble, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Alma was born September 25, 1943 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Alma Royce and Mary Alice (Phillips) Caldwell. She was raised in Oklahoma City, graduating from Grant High School in 1961. Alma enjoyed shopping as well as crafts, making key chains and hair bows to sell at craft shows. She loved spending time with her family and taking photos at family functions. Alma's greatest joy was being a grandma and knowing every detail about her grandkids.

Alma was preceded in death by her parents, Alma Royce and Mary Alice Caldwell; her brother, Lew Caldwell and his wife, Shirley; her brother-in-law, Joe Davis; her grandchildren, Tyler, Hope and Angel; her uncle, Tal Caldwell; her aunt, Leota Caldwell; and her nephew, Gary Caldwell.

Survivors include her daughters, Tammy Atherton and husband, Steve, of Noble, Susan Smith and husband, Kevin, of McLoud and Tina Atherton and husband, Victor, of Bridge Creek; her sisters, Susan Davis of Texas, and Gayla McCoy and husband, Mike, of Oklahoma City; her grandchildren, Rikki, Stephanie, Jimmy, Christa, Shana, Tiara, Kyle, Noah, Kortni, Taniya and Mea; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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Gerlinde Jenne

Funeral services for Gerlinde Jenne, 72, of Purcell were held Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Jenne passed away Thursday, July 1, 2021.

Gerlinde Hedwig Ferguson was born October 19, 1948, in Kahl am Main, Bavaria, Germany, the middle child of Louis Warren Ferguson and Maria Jean (Seitz) Ferguson. Gerlinde was raised in Denver City, Texas, where she attended school. She enjoyed her high school days, and was a star volleyball player. After high school, Gerlinde attended beauty school in Lubbock, before following her parents to Oklahoma, and settling in Purcell.

At the time, she was waiting tables at Rubys, where she met a local boy named Richard Jenne. They were married in December of 1970, and to this union, two children, Derek and Megan were born.

Gerlinde worked hard to provide for her children. She eventually took a job at the Joseph Harp Correctional Facility, retiring as a supervisor after more than 25 years of dedicated service. And she was the ultimate mother, never missing a game or an activity.

Later life got even sweeter, when she became a grandmother, and Gerlinde was the best "Grammy" and "Biggie B" to Eden, Loxley and Everly. They were her pride and joy. She was funny and quick witted, and always there if you needed her. Gerlinde loved sports cars, and especially her 6 speed Camaro and her Red Trans Am. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her husband of 27 years, Richard Jenne; her parents, Louis and Maria Ferguson and special nephew, Stuart Cook.

Gerlinde is survived by her children, Derek Jenne and wife, Carly, of Purcell and Megan Spears and husband, Eric, of Purcell; brother, Kris Ferguson and wife, Gwen, of Enid; sister, Julie Comer of Purcell; her grandbabies, Eden, Loxley and Everly and a host of other family and friends.

Honorary Pallbearers were Raed Moutassam, Oscar Mendoza, Derek Jenne, Eric Spears, Josh Huff, Jason Cook, Brandon Comer, Alfredo Luna and Little Ricky Jenne.

Gerlinde was an animal lover through and through, in lieu of flowers please send donations to Purcell Animal Shelter, or the ASPCA.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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From page 6A

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simple structure and develop quickly, making them easier to study than other animals."

The team will use flies to study how mutations in the specific gene contribute to the disease and how the gene functions in a normal setting. Yoon's lab was the first to show the gene is associated with neurodegeneration.

"We can't understand what went wrong in a gene if we don't know how it's supposed to work in the first place," said Yoon. "So, we are approaching this project from multiple fronts. We will use flies to unravel

the role of normal ATAD3A and how mutant proteins affect brain development. Importantly, we will find whether the findings in flies will be applicable to patients using patient-derived cells."

By understanding the role of the gene, Yoon said researchers will be better equipped to develop therapies to treat patients living with the rare syndrome, as well as other diseases where the gene is implicated.

The grant, R01 NS121298-01, is funded by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, part of the NIH.

Doyle Springs beats COVID

Former Norman Firefighter and Purcell resident

Retired Norman Firefighter who has battled COVID for nearly a year, has been discharged from the hospital.

Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority discharged their special patient last week.

Doyle Springs spent 221 days in a health care facility due to the virus.

It was a combination of the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center and a rehabilitation facility in Oklahoma City. 42 of those days were on a ventilator.

But Springs fought back to regain his health and strength.

Pre-COVID, Doyle worked for the Chickasaw Nation.

In his off time he tended to his small farm.

"When I first met Doyle, he was barely able to lift his fingers. He had to be fed and assisted in and out of bed," Registered Nurse Shiann Bryce said.

"Throughout the whole situation he has kept the best attitude," Bryce continued. "He has been so uplifting and such a blessing to me and all the staff at the Choctaw Nation."

"I am proud of him for being a Tushka Chahta (Choctaw warrior)," Chief Gary Batton said.

While in the hospital, Doyle's brother died from the virus but Doyle was not made aware of this until a month later.

Springs reports he is looking forward to returning to church and "getting in my chair," he said with a smile.

"I'm really thankful for the Choctaw Nation and the care they gave me. I'm proud to be a Choctaw Nation member."

The hospital staff surprised Springs with a send-off filled with joyful claps and cheers as he walked out of the facility.

"They wheeled me in but I'm walking out," he said.



• Photo provided

Headed home

Doyle Springs, left, and RN Shiann Bryce celebrated his dismissal from the Talihina Hospital following a long bout with COVID.

Oklahoma awarded \$100M in competitive highway grants

Congressman Tom Cole joined Senator Jim Inhofe and members of Oklahoma's delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives in applauding the U.S. Department of Transportation's announcements that two large highway projects will receive significant funding through the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant program, which is highly competitive.

Between the two awards, the combined total funding is approximately \$100 million, with \$50 million going toward the I-40 Douglas Interchange project and \$50 million for the I-35 Red River Bridge project. Both projects directly affect Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District.

"I am pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Transportation has selected two critical infrastructure projects in Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District to receive significant awards," Congressman Tom Cole said.

"The receipt of this tremendous funding will greatly improve and strengthen the ability to move both people and freight in vital commuter and

trade corridors while increasing travel safety statewide.

"This is great news for Oklahoma, and I was delighted to personally advocate for bringing this essential funding to the district I represent within our state. In the years ahead, I look forward to seeing the incredible statewide benefits of DOT's generous \$100 million investment in these key projects," he said.

"It is welcome news to see more than \$100 million in INFRA grant funding come back to important infrastructure projects in Oklahoma," Senator Jim Inhofe said. "This funding will go towards reconstructing, widening and improving two extremely important highways in Oklahoma: I-40 and I-35, supporting jobs, driving economic growth, and increasing safety for the travelling public.

"As we continue to discuss a broad, national infrastructure package, regionally important projects like these that are real, tangible, Oklahoma infrastructure will continue to be my focus in Congress," he said.

"I'm excited to join my colleagues in Oklahoma's Congressional Delegation in

announcing the more than \$100 million in INFRA funding for two significant infrastructure projects in Oklahoma," Congressman Frank Lucas said. "Investing in hard infrastructure is critically important to the economic prosperity of Oklahoma's communities, allowing for increased commerce and economic development to spur growth not only along the corridors of I-40 and I-35 but towns across Oklahoma.

"I'm proud to have joined Senator Inhofe in our efforts to secure this vital funding and help modernize Oklahoma's highways. As Congress continues to discuss the need for a national infrastructure package, core infrastructure for Oklahoma and rural America will remain my top priority," Lucas said.

"It's no secret Oklahoma's highways are in desperate need of repair so I am glad to see this INFRA funding come back to Oklahoma," Congressman Markwayne Mullin said. "Investing in these two major highways will spur economic growth, increase public safety, and make Tinker Air Force Base more accessible. This

is a big win for our state and I will continue to fight for federal investment in projects that improve the lives of Oklahomans."

"If you've driven on I-40 lately, you know this is long overdue," Congressman Kevin Hern said. "Roads are a critical piece of our society. These kinds of projects are what most Americans think of when you talk about 'infrastructure.' These funds will be put to good use in Oklahoma."

"I-40 is critical to Oklahoma's ability to serve as a corridor to commerce across the nation, which is why I'm pleased to join with members of Oklahoma's delegation to announce the awarding of a \$50 million INFRA grant for a lane addition and interchange improvement project at I-40 and Douglas Boulevard in the fifth district," Congresswoman Stephanie Bice said.

"While Congress continues to discuss a nationwide infrastructure package, grants like these ensure that states can maintain interstate safety or expand infrastructure to meet the needs of Oklahoma businesses and residents," she concluded.

From page 13A

Opry:

Paul Lopez, is a national award-winning vocalist and one of our Nation's Heroes. We thank him for his service to our great country. Saturday this Marine showed us how it's done.

Paul kicked it through the uprights with the Billy Currington song, "That's Just Me" and did an outstanding rendition of the Luke Bryan megahit, "Most People Are Good."

The award-winning songbird, Cathy Lake crossed that old Red River from Runaway Bay, Texas, and made her way back to the stage of the Pauls Valley Opry. This gal is a super vocalist and she is an excellent song writer, too.

Cathy wooed the crowd with the Terri Clark hit, "Better Things to Do." Then, she got us yearning for home when she sang her outstanding self-penned, "When I Get Home."

John Williams is not only the "Voice of the Pauls Valley Opry," but he is also a Pauls Valley Opry Hall of Fame member. John is blessed with an incredible voice and a special way of presenting stories, both through speak-

ing and through song.

He got the crowd on their feet with the Gene Watson hit, "Fourteen Carat Mind" and with the Alan Jackson/George Strait hit, "Murder on Music Row." John, you're a keeper!

Wiley Winters is another multi-award-winning artist which includes being the Pauls Valley Opry's 2018 Male Vocalist of the Year and the 2018 Entertainer of the Year. Wiley knocked it out of the park with the Josh Turner hit, "Your Man." When Wiley stepped back to center stage with the Blake Shelton tune, "Home", there wasn't a dry eye in the park.

Missy Rude is another multi-award-winning artist and was inducted in the Pauls Valley Opry Hall of Fame in 2015. Missy is a singer's singer, pouring her heart out in every song she sings.

Whether it's gospel, country, rock or rhythm & blues - this gal is "all that and a bag of chips." Missy performed the Patsy Cline monster hit "Crazy" then cut loose on the Aretha Franklin Motown classic, "The Weight." Wow! Anne Young lights up any

room with her beautiful smile and is one of the best entertainers in the history of Oklahoma Country Music. Anne had everyone out of their lawn chairs and into a dancing mood with the Trisha Yearwood smash hit, "You Say You Will" and then took us to another place and time with the beautiful Carpenter's song, "Superstar."

As always, the Memory Makers Band added to the mix with several selections including the fun song and blast from the past "Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weenie Yellow Polka-dot Bikini."

John Williams served as emcee and Dallas Pro Sound provided the sound and lighting for the night's event. Many thanks to the Opry's many sponsors and the City of Pauls Valley for making this a free event.

The next show will be back in the PVHS auditorium on Saturday, August 7, and begin at 6:30 pm.

Guests will include Tanner Young, Annie Reed, Terry Wilson, Mary McDonald, Dallas Richardson, Betty Archer and newcomer Randall Armstrong.

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Lucas:

Service through legislation, we believe it is vital that the Postal Service not take any action that will weaken its long-term financial success by chasing customers out of the mail market.

"All Americans depend on the preservation of this essential institution that is meant to be self-sustaining," Lucas and Grothman concluded.

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Court:

Ronnie Beene vs. Carlile Building Inc, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Discover Bank vs. Britni Skinner, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Norman Regional Hospital vs. Richard A. Searcy, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Skyler IK Krieger, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed

James D. Fenton, 68, of Fayetteville, Ga. and Charlene A. Carignan, 70, of Lexington.

Brandon J. Branham, 22, of Moore and Alaina J. Baltrush, 22, of Norman.

Adrian K. C. Hernandez, 30, and Ripleigh A. Cunningham, 23, both of Purcell.

Travis C. Hall, 30, and Cheyenne T. Collins, 27, both of Lexington.

Divorces Granted

None filed.

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Kiwanis supporters

The Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis is honoring Allen Eubanks of Ace Hardware and Tim Barton's Farmers Insurance for supporting the club. Club members are leaving the flags up for one full week.

OSDH seeks public feedback on WIC program

State health officials are soliciting comments from individuals regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

Public feedback is needed for the State Plan of Program Operations for the 2022 Federal Fiscal Year. Comments must be received before July 30, 2021.

WIC is a federally funded nutrition education and supplemental food program for low income pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children up to five years of age.

Eligibility is determined by nutritional risk and incomes that fall below 185 percent of the poverty level. There are approximately 60,207 Oklahomans participating in the WIC Program each month.

A priority for the program is to make sure pregnant women understand the importance of adequate nutrition throughout their pregnancy.

"Numerous studies have shown that pregnant women who participate in WIC have longer pregnancies leading to fewer premature births," said Terry Bryce, director of WIC service for the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH). "They have fewer low and very low birth-weight babies, experience fewer fetal and infant deaths, and seek prenatal care earlier in pregnancy and consume more of such key nutrients as iron, protein, calcium, and vitamins A and C."

The WIC Program encourages and supports breastfeeding by providing a wide range of breastfeeding services and support activities to expectant and new mothers.

Another priority for the WIC program is to ensure that mothers and eligible families with young children have the basic nutritional knowledge necessary to assure their children's proper nutrition intake.

WIC provides a monthly prescription of nutritious foods tailored to supplement the dietary needs of participants to ensure good health, growth and development.

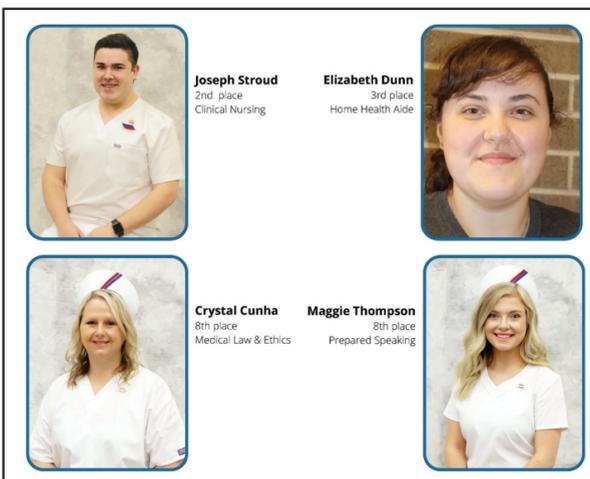
The foods are specifically chosen to provide consistency with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and established dietary recommendations for infants and children under five years of age.

The selected foods also reinforce WIC nutrition education messages, address emerging public health nutrition-related issues, and provide wide appeal to the diverse WIC population.

WIC is housed within local county health departments and operates interdependently with other public health programs. Providing referral services to health care and social services.

WIC is a gateway to the health care and social service systems, which enables more comprehensive health promotion and disease prevention in the WIC population.

Individuals with comments regarding the WIC program should email Terry Bryce at TerryB@health.ok.gov or call (405) 426-8500 ext. 68515, or 1-888-655-2942.



MATC students place at HOSA International Leadership Conference

The results are in for the Mid-America Technology Center students who competed in the 2021 HOSA International Leadership Conference.

The ILC is one of the highlights of the year for all HOSA students, and even though this year's conference was held in a virtual format, the conference still featured exciting and educational sessions and highly competitive events.

MATC students participating were:

Practical Nursing Students: Joseph Stroud, Lindsay, 2nd place, Clinical Nursing; Crystal Cunha, Lexington, 8th place, Medical Law & Ethics; Maggie Thompson, Elmore City, 8th place, Prepared Speaking.

Pre-Nursing Student: Elizabeth Dunn, Paoli, 3rd place, Home Health Aide (post-secondary).

HOSA is an international student organization recognized by the U.S. Department

of Education and the Health Science Education (HSE) Division of ACTE.

HOSA's mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

The HSE-HOSA partnership recognizes the importance of providing students with training far beyond the basic technical skills needed for entry into the health care field.

The rapidly changing health care system needs dedicated workers who, in addition to their technical skills, are people-oriented and capable of playing a leadership or followership role as a member of a health care team.

For information about full-time programs, short-term classes, and Business and Industry Services, at Mid-America Technology Center, please visit us at www.matech.edu.

No. 431-July 8-1 Time PUBLIC NOTICE

All persons having an indebtedness or claim against the City of Purcell are hereby notified that all invoices and documentation pertaining to said purchase or contract must be recorded in the office of Victor R. Lohn, Treasurer, on or before September 30, 2021, covering all debts now unpaid and incurred during the period beginning on July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2021, or said account shall be void and forever barred.

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One dead, one hurt

Accident under investigation

An elderly Wanette man is dead and another is in an Oklahoma City hospital following a car accident Sunday morning in Pottawatomie County.

Killed in the wreck west of Tecumseh at the intersection of State Highway 9 and Drummond Road was John Retzlaff, 84.

He was a passenger in a 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer driven by 71-year-old David Retzlaff.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Shayne Ballard reported John Retzlaff was

pronounced dead at the scene.

He was taken to the State Medical Examiner's office in Oklahoma City.

David Retzlaff sustained head injuries and was taken to the University of Oklahoma Medical Center where he was admitted. He was in serious condition Tuesday morning.

Details of the crash are under investigation, Ballard reported.

Assisting at the scene were Troopers Matthew Snyder and Jeff Cummings and the Bethel Acres Fire Department.

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COVID:

perintendent Dr. Sheli McAdoo wrote in the plan's introductory letter.

McAdoo pledged to "rely on research and support from the Centers for Disease Control, Oklahoma State Department of Health and Oklahoma State Department of Education, as well as our community."

McAdoo identified three parts to the Safe Return to Learn Plan – stakeholder input, safe conditions for all students and staff and continuing review and input.

There are nine parts to safe conditions for all students and staff.

Masking regulations top the list.

Although fully vaccinated adults and students age 12 and older are exempt from the mask requirement, the plan calls for following the state health department's COVID-19 alert system for mask recommendations.

In green counties, masks aren't required. In yellow, they are recommended, but not required. In orange counties, masks are strongly recommended, but not required except in areas where students congregate and can't socially distance, like school buses.

Under a red alert, masks are mandatory at all times except for eating or during recess or physical activity.

At present, the vaccines haven't received CDC approval for children younger than 12 years.

Other steps call for maintaining six feet distance, possibly reducing building capacity, staggering recess, use of hand sanitizer, hand washing, utilizing deep cleaning protocols.

OPA:

& Sun.

"During my time on the board I've had the opportunity to learn from some of the great journalists in our state," Montgomery said. "I'm thankful to have our current board members as we navigate some new and exciting advancements for the association. We have the best press association in the country and I look forward to a great year."

Montgomery was named to the OPA board of directors in 2014.

He has worked in and around newspapers his entire life. He's done everything in the newspaper office, from emptying trash to making top decisions as co-publisher of **The Purcell Register** after he was named to the position in 2019.

After graduating from Purcell High School in 2001, Montgomery attended The Univer-

Grants:

districts to hire school counselors and school-based mental health professionals through the 2023-24 school year.

The grant program is called the Oklahoma School Counselor Corps and disburses federal relief funding the state received due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is the largest initiative under Ready Together: An Action Plan for Supporting Students through the Pandemic and Beyond.

The McClain County recipients are Newcastle, \$478,000; Blanchard, \$126,000, and Purcell and Washington, \$96,000 each.

In addition, Lexington in Cleveland County is receiving \$96,000.

sity of Oklahoma, earning a bachelor's degree in journalism and communication in 2006. While in college he served as president of the Beta Kappa Chapter of Sigma Chi.

He married his wife, Emily, in 2006. The two of them published **Boyd Street Magazine** in Norman for nearly six years before selling it and returning to **The Register** full-time in 2011.

Montgomery served as Purcell Rotary President in 2013-2014 and has served multiple terms on the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He is also active in many lay roles at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell.

John Denny and Emily have three children, John Denny (Jack) Montgomery IV, 10, Lane Montgomery, 7, and Thomas Montgomery, 4.

"Schools have wrestled with inadequate numbers of counselors and mental health professionals for far too long," said Joy Hofmeister, state school superintendent. "Oklahoma children suffer from a higher rate of trauma than children in most other states and the pandemic has only exacerbated such adversity."

"These grants can bring transformational change to schools, some of which have not had a single school counselor. With academic success dependent on student well-being, this marks a critical investment for our students."

The state's current student-to-school counselor ratio is 411 to 1, Hofmeister added.

But the American School Counselor Association recommends a ratio of 250 to 1.

Districts applied for the grants to fund approximately half the cost of salary and benefits of qualified positions.

In total, the 181 districts have requested 222 school counselors, 36 licensed social workers, 54 licensed mental health professionals, four recreational therapists and 42 contracted services.

For its part, the OSDE will hire five regional positions to support the corps with training and professional development.



Emily Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Extinguishing the flames

Purcell firefighter Kent Meeker extinguishes a car fire Monday evening on Green Ave. near Walmart. There were no injuries but due to the blaze the van was a total loss.

Accordions:

southwest Missouri.

One tour in particular altered his life forever.

The team came to the Revival Center in Lexington where he met his future wife, Donna.

"Her mom played the piano there so I fell in love with her first," he jokes.

Actually Donna is an accomplished musician, playing guitar and drums. And what happened was this - "We saw each other and that was it."

He married her when she was 16 and they will celebrate their 49th anniversary later this year.

Starchman tuned pianos for years until he discovered accordion restoration.

The oft-maligned instrument - Donna is no fan of the sound - enjoyed its heyday from the 1940s to 1960s.

As interest in accordions dropped in the decades that followed, the instruments were forgotten and neglected.

Starchman was 17 when he bought his first accordion from a pawn shop.

He began tinkering with the occasional accordion, his right hand at home on its piano-like keys.

With his left hand, he mastered the chord buttons.

Over several years, he would get an accordion, play it for a time and then send it to the mission field.

"Accordions are like cats," he said. "You start with one and ..."

"All sound different, feel

different."

When one wouldn't play, he carefully took it apart and fixed it.

Piano tuners are relatively easy to come across. Masters of accordion repair/restoration not so much.

It wasn't long before Starchman was getting calls from music stores in Oklahoma City.

He began searching out neglected accordions, buying, repairing, restoring and rehoming them.

When COVID-19 shut down the country, Starchman's accordion hobby-turned-business "went through the roof."

One music store in Oklahoma City for which Starchman repairs accordions told him they sold more accordions in the past few months than in four years prior.

People were locked in and bored. Surprising numbers took up the accordion.

"I actually sold two to one lady in one day," he recalled.

The woman's husband had given her money for Christmas and she came to Starchman's shop to buy herself an accordion.

She found two that she really liked, so she bought the second as a birthday present to herself.

"It's a surprise to me which customer will buy which accordion," he continued.

Take the case of the tiny elderly woman who pastors a church at Shawnee.

It wasn't her first accordion and she picked out the largest one Starchman had.

When he protested that the instrument was too large for her small frame and surely she wouldn't be able to stand and play it, she fixed him with a determined gaze.

"Then I shall sit," she informed him, paying for her pick.

Starchman said there are several different types of accordions. All the ones he works on are piano accordions.

Customers shopping for a new instrument or a knowl-

edgeable accordion restorer come from as far away as south Texas and Arkansas.

During the golden age of accordions, the instruments cost thousands of dollars.

"Mine sell for \$400 to \$700," Starchman said.

The accordion is finding appeal in an ever-widening sea of musical styled - Tejano, Cajun, country, rock and jazz, to name a few.

In the past, Starchman, who has degrees in music, taught piano and organ, as well as first grade and middle school music.

He's sold several accordions to "people who didn't play but wanted to learn."

Encouraging someone new to play an accordion is "magic."

There are free lessons to be found online and Starchman has printouts of the keys and chord buttons for his customers.

"Some people are amazing," he said.

Whereas the piano is technically a percussion instrument, the accordion is a reed instrument. Only not just one or even a dozen reeds.

It takes a separate reed for every note.

In fact, it is the bellows and all those reeds that make an accordion an accordion.

They are the instrument's heart and soul and its anatomy is as complex as it gets.

Starchman hasn't counted, but is confident the word from one of his music store customers is spot on. There are more than 2,000 parts to an accordion.

He's taught himself to fabricate some parts, to repair others or replace with like parts salvaged from some instruments beyond repair.

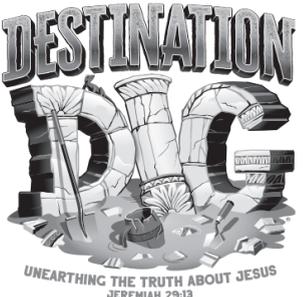
He picks up two accordions at a time and often buys used accordions from Goodwill in Seattle.

Many accordions are deliberately out of tune. The result is a gypsy sound that many prefer.

"The accordion can make very beautiful music or really terrible noise," he said.

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