



Town vs. county

Washington: A tale of two elections

It may be confusing, but there is nothing untoward in the upcoming election of an at-large town trustee in Washington on April 5.

Karen Haley, McClain County Election Board secretary, explained that Washington is one of four towns in the county that opt to follow the Town Meeting Act regarding elections.

The other towns are Cole,

Wayne and Rosedale.

For those four towns, elections are conducted locally and don't involve the county election board.

"We have never done the Town of Washington (election)," said Tenna Garrett, assistant secretary of the election board. "We just hold

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Outdoor education thriving at Lexington

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

When James Clevenger grew up north of Broken Bow life was all about hunting and fishing.

Now with the assistance of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation he's added outdoor education to his credentials as the Algebra 1 teacher at Lexington Public

Schools.

It all started three years ago when he started teaching at Lexington.

A friend from those hunting and fishing days growing up reached out to clue Clevenger in on the outdoor education program he'd been running for

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• Photo provided

Perfect score

Lexington freshman Dax Beason scored a perfect 50 to win Oklahoma's Tier 2 National Archery in the Schools competition. The win qualified him to compete in the national tournament at Louisville, Ky., May 11-14.

Kingston storm hits close to home

Tornado damages properties owned by area residents

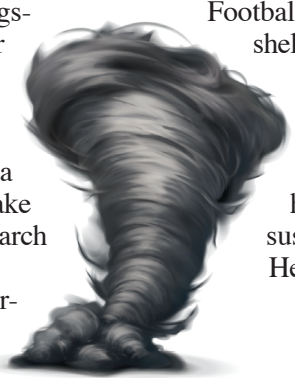
The EF-2 tornado that hit the Kingston area and near by resorts was over 90 miles away from Purcell.

But the storm still hit close to home.

Several former and current area residents have lake homes near Lake Texoma and most came out of the March 21 tornado unscathed.

However, some were not so fortunate.

Former Purcell Dragon Head

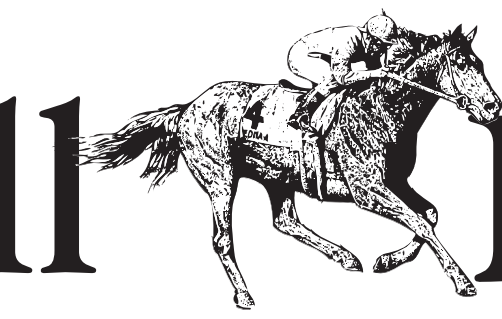


Football Coach Mike Wilson has a storm shelter and crammed 10 people into his small shelter to weather the storm. None of them were injured.

Wilson told **The Purcell Register** neither his house, nor the home of Scott and DeLinda Henson sustained any damage.

He reported minor damage to the lake

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Human smuggling INVESTIGATED

Sheriff's office assisted by 4 law enforcement agencies



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Human hauler

The McClain County Sheriff's Office and four other law enforcement agencies worked Monday night and Tuesday searching for humans who came out of this 18-wheeler around 9:20 p.m. Monday in Wayne.

Several law enforcement agencies are assisting the McClain County Sheriff's Office with an investigation into human smuggling.

Sheriff deputies were called to 28030 SH 59 in the Wayne area just before 9:30 p.m. Monday, March 28 to investigate a semi-trailer truck that was parked with its lights off.

Deputies were told 40-50 persons were seen exiting the semi, all running in different directions.

In addition to deputies, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and Chickasaw Nation

Lighthorse Police were involved in the investigation.

McClain County Sheriff Landy Offolter said three foreign national females were located at a nearby business requesting assistance from the business owner.

Deputies provided medical aid to the females and transported them to a safe location.

No other persons were located at the time of the call.

The driver of the semi-trailer was reported to have left the scene prior to law

enforcement arrival.

With assistance from the Oklahoma City Police Department's Air Unit, a grid search was conducted to attempt to locate any other involved parties.

As of 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, the McClain County Sheriff's Office was assisting seven foreign nationals with aid and resources as a result of being smuggled and left in the Wayne area.

Offolter said it is believed

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Hunters start your engines

Easter Egg hunters, that is

It's that time again.

The annual Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt is right around the corner.

In fact, it's April 16 at 9

a.m. at the Purcell Lake Weaver Pavilion at 1400 Chandler Park Road.



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An Interesting Neighbor
Everyone has a story

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

James Snow was born at the height of the Great Depression and raised on his family's farm in the Fairview community southwest of 180th Street and State Highway 24.

He graduated from Wayne High School in 1953 and in January 1954 married Vera, his high school sweetheart.

Following high school he took a job with a seismograph company searching for oil across Kansas, Colorado, Texas and Oklahoma.

"After that Uncle Sam decided he wanted me to visit him," James said.

The draft notice came in 1958. It was peacetime, but the peace was an uneasy one. The Cold War saw the world's two superpowers—the United States and U.S.S.R. — going head-to-head in a space race and arms race.

The Army sent James to Ft. Carson, Colo., for basic and advanced individual training in the infantry.

But after four months, The Army had other plans for James.

He was discharged, only to re-enlist and be assigned to a missile company at Orangeburg, N.Y., in September 1958.

The company was part of a line of missile sites to defend the country's eastern seaboard.

Vera went with James to Orangeburg, which is about 40 miles from New York City.

When he first arrived in New York, the Army assigned him to a supply run "all over New York City, Long Island and Ft. Dix, N.J.," James said.

He was about to get in a fair amount of sight-seeing while driving a truck. And in his off hours, Vera joined him in exploring the Big Apple.

"I enjoyed it while I was up there," he said. "We met

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James Snow

Pretty good rain

1.9" in Purcell Tuesday night

A thunderstorm that moved through the area Tuesday night dumped 1.9" of rain in the Purcell area.

That hefty drink of water lifted the total for the year

here to 7.5".

The normal year-to-date total for this area is 5.09".

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Freshman fan club

Freshmen baseball players Parker Page and Tucker Bloodworth strike out 15.



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Honor students

See who made the honor rolls for Wayne Schools for the current grading period.



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Full bloom

Bradford Pear trees in and around Purcell are in full bloom and beautiful for residents driving here and there.

Wayne High School honor roll students

Wayne High School has announced honor rolls for the third nine weeks of the 2021-2022 school term.

- Superintendent's Freshmen**
Joseph Mantooth, Ty Kemp, Jenna Fielder, Jaxon Dill, Madison Deck and Kyler Cantrell.
- Sophmores**
Sean Baker, Jordynn Debaets, Haylee Durrence, Dalayah Fuentes, Indiana Humbarger, Zoe Spray and Abby Watts.
- Juniors**
Kylie Gish, Kaleb Madden, Kaylee Madden, Alexa Rojas, Sadie Thomas, Dylana Webster, Taylor Woods and Emily Woody.
- Seniors**
Ashley Bless, Sarah Breckenridge, Trent Donaho, McKenzie Fisher, Samantha Harrison, Jairo Hernandez, Kaylee Keeler, Brannon Lewelling, Alec Morgan, Haiden Parker,

- Hailee Smith, Andy Solis, Hannah VanSchuyver and Ashton Whitaker.
- Principal's Honor Roll Freshmen**
Brysten Shephard, Madilyn Sharp, Cash Sharp, Lukas Pack, Addison Keeler, Zoe Overly, Duke Moore, Beatriz Perez and Adam Lee.
- Sophmores**
Khloe Akins, Faith Brazell, Josten Dausat, Keller England, Ashley Hayles, Kloe Overley and Madicyn Self.
- Juniors**
Danielle Carie, Kailee Davis, Alexis Owens, Allison Ryan, Mallory Sharp and Ashley Williams.
- Seniors**
Kevin Bynum, Brayden Force, Emma Harrison, Andrew Lee, Ethan Mullins, Marqus Perez, Ruben Perez, Kayla Rojo, Alyna Taylor, Mayce Trejo and Beth Watts.

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Rain:

Oklahoma City has recorded 3.79" at Will Rogers World Airport.

Additional rain is in the forecast for Friday, Sunday and Monday.

Warrior Pre-K sign-up April 7

Washington Elementary will host Pre-K sign-up for the 22-23 year April 7 from 5-7 pm inside the cafeteria.

Students must be four years old on or before September 1 and reside within the Washington School District.

This program has limited space. Enrollment packets can be picked up at the elementary office.

For further information, call 405-288-2353.



7 Day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
60° 36°	68° 38°	69° 44°	75° 47°	71° 51°	71° 51°	73° 49°
Mostly Sunny	40% PM Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	30% Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny

Spring weather settling in

Spring is really beginning to settle in here across the Sooner state as we are continuing to see more and more rain chances and seasonal temperatures as we finally kick winter out the door.

Heading into Thursday and Friday, we will continue to warm up from the passage of storms and a cold front from

earlier this week, with another (lighter) storm system arriving Friday.

A 40 percent chance of showers is expected Friday, with little severe impacts.

As we head into this weekend, it'll be a great one to spend outdoors if you can. Temperatures will be hovering near 70

both Saturday and Sunday.

Headed into next week, we again will see another chance of showers and storms, but severe impacts are difficult to nail.

Next week looks to stay seasonal as temperatures hang around the 70° mark.

- Colton Williams

OSU AGRICULTURAL News

Tips for taxpayers as filing deadline approaches

Alisa Boswell-Gore
Agricultural Communications

As the April 18 filing deadline approaches, there are some important items taxpayers need to keep in mind as they get ready to file their tax returns.

"In general, you want to look at all the pieces that apply to you," said JC Hobbs, Oklahoma State University Extension associate specialist for farm management and taxation. "Everything that's pertinent to you should have been received, and everything that applies to you that might get missed are the IRA deduction, education credits and the child tax credit. Those are the big things people need to be aware of."

Consider the following items:
• To ensure that your return is processed more efficiently and your refund is returned sooner, it is beneficial to electronically file (E-File) and elect to have the refund directly deposited into your bank account.

The IRS has stated refunds will likely take six to eight weeks to receive if a paper tax

return is filed (search for E-File on the IRS website).

• The Child Tax Credit for 2021 is \$3,600 for each qualifying child under the age of 6 and is \$3,000 for children 6 to 17 years old.

Half of this credit was sent to taxpayers with qualifying children in the second half of 2021, and the remaining portion is allowed as a tax credit on returns filed this year (search for Fact Sheet 2022-17).

• Education tax credits provide some relief for taxpayers who are paying secondary education expenses for themselves or a family member. The American Opportunity Tax Credit is a refundable credit of up to \$2,500 per student based on the amount of college expenses paid.

The Lifetime Learning Credit is a refundable credit of up to \$2,000. Both credits are based on the amount paid for tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment (search for Publication 970).

• An item that can reduce

the amount of tax due is the Individual Retirement Account (IRA) deduction. An individual under the age of 50 can contribute up to \$6,000 (\$7,000 for individuals 50 years or older) towards a traditional IRA.

However, some restrictions may apply when a taxpayer's adjusted gross income reaches a certain level or if they have a work sponsored retirement plan.

It is important to understand all the rules and requirements for contributing to an IRA and getting the deduction (search for Publication 590-A).

More information about these topics can be found on the Internal Revenue Service website by searching the reference provided at the end of each topic.

For individuals who make less than \$57,000 per year, are disabled or have limited English language skills, volunteers in the AARP's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program are available to help via 800-906-9887.

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Wayne Middle School honor roll students

Wayne Middle School has announced honor rolls for the third nine weeks of the 2021-2022 school term.

Superintendent's Sixth Grade
Railey Behrens.

Seventh Grade
Taelyn Ringwald.

Principal's Honor Roll Sixth Grade
Gavin Genereaux, Scarlet Selzer and Jake Turner.

Seventh Grade
Rhett Albert, Gio Caballero, Briley Cantrell, Makina

Cheatwood, Addison Clagg, Addison Erwin, Cylie Jones, Kamber Lee, Colt McGee, Naidelyn Prieto, Kimber Reaves, Anieta Simons, Tuesday Vetor and Audra Watts.

Eighth Grade
Karsen Adams, Noah Alviso, Aiden Beck, Haven Cheatwood, Ricky Cooper, Benjamin Fisher, Ashlyn Kirkland, Sabrina Posey, Raedyn Saunders, Ava Stottemyre, Lily Whitaker and Serenity Young.

Wayne Elementary honor roll students

Wayne Elementary Schools has announced honor rolls for the third nine weeks of the 2021-2022 school term.

Superintendent's Second Grade
Ellie Bartlett, Aiden Genereaux, Gavin Knobloch, Kathryn McGee and Cody McGowen.

Third Grade
Korbyn Helling, Kimberly Ornelas, Nariyah Peterson and Dacey St. Peter.

Fourth Grade
Emma Brannum, Makiyah Christie, Eva Collett, Kashon Conder, Aiden Cox, Matthew Jenkins, Kaylee McSwain and Aubree Paul.

Principal's Honor Roll Second Grade
Brinlee Boles-Perigo, Betty Collett, Brody Fondren, Jocelyn Gilbert, Ariana Hatcher,

Robert Mallett, Karlee Murray, Easton Sharp, Khoen Whipple and Bentley Wright.

Third Grade
Spencer Allen, Bentley Behrens, Rowan Davis, Neria Gavia, Zane Gavia, Jagger Greenfield, Burke McGee, Hanna Nieto, Grayson Redus, Esteban Sanchez, Bella Stanard, Hannah Stidham, Giovanni Torturo and Dayana Vasquez.

Fourth Grade
Bentley Brakefield, Alex Erwin, Walker Lynn, Haley McCaleb, Raylan Morris, Emma Pettigrew, Kynlee Taylor and Broadly Wilson.

Fifth Grade
Hannah Curtis, Mark Jones, Natalie Knobloch, Ivonne Sanchez, Jayson Stidham and Paislee Taliaferro.

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NEWS In Brief

Property Tax Deadline

The deadline to pay the second half of property taxes is Thursday, March 31, at 4:30 p.m.

If anyone has questions regarding their tax statements, call the McClain County Treasurer's Office at 527-3261.

Roll Off Dumpsters

McClain County District 1 residents will have roll off dumpsters put in the maintenance yard in Wayne through April 7 for spring clean up.

Times for the yard are 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday only. The yard is closed on Friday.

No dumping of hazardous material, tires, batteries or anything containing freon.

Call 405-449-3355 for more information.

Beast Feast

The Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church annual Beast Feast, which was scheduled for February 26, has a new date.

The event will now be held Saturday, April 2, in the parish hall at Fourth and Jefferson in Purcell.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$30 per couple and \$40 for a family. All proceeds go to Knights of Columbus Community Projects.

Kiwanis Annual Egg Hunt

The Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 16, at the Purcell Lake Weaver Pavilion, 1400 Chandler Road.

Each age group will have their own hunt and prizes. Age groups include 0-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

The hunt begins at 9 a.m. sharp.

Lexington 89er's Day

The annual 89er's Day celebration in Lexington will be held Friday, April 22, from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be amusement rides, parade, car show, food, entertainment and much more!

If you are interested in helping with planning or want more information, contact the Lexington Chamber of Commerce

at 405-606-9537.

School Foundation

The Purcell Public School Foundation will hold an open meeting for the public Thursday, April 28, at 12 noon.

The meeting will be held in the Administration Building multi-purpose room in the building that formerly housed Purcell Intermediate School, behind the library.

Senior Dance at Purcell

A Senior Dance is held every Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center.

Admission is \$7.00 per person and a live band playing country and western music is on hand.

Everyone is welcome to come and join the fun.

For more information call Clayton Lee at 405-901-3197.

Museum News

The McClain County Museum and Historical Society has undergone some changes and the museum is now open for tours.

To schedule a tour contact Jerry Hayes at (405) 812-8379.



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Rotary servers

Bobby Gee, Gale Wilson, Shelly Jones and Chris Wright served up food to hungry junior high tracksters during the annual Rotary Track Meet at the Bob Haley Track.

April celebrated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Thousands of Oklahoma children suffer abuse and neglect each year. According to the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and its community partners encourage all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Oklahoma a safer place for children and families.

By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help promote the social and emotional well-being of children and youth and prevent child maltreatment within families and communities.

Major protective factors include knowledge of parenting and child development, parental resilience, social connections and concrete supports. Thousands of Oklahoma children were 14,466 substantiated child abuse incidents.

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Garvin named vice chair of Senate Retirement, Insurance Committee

Sen. Jessica Garvin has been named the new vice chair of the Senate Retirement and Insurance Committee.

The Duncan Republican's new leadership position was announced last week by Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat.

"I'm honored to have been entrusted by Pro Tem Treat to help lead the Retirement and Insurance Committee," Garvin said. "With my years of experience in the healthcare industry, I'm very familiar with the insurance industry and am looking forward to working to protect and strengthen the retirement systems of our hardworking public servants who have dedicated their careers to helping their fellow Oklahomans."

The committee deals with legislative issues relating to the regulation of private insurance, along with bills concerning the state's six public pension systems.

The systems include the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma (TRS); Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS); the Uniform Retirement System of Justices and Judges (URSJJ).

Also the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System (OFFRS); the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System (OPPRS); and the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System (OLERS).

"Senator Garvin brings energy and experience to the role of vice chair, and I know that she will do a great job for the Senate and the state of Oklahoma," Treat said.

Garvin will continue serving on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, along with the Business, Commerce and Tourism, Rules, and Transportation Committees.

"Our district is incredibly fortunate to have Jessica representing us at the Capitol. She has

proven herself to be a pragmatic and thoughtful lawmaker and is well respected by members of both chambers for putting people over politics," said Rep. Marcus McEntire, R-Duncan.

"It is rare for a freshman senator to be appointed to leadership, but she is an extremely hard worker and has earned her position as vice chairwoman. I'm proud to serve with her, but I'm even more proud to be represented by her," he concluded.



NEWS from the City of Purcell

Maintaining Alleys

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

It is the responsibility of the homeowner and or renter to maintain from the curb to the center of the alley. You are required to keep mowed any grass, weeds or similar vegetation from the curb or edge of the roadway to the center of the alleyway.

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A stretch on the slap

You talk about a stretch. Don't misunderstand me, I didn't watch the Oscars Sunday night but the news that was made I did catch on Monday. It was pretty unbelievable that Will Smith walked up to the stage and struck Chris Rock in the face.

But even more unbelievable was the fact that a CNN talking head blamed the whole ordeal on Donald Trump.

Granted, I think Trump is an idiot but he was not behind the Will Smith slap.

Geez.
jdm

And sticking with the slap. That is simply just not civilized actions.

When you step back and think about it, it is difficult to wrap your head around what happened.

jdm

Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

The gaffes just keep on coming from President Biden.

Initially, I was going to say the country would be better off if he just wouldn't speak off the cuff.

During the campaign his handlers kept him under wraps so he wouldn't make incorrect statements.

I was going to suggest they

do the same now but I saw photos where he now has cue cards to help him with answers to questions.

Hopefully he will stick with the script and not make statements like the one he did on Putin just the other day.

jdm

I'm not one to continually look at the price of a gallon of gas.

Why waste your time? It's not like you can't go without it so just belly up to the bar and take your medicine.

But I have a colleague who is a hawk-eye when it comes to how much fuel is for a gallon.

My co-worker will even tell me how much the signs read as she drives into work.

Therefore, even if I don't read the bad news she keeps me posted.

Depressing.

Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



Update from the Capitol

As we wrap up Women's History Month, I look back at the past week and realize how blessed I am to have this opportunity to help write a piece of Oklahoma history.

I've mentioned this before, but my dad's side of our family moved from Mexico and became U.S. citizens to provide a new trajectory for our family. My mother's parents were native Oklahomans who worked multiple jobs to provide for their four children.

Neither of my parents grew up having much, but they were comfortable, and they were loved. Because of the hard work they were exposed to during their childhood, they fought hard to provide a better life for their kids, just as their parents had done for them. I do my best to continue that legacy.

On Monday morning, I visited with students at Ken-

nedy Elementary in Norman. This energetic group of fourth graders asked me to come and talk to them about how it feels to be the first woman elected to represent Senate District 43, the importance of voting, and who my favorite legislators are at the Capitol.

On Friday, I had the pleasure of speaking to third graders at Horace Mann Elementary in Duncan about some of the same topics.

One of the highlights of my week was hanging out with the fifth graders at Horace Mann and helping them use math in Mrs. Cole's class to get out of the "escape room." I wrapped up Friday by visiting the Licensed Practical Nursing program at Red River Technology Center in Duncan, talking with adults about how their vote can impact elections and answering questions about

healthcare policy this session that can impact their industry.

On Saturday, I got to help honor the family of David Vallerand, a former teacher and coach at Washington Public Schools.

I never had the pleasure of meeting him, but when I heard the Warriors were dedicating their baseball stadium to him, I wanted to help celebrate his legacy and family too. "Coach V's" motto was to "always leave a place better than you found it." Honoring him and his family this weekend was the perfect ending to a hectic, emotionally charged, long week.

We worked hard every day to get all the Senate bills over to the House before Thursday's deadline. This week, we begin committee work on House

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Stop the rise of a nuclear Iran

Congressman Tom Cole

Barely beginning his second year, President Joe Biden is already in the running for the most damaging administration to U.S. interests in quite some time.

Under his watch, the terrorist-led Taliban has regained power in Afghanistan and Vladimir Putin has directed an unprovoked invasion against Russia's innocent neighbor in the most unjustified, brazen and destabilizing act of European aggression since World War II. Next up, President Biden is alarmingly renegotiating the ill-advised, Obama-era nuclear deal with the Iranian terrorist regime.

If the Biden Administration proceeds further, Iran stands to be handsomely rewarded – again – for its rogue pursuit of nuclear weapons and intercontinental ballistic missile technology.

After former President Barack Obama negotiated the original Iran Nuclear Deal in 2015, it not only relieved

Iran from international sanctions and effectively allowed resumption of the country's nuclear pursuits, but it also failed to close the pathway for Iran to develop nuclear weapons and related technology to use against the United States and our allies.

Moreover, as weak as the agreement was, Iran did not even act in compliance with all the requirements to limit the number of centrifuges to build, reduce its enriched uranium stockpile, require research and development only take place at Natanz and much more.

Egregiously, the agreement failed to require conventional strong, direct monitoring and inspection processes for key nuclear sites and verify compliance.

After it was clear that this deal allowed Iran to get out from under international sanctions and effectively resume its nuclear pursuits, former President Donald Trump finally approached Iran's inconsistent and unreliable commitment to denuclearization by rightly

withdrawing the U.S. from the agreement and reimposing tough sanctions.

These sanctions were an excellent start to put pressure on Iran to achieve an agreement that is more transparent, comprehensive and enforceable while protecting the safety and security of our nation and our allies.

Designated as a state sponsor of terrorism since 1984, Iran has demonstrated time and time again that it cannot be trusted. In fact, just a few weeks ago, the Iran Revolutionary Guard openly launched a missile attack toward a U.S. consulate in Iraq.

This shows what an absolute joke it is for the Biden Administration to trust this regime to not only abide by its word, but to do so under the same failed policies of the Obama Administration.

By negotiating with the terrorist regime, the Biden Administration is risking our nation's

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Your Views

News from District 42

• Rep. Cindy Roe •



House tackles women's sports, tax reform bills

This week was the House floor deadline week, where we worked late into the night multiple days in a row to discuss and debate to build consensus on legislation.

Thursday was our last day to pass bills out of their chamber of origin, which means we had to pass House bills by this day so they could be transferred to the Senate.

Before the deadline, I presented and passed House Bill 3313, which adds an enforcement mechanism to the No Patient Left Alone Act approved last year by the Legislature. I heard from constituents who were denied the right to visit their loved one in the hospital because the hospital was not abiding by the No Patient Left Alone Act.

I hope this bill moves quickly through the Senate so Oklahomans' right to visit their hospitalized loved one is protected.

I also coauthored House Bill 4245, known as the Save Women's Sports Act. The bill ensures that only biological females compete in female athletics in our state.

I debated in favor of this bill and focused my debate on the

physical differences between biological men and women. Science and common sense tell us that comparably fit and trained males are generally bigger, faster and stronger than females.

They also have larger hearts and lungs, denser bones, and stronger muscles, which is not something significantly affected by hormone changes.

Some differences may be minimized or suppressed by hormone treatment, but overall men and women are biologically very different. It's unfair to expect them to compete against one another.

These physical differences are the reason we have women's sports in the first place, and we must take preemptive action to protect women's sports.

The House also approved a number of bills to get the illegal medical marijuana market under control.

One bill I was especially glad to see pass was House Bill 3891, which prohibits commercial grow operations and processors from being within

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News from District 16

• Senator Mary Boren •



Halfway point of the second session of the 58th Legislature

We've officially reached the halfway point of the second session of the 58th Legislature. The long list of Senate bills has been cut down to just over 300 while the House sent us more than 370 of their measures. This week, we'll return to our committees to begin working through those House bills.

This past week, I welcomed hundreds of Cleveland County residents for a rally at the Capitol protesting the proposed 30-mile expansion of Oklahoma's turnpike system in Norman and other communities in the county, known as the South Extension Turnpike.

While avoiding houses seemed to be a priority in other major road projects, it's not for this proposed route. For the Kilpatrick, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) worked

to only disturb one house per mile and for the Kickapoo Turnpike, the route only took three houses every mile.

I realize the state is growing and this area is developing, but it is completely unacceptable that the Cleveland County turnpike expansion is currently looking at taking 16 homes per mile. I'm all for growing our state's economy, but we can't abuse the power of eminent domain and destroy people's lives when other solutions are possible.

There has to be another route or transportation strategy that won't disturb so many lives and businesses.

The plan would not only disrupt hundreds of residents

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Garvin:

bills, so we can start hearing those on the Senate floor and advance the best policies to Governor Stitt.

Last week, Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat appointed me as the vice chair of the Senate Retirement and Insurance Committee. I've been told by people who have worked at the Capitol for many years that a freshman being appointed to a leadership position is unheard of in the Senate. However, the previous chair resigned his position when he decided to run for Congress, so the membership had to be adjusted.

Having worked in healthcare my entire professional career and being a business owner, I've been exposed to many types of insurance and retirement systems. From health insurance and long-term care policies, to unemployment, liability, and worker's compensation insurance plans, I

have a lot of experience working in this space and look forward to using that knowledge to move public policy forward that will help Oklahomans long term.

Sitting down to write and reflect on this last week, I couldn't help but be humbled by the many great people I got to meet.

Coach Vallerand's motto will continue to echo in my mind as we move forward this legislative session. I truly do strive to leave Oklahoma a better place with my service in various areas, and I encourage my children to do the same.

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

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Roe:

1,000 feet of any public school.

Additionally, we passed a rural broadband bill that has been under works for four years. Discussions between legislators and stakeholders over House Bill 3835 continued this week, and the House was finally able to create language agreeable for all parties to have rural broadband expansion.

We also approved a bill to grant Oklahoma veterans a full tax exemption on retirement benefits they receive as a result of their service.

Currently, veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces receive tax exemptions for up to 75 percent or \$10,000 of the retirement benefits they receive from any component of the U.S. Armed Forces. House Bill 3693 would maintain the current exemption through Dec. 31, 2022.

If the legislation becomes law, veterans would receive a 100 percent tax exemption on their retirement benefits, beginning Jan. 1, 2023. This is a great opportunity to bring more veterans to our state.

One other tax reform bill passed this week was House Bill 4349, which would place a two-year moratorium on the state's 4.5 percent sales tax on

groceries.

Implementing the tax elimination for two years gives us an opportunity to see its impact before deciding whether or not to eliminate the state grocery tax altogether.

Oklahoma is one of only 13 states with a grocery sales tax. At the current rate of 4.5 percent, people spending \$200 a week on groceries pay \$468 in taxes on those groceries every year.

The exemption would only apply to state sales taxes. Many counties and municipalities have their own sales taxes, and groceries would still be susceptible to those local taxes.

We had lots of early mornings and late days this week, and I'm looking forward to being back in House District 42 attending events and spending time with family. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you at the State Capitol!

Additionally, you can reach out to me with any questions or concerns. You can reach out to me at cynthia.roe@okhouse.gov or (405) 557-7365.

Rep. Cynthia Roe, a Republican, serves District 42 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, which covers Garvin and McClain counties.

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Boren:

and businesses, but also go through the only place in the world where Oklahoma's state rock, the "rose rock", or barite roses, are found. This geological wonder is only present in a thin band between Lake Stanley Draper and Noble.

The proposed road would also disturb a nesting haven for the great American bald eagle, which until 2007 was on the federal endangered species list, and great work has gone into protecting this majestic bird since the 1960s.

The area around Lake Thunderbird is an important stop for tens of thousands of migratory birds. It's also one of the most important wildlife corridors in central Oklahoma. By cutting off wildlife's access to the forested areas, wetlands, and water supplied by the lake, this project could result in the death of thousands of native animals, including those that are endangered or threatened.

This expansion would also be devastating for the state's largest wildlife rehabilitation center, WildCare, which is also one of the top 10 largest in the nation as well. This center serves more than 7,000 animals a year, representing more than 140 species, many of which are endangered or threatened.

Fortunately, Senate Bill 1610 passed out of the Senate last week to slow down this project by requiring the OTA to prepare a report concerning the proposed construction of the turnpike and provide that report to the Senate Pro Tem, the House Speaker, and the governor at least 180 days prior to issuing bonds for construction.

The report would include whether the proposed route was determined to be the most effective regarding the flow of traffic and what factors were considered in making that determination; the specific impact and effect that the planned route would have on businesses, citizens, and private and public property; whether any alternate routes were considered by OTA and the factors considered as to why the alternative routes were not chosen; and any other factors relevant to the decision of the location of the turnpike by OTA.

I want to thank everyone who came to the Capitol rally and shared their concerns with lawmakers. Please continue to do so.

SB 1610 will next be heard most likely in the House Transportation Committee before being voted on by the full chamber. The governor has the power to stop this misuse of eminent domain to build toll roads. His office can be reached at (405) 521-2342 or you can email his office through his website at <https://oklahoma.gov/governor/contact.html>.

I can be reached by writing to Senator Mary Boren, State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Room 514.1, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, emailing me at Mary.Boren@oksenate.gov, or by calling (405) 521-5553 and speaking to my assistant Ms. Trena Byas.

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Abuse:

abuse and neglect victims in Oklahoma in 2021.

Oklahomans can participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month in a variety of ways, including wearing blue to support prevention, decorating a tree with blue ribbons, or participate in the YMCA's Five Days of Action. A complete list of activities is available online.

For additional information about child abuse prevention activities in April or how to get involved in your community throughout the year, contact a local county health department or OSDH Family Support and Prevention Services at (405) 426-8060.

The power behind your electrical power

By **Dusty Ricks,**
Manager/CEO
Rural Electric Cooperative

You have likely noticed REC's crews out and about, working on power lines and other electrical equipment in our community. It is no secret a lineworker's job is tough - but it is an essential job and must be done, often in challenging conditions.

This month we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 11.

The work can be heavy, in more ways than one. Did you know the equipment and tools a lineworker carries while climbing a utility pole can weigh up to 50 pounds? The same as carrying six gallons of water. Speaking of utility poles, lineworkers are required to climb poles ranging anywhere from 30 to 120 feet tall.

Lineworkers must be committed to their career - because it is not just a job, it is a lifestyle. The long ours and ever-present danger can truly take a toll. In fact, being a lineworker is listed in the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.

Lineworkers often work non-traditional hours, outdoors in difficult conditions. While the job does not require a college degree, it does require technical skills, years of training and hands-on learning.

Did you know to become a journeyman lineworker can take more than 7,000 hours of training (or about four years)? Mainly because working with high-voltage equipment requires specialized skills, experience and an ongoing mental toughness.

Despite the many challenges, REC's lineworkers are committed to powering our local community. During severe weather, events can bring major power outages, lineworkers are among the first ones called.

They must be ready to leave the comfort of their home and families unexpectedly, and not return until the job is done, often days later.

Nationwide, there are approximately 120,000 electric lineworkers. Our lineworkers maintain over 3,000 miles of power lines across six counties. In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers per-

form, their job today goes far beyond climbing utility poles to repair a wire.

Today's lineworkers are information experts who can pinpoint power outages from miles away. Line crews now use laptops, tablets, drones and other technologies to map outages, survey damage and troubleshoot problems.

Being a lineworker may not seem like a glamorous job, but it is absolutely essential to the life of our community. Without the exceptional dedication and commitment of these hardworking men and women, we simply would not have the reliable electricity we need for everyday life.

So, the next time you see a lineworker, please thank them for the work they do to keep the power flowing, regardless of the time of day or weather conditions. After all, lineworkers are the power behind your power.

Please join us as we recognize them on April 11 and follow "#ThankALineworker" on social media to see how others are recognizing lineworkers.

Ukraine refugees are coming

By **Dr. Glenn Mollette**

America has been good to help people and more are on the way.

Refugees from Ukraine are coming to America, up to 100,000 would be welcomed as recently announced by President Biden. The population of some communities will grow depending on where the federal government places these people.

Since the passage of the refugee act there are already over 3 million refugees in America. They are located throughout the United States with large populations in some towns and cities.

A refugee is "a person who is unable to return to his or her country of origin because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group."

A refugee legally resides in the country of resettlement and is eligible for federally funded cash assistance for up to eight months.

Refugees are resettled in the United States by the federal government and are afforded specific refugee assistance to help them rebuild their lives in America. This federal funding

is limited in both duration and amount.

It is important to note that most refugees arrive with very little in terms of possessions, beside a few bags of luggage, and if they are lucky, all of their family members.

All refugees arriving in the United States are entitled to 8 months of Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) from the date of their U.S. arrival. The RCA amounts vary based on the size of the family: Single person (\$230/month), Family of 2 (\$363/Month), Family of 3 (\$485/month), Family of 4 (\$611/month), etc.

If a family qualifies for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), offered by the State Department of Health and Human Services, they will not receive RCA funds, but will immediately begin receiving TANF funds, which provide the same amounts of funds as outlined above for families (Refugee or American), yet unlike RCA, there is five year time limit to their receipt of funds which can be reviewed and extended depending on need.

All TANF recipients must be participating in verified educational courses, volunteer placements, and/or employment searches in order to access

these funds. Source, Catholic Charities

The Ukrainian people appear to be hard working people. Once they make it to America I would not be surprised if some of our worker shortage will start to disappear.

These people have nothing. If you still want a job you probably should take one and go to work.

At this point we have no choice but to help these people as the economy and infrastructure of the countries surrounding Ukraine cannot absorb them all.

Can you imagine if Russia and China combined to attack America? What if we had to run to Canada to survive?

We would appreciate anything anybody would do to help us.

Pray for them and let us all give thanks for what we have.

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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*.

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Cole:

security for an agreement that would undoubtedly increase volatility in the Middle East and ultimately maintain the way for Iran to acquire nuclear weapons.

It is long past time for the president and his advisors to get a grip on reality and suspend round two of the "American Apology Tour." It seems like

every time there is a chance to project strength on behalf of the United States, they miss the moment and show more concern for appearances than leading.

The only language our adversaries understand is strength. There should be no more aircraft loads of hard currency departing for Tehran. Before

enormous concessions are made to Iran without clear, absolute and verifiable action in return, I urge the Biden Administration to pause and reflect on how this went last time.

I shudder to think what is next. North Korea's Kim Jong-un must be relishing for his own turn at the table with this Administration.

Inhofe: Defense budget falls short

U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has released the following statement on President Biden's fiscal year 2023 budget request for national defense:

"To be prepared for war is the most effectual means of preserving the peace." It was true in 1790 when President Washington said it. It was true in 1983 when President Reagan repeated it and it remains true today. Preserving the peace requires serious investment — and the President's defense

budget falls short.

"While Secretary Austin and Deputy Secretary Hicks fought to increase this year's defense budget, I hope they agree with me that our military needs more resources in this increasingly dangerous world than this budget provides.

"President Biden's defense budget reflects the world he wishes for — but not the world as it is. You simply can't look at the world around us now and think this budget is adequate to confront all the threats we face, let alone to accelerate

our attempts to maintain or restore deterrence and secure U.S. interests for our children and grandchildren.

"Most problematic is that this budget neglects to sufficiently account for historic inflation. The Pentagon's inflation assumptions for 2023 are almost certainly low, nor does the budget make up for current record inflation rates. I am particularly concerned about service members losing buying

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Answers to end of generics

Dear Editor:

End of generic drugs?

First of all, author Merrill Matthews, resident scholar (whatever that is) at the Institute of Federal Policy Innovation, a "nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy "think tank," is a biased conservative, right leaning organization, with membership in the "KOCH supported," American Legislative Exchange Council-ALEC. (SourceWatch.org.) Matthews campaigned against Obamacare as director of the "Council for Affordable Health Insurance (CAHI), an association of insurance companies.

Matthews is also associated with The Heartland Institute, which has received significant dollars from pharmaceutical manufacturers like GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer, and Eli Lilly. I think you get the idea of his lack of "credibility."

Historically, the largest government investments in basic drug discovery research have been made by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has also contributed to the discovery stage by taking on some relatively high-risk biologic projects.

Like most Republicans he gives disinformation on why you should pay soaring prices for drugs, or research will dry up. Republicans voted for the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. Although it sounds good, in reality it said Medicare cannot negotiate cheaper drugs. Some older folks must pick medicine or food.

Then he goes into a nonsensical rant about companies not knowing the price until the government sets it, and continues fear mongering about "Democrats want cheaper drugs, so they can stop research and then you just die.

Big Pharma and Big Insurance have the largest lobby group in Washington. Insulin was invented in the 1920's by 2 Canadians who sold the patten for one dollar because they did not want people to die because it was unaffordable. The article says not to import drugs from other countries, In Canada a month of Insulin is about one third of what you would pay here. In Canada, the drug companies are not making record profits!

If lifesaving drugs are affordable, does it matter if generic drugs stop doing research? He ends the story with gibberish, "Because there can be no inexpensive, generic version, of a brand name drug that's never invented." Wwhhaatt?

Respectfully,
Mary Brannon

Society



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Door prize winners

Mother's Entwined members Amy David, hostess, with door prize winners Brandi Steiner, Kim Fox and Shawna Farmer and hostesses Lori Cox and Carrie Mayes at the April 23 meeting.

Mother's Entwined Club

The ladies of Mother's Entwined are sponsoring a cornhole tournament on Saturday, April 23, at Libby's Café in Goldsby.

Entries are \$60 per 2-person team and must be made in advance. Contact any club member to get your team registered for the fun that benefits projects in Washington & Purcell. More information on this event will be available soon.

This and other business was discussed at the group's March 23 meeting at the home of Carrie Mayes in Purcell.

Other business included the

annual state convention of the Oklahoma Association of Mothers Clubs being held at the Embassy Suites in Norman on April 8 and 9. Many of the Mother's Entwined members are planning to attend the event themed "A Night on Broadway." The convention includes a business meeting, banquet, silent auction, club pictures and awards.

Seniors at Washington and Purcell High Schools have until April 1 to turn in applications to their school counselors to be considered for this year's scholarships.



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SE District Member of the Year

Karen Pospisil was presented the SE District Member of the Year Award. Presenting the award was Sandy Pogue, OHCE State President.



• Photo provided

SE District Rookie of the Year

April Green was presented the SE District Rookie of the Year Award. Presenting the award was Sandy Pogue, OHCE State President.

Cleveland County residents win District OHCE Awards

Cleveland County members recently attended the SE District Oklahoma Home and Community Education (OHCE) annual meeting during which special awards were presented to recognize individual members and groups for their hard work and community service over the past year.

Winning the SE District Member of the Year was Karen Pospisil from Norman. Karen has been a member of OHCE for more than 10 years and has taught various quilting, sewing, painting, basket weaving and wreath making classes.

She has served as an officer on the local, county and state OHCE levels. She currently

serves as Vice President of her local OHCE group, Hopewell, and the SE District Representative for the State Organization.

Karen has assisted and led numerous OHCE County classes and has volunteered on all levels, always willing to lead or assist others.

Winning the SE District Rookie of the Year Award was April Green from Oklahoma City. Since joining OHCE in 2017, April has made Christmas bags, ornaments, baked cakes, worked on homeless mats, created, and stuffed State Project pillows, and made many new friends. She has a passion for learning new things and teaching others.

April has shared that being a member of OHCE has given her a place to develop those passions. She is always ready to share, volunteer, and help others. She currently serves as treasurer of her local OHCE group, Friendship.

For more than 87 years, members of the Oklahoma Home and Community Education group have gathered yearly to exchange ideas, network with one another and generally just have a good time. In that aspect, things have not changed much. However, OHCE members continue to make a big difference and invoke change in their local communities, with groups serving their areas for 100 years or more, even before there was an official state organization.

Cleveland County OHCE welcomes new members to join in their next 100 years.

For more information please call the OSU Extension office at 405-321-4774 or email christi.evans@okstate.edu for more information.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

A special happy birthday to Eulene Webster!

Eulene celebrates her birthday Tuesday, April 5.

Happy anniversary to Dr. Bryan and Jan Dye.

Happy birthday to Mike Allen, Lily Harris Richardson, Jeff Virgin, Raychel Kozik, Jackie Suchy, Richard Holleman, Kevin Stone, Kenton Gonterman, Yesenia Orta, Antonio Reyes, Sucel Sanchez, Lewis Vieux, Scott Lizana, Renato Carrillo and Jennifer Smith.

The Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church annual Feast, which is scheduled for February 26, has a new date.

The event will now be held Saturday, April 2, in the parish hall at Fourth and Jefferson in Purcell.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$30 per couple and \$40 for a family.

All proceeds go to Knights of Columbus Community Projects.

The deadline to pay the second half of property taxes is Thursday, March 31, at 4:30 p.m.

If anyone has questions regarding their tax statements, call the McClain County Treasurer's Office at 527-3261.

The Purcell Public Library Penn Avenue Literary Society Book Discussion will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7.

Join the group for a lively virtual book discussion every first Thursday of the month. This month there is no featured book and participants are to choose their own.

This is a virtual program and registration is required by calling 527-5546 or online at mcpioneerlibrarysystem.org.

The Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 16, at the Purcell Lake Weaver Pavilion, 1400 Chandler Road.

Each age group will have their own hunt and prizes. Age groups include 0-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

The hunt begins at 9 a.m. sharp.

The Purcell Public School Foundation will hold an open meeting for the public Thursday, April 28, at 12 noon.

The meeting will be held in the Administration Building multipurpose room in the building that formerly housed Purcell Intermediate School, behind the library.

Here's a great recipe for your Easter feast!

S'Mores Cheesecake Bars

18 graham crackers, divided
1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted

3 Tbsp. sugar
48 oz. packages of Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
1 cup sugar
1 Tbsp. vanilla
3 Tbsp. flour
4 eggs

1 cup Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks, divided
1 cup Jet-Puffed's Miniature Marshmallows

Heat oven to 350°.

Line 13x9-inch pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides. Crush 14 graham crackers. Mix with butter and 3 Tbsp. sugar; press onto bottom of prepared pan. Coarsely chop remaining graham.

Beat cream cheese, 1 cup sugar and vanilla in large bowl with mixer until blended. Add flour; mix well. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended. Chop 1/2 cup chocolate chunks; stir into cream cheese batter. Pour over crust. Sprinkle with remaining chocolate chunks, marshmallows and chopped graham.

Bake 40 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool completely. Refrigerate 4 hours. Use foil handles to lift cheesecake from pan before cutting into bars.

PURCELL SCHOOL MENU

Week of April 4 MONDAY BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

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

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

Ham and cheese melt or grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, garden salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Grab N Go—Breakfast burrito or pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken and noodles, biscuit, roasted carrots, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Grab N Go—Yogurt parfait with fruit or muffin, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Pork taco, beans, chips and salsa, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Grab N Go—Doughnut holes or pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

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Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

Hello spring! Warm temperatures, budding flowers, sprouting vegetables and (hopefully) rain are being welcomed with open arms. At the center we are planning several new activities, an open house and a couple of surprises to celebrate the season. All will be announced weekly in this article, so please check often.

The P.S.C.C. Garage Sale at 228 N. 2nd in Purcell, is scheduled to open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Thursday and Friday. It is open to the public and there are a lot of bargains. We have household appliances, clothing, decorative items and many unusual finds. You are welcome to call Val at 405-527-5070 if you have any questions.

Fellowship, exercise, cards, bingo, pool, crafts and a lot of laughter are going on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Purcell Senior Center, 228 N. 2nd, in Purcell. Coffee, tea and cookies are always available. Everyone 60 and over is invited and welcome. If you have any questions, please call Val at 405-527-5070.

Our center is available for rent on the weekends for parties, meetings and/or gatherings. The price is very reasonable. For information or to make a reservation, please call Val at 405-527-5070.

Delta Nutrition provides meals Monday through Friday beginning at 11:30 a.m. They also deliver in-home meals. Any questions you have about meal service can be answered by the kitchen at 405-527-9462. This number is also the one to call to let them know what days you will be here to dine. Please do let them know you will be here. They always want to have plenty of food for all who would like to join us.

Menu for April 4-8:

Monday—Soft tacos, salad, beans, peaches.

Tuesday—Ham, cheese and noodle casserole, broccoli, beets, bread, lemon pan pie.

Wednesday—Barbecue ribette on bun, hominy casserole, green beans, cookies.

Thursday—Baked chicken, sweet potatoes, peas, roll, gelatin.

Friday—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn o'brien, bread, mixed fruit.

Milk is served with every meal.

A huge thank you to all who continue to support the senior centers. Your support makes a big difference in the lives of our centers and our seniors.

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SUMMONS

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You have been sued by the
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to the attached Amended Petition
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Issued this 22 day of February,
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Vallerand Field dedication

Senator Jessica Garvin was on hand for the dedication of the David Vallerand Field in Washington.

Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello everyone. Hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors recently with such beautiful weather. It's nice having an extra hour of daylight.

Last week was the opening of the Wayne Senior Citizen garage sale and the response was awesome! We had a lot of folks stop in and take advantage of the bargains. We've got lots of great comments and feedback.

There is so much to choose from in the garage sale, and all is priced to sell. The sale will be open every Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations can be dropped off on Monday and Wednesdays. Proceeds will be used to help the local seniors and to help spruce up our center and the attached picnic area.

If you are a senior at least 60 years old and you have never joined us for lunch, we provide a delicious meal at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Delta Nutrition is the provider of the meal program and we are currently serving 26-32 lunches daily, including home delivery meals. If you have questions regarding the process of how to get started, call John at 405-449-3079 in Wayne or 405-527-9462 in Purcell. I look forward to hearing from you.

We will be starting a new menu cycle for the spring. Here is the menu for April 4-8:

Monday—Two soft beef tacos with shredded cheese and salsa, tossed salad with dressing, ranch beans, peaches.

Tuesday—Ham, cheese and

noodle casserole, broccoli, Harvard beets, sliced bread or hot roll, lemon pan pie.

Wednesday—Barbecue ribette on a bun, pickles and onions, hominy casserole, green beans, cookies.

Thursday—Baked chicken, sweet potatoes, English peas, cornbread or dinner roll, gelatin with topping.

Friday—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn o'brien, sliced bread or dinner roll, mixed fruit.

Milk is available with every meal.

Attendance for meals has been holding steady, but we would be thrilled to add some more smiling faces. So please come see us and don't forget to stop by the WSCC garage sale either Thursday or Friday. Talk to you next week!

From page 5A

Inhofe:

power, just like all American families.

“Real growth — five percent above inflation — is what we need if we are to meet this moment. The Chinese Communist Party understands hard power — that's why they announced a 7.1 percent defense budget increase this year, continuing their unprecedented military modernization and increasingly aggressive behavior. The outlook for our other national security threats is no better. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has upended European security, North Korea continues to develop more capable intercontinental ballistic missiles, Iran has accelerated its aggression against the U.S. and our partners, and terrorist groups continue to reconstitute in Africa and Afghanistan.

“We must do more to change the military balance of power in the next five years. Our naval fleet will still shrink in this request. Air Force aircraft procurement remains anemic. While core nuclear modernization efforts remain on track, cuts to key capabilities mean we will lose ground against China's and Russia's rapidly expanding arsenals.

“There are some encouraging signs in this budget.

The Department of Defense has finally made progress in aligning its Pacific Deterrence Initiative request with congressional intent — those are high-priority posture investments. Increases in research and development are positive, but will take years to manifest. The Rapid Defense Experimentation Reserve initiative gives much-needed attention to joint experimentation, and I'll work to ensure it's focused on meeting operational challenges that move the needle in the near term.

“We still have to wait a few more weeks for the full details of this proposal, unfortunately. Next, Congress will do our part to make this budget reflect the real world. Last year, with a Democrat House, Senate and White House, many thought a defense budget increase was impossible. But my amendment to last year's defense authorization bill showed there is broad bipartisan appetite for a higher defense budget, and ultimately, the full Congress endorsed a significant increase.

“The world has only gotten less safe since then. Inflation has only grown. In my final year in Congress, I'll work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to provide our military with the real growth we need.”

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Obituaries

Mary Constant

Rosary services for Mary Constant, 72, of Purcell were held Monday, March 28, 2022 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 29, 2022 under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mrs. Constant passed away unexpectedly Friday, March 25, 2022.

Mary Elizabeth Gullion was born December 12, 1949 in Purcell, the fifth of seven children born to Ray and Ella Gullion. She was raised in Purcell and attended Purcell Schools.

She married her high school sweetheart, her best friend and life partner, Ronnie Constant. They were the perfect couple and together raised a son, Dewey.

Mary worked mostly as a nurse's aide, serving area nursing homes for more than 22 years. Her most memorable job was working for the J.D. McCarty Center. Her work there greatly affected her, and she kept pictures of the children as a reminder of her blessings.

Her greatest joy was her family and she cherished her grandchildren. She spent countless hours chasing them, to and from athletic events and other school functions, and they brought her much happiness. She enjoyed camping trips, boating and fishing, and on occasion, listening to Ronnie pick and sing.

She was a wonderful wife and mother, the best grandmother, sister, aunt and a true friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by three infant children, Sherman Constant, Ira Constant and Angela Maria and parents, Ray and Ella Gullion.

Mary is survived by her loving husband, Ronnie of the home; son, Dewey Constant and Sarah Jones of Purcell; her pride and joy, her grandchildren, Gavin Constant, Kylie Constant, Payci Constant and Collier Goad, all of Purcell; siblings, Joan Cragle of Jones, James Gullion and Charlotte of Lexington, Harvey Gullion and Paula of Midwest City, Johnny Gullion and Barbara of Purcell, Niva Maxwell and Wesley of Purcell, Paul Gullion of Purcell and Donnie and Linda Constant of Wayne; several nieces and nephews, and a host of other family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Roberta Green

Roberta Green died March 21, 2022, in Norman, Oklahoma, at the age of 88 years 11 months 24 days. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made, and service live streamed at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.



Roberta was born March 28, 1933, in Ada, Oklahoma, to Theodore and Mary Elizabeth

(Scott) Alford. She was raised in Purcell by her grandmother, Izora Midgett.

On June 11, 1948, she married Esau Green in Purcell. They moved to San Diego, where Roberta finished school. She continued her education at Grossmont Vocational School for Nursing, graduating in 1966. Roberta and Esau raised their family and fostered over a hundred children throughout their marriage. They were married for 45 years before Esau's passing in 1993.

Roberta loved her family and enjoyed her work as a pediatric nurse. She was a caregiver in every aspect of life and took care of her grandmother when she became ill until her passing in 1972, and then when her mother became ill until her passing in 2001.

Roberta was a member of the Community Baptist Church in Norman, serving as Church Mother and wrote "Food for Thought" every week. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Ada B. Cleveland Chapter 71.

Roberta enjoyed sewing, crocheting, cooking, reading, singing, traveling, and occasionally going to a casino. Roberta enjoyed phone calls from her grandchildren every Sunday, and family members coming to visit her.

Roberta was preceded in death by her father, Theodore Alford; her mother, Mary Elizabeth Sanders; her husband, Esau Green; her grandsons, Gwen's two sons, Jimmy Marvin Givens, Jr. and Marvin Givens; Richard's son, Richard Bellemey; her great-grandson, Asiatæ's son, Demichan Raymond Love, her infant sister; and her special aunt and uncle who helped raise her, Ledrue "Bud" and Joyce Scott.

Survivors include her son, Richard Leslie Green of Harrah; her son, Calvern Franklin Green of Las Vegas, Nev.; her daughter, Ella Colbert of Purcell; her daughter, Gwendolyn Muhammad of Purcell; her daughter, Beverly LaFargue and husband, Vincent, of Las Vegas, Nev.; her daughter, Spacetta Van of San Jose, Calif.; her daughter, Dr. Joyce Walker and husband, Dr. Herman, of Washington, DC, and Lisa Van, Joyce and Spacetta's sister who loved Roberta, of Oklahoma City; her 13 grandchildren, Tracie, Tremese, Yolanda, Shea, Calvern Jr., Michelle, Arnad, Sharrieff, Sumayyah, Ishmael, Miesha, Asiatæ and William; her 36 great-grandchildren; special friends, Johnnie and Dee White and Earlene Swan; and numerous other relatives and friends.

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Wanda Gifford-Reid

Funeral services for Wanda Gifford-Reid, 88, of Noble will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 1, 2022 at the First Baptist Church in Noble. Interment will follow at the Noble IOOF Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Gifford-Reid died March 25, 2022 at her residence in Noble.

Wanda Jo Owens was born January 26, 1934, the youngest of 10 children of Frank and Lucy Owens.

She is survived by her daughter, Kassie Guthrie and husband, Jimmy, of Noble; four grandchildren and one great-grandson. Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Barbara Ann Johnston

Barbara Ann Johnston went to be with the Lord March 23, 2022, in Norman, Oklahoma at the age of 88 years 7 months 9 days. Family services were held Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.



Barbara was born August 14, 1933 in Norman, Oklahoma, to L.R. and Nora (Easter) Mace. She was raised and attended school in Purcell. At an early age, Barbara accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior and followed Him her entire life. Growing up, she helped at Mace's Department Store, the family owned and operated business on Main Street in Purcell.

On November 18, 1949, Barbara married Charles Thedford Johnston in Purcell. She worked as a beautician for many years.

Barbara loved reading, working puzzles, watching movies, traveling, art, ceramics and pottery. She was a member of Union Hill Baptist Church for years where she attended and taught Sunday school, before moving to Norman. Barbara then became a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Norman and enjoyed attending service with her family.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, L.R. and Nora Mace; her husband of 47 years, Charles Johnston; her son; Mark Johnston; her daughter-in-law, Maryann Johnston; her brother, Don Mace; her sister, Jody Gutt; and her brother-in-law, Tom Gutt.

Survivors include her daughter, Charlotte Norman and husband, Gary; her son, Chuck Johnston and wife, Kathy; her daughter, Jeanne Chase and husband, Arthur; her nine grandchildren, Kristi Maloisseau, Kelly Deaton, Jess Johnston, Jamay Johnston, Carly Owens and husband, Kirk, Ricki Rigell and husband, Mike, Melissa Morning and husband, Don Shay, David West and wife, Candy, and Cassie Crabtree and husband, Brock; her 14 great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Shelby, Carter, Cammie, Mickey, Anabelle, Jachin, Samuel, Joey, Brayden, Dustin, Nathan, Madison and William and one on the way; her brother-in-law, Kenneth Johnston; her sister-in-law, Billie Buford; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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Sue Morris

Funeral services for Sue Morris, 73, of Lexington were held Monday, March 28, 2022 at the First Baptist Church in Lexington. Interment was at the Lexington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Morris passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

Linda Sue Morris was born November 13, 1948 in Comanche, Okla., to Robert Harper and Oma Louise (Wylie) Harper. She was raised in Healdton and attended school there.

By chance, one night at the drive-in, she met a young man from Ringling named Donald Lewis Morris. She knew he was the one, and on April 5, 1969, Sue married Don in Healdton. By 1976, they had settled near Lexington, where together they raised two daughters, Marci and Jennifer.

Sue worked for the City of Lexington for a time, and owned and operated a dress shop, the Daisy Patch for a few years. She began working for the Department of Corrections and retired as an Administrative Assistant for Probation and Parole after more than 24 years of dedicated service.

Away from work, Sue was probably traveling or chasing her grandkids. She was so proud to take all of them on big family trips to Alaska and Hawaii. Sue enjoyed going on drives and of course her daily stop at Sonic for a Coke. She was a woman of great faith, and a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Lexington. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, sister and friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her mother, Oma Harper.

Sue is survived by her husband Don Morris of the home; daughters, Marci Bean and husband, Jason, of Lexington and Jennifer Claunch and husband, Rocky, of Purcell; her pride and joy, her grandchildren, Kaden Claunch, Carson Claunch, Cooper Bean, Landri Bean and two bonus grandkids, Destiny and Faith Humbolt; her brother, Gary Harper and a host of other family and friends.

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Catherine Willmond a force in preserving Chickasaw language



Catherine Willmond

Catherine Pickens Willmond would have celebrated a century of living March 9. Mrs. Willmond, a fluent Chickasaw speaker from Los Angeles, died February 27 at age 99. Mrs. Willmond moved to California in 1959 as part of the Indian Relocation Act.

Mrs. Willmond was instrumental in helping preserve the Chickasaw language with two books co-authored with a university professor.

They include *Chikashshanompaat Holisso Toba'chi, Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary* published in 1994, and *Let's Speak Chickasaw: Chikashshanompa' Kilanompoli'* published in 2009.

Mrs. Willmond was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2006 and was honored in 2010 with the Chickasaw Nation's annual Silver Feather Award, honoring those who work tirelessly to promote and preserve Chickasaw culture.

She was born in McMillan, Okla., in 1922 and lived a hard-knock life filled with abject poverty and only a third-grade education, according to her daughter, Martha Bennett, of Ardmore.

Mrs. Bennett recalls the difficulty of Mrs. Willmond's early life. There was no electricity or indoor plumbing.

The kitchen floor was dirt. Family meals were prepared atop a woodburning stove.

"Going to California in the late '50s was the best thing that could have happened to her," Mrs. Bennett said. "She loved it there and she was able to pursue some of her dreams — particularly with language preservation — that she otherwise would have missed.

"I think when she left Oklahoma, she was never coming back. Life was just too hard for her. We all spoke Chickasaw and honestly, mother never learned to speak English well. She learned some English from her seven children. To this day, you would talk with her on the phone, and she'd say a sentence in English and then speak Chickasaw."

The Indian Relocation Act was passed in 1956 and encouraged Indian citizens to leave reservations to acquire vocational skills and assimilate into the general population.

Mrs. Bennett remembers the government placed the nine-member family in a motel room with a kitchenette when they arrived in California.

"We lived there about a month before we were moved into a small home in Santa Fe Springs, and they had a job for my father, Robert," she said. Mr. Willmond was Choctaw. He and his wife conversed in their respective languages, which are similar. He died in 1972.

Shortly after his death, Mrs. Willmond became acquainted with Pam Munro, a University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) linguist. Mrs. Willmond's minister, the Rev. Oliver B. Neal, introduced them because Mrs. Willmond spoke almost entirely Chickasaw.

"I think her minister recognized the fact Catherine was probably one of a handful of speakers in the area who could be considered essentially monolingual — speaking only Chickasaw," Dr. Joshua D. Hinson (Lokosh), executive officer of the Chickasaw Nation Language Preservation Division said. "She learned some English while in California, and while she could communicate in English, she much preferred to speak her own language."

A Chickasaw, Neal was pastor of a Methodist Church located in downtown Los Angeles, and many of his congregants spoke Chickasaw. He championed the language by phoning UCLA, urging Ms. Munro and her staff to visit the church and learn about Chickasaws and the language.

"Since 1977, I have worked with Catherine almost every week. She is like a second mother to me," Ms. Munro said.

"In fact, I have spent more time with Catherine than I did with my own mother. She is the most wonderful person that I have ever worked with.

"We have written two books together. We have traveled extensively to Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, California and given many presentations."

From their introduction, collaboration on the first dictionary consumed 17 years before it was ready for publication, the UCLA language expert recalled. Both Mrs. Willmond and Ms. Munro elicited the help of approximately 30 fluent Chickasaw speakers to complete it.

Their efforts to produce the second instructive book, mostly consisting of grammar in the Chickasaw language, took an additional 15 years and more than 20 fluent speakers were consulted, Ms. Munro said.

"It was an honor and a privilege to be able to spend so much time with her and to learn her absolutely wonderful language from her. I have told lots and lots of people that Chickasaw is the world's best language, and I still feel that way. And the only way I know about the language is through my association with Catherine."

Dr. Hinson said the two Willmond-Munro books are used daily in his department to teach and understand the Chickasaw language.

"Because of Catherine Willmond's generosity and openness to share the Chickasaw language with Pam Munro, they were able to create these books that put potential speakers far ahead of the curve, he said.

"If you are talking about a revitalization of the language and you're walking into a classroom with brilliant teaching materials, a descriptive grammar (book) and a high-quality dictionary, we are primed for success. Many First American communities do not have any of these instructive elements," he added. "(Mrs. Willmond's) videos, recordings and texts will be positively affecting Chickasaws for generations."



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A day in Oklahoma County Drug Court, where judge hopes all rise

Whitney Bryen
Oklahoma Watch

On the fifth floor of the Oklahoma County courthouse, defendants announced the number of days they've been sober as they approached the bench.

Whether it was 848 days or 1, every announcement drew applause. Volume and enthusiasm waned as defendants were dismissed over the next two hours.

But leading the applause was Judge Kenneth Stoner, who quickly shifted to missed drug or alcohol tests and the sanctions that offered defendants another chance.

In a state where drug use is rampant and incarceration rates are among the nation's highest, Judge Stoner runs a program designed to keep addicted Oklahomans out of prison.

Stoner oversees about 400 participants in Oklahoma County's drug court program. There are at least another 250 defendants in the system who are a fit for the program, he said, but there isn't room.

Across the state, 59 drug courts offer an alternative for those who struggle with substance abuse and have been charged with a nonviolent felony. Some courts serve multiple counties.

Residents in the panhandle, Cimarron, Texas and Beaver counties, are the only Oklahomans without access to drug court. Rates of substance abuse in those counties are higher than the state average for adults and kids 12 to 17, according to federal data.

Most courts serve adults but a few counties also offer juvenile and family drug courts catering to parents with children in state custody.

Judicial discretion means requirements and sanctions look different in every courtroom.

Participation depends largely on whether the local district attorney is willing to refer people

to drug court. And capacity is often lower in rural counties where addiction treatment is scarce.

Success rates vary, too. In February, Oklahoma County's graduation rate was 83 percent compared to a statewide average of 67 percent.

In a typical courtroom, the prosecution and defense are divided. They sit at tables on opposite sides of the room, passing notes and whispering so as not to tip off the other side.

In Stoner's court, the tables are pushed together into one workspace where public defenders, prosecutors, case managers and treatment providers talk openly about each case.

As they stand in front of the judge, participants are often surrounded by a treatment provider, attorney and the prosecution. All share the goal of keeping the defendant out of prison.

It Works 'If You Work It'
Participants said drug court, even in the most successful counties, has a negative reputation among inmates.

"It sets you up for failure. That's the rumor," said Austin Goodwin, who entered drug court early last year. "But it does work if you're willing to work it."

Goodwin, whose second-degree burglary charges landed him in the program, hung his head as he approached the judge in early March. "Five days," he said, prompting a nod of recognition from Stoner who already knew Goodwin had failed a recent alcohol test.

In late February while much of the state was enjoying a few snow days, Goodwin was cooped up at home. He had just separated from his girlfriend. He hadn't worked in a week. Instead of following his program and redirecting his attention to something healthier, Goodwin told the judge he had a few beers.

Stoner told Goodwin he appreciated his honesty and that he showed up for a test knowing he would fail.

The judge gave Goodwin eight hours of community service and allowed him to enter the final six-month phase of the program.

Drug court has five phases, levels one through four and aftercare. Participants in the final phase spend most of their time meeting with drug court alumni, case managers and peer groups discussing the challenges they will face.

Every phase requires regular urine analysis, which costs participants \$10. In the early stages, participants are tested at least 10 times a month.

When defendants complain about the cost, Stoner reminds them their former lifestyle was more expensive. "Everybody can come up with \$100 per month," he said.

Tests become less frequent as participants progress. During court on March 2, the judge confronted several participants for diluted tests meaning the lab could not retrieve an accurate result. This can happen if they drink too much water before the test, sometimes in hopes of masking a positive result.

Like Being On Probation, But More Intense
Missed and failed tests are the most common setbacks in Stoner's court. Lack of transportation or money, work conflicts and forgetfulness are common explanations.

Most participants lapse about a dozen times throughout the 18-month program, Stoner said, with each sanction becoming more severe.

Penalties often start with

observing one of Stoner's other court sessions. Community service and essays about what defendants learned from their mistakes follow. Then jail time, a day or two or three. A few participants with recurring lapses were told they'd be required to move into sober living homes if they didn't improve quickly. A six-month prison stay is often the final step before a participant is kicked out of the program and returned to prison for their original charges.

Jefferson Jefferson was nervous as he entered Stoner's court on March 2. The week before, he failed a couple of drug tests and diluted another. He had several lapses during two years in the program, he said. Now, he feared prison.

Instead, Jefferson was sentenced to two days in jail. His relief turned to dread as he sat in the jury box waiting for an officer to handcuff him and take him to a cell.

"It's just bad in there," Jefferson said of the Oklahoma County jail, which is under investigation for unsanitary and dangerous conditions.

Participants describe the demands of drug court like being on probation, but more intense.

Thelisa Thompson was up for the challenge.

Thompson had served three prison sentences when she entered drug court early last year. Now, she was charged with three counts of possession and trafficking in illegal drugs. Those charges will be dismissed if she graduates from drug court.

Thompson said she had her first drink at age 10. She was taste-testing cocktails her mother taught her to mix for party guests, she said. She started making extras for herself.

At 13, she started using marijuana and by 14 she was stealing pills from her mom. She used cocaine for the first time when she was 16 and continued chasing a high in search of relief.

"I'd stop using and then depression would set in," Thompson said. "I'd been homeless since I was 14 and lost my kids. I felt like I wasn't good enough to be sober. I didn't deserve it so I'd start using again."

After being released from jail on bond, Thompson moved into a sober living home as the pandemic moved into the state. Court closures delayed her enrollment in drug court by several months, she said. But she managed to stay sober while she waited. She started the program early last year.

So far, she has received only one sanction for missing a test. She had to write an essay for Stoner. She doesn't recall the topic.

On March 2, Thompson smiled shyly at the judge as she walked toward the bench, "848 days."

She read a short speech from the stand, thanking the judge and others for her success before asking to begin the program's final phase. Stoner happily granted her request.

With five months to go, Thompson has reunited with all four of her children and spends most weekends with her six

grandkids.

She moved to north Oklahoma City, away from the friends she had before she was sober. She got a job at U.S. Roasters building electric panels and running wires to roasters. Most of her free time is spent volunteering with Bangin' 4 Jesus, which ministers to people on the streets, inmates and others like her.

Next month, Thompson will start classes to become a peer recovery support specialist to help others like her.

"Some days are still so hard, but I know I have to fight," Thompson said. "I don't know what's going to happen after drug court. But today, I'm not using. Today, I'm sober."

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WAYNE SCHOOL MENU

Week of April 4

MONDAY

BREAKFAST

Breakfast bars, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Corn dogs, french fries, fresh broccoli, apples, milk.

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST

Cereal, banana, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

Barbecue sandwich, roasted potato, pickles, spinach, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Nachos, pinto beans, carrots, peas, milk.

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BREAKFAST

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LUNCH

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Neighbor:

a lot of nice people. But I never thought about going back.”

Eventually, he was assigned to a “pit” from which missiles could be launched.

James said there were eight pits on the small acreage.

Crews worked underground most of the time. They trained constantly to hone the time taken to get four missiles up and ready to fire.

The missiles moved on a rail from their underground storage to their firing position.

Once a year, the soldiers practiced shooting down drones at a range near El Paso.

One year after arriving in New York, the Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev came to the United States to meet with President Dwight Eisenhower.

The crews had to rush the missiles, which were armed with conventional warheads, up into firing position when the Russian leader arrived in New York to address the United Nations.

Similar actions were taking place all along the Eastern Seaboard.

“We stayed on site for a week,” James said.

By the time James left New York, he was a Specialist 5 in charge of the pit and five other soldiers.

“It was nerve-racking being in charge of the crew,” James said. “If I messed up, it could have fired one of those missiles.”

Three months before his discharge in September 1961, the army closed the pit.

James took over the honor guard squad for those three months.

The squad worked with American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

“We had a funeral every day,” he said.

Once his active duty enlistment was up, James and Vera returned to Oklahoma.

He had to remain in the Army

Reserves for six more years.

Back home, he went to work for TG&Y. The chain of stores was named for its founders – Tomlinson, Gosselin and Young.

But to James and others at the time, it was jokingly referred to as “Toys, Girdles & Yoyos.”

Vera had been told by doctors that she couldn’t bear a child, so she and James adopted three young children from the same family.

Ronnie was 6, Lynette was 4 and Elizabeth was 1 when adopted.

And then a miracle happened. Vera got pregnant and had a son, David. He is now 56.

The adopted children are all deceased now.

“We got them young. We just loved them,” James said. “We hated to see them go.”

For 14 years, James drove a truck for TG&Y. He spent his 15th year with the company working in an office as a dispatcher.

The chain went out of business in 1982.

Not ready to retire, James bought a truck and began hauling propane and butane. He stayed at that until 1990.

Vera joined him on those trips and took her turns behind the wheel.

“I sold the truck and went to work for OPUBCO,” he said.

From 1990 to 1998, he hauled grain to Houston and returned to Oklahoma with rolls of newspaper for the paper.

It wouldn’t be accurate to say he’s retired now. In fact, he’s “done a lot of things” since then.

“I love farming, but I can’t even raise a garden,” he said.

Still, he raised some cattle and horses for the boys to ride. He runs parts for Kenny Arnold when there’s a need and he helps out at his church, Calvary Holiness, where he is a deacon.

At the church, he does a lot of the upkeep and maintenance on the building and oversees

contractors for projects too big for him to handle alone.

Vera is the church secretary/treasurer.

He runs errands for Vera who has to use a walker “so she doesn’t have to do them.”

He works in their yard “so the neighbors don’t talk about me.”

He and Vera lived at Tecumseh and McLoud before moving back to McClain County where they purchased an acreage seven miles south of Purcell.

They have since moved into Purcell.

All those years on the road meant James and Vera saw more of the country than many do.

“We traveled all over the U.S.,” he said. “I believe in the 48 states, whatever your likes, you can find in the United States.”

“I’ve enjoyed it – truck driving and traveling around,” he said. “I taught my son and wife to drive trucks.”

But wherever the roads led, Purcell has always meant home.

From page 1A

Smuggling:

this is the result of a smuggling operation coming from Mexico.

The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics is assisting with the investigation and identifying resources to the affected foreign nationals.

The McClain County Sheriff’s Office does not believe there is any danger to the citizens or public at this time based on the ongoing investigation.

“We believe there are still persons outstanding in the area based on initial reports and would request members of the public to contact Purcell Communications Center if they see anyone in the area,” sheriff officials said.

The phone number to the Purcell Com Center is 405 527-4600.

From page 1A

Election:

the Washington school board elections.”

The Town Meeting Act covers towns which have ordinances and a population less than 2,000 living inside the town limits.

“We never get involved in these,” Haley said.

Candidates for the Washington at-large trustee are the incumbent, Michael Wright, and challenger Duane Branham.

The winner will serve a 3-year term on the town board of trustees.

According to a legal notice published March 24 in **The Purcell Register**, candidates for the board must be a resident and registered voter within the town.

Voting will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Washington Town Hall.

Not every small town opts to conduct its own elections under the Town Hall Act.

The county election board conducts elections for the towns of Byars, Dibble and Goldsby.

Cities with more than 2,000 population do come under the

From page 1A

Outdoors:

11 years at Battiest in southeast Oklahoma.

With the blessing of the school administration, Clevenger reached out to ODWC for the newly elective course.

Participation has grown every year and this year there are two classes in the high school and one at the junior high.

Safety is paramount and Clevenger starts each new year making sure all students have their Hunter Safety Card.

Week two is spent introducing students to the National Archery in Schools Program and all of the safety procedures in NASP.

“There are two weeks of safety before we do anything,” Clevenger said.

The ODWC introduced its Oklahoma Fishing in the Schools Program to nearly 50 schools in 2011. Participating districts number in the hundreds today. That program is an extension of the Aquatic Resource Education Program the department developed in 1988.

Under OKNASP, the emphasis is on bowhunting, bowfishing, hunter education and the Oklahoma Scholastic Shooting Sports Program.

The ODWC provides free Oklahoma Fishing in the Schools training to teachers. The only stipulation is districts must sign an agreement to incorporate all of the department’s Outdoor Education Programs for at least three years.

For that agreement, the school receives 25 rods and reels, tackle, hand towels, pliers, clippers, teaching posters, knot tying kit, tackle box and casting plugs.

As Lexington’s program has grown, high school history teacher Garrett Benson has been certified, taking the outdoor education program into the junior high and picking up a second class at the high school. “If Garrett hadn’t volunteered, the program would not be where it is today,” Clevenger said.

This year the district purchased the Outdoor Adventures, incorporating it into physical education classes.

county election board.

Purcell has a Home Rule Charter, but it is written into that charter that the election board will conduct its elections.

Washington Public School patrons will also vote April 5 for a runoff between Office 2 incumbent school board member Tammie Wells and Clayton E. Colley.

Precinct polling places for that race will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

From page 1A

Eggs:

There are four age groups and each will have its own hunt and prizes.

Age groups include 0-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

Remember to get there early because it doesn’t take the little ones long to pick up all the eggs.

The hunt will start at 9 a.m. sharp.

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Tornado:

house owned by Brian Bacon.

Henson has a striper fishing business at the lake and he told **The Register** his boat also did not have any damage.

However Wilson said property belonging to former Purcell City Councilman Johnny Childers did sustain some damage but was not a total loss.

Wilson said the house belonging to Bill and Carolyn Johnson will likely be a total loss.

Wilson said the lake house belonging to Kyle Guthmueller was not damaged as far as he could tell and he didn’t see any damage to the property owned by Bud Hardcastle.

The former coach and teacher said he saw debris in the yard of the lake house owned by Dave and Allison Northcutt but did not see much damage to the house.

The Register has learned property owned by Kerry Nemecek at Little Glasses sustained roof damage but it was repairable.

The EF-2 tornado killed one person and caused severe damage as it ripped through parts of Kingston and Texomaland.

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Help Dragons to 7-2 win at Lexington

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Dragons win two

Boston Knowles smacks two homers against Tecumseh

Purcell played good baseball in the Sulphur Festival and came out on top of both 4A ranked Sulphur and Tecumseh.

The Dragons overcame a one-run deficit in the Sulphur contest pushing across a pair of runs in the top of the fourth.

Purcell scored a run in each of the fifth and six frames to post a 4-2 win.

Hayden Harp led the offense going 2-3 including a double and knocked in two base runners.

Quentin Goforth went yard for the Dragons.

Nate Willis, Zach Idlett, Creed Smith, Boston Knowles and Jorge Munoz all had hits in the

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who had an RBI double and Brodrick Smith.

“I thought Parker again did a tremendous job in attacking the strike zone all day,” Sharp said. “Both of those freshmen did a great job for us and to combine for 15 Ks is amazing.”

Sharp praised the hitting of Willis.

“He is doing a good job for us and is our leader in getting on base,” the coach said. “Overall, it was a good game and was tight all the way until the seventh when we scored the five runs to open it up.”

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Big hurler

Purcell freshman Tucker Bloodworth struck out three Lexington batters to close out the 7-2 win over the Bulldogs on Monday.

Warriors claim Beast of the East Tournament title

Navigate through some of the best teams in the state

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington Warriors went 4-0 to claim the Beast of the East slow-pitch tournament over the weekend.

The tournament field included some of the top teams in the state.

Washington defeated Class 5A No. 19 Byng 9-1 in the opening game.

Washington got out to a 6-1 lead and put it on cruise control the rest of the way.

Tinley Lucas and Maggie Place each had three RBIs in the game.

Washington then beat Class 3A No. 10 Hobart 11-0.

Elly Allison and Place each launched two homers.

Over the course of the

tournament Allison had eight home runs, Place had six and Lucas parked three dingers. “We had some games that were really good,” said Warrior head coach Tylor Lampkin said.

“She throws the ball with a high arc and it’s making other teams struggle.”

The coach was also high on the play of junior Ellie

“We’re slowly getting better and we’re getting more and more consistent with the bat and on defense.”

— Tylor Lampkin, head coach

kin. “We played some really good defense on Thursday and Friday.”

Sophomore pitcher Alexis Gay has been a big part of the defensive success.

“Alexis has done some really good things at pitcher,”

Loveless.

“She made two of the best plays that I’ve ever seen a high school kid make,” he said.

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Washington settling in

Marlow tournament starts today

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington Warriors travel to Stephens County today (Thursday) for the Marlow Outlaw Baseball Tournament.

Washington begins play at 6:45 p.m. against Mount St. Mary.

Also on Washington’s side of the bracket are Class B No. 2 Ft. Cobb-Broxtton and Comanche.

The Warriors are coming off back-to-back wins against Davis (8-0 and 11-0), as well wins over Cache (9-1) and Frederick (12-0).

“It’s been a tale of two seasons,” said fifth-year skipper Jeff Kulbeth. “We started out scorching hot and scored 70 runs in a weekend. Then we shut down for basketball while they made their deep run into the State tournament.”

Washington then made what’s become an annual trip to Gulf Shores, Ala. over spring break where they faced stiff competition.

“We were a smaller school

out there with 6A level guys,” Kulbeth said. “We need to clean some things up and play

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14-0 record for Wayne

Lady Bulldogs sitting at number 8 in Class 3A

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Charles Durrence and his Lady Bulldogs added five wins last week when they hosted their annual festival.

Monday and Tuesday they were in Konawa for the RWB Conference tournament.

A 28-12 win over Maud and a 11-7 win over Stratford sent Wayne to the semifinal game against Vanoss Tuesday afternoon.

They won the semi-final 15-13 over the Lady Wolves and were set to play in the Championship Tuesday evening.

Those three wins pushed their season record to 14-0.

According to the coach, the Maud game was early and it took his team a couple of innings to get the bats going.

They pushed six runs across in the first inning and gave up just two to Maud.

Then things got rolling in the third as they added six more, and two in the fourth.

They rounded out their scoring with three in the sixth and

at the plate with four hits. She had a home run in the first inning and a double in the third and two doubles in the seventh inning.

Dalayah Fuentes and Shyleigh Mantooth also had four hits apiece. Mantooth added four ribbies in the offensive onslaught.

Jordyn Debaets had a long ball in the fourth inning.

In their second game on Monday, Wayne got an 11-7 win over Stratford.

“We played good defense and hit the ball well. Our lineup one through 10 hit it well,” Durrence said.

Wayne jumped out with three runs each in the first two innings, allowing Stratford three in the bottom of the second.

The Lady Bulldogs added

“I’m happy to be playing well early and sitting where we’re at, but there is still lots of ball to play.”

— Charles Durrence, head coach

11 in the top of the final inning. In total, Wayne had 30 hits in the win.

Faith Brazell was the leader

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Stepping in

Wayne freshman Madi Sharp gets a hit during Wayne’s 25-0 win over Crooked Oak. Sharp has stepped into duty for the Bulldogs and is hitting it well at the plate.

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Calling for it

Wayne freshman Jaxon Dill fields a pop fly while Lane Jones backs him up during Wayne's game against Dibble. They fell 10-5.

Bulldogs in meat of schedule

At Alex, hosting Pauls Valley and Wynnewood

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

With a 5-5 record after a 10-5 loss to Dibble on Monday, the Wayne Bulldogs were set to host Rush Springs Tuesday evening.

"We had our chances early but left too many runners in scoring position in the first three innings," head coach Shane Collins said.

Wayne had 10 hits in the Dibble loss, led by Rhett Kennedy's three. Duke Moore and Jr. Perez had two apiece.

Ethan Mullins had a three-run triple in the seventh inning to chip away at Dibble's lead, but Wayne was unable to get the hits they needed with runners in scoring position, according to the coach.

Moore also scored two runs. Jaxon Dill was on the mound for Wayne. He pitched five

innings, giving up eight runs on 13 hits.

Andy Lee came in in relief. He pitched two innings and gave up two runs on two hits.

Kennedy has been a leader for the Bulldogs during this young season.

"Rhett has taken on a role for the team and has played good defense for us at catcher. He and Ethan are also ranked in the state in stolen bases."

Red Dirt Classic

Last week, Wayne was in Marlow for the Red Dirt Classic. They dropped their first game with Carnegie, 4-2.

"That game was one we should not have lost, in my opinion," Collins said.

"After the Carnegie loss, we found our bats and hit the ball better. We got on base a lot more."

The Bulldogs had four hits

in the loss. Mullins and Kaleb Madden scored their runs.

Perez had the lone RBI.

Madden was on the mound. He allowed four runs on 10 hits.

They played again on Friday and beat the Pirates of Cyril 11-2 in four innings.

Lee pitched for the Bulldogs. He gave up two runs on five hits.

The bats were going for Wayne as they tallied nine hits, Kennedy had two and two ribbies. Lane Jones had three RBIs.

Runs were spread out with Perez scoring three. Jones, Ty Kemp and Braxton Smith scored two apiece.

Toround out the tournament, Wayne lost a close one to Rush Springs, 6-4.

According to the coach, errors allowed the Redskins to pull away and the Bulldogs were not able to recover.

They tallied just four hits, led by Dill's two.

Dill also had three RBIs.

Runs were scored by Mullins, Kennedy and two by Madden. Dill was on the mound for Wayne. He pitched five innings, allowing six runs on nine hits.

Wayne takes their team on the road to Alex on Thursday then hosts Pauls Valley on Friday and Wynnewood on Monday.

Believe it or not: 'Dawgs beat Ripley

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Lexington pinned a 6-3 loss on Ripley last Saturday with Ty Mixon picking up the pitching victory in the Ampo Tournament.

Ezra Faulkenberry lined an RBI triple in the victory while Drew Dierking was 2-4 at the plate with an RBI. Skylar Rollins was 1-4 with an RBI.

Tanner Brock got the rock to start on the mound. In five innings of work he fanned three and limited the Warriors to one hit.

Mixon cleaned things up tossing the final two innings. He gave up a hit and a run.

"We had a good pitching performance out of freshman Tanner Brock," head coach Jarod Ennis said. "We put the ball in play enough to secure a win."

To start the three-day tournament, Ampo took a 9-1 decision.

Dierking, Corbin Perry and Brock were all 1-2 with Dierking getting the 'Dawgs lone RBI.

"We did not play well defensively and struggled at the plate," Ennis said.

"We got the job done on the mound. We just couldn't make it happen everywhere else."

Zeke Faulkenberry, Brock, Dax Beason and Dierking all had hits in a 4-1 loss at the hands of Arapaho last Friday. Gus Turnpaugh took the

ing yard on the Dragons in a 2-3 outing.

Zeke was 2-4 with a double.

Also getting hits for coach Ennis were Dierking and Turnpaugh.

"It was a tight game the whole way," Ennis said. "We fought hard."

"We put the ball in play enough to secure a win."

— Jarod Ennis, head coach

loss on the hill.

"We got another good pitching performance and played better defensively," Ennis said. "We just couldn't get the bats going."

Last Monday in the first of two meetings with Purcell, Lexington went toe-to-toe with the Dragons through the first six innings.

But Purcell hitters touched Lexington pitchers for five runs in the top of the seventh to provide the difference in the game.

The Faulkenberry brothers led the offense with Ezra go-

"It was a pitching duel. Dierking pitched a great game and gave us an opportunity to win. We are going to keep getting better," the coach concluded.

Dierking struck out six batters in the 6 1/3 innings he worked while giving up eight hits.

Lexington was scheduled to play at Purcell Tuesday and travel to Bethel today (Thursday).

A home date with Dibble was scheduled for Friday with the 'Dawgs set to travel to Marietta next Monday.

Road games abound

Games in Dale, Blanchard and Dibble this week

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Thanks to spring weather the kick off to conference play for the Lexington Lady Bulldogs has gotten complicated.

Head coach Steve Blair and his team were in Dale on Monday for games with Blanchard and Newcastle.

The Lady 'Dawgs beat Blanchard 24-19 and lost to the Lady Racers 3-2 in extra innings.

According to the coach, Lexington was down 17-0 and made a furious comeback with 17 runs of their own in the third inning.

They would score seven more runs in the game and hold Blanchard to just two more.

"We had girls in different positions and that opened it up for Blanchard."

Abby Turnpaugh and Izzy Pack each had homeruns in the high scoring inning.

"Timely hits helped us to get back in the game. Abby and Izzy's homeruns were a needed spark."

In the loss to Newcastle, the

score was knotted at two-all after seven innings.

The Lady Racers held Lexington in the top half of the eighth and scored one in the bottom half to seal the win.

They traveled to Blanchard on Tuesday to face Dale.

"I challenged the girls to

In the loss to Dale, Leslie Barber and Madilyn Dunn scored Lex's two runs. Barber, Pack and Abby Sample were each 2-2 at the plate.

Turnpaugh was a bright spot for the Lady 'Dawgs in the loss to Norman North. She went 3-3 at the plate with an RBI. She

"I'm proud of how everyone has stepped up. They have the next man up mentality."

— Steve Blair, head coach

get off the bus and be ready to play. We had a rough start on Monday, but we can come out and play from the first inning."

Lexington Lady Bulldogs round out their week with a trip to Dibble on Friday.

Last week, the Lady 'Dawgs went 2-2 in the Harrah tournament. They picked up a 10-6 win over Weatherford and a 9-0 win over Norman High.

They dropped a 18-2 loss to Dale and a 13-7 loss to Norman North.

also scored three runs.

Dunn was also 3-3 at the plate.

Marissa Northrup and Abi Clifton were each 2-2 at the plate.

"The loss to North was frustrating because we beat them earlier in the season," Blair said.

The Lady 'Dawgs kept it close for the first three innings,

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College: University of Central Oklahoma and Wichita State University
Degrees: Bachelors Instrumental Music Education, Masters Music Education Conducting Emphasis
Years taught at Lexington: 4
Currently Teaching: Band
Family: Loved and supported by my parents and two younger brothers. Greeted everyday by my white Lab, Molly.
Favorite Memory from Teaching: My favorite memories are all centered around having the privilege of watching my students grow into young adults. I get a rare opportunity to teach students from the age of 12 or 13 until they graduate.



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Champions at Blanchard

The 405 Prospects were tournament champions at the Preseason Shootout at South Park in Blanchard. Pictured are, from front left, Rhett Spencer, Daeton Burton, Tracen Haynes, Maverick Faulkner and Haze Baker. In the middle row are, from left, Andrew Goodin, Logan Allen, Zeke Danner, Jack Montgomery, Houston Mack and Easton Ballard. The coaches are Brant Spencer, Jaron Burton, David Danner and Mitchell Haynes. The team went 5-0 in the tournament.

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From page 1B

Dragons:

game. Knowles had an RBI.

Idlett picked up the victory on the mound working five innings and surrendering four hits and both Bulldog runs. He struck out two batters and walked five.

Tucker Bloodworth came in to relieve Idlett and tossed two innings of shutout ball striking out four and walking one.

“Zach threw well,” head coach Cole Sharp said. “He

got a lot of ground balls got some pop ups. We played well in the field behind both Zach and Tucker.

“Tucker came in and finished out the game. He competed and threw really well.

“We hit the ball really hard and did a good job in situational hitting,” the coach said. “Overall, we played our best game of the year. Sulphur is a top 15 4A team and I was proud of the way we competed against a good team.”

Purcell rode the pitching arms of Brodrick Smith and Drew Kimbrell to a 9-4 victory over Tecumseh in the festival.

Sharp said Smith attacked the strike zone and threw really well.

Kimbrell came in to relieve the starter for the final two innings.

“He threw well and brought a different pace that had their hitters off balance. He worked ahead in the count and got ground balls and pop flies to get outs,” Sharp said.

“We still need to clean up some throwing errors but we played well enough to win.”

A trio of Dragons went yard against the Savages including Knowles who smacked not one but two balls over the fence and finished the day with a whopping five RBIs.

Creed Smith and Willis both had dingers in the victory.

“We hit the ball really well,” Sharp said. “We saw it well coming out of the pitcher’s hand all day.

Willis was 2-3 with an RBI. Idlett had an RBI in a 1-4 outing. Munoz also had a hit.

“Overall, I was proud of the way the kids got after it during the festival. We will need to keep the momentum this week with four district games.”



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Headed home

Purcell senior Titus Mason rounds third base on the way to home plate for a Dragon run. Mason and crew play at McLoud today (Thursday) at 5 p.m.

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Wayne:

three more in the fourth. Then also one more in each of the final two innings.

Wayne tallied 20 hits in the win with Brazell and Haiden Parker leading the way with four each.

Kaylee Madden had a homer in the second inning. She finished the game with four ribbies and Brazell had five.

Durrance also praised his team’s defense.

“Defensively, we’ve been making the routine plays. We back each other up and do the little things.”

Wayne gave up seven runs on 12 hits.

Mantooth was in the circle for the win. She fanned three

batters.

Durrance is pleased with his team so far. The seniors have stepped up at the plate as well as in the dugout, according to the coach.

He also mentioned freshman Madi Sharp. She was thrown in at right field when Emily Woody injured her hand.

“Madi is starting in right field and she has stepped up for us. She’s getting lots of experience and hitting the ball well.”

Woody will be out for six weeks and her injury forced a shift in duties. Jordyn Debaets, usually the right fielder, was moved to rover.

The Lady Bulldogs were

scheduled to be in Lindsay on Thursday and Elmore City on Friday.

“So far we’re playing pretty well but we still have a lot to improve on. I’m happy to be playing well early and sitting where we’re at, but there is still lots of ball to play,” Durrance said.

Wayne Festival

Last Thursday Wayne beat Bowlegs, 23-4, Crooked Oak, 25-0, and Maysville, 9-7.

Friday they got wins over Western Heights, 20-0, and Elmore City, 9-2.

They’re bats were as hot as it gets. Through five games they had 77 RBIs and 94 hits as a team.



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The delivery

Washington sophomore Kade Norman sends a pitch to the catcher during the Warriors’ 9-1 win over Cache. Norman tallied three strikeouts in the appearance.

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Wash:

better defense. We swung the bats well.”

Kulbeth said out of the 24 cumulative innings they played he was pleased with 17 of them.

“It was a good trip for us,” Kulbeth said. “Our boosters and parents take good care of us and we had 80 people at our shrimp boil.”

Washington is 4-0 since returning from Gulf Shores.

Davis

In the first Davis game Marlon Moore got the nod from Kulbeth and struck out 11 batters in six innings of work.

He helped his own cause at the plate, going 3-3 with a pair of RBIs. He homered to left field in the fifth inning.

In the second Davis game Canon Stewart took the bump and struck out four batters in four innings.

Camden Bates homered and had a pair of RBIs.

Dax McCaskill went 2-2 and had two ribbies as well.

Cache

In the Cache win Kulbeth went with Kade Norman to start and brought in Moore in relief.

Bates was 2-2 at the dish and knocked in two runs.

Stewart homered and had a team-high three RBIs.

The Warriors had eight hits as a team.

Frederick

In Monday’s Frederick win Kulbeth went with Bates to start the game. Tristin Babbitt came on in relief.

Bates struck out three in two innings of work before Babbitt came in for the final inning of the three inning affair.

Frederick was held to only one hit in the game.

The Warriors are 8-5 on the season and a perfect 3-0 in District.

They played Frederick again Tuesday evening.

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Strikeout:

“I was proud of the guys for competing and stepping up when we needed it,” Sharp concluded.

The Dragons took a 7-3 record into Tuesday’s home game with Lexington.

Purcell is scheduled to travel to McLoud today (Thursday) and take their show back on the road Friday at CCS.

Purcell will host Heritage Hall Monday and travel to face the Chargers at their field next Tuesday.



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Smack one

Wayne sophomore Haylee Durrance gives a ball a ride during the Bulldogs’ 25-0 win over Crooked Oak. Durrance went 4-4 with three RBIs in the win.

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Lex:

but the Lady Timberwolves had a 7-run fourth inning to break the game open.

Lexington beat Norman North 13-6 in their first game of the season on March 7.

Bats were hot in the win over Weatherford. Ryli Harmon was 2-4 at the plate with two ribbies and she scored a run.

Pack and Dunn each had an RBI. Once again, in the Norman High win, Turnpaugh was the

leader at the plate. She was 3-3 and scored three runs. Barber was also 3-3 at the plate and scored two runs.

Dunn and Pack had an RBI a piece.

According to Blair the beginning of the season has gone well.

"I'm proud of how everyone has stepped up.

They have the next man up mentality."

With conference play starting the coach believes his squad will be competitive.

"We've only seen Dale so far and they're good. Our

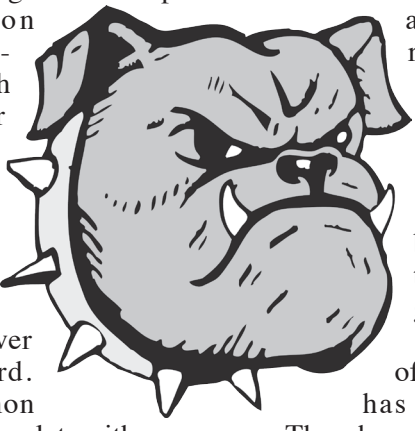
pitching has kept us in games and we have had consistent hitting."

Third baseman Kiely Givens is out for two weeks which has the coach shifting infield duties.

Baylee Rillema has stepped in on the hot corner for Givens. Madilyn Dunn moved to second from short stop and Marissa Northrup moved to second. Abi Clifton shifted to right field and Emilee Pierce is seeing time at catcher.

"We're still tweaking our lineup to figure out what's best. But, girls that haven't had as much playing time are getting to play and get experience," Blair said.

The Lexington Lady Bulldogs have a 4-5 record.



• Photo provided

Tempting trout

Abby Sample and Dax Beason comprise one of two competition fishing teams at Lexington Public Schools. They were among 24 Lexington students who tried their angling skills during a trout fishing field trip to Blue River. James Clevenger, outdoor education teacher for the district, said the district's second fishing team is Wyatt Woods and Wyatt McBride.

Warriors:

Latta

Washington captured a come-from-behind 14-13 win over Class 3A No. 1 Latta on Saturday.

Washington was down 13-8 heading into the bottom half of the final inning.

They started chipping away at the deficit with a home run by Allison, followed by hits from Lucas and Isa Portillo.

Down a run and needing a spark, Lampkin called Skylar Wells' number to pinch hit in the eighth hole.

She came through in clutch fashion with a double to put the tying run on base.

A couple batters later Lampkin called on another pinch hitter in freshman Addy Larman, who delivered in momentous fashion with a two-run walk-

off homer.

Ball game.

"It was awesome for her," Lampkin said.

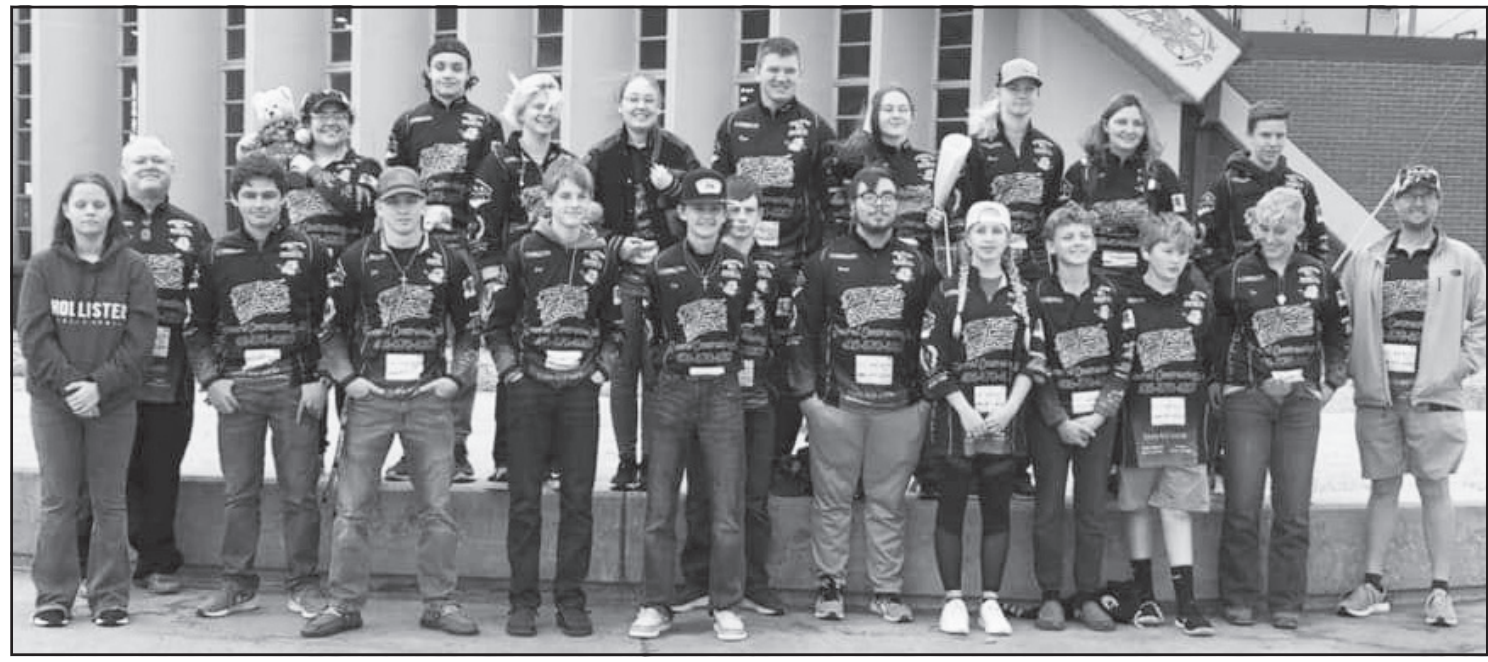
With the win, Washington advanced to the finals against Class 2A No. 2 Caddo where they won 13-3.

Allison went off with three home runs and finished with a five RBI day.

Washington also got homers from Loveless, Lucas and Place in the game.

"It was a great field of teams," Lampkin said of the competition at the Beast of the East. "We're slowly getting better and we're getting more consistent with the bat and on defense. We have to get there."

The Warriors are 7-1 this season and ranked No. 2 in Class 4A.



• Photo provided

Archers all

The Archery Team from Lexington Public Schools competed in eight tournaments this school year to finish third in the state. Some 600 schools in Oklahoma participate in the National Archery in the Schools Program. Front row, from left, Hailey Brown, Logan Haynes, Josh Scott, Cash Vaughn, Dax Beason, Booth Vaughn, Hunter Hervey, Sadye Paul, Boston Huffert, Preston Ladusau, Izzy Pack and coach Garrett Benson. Back row - Coach James Clevenger, Frankie Daniels, Casey McShane, Matty Finley, Bailey Hamm, Brycen Franks, Skyy Loux, Morgan Cline, Chasity Chandler and Karson Klupenger.

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 March 17-23, 2022.

Traffic

- Arash Varshosaz, speeding, 85/75.
- Benjamin A. Morgan, failure to stop at stop sign.
- Victoria Klava, speeding, 85/75.
- Britany L. Sanfacon, no seatbelt.
- Sunni M. Holt, no seatbelt.
- Carrie S. Anderson, no seatbelt.
- Matthew J. Ghiatis, no seatbelt.
- Sheryl K. Jones, no seatbelt.
- Armando Guerra, no seatbelt.
- Christopher Stevens, no seatbelt.
- Christopher Stevens, no valid driver's license.
- Priscilla Ipin, speeding, 80/70.
- Shawn T. Boswell, defective vehicle.
- Ellis V. Cook, operator not reasonable and proper.
- Ellis V. Cook, unsafe condition.
- Ellis V. Cook, failure to carry insurance verification.
- Ellis V. Cook, leaving scene of accident - damage to fixture.
- Ellis V. Cook, failure to report accident.
- Jesse J. Soza, overweight, 1st offense (load without permit).
- Michael Heltcel, no seatbelt.
- Carmen Rosado, no seatbelt (passenger).
- Natasha Walker, no seatbelt.
- Natasha Walker, DUS.
- Madeleine Bush, speeding, 79/65.
- Matthew Mareburger, no seatbelt.

Misdemeanors

- Lacey J. Olson, DUI.
- Mark D. Pelfrey, public intoxication.
- Bruce L. Collins, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.
- Kenneth D. Garrett III, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.
- Isaiah G. Snyder, possession of contraband in penal institution or jail.
- Robert D. Trammell, larceny of lost property.
- Justin W. Ware, possession of CDS.
- Brandon G. Carlton, protective order violation.
- James D. Lower, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.

- Alexis Ephrem, misrepresenting age by false document.
- Sydney R. Mora, domestic abuse - assault and battery.

Felonies

- Stephen R. McBride, grand larceny.
- Jonathan R. Starnes, bail jumping.
- Melissa R. Campbell, grand larceny.
- Junior L. Welch, rape, first degree - by force or fear.
- Edward C. Tabor, possession of stolen vehicle.
- Shannon E. Tabor, possession of stolen vehicle.
- Nathaniel D. Foy, unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- Daniel J. Covington, protective order violation.

Small Claims

- Dallen Wright Rentals LLC vs. Steven D. Bennett, small claims under \$5000.
- Prodigy Properties LLC vs. Mark Jones, forcible entry and detainer over \$5000.
- Hallmark Leisure Estates vs. Avery L. Stockton, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
- Darrell G. Ford P.C. vs. Daniel E. Hendricks, small claims under \$5000.

- Regina Hayes (Living Trust) vs. Virgil Eason, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Civil

- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Trudy G. Henderson, civil action \$10,000 or less.
- First United Bank & Trust Co vs. Robert M. Rount Jr., civil action \$10,000 or more.
- Abby L. Hale vs. Ahren Rentals Inc, civil action \$10,000 or more.
- Wilmington Savings Fund Society vs. Stephanie N. Schwarz, civil action \$10,000 or more.
- The Money Source, Inc vs. David Murdy, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed

- Robby D. White, 53, and Brittany N. Faulkner, 36, both of Blanchard.
- Darren J. Smith, 20, of Blanchard and Ashley N. Harrison, 22, of Norman.

Divorces Granted

- Ruth V. Ibarra vs. Cesar Ibarra.
- Bailey T. Southworth vs. Jasmyne E. Johnson.
- Tyler A. Showers vs. Chassidy N. Showers.

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Washington OHCE announcement on Harley Bromley

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

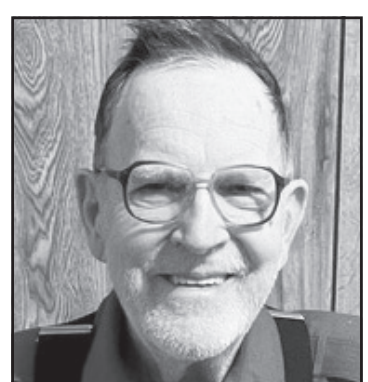
Harley Bromley left this world, his family, and friends on his 83rd birthday, which was March 17. Harley spent 63 years with his wife Beulah Bromley.

In speaking with Beulah prior to her husband's funeral, she told me prior to her catching COVID-19 last year, they had never spent a single night apart in their first 62 years of marriage.

Mr. Bromley and his wife Beulah were both dedicated members of the Washington Chapter of Oklahoma Home and Community Educators (OHCE).

Harley was the Secretary of the Washington Chapter for several years, until his cancer returned, when he was unable to attend meetings 100 percent. Mr. Bromley was dedicated to genealogy of his family and teaching others how to identify their family tree, and the importance of knowing where you came from.

He was always willing to participate in OHCE by teaching lessons and making items for the McClain County Fair. Mostly he is remembered for his large smile, a clean joke,



• Photo provided

In memory

Washington resident Harley Bromley left this world, his family, and friends on his 83rd birthday, which was March 17.

or a short story. He was always interested in learning something new, then sharing it to others.

A week prior to Mr. Bromley passing, we had a lovely conversation in his driveway about his health and his wife's health and his testimony on Christ getting him through many trials and tribulations over the decades.

His last words to me were, "I do not know why I am still here (he pointed to the sky), only He knows why I am still here... and that is what is important."

By Dr. Lourrinda Renee, McClain County OHCE President

Washington Softball

Washington Lady Warriors ended week two as Beast of The East tournament champions. They now have a 7-1 record.

This week the ladies recorded another 20 home runs in the four games they played. The highlight of the tournament, other than winning, was when freshman Addy Larman was asked to pinch hit in the last inning against Latta.

The Lady Warriors began the last inning down 13-8. A few well hit balls brought the Warriors to a score of 13-12. That's when Coach Lampkin asked Addy to pinch hit with a



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Beast of the East Champions

The Lady Warriors faced and defeated Caddo in the championship game to bring home the win of the Beast of the East Tourney.

runner on second base.

Addy hit a walkoff home run to win the game and send the Warriors to the championship game. The Lady Warriors then faced and defeated Caddo in the championship game.

Washington Elementary Students of the Week

Congratulations to Washington Elementary Students of the Week Reece Shepard, James Morton, Jett Wilson and Reagan Grimsey. They represent their second-grade classes March 28- April 1.

Reagan Grimsey represents Mrs. Bates' class. Her favorite color is blue and her favorite sports are softball and basketball. She enjoys reading class at school, and she loves to eat chicken and dumplings. Reagan's favorite movie is "Soul Surfer."

James Morton is in Mrs. Burch's class. His favorite color is orange. He likes to play Uno and basketball. His favorite movie is "The Lego Ninjago." James enjoys doing math at school and he enjoys reading DogMan books.

Mrs. Johnson's class is represented by Jett Douglas. His favorite color is blue, and his favorite sports are football and baseball. He enjoys eating tacos and learning about history at school. Jett's favorite book is DogMan.

Reece Shepard is in Mrs. Talley's class. His favorite color is black. He likes to play the game Jurassic World, and his favorite sport is soccer. Reece enjoys watching the movie "Space Jam" and his favorite class is science.

Washington Senior Center Menus may change at the discretion of the cook.

Friday Music Jams start at 10 a.m. until? Don't play an instrument? No problem! You can sing, play a tambourine, maracas, tap your foot or whistle! All meals are served with beverage, dessert and salad bar. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday.

Cost per meal: \$3 suggested donation for 60 years old and those disabled; \$6 for 59 years and below.

Come join us in sewing, playing dominoes, puzzles, cards and more!

Menu for March 31-April 8: Thursday, March 31—White bean chili with chicken, cornbread, cookies.

Friday, April 1—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pineapple upside down cake.

Monday, April 4—Taco salad, tortilla chips, cheese sauce, chili beans, fruit cocktail cake.

Tuesday, April 5—Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, harvest bar.

Wednesday, April 6—Smoked sausage, baked beans, corn casserole, fruit/Jell-O.

Thursday, April 7—Chicken and noodles, peas and carrots, strawberry shortcake.

Friday, April 8—Pulled pork barbecue, baked potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, banana pudding.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

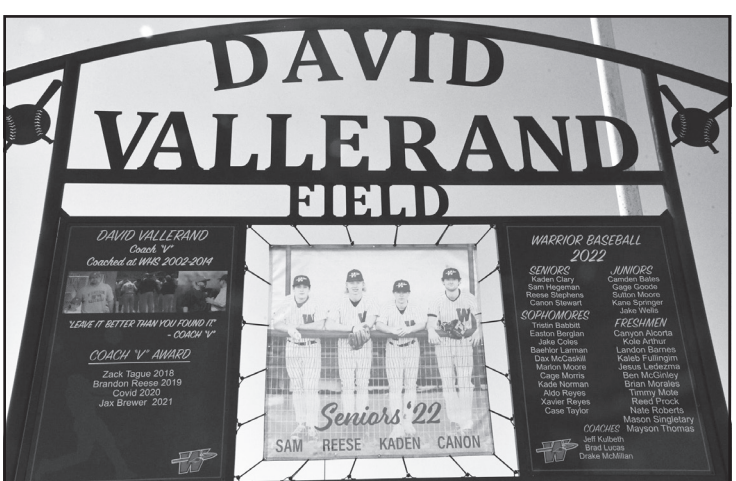
March 31—JH Baseball vs.



• Photo by Suzy Talley

Students of the Week

Reece Shepard, James Morton, Jett Wilson and Reagan Grimsey represent their second grade classes at Washington Elementary School as Students of the Week for March 28-April 1.



• Photos by Ron Ladlee

Coach Vallerand Field Dedication

Washington Baseball held the Coach Vallerand Field Dedication last Saturday honoring their late coach and his years of service at Washington High School. His family was on the field to cut the ribbon.



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DKG donations

Plexys Interface Products Inc donated 12 monitors and 3 laptops. While we are still in need, Plexys has really helped DKG grow to meet the needs of veterans!



• Photo by Ron Ladlee

Senior hurler

Senior pitcher Canon Stewart on the mound last Saturday.

Marlow at home; JH Slow-Pitch at Beast of The East Tourney, Stonewall; HS Slow-Pitch at Sulphur Tourney; JH Girls Golf at Elgin; HS Baseball vs. Marlow tournament; JV baseball at EOC Tournament; HS baseball at Marlow Tournament.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

Our volunteers continue to work on the veterans' appli-



• Photo by Diana Portillo

Pinch-hitter

Freshman Addy Larman was asked to pinch-hit in the last inning against Latta in the Beast of the East Tourney. Addy hit a walk-off home run to win the game and send the Warriors to the championship game.

Our volunteers are a dedicated group of men and women who want to make a difference in the lives of all veterans and their families. We need more volunteers to join our team to help us process the back log of claims of veterans and surviving spouses who have asked us for help. We offer training classes electronically or in person every week to current volunteers and for those who want to help us to help the men and women who have served in our military. With our digital claims systems, volunteers can be a part of what we do from almost any place in the world. We have volunteers from other states who are currently assisting veterans and surviving spouses apply for VA benefits. I know that there are many of you who feel the same way that we do when it comes to helping the men and women who have served in the United States Military. For those of you who want to assist us there are several ways that are needed. One of those is by helping our organization financially or by donating that used car or truck that can be given to a veteran in need or sold to raise operational funds. Our drivers are assisting veterans and surviving spouses on a daily basis by transporting them to our location or to their VA appointments. We also have some handicapped items that we recycle to other veterans who are in need. We are continually looking for others who would like to be a part of what we do for veterans and their families. Please consider becoming a volunteer with the Dale K Graham Veterans Foundation. Volunteer applications are available on our website. To donate to our Foundation, you can do so online at dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org or mail a check to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, 1233 West Lindsay, Norman, OK, 73069. You can contact us on our website or by calling 405-550-8806.

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 405-413-2471 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. 250-March 17-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA OGS PROPERTIES, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company Petitioner, v. T.A.P. Collaborative, Inc., an Oklahoma Not for Profit Corporation; Purcell Park #82 Partnership, an Oklahoma General partnership; and Lazara Leonard Gonzalez, individually Respondents.

Case No. CV-2021-55 SUMMONS

Purcell Park #82 Partnership 19425 Hawthorne Branch Dr. Edmond, Oklahoma 73012

To the above-named Defendant: You have been sued by the above-named Petitioner, and you are directed to file a written answer to the attached Amended Petition in this Court at the above address within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you exclusive of the date of service. Within the same time, a copy of your answer must be delivered or mailed to the attorney for the Petitioner.

Unless you answer the Petition within the time stated, judgment will be rendered against you with costs of the action.

Issued this 22 day of February, 2022.

KRISTEL GRAY, DISTRICT COURT CLERK By: /s/ Donna Morrow Deputy Court Clerk (Seal)

Attorney for Petitioner: Landon C. Long, OBA #33223 Evans & Davis, PLLC 211 N. Broadway Edmond, OK 73034 Telephone: (405) 286-2335 Fax: (405) 286-2770 E-mail: landon@evansdavis.com

This Summons is being published on March 17, 2022.

/s/ Katie Mackenzie Signature of Person Serving Summons.

YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER CONNECTED WITH THIS SUIT OR YOUR ANSWER. SUCH ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED IMMEDIATELY SO THAT AN ANSWER MAY BE FILED WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT STATED IN THE SUMMONS.

No. 291-March 31-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR OF DRUSILLA RAVEN WILLIAMS

No. CV-22-41 NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: TAKE NOTICE that Jennifer Dale has filed in the above Court a Petition to have Petitioner's name changed as follows: From Drusilla Raven Williams to Drusilla Raven Dale;

and that said Petition has been set for hearing in the District Courtroom of the McClain County Courthouse in the City of Purcell, Oklahoma, on the 21 day of April, 2022, at 9:30 o'clock A.M.

Any person may file a written protest in this cause, prior to the date set for the hearing.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Justin Lowe L. Justin Lowe, #18958 L. Justin Lowe, P.C. 3133 N. W. 63rd Street Oklahoma City, OK 73116 Telephone: (405) 848-7777 Fax: (405) 767-0529 Attorney for Petitioner

No. 292-March 31-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FAYE LYNN TENTOU, DECEASED.

No. PB-2022-20 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All Creditors having claims against Faye Lynn Tentou, Deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative at Lewis & McCullough, PLLC, PO Box 54857, Oklahoma City, OK 73154, attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentation date: May 30, 2022, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 24th day of January, 2022.

/s/ Tracy Dow Sharp Tracy Dow Sharp, Personal Representative of the Estate of Faye Lynn Tentou, Deceased Prepared by: Amy Lewis (OBA #20754) Kimberly McCullough (OBA #30165) LEWIS & MCCULLOUGH, PLLC PO Box 54857 | Oklahoma City, OK 73154 405-283-2393 Telephone | 405-265-9914 Fax amy@lmlawok.com ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Religion

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2nd & Washington, Purcell
Rev. Bill Crawford
405-820-8184
Sun. Worship: 10:45
Wed. Events:
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5:45-7 (experiential)
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Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Mark A. Stacy
Office Ph. 405.527.3045

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Lexington
Sunday Morning 10:30 am
Sunday Evening 3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:30 pm

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

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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Sunday Evening - 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm
www.lighthousechurch.tv

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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

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
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Pastor David Pickard
527-6808
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Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship: 5:00 p.m.



Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Big Brother Taught Love For the Game

Sometimes ‘gospel’ comes in the form of reminding us of some of the great blessings that the Lord has given us. So it is today, as we go back to something that changed our lives way back almost before life got started.

With March Madness gripping every basketball fan, my mind goes back to those days, once again.

Of course, as we’re celebrating our twenty-five-year anniversary of columnizing (sorry, just made that word up), I can’t help but get nostalgic and go back to the beginning. When I do, I remember: I owe the love for basketball to my big brother Wayne, who is four years my senior.

Wayne taught me a great deal growing up, including how to get beat up every day, because he either did it or threatened to do it. Some things he taught stuck, some didn’t.

For one, he taught me to love the New York Yankees, but that didn’t stick. The Yankees were replaced by the world-champion Astros a long time

ago. Besides, the Yankees are a little too highfalutin’ for me today.

They weren’t that way back then – or, at least, not that a seven-year-old could see – but I’m afraid those days of simplicity are gone. Of course, so are Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris.

Wayne favored Mantle, but I decided to be different. I went for Maris. I didn’t know it at the time, but Maris seems not to have gotten his due respect. I kind of like getting in the corner of someone who does his job the way it needs to be done and doesn’t necessarily get the recognition he deserves. We’ve all been there, I guess, but those kinds of things just make us tougher. Or they’d better.

Of course, Wayne taught me something more important than the Yankees, and this one stuck for good. He taught me to love the orange sphere that would go on to be like my best friend. Still is in many ways.

For me, basketball was always a dream come true, too, even though our playing career

turned out to be very modest. A year of junior college ball is all I can boast of, although some of the men’s leagues I played in during my early-twenties were pretty intense, too.

The most important thing is that basketball enabled us to make a living for three decades with that leather sphere in our hands. I never got my name called in an NBA draft, but I did go professional around 1984 when I became a coach.

The amazing blonde and I have even adopted orange as our favorite color. That is pretty telling since she had not even been to a basketball game when we met and married back in 1975. Now she’s been to 17,911 of them at the last count.

But Wayne started it all. Under his influence, I started playing the game long before I could get the ball to the rim. My other brother Tim along with Wayne laughed at my basketball shot when I was four or five. They said I threw

Please see **Westside**, page 7B

Green Avenue Church of Christ

The first part of chapter two of I Thessalonians more or less expands on Paul’s first point of encouragement to this young congregation. Wednesday evening, we studied into the second chapter where the apostle highlights and is thankful for their good example of evangelistic effort.

He also reminded them of how he and his companions behaved while there – setting an example of what Christians should be.

Sunday morning in our Bible study we expanded our look at the modern issue of “communication.” Generally speaking, we learned that the Scriptures address the subject from various standpoints: the civil society, personal and fam-

ily, and religious.

Of course, the same basic elements of communication across the spectrum are speech, reading and writing, and comprehension. It was emphasized that the whole idea of education is vital to good communication.

“If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.” Luke 16:31 served as the Text for the Sunday morning sermon. Keith Shackleford presented the contextual scene Jesus described as dialogue between Abraham and the rich man.

Abraham informed him that if the man’s brothers would not listen to the words God had already given, they would not be moved by a miracle.

From this Keith then presented several lessons we could learn from this story.

Among these were: “Experience is a good teacher,” “We walk by faith not by sight,” and “We have the word of God revealed today too, we must listen to it to be persuaded.”

The Sunday evening sermon came from a statement in Romans 11:22, “Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God.” It was noted that many have such extreme views of God that they seem to think God is either and only extra good or extremely severe.

We saw that this verse shows God is even-handed; and that

Please see **Green Ave.**, page 7B

Sunray Baptist Church

Pam Kyzer sang “You Can’t Say He Didn’t Love Us” for the special at our morning service.

Bro. David used Matthew 6:1-8 and 16-18 for his sermon, “Running to Win,” asking if we are fit for the race God has put before us!

We should please the Father in three areas: genuine giving, praying and fasting, Jesus looks at the heart.

Giving should be done because we want to and because of who we are. Praying time should be regular, real and a “treasure time” with God. Prayer is always appropriate.

When fasting, we should draw nearer to God, focus on Him and spend time in His Word.

The evening message taught that “fantastic” is a choice of life. Scripture references were Matthew 5:14-16, John 8:12-13 and John 9:5. We are to let our light shine. The only way we’ll have true light is through Jesus Christ. He enlightens scripture and puts the light He has in us. We can be people that have an infectious kind of faith We can all be some kind of fantastic.

Our prayers go out to several in our church family who are

experiencing health problems.

On Saturday, April 9, Sunray will be hosting the BMAO Mid-Year Meeting. On April 10 at 5 p.m., we will have a quarterly business meeting which will be followed by a time of snacks and fellowship.

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

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

April 3, 2022 is the fifth Sunday of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

The second reading for this Sunday is Philippians 3:8-14. Paul was not one of the original followers of Jesus. In fact, he persecuted Christians. However, once Paul believed in the resurrection of Jesus, he was a force to be reckoned with. He considered everything as a loss “because of the supreme

good of knowing Jesus Christ my Lord.”

All the things he lost he considered as trash. He recognized that he was still on the journey and had not “already attained perfect maturity. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.”

As Christians in the 21st century, you would think we would have a solid grasp on the importance of living as God

intended and sharing the Good News of our savior. The focus of our abilities and time do not reflect that we place the gift of Christianity extremely high.

Sadly, we are incredibly materialistic. Giving up all our stuff and considering it as rubbish is beyond comprehension. Could we see ourselves spending as much time studying and praying as we do playing video games? Doubtful.

Sometimes the problem is: I

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Westside:

the football, basketball, and baseball the same way. I just rared back and let it fly.

But one day, I don't remember when, I guess the ball grazed the rim slightly; and a week or two later it must have crawled over the rim and into the net for the first time. Too bad we can't go back and build monuments to those momentous days. I'm sure I ran in the house hollering that "I made a shot!" But I doubt Tim and Wayne threw a party. Instead, they would've said,

"It's 'bout time. You've been out there chunkin' it for five years."

There wasn't a great deal of mushiness in our household. I guess everybody was out to

make you a man, not a crybaby, even though I guess I was called 'crybaby' every day of my life until I was twelve. That comes from being the "baby" in the family. Being the baby is a tough job, as some of you know.

In all the years we played basketball in my good ol' hometown of LaGrange, Ga., I never beat Wayne in a game of one-on-one. I must have been 0-500. But one day in a hot, muggy gym in Dallas, around 1975, my big brother Wayne gave up calling me a crybaby.

That's the day I walked off the court saying, "Good game, big brother. Better luck next time."

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Green Ave.:

He expresses both goodness and severity—but fairly, as each occasion demands. The sermon was full of Bible examples from every age of man.

One example was when God showed the severe side of justice in destroying the city of Sodom for their wickedness, and yet at the same time He illustrated His goodness by delivering Abraham's nephew Lot before this destruction.

The sermon concluded with a reading of Matthew 25:31-46 where both these attributes of God are clearly seen.

We invite you to meet with us for Bible study at 7 p.m. Wednesday night and 9:45 a.m. Sunday and our worship services on Sundays are 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Bible correspondence courses are available, call 527-4052.

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am a good person and do not do sinful things. The Gospel reading is John 8:1-11 and tells of the occasion when a woman caught in adultery was brought before Jesus. The crowd wanted to stone her because of her heinous sin.

The scribes and Pharisees wanted to test Jesus and asked him did he agree with Moses' commandment about stoning. Instead of answering Jesus knelt and began writing in the dirt. Some suggest he was writing the sins of those who wished to stone the woman.

When the crowd continued asking his opinion, Jesus said: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Soon the crowd was gone, and Jesus asked the woman who condemned her. She said, "No one." Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, do not sin anymore."

You may recall that the readings complement each other. In the Gospel, the scribes and Pharisees were proud of their strict adherence to the Mosaic law, but their religion was a weapon to exclude others

rather than include them. Paul had been a persecutor of Christians, also using the Mosaic rules as a weapon. Christianity does not condone wrongdoing, but it does embrace forgiveness. If we spend our time and talent "straining forward to what lies ahead," we will have less time to condemn the wrongdoings of others.

During Lent, there are extra opportunities for worship. Throughout Lent, Friday mass will be at 6 p.m. in the Church followed by Stations of the Cross in English, and will conclude with a soup supper served at 7 p.m.

We celebrate the love of Jesus at Our Lady of Victory parish all year long. Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church is located at the 307 West Jefferson. The office is open weekday mornings (405-527-3077). Weekend mass services are Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. (Spanish). Daily masses are Tuesday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon; Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish), and Friday, 9 a.m.

Peace be with you.

No. 295-March 31-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE JANE BRANCH, Deceased.

Case No. PB-22-40 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Josephine Jane Branch, Deceased, that on the 28th day of March 2022, there was produced and filed in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, an instrument purporting to be the Will of Josephine Jane Branch, Deceased, and there was also filed in the Court the Petition of Billy Earl Branch praying that the Will be admitted to probate, Letters Testamentary issued to him as Personal Representative of the Estate, to serve without bond, for a judicial determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees of

the Decedent.

Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 28th day of March 2022, notice is given that the 21st day of April 2022, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. is the day and time that the Petition will be heard in the District Courtroom of Judge Charles Gray in the County Courthouse, Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

Witness, the undersigned, Judge of the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, this 28th day of March 2022.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223

Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731
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Attorney for Petitioner

No. 302-March 31-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., Plaintiff,

vs. Kyle R. Dixon aka Kyle Ray Dixon and Raquel Meshelle Dixon, husband and wife, et al., Defendants.

Case No. CJ-2021-135 NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION TO CONFIRM SALE THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Kyle R. Dixon aka Kyle Ray Dixon and Raquel Meshelle Dixon TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed herein a Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale in the above

No. 294-March 31-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

AMERICAN SOUTHWEST MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff,

vs. WILLIAM H. ROLIN and LORA ROLIN, Husband and Wife, et al. Defendants.

Case No. CJ-2009-75 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-6XS, Plaintiff;

vs. WILLIAM H. ROLIN; LORA ROLIN; et al. Defendants.

Case No. CJ-2009-700 ALIAS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: WILLIAM H. ROLIN; LORA ROLIN; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-6XS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FFA MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; JOHN DOE, OCCUPANT; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EX REL. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY; and to the general public and all interested parties:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an Alias Special Execution and Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, in an action wherein American Southwest Mortgage Corp. ("ASMC"), was Plaintiff/Defendant, and WILLIAM H. ROLIN, et al., were Defendants, directed to me, the undersigned Sheriff of McClain County, commanding me to levy upon and sell with appraisalment the following described property in McClain County, State of Oklahoma:

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No. 296-March 31-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EMILY LOUISE STAFFORD, Deceased,

Case No. PB-22-45 COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

To: All persons interest in the Estate of Emily Louise Stafford, Deceased

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of March, 2022, the Petitioner, Mike W. Huston, filed in the District Court of McClain County a Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator.

The Petitioner has alleged that Emily Louise Stafford, Deceased, address at death unknown, died intestate on June 10, 2012, domiciled in and residing in the State of North Carolina. Petitioner has asked this Court for summary proceedings pursuant to 58 O.S. 245, et seq.

The names, addresses of the administrator and heirs at law of Decedent at the time of her death, so far as known to the Petitioner are:

Joe R. Stafford, now deceased
Mike W. Huston, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

The value of the Estate of Decedent is less than \$200,000.00.

In an Order for Combined Notice entered on the 28th day of March 2022, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator, the final accounting, and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, and distribution.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having claims against Emily Louise Stafford, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and

entitled cause, requesting confirmation of that sale made by the Sheriff of McClain County, State of Oklahoma on March 29, 2022. The Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale will be heard before Judge Edwards in the McClain County Courthouse on the 4 day of May, 2022, at 9 o'clock A.M. You must appear at that time and present any objections you may have to the sale proceedings in this action, or the Motion to Confirm Sale will be sustained and the sale confirmed.

/s/ Collin M. Hinds
Collin M. Hinds. OBA #17391
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Tulsa, OK 74103
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NORTHEAST QUARTER (N/2 SE/4 NE/4 NE/4) OF SECTION SIXTEEN (16), TOWNSHIP SIX (6) NORTH, RANGE TWO (2) WEST, McCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA;

to satisfy the judgment and decree of mortgage foreclosure in favor of ASMC and against Defendant William H. Rolin in the principal amount of \$89,905.29, with interest through November 16, 2016 in the amount of \$121,732.72 and with interest accruing thereafter on the principal balance at the contract rate from November 16, 2016, until paid, including late charges accrued to November 16, 2016 in the amount of \$6,291.76 and thereafter at the contract rate, and a reasonable attorney's fee; less credit for payment received.

I will on the 3rd day of May, 2022, at 10 o'clock a.m. on the date of the sale in the McClain County Sheriff's Office, Room 121, of the McClain County Courthouse, located at 121 N. 2nd Avenue, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for 100% cash at time of sale, the said property above-described, or as much thereof as will satisfy said judgment with interest, costs and attorney's fees, said sale to be subject to all real property taxes owing on said property, if any, and subject to an existing first mortgage in the amount of \$360,000.00, without warranties of title; the NET EQUITY APPRAISED VALUE of said real property being the sum of \$240,000.00.

WITNESS my hand on this 28 day of March, 2022.

LANDY OFFOLTER
Sheriff of McClain County,
Oklahoma
BY: /s/ Landy Offolter
(Seal)

APPROVED:
/s/ Gary L. Giessmann
Gary L. Giessmann, OBA #11318
NASH, COHENOUR & GIESSMANN, P.C.
4101 Perimeter Center Dr.,
Suite 200
Oklahoma City, OK 73112
Telephone: (405) 917-5000
Fax: (405) 917-5005
Email: garyg@nashfirm.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff

other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Mike W. Huston, Special Administrator, at the law offices of Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Special Administrator, on or before the following presentment date: April 28, 2022 or the same will be forever barred.

Notice is also hereby given that a hearing will be held on May 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the McClain County Courthouse, in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, before Judge Charles Gray. At the hearing the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and petition for determination of heirs and distribution of property of the Decedent. The final account and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees and distribution will be filed herein on or before the 5th day of May, 2022.

You are hereby advised that you must file objections to the Petition for Summary Administration and the final account and petition for determination of heirs and distribution at any time before the date of the final hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner in care of his attorney, James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections. If you have no objections, you need not appear at the hearing or make any filings with the Court.

If an objection is filed before the final hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estate will be distributed and to whom the estate will be distributed.

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
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Attorney for Petitioner

No. 297-March 31-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE E. STAFFORD, Deceased,

Case No. PB-22-43 COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

To: All persons interest in the Estate of George E. Stafford, Deceased

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of March, 2022, the Petitioner, Mike W. Huston, filed in the District Court of McClain County a Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator.

The Petitioner has alleged that George E. Stafford, Deceased, address at death unknown, died intestate on September 17, 1984, domiciled in and residing in the State of Indiana. Petitioner has asked this Court for summary proceedings pursuant to 58 O.S. 245, et seq.

The names, addresses of the administrator and heirs at law of Decedent at the time of his death, so far as known to the Petitioner are:

William A. Stafford, now deceased
Lala M. Stafford, now deceased
Ila M. Stafford, now deceased
Ola E. Stafford, now deceased
Thomas Howard Stafford, Sr., now deceased

Emily Louise Stafford, now deceased
Joe R. Stafford, now deceased
Mike W. Huston, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

The value of the Estate of Decedent is less than \$200,000.00.

In an Order for Combined Notice entered on the 28th day of March, 2022, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator, the final accounting, and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, and distribution.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having

No. 298-March 31-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ILA M. STAFFORD, Deceased,

Case No. PB-22-46 COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

To: All persons interest in the Estate of Ila M. Stafford, Deceased

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of March, 2022, the Petitioner, Mike W. Huston, filed in the District Court of McClain County a Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator.

The Petitioner has alleged that Ila M. Stafford, Deceased, address at death unknown, died intestate on August 11, 1998, domiciled in and residing in the State of North Carolina. Petitioner has asked this Court for summary proceedings pursuant to 58 O.S. 245, et seq.

The names, addresses of the administrator and heirs at law of Decedent at the time of her death, so far as known to the Petitioner are:

Ola E. Stafford, now deceased
Thomas Howard Stafford, Sr., now deceased

Emily Louise Stafford, now deceased
Joe R. Stafford, now deceased
Frances Stafford Heath, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

Mike W. Huston, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

The value of the Estate of Decedent is less than \$200,000.00. In an Order for Combined Notice entered on the 28th day of March, 2022, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator, the final accounting, and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, and distribution.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having

claims against George E. Stafford, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Mike W. Huston, Special Administrator, at the law offices of Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Special Administrator, on or before the following presentment date: April 28, 2022 or the same will be forever barred.

Notice is also hereby given that a hearing will be held on May 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the McClain County Courthouse, in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, before Judge Charles Gray. At the hearing the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and petition for determination of heirs and distribution of property of the Decedent. The final account and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees and distribution will be filed herein on or before the 5th day of May 2022.

You are hereby advised that you must file objections to the Petition for Summary Administration and the final account and petition for determination of heirs and distribution at any time before the date of the final hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner in care of his attorney, James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections. If you have no objections, you need not appear at the hearing or make any filings with the Court.

If an objection is filed before the final hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estate will be distributed and to whom the estate will be distributed.

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Attorney for Petitioner

claims against Ila M. Stafford, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Mike W. Huston, Special Administrator, at the law offices of Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Special Administrator, on or before the following presentment date: April 28, 2022 or the same will be forever barred.

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No. 285-March 24-2 Times
PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from The Chickasaw Nation to construct a fixed wireless access (FWA) broadband tower in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties.

The project will expand affordable broadband access in the area by contracting the construction of one tower, connected to a fiber network. A wireless internet service provider will then be engaged to provide broadband service to the community. The project will be located at Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 2 West, McClain County, Oklahoma. Project information is available for review at 1629 N. Broadway, Ada, Oklahoma.

If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or

floodplains associated with this proposed project, please provide it in writing to:

Michael Francis
Regional Environmental Officer
Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
mfrancis@eda.gov

Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5 p.m. CT on April 30, 2022 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office.

No. 267-March 24-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
JENNIFER MARIE FLEMING,
TRUSTEE OF THE JENNIFER
FLEMING EDUCATIONAL TRUST
DATED JULY 31, 2009,
Plaintiff,
vs.

LULA BENN, Deceased, A FULL BLOOD CHOCTAW INDIAN, ROLL NO. 1963, and the HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS OF LULA BENN, Deceased, Defendants.
CASE NO. CV-2022-36
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
Lula Benn, Deceased, a Full Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 1963 and the Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Lula Benn, Deceased, a Full Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 1963

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 Jennifer Marie Fleming, Trustee of the Jennifer Fleming Educational Trust Dated July 31, 2009, to quiet any right, title, or interest in and to the real property described hereinbelow 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 May 9, 2022, 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 the actual owner of the legal and equitable title of the surface in fee simple of the following described property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma as follows, to-wit (the "Property"):
The Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 NW 1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), Town-

ship Five (5) North, Range Four (4) West, McClain County, Oklahoma AND

A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 NW 1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Five (5) North, Range Four (4) West, McClain County, Oklahoma, described as commencing at the NE corner of the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 4 West; thence West 103.29 feet; thence South 1320 feet; thence East 103.29 feet; thence North 1320 feet to the point of beginning free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances, Lula Benn, Deceased, a Full Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 1963 and the Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Lula Benn, Deceased, a Full Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 1963, 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 forever barring and enjoining the Defendants 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 15th day of March 2022.

(Seal)
McClain County Court Clerk
By: /s/ Amy Gray
Deputy Court Clerk

APPROVED:
/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731
George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223
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Attorney for Plaintiff

No. 260-March 17-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN
AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
DRAGONSLAYER LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES and ASSIGNS OF JEWELL IRENE WILSON WHITSON, deceased, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES and ASSIGNS OF CLIFTON G. WHITSON, deceased,
Defendants.

Case No. CV-2022-34
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES and ASSIGNS OF JEWELL IRENE WILSON WHITSON, deceased, and CLIFTON G. WHITSON, deceased.

GREETINGS: Said Defendants are hereby notified that they have been sued in the District Court in McClain County, Oklahoma, wherein the Plaintiff's name is Dragonslayer, LLC, and the above named parties in the caption of this case are Defendants, and the Plaintiff is alleging that it is the owner and in possession of certain undivided mineral interests located in McClain County, Oklahoma, to wit:
NE/4 NW/4 and NW/4 NE/4 of Section 32-77N, R3W, McClain County, Oklahoma

And you, the said Defendants, are further notified that unless you answer the Petition therein on or before the 29th day of April 2022, the allegations of said petition will be taken as true and judgment determining the heirs of Jewel Irene Wilson Whitson, deceased, and Clifton G. Whitson, deceased, will be entered, and a Decree quieting Plaintiff's title to the above described property will be entered against each of you, the said Defendants.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said hand and seal this 15th day of March 2022.

COURT CLERK,
McCLAIN COUNTY
By: /s/ Sheryl Flores
Deputy

/s/ P. Dyke Hoppe
P. Dyke Hoppe OBA #4359
3501 French Park Drive, Suite B
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034-4737
Telephone: (405) 370-7134
email: pdhoppe@coxinet.net
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

No. 251-March 17-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN
AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OGS PROPERTIES, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company
Petitioner,
v.
T.A.P. Collaborative, Inc., an Oklahoma Not for Profit Corporation;
Purcell Park #82 Partnership, an Oklahoma General partnership;
and
Lazara Leonard Gonzalez, individually
Respondents.

Case No. CV-2021-55
SUMMONS
Lazara Leonard Gonzalez
19425 Hawthorne Branch Dr.
Edmond, Oklahoma 73012
To the above-named Defendant:
You have been sued by the above-named Petitioner, and you are directed to file a written answer to the attached Amended Petition in this Court at the above address within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you exclusive of the date of service. Within the same time, a copy of your answer must be delivered or mailed to the attorney for the Petitioner.

Unless you answer the Petition within the time stated, judgment will be rendered against you with costs of the action.
Issued this 22 day of February, 2022.

KRISTEL GRAY,
DISTRICT COURT CLERK
By: /s/ Donna Morrow
Deputy Court Clerk
(Seal)

Attorney for Petitioner:
Landon C. Long, OBA #33223
Evans & Davis, PLLC
211 N. Broadway
Edmond, OK 73034
Telephone: (405) 286-2335
Fax: (405) 286-2770
E-mail: landon@evansdavis.com

This Summons is being published on March 17, 2022.

/s/ Katie Mackenzie
Signature of Person
Serving Summons.

YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER CONNECTED WITH THIS SUIT OR YOUR ANSWER. SUCH ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED IMMEDIATELY SO THAT AN ANSWER MAY BE FILED WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT STATED IN THE SUMMONS.

No. 293-March 31-2 Times
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is given that on May 3rd, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at in room 121 of the County Courthouse, in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell, for cash, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4) OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE/4) OF SECTION NINETEEN (19), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.; subject to unpaid taxes, assessments, advancements by Plaintiff for taxes, insurance premiums, expenses necessary for the pres-

ervation of the subject property, if any, prior security interests in fixtures, if any, and all interests not herein adjudicated said property having been appraised at \$390,000.00, and subject to any applicable statutory right of redemption. Sale will be made pursuant to order of sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma.

Pursuant to judgment, Plaintiff reserves the right to recall the Special Execution and Order of Sale and to cancel this scheduled sale orally or in writing at any time prior to sale without notice or leave of Court. In the absence of Plaintiff's representative at the sale, the subject property will not be sold on the date set forth above.

PERSONS OR OTHER ENTITIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WHOSE INTER-

EST IS SOUGHT TO BE EXTINGUISHED, INCLUDING THOSE WHOSE ACTUAL ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN AND PERSONS OR OTHER ENTITIES WHOSE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED ARE: JEFFREY H. MUMFORD, REBECCA S. MUMFORD.

Landy Olfolter, Sheriff of McClain County, Oklahoma
KELLY M. PARKER, #22673
LAMUN MOCK CUNNYNGHAM & DAVIS, P.C
Attorneys for Plaintiff
5613 N. Classen Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73118
(405) 840-5900
(405) 842-6132 (Fax)
CU MEMBERS MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF COLONIAL SAVINGS, F.A. vs.
JEFFREY H. MUMFORD, et al.;
Case No. CJ-2021-209

No. 289-March 31-1 Time
BEFORE THE CORPORATION
COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
APPLICANT: NATIVE EXPLORATION OPERATING, LLC
RELIEF SOUGHT: INCREASED WELL DENSITY
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
CAUSE CD NO. 202201000
AMENDED 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: AGS OIL & GAS HOLDINGS #2 INC.; Amcon Resources, Inc.; American Innovative Royalty Systems; Amos Roberts; Amy Brent; Andrew P. McConnell, Trustee of the John E. McConnell Trust dated December 17, 2015; Avalanche Oil & Gas, LLC; Barbara Brent Lewis Trust; BNW, Inc.; Boomerang Royalties, LLC; Brian Fowler; Buffalo Bayou Resources, LLC; Camino Natural Resources, LLC; Cannon Field Minerals Fund I, LP; Cap-Rock Resources, LLC; Charles B. Wrightsman; CHARLES J MOUNTFORD TRUST; CHARLES SCHUSTERMAN ENTERP INC; Cherry Creek Minerals, LLC; Citizen Energy III, LLC; Consul Properties, LLC; CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC; CYA Oil & Gas Investments, LLC; Dana Wrightsman Dantine Living Trust; Dana Wrightsman Dantine Trust; Debbie K. Lee and Justin N. Randall, as Joint Tenants; Duke Minerals Non-Op, LLC; Eagle Oil & Gas Co.; Echo Minerals, LP; El Dorado Corp.; Elaine Heinz Murphy; Ellis Rudy; EOG RESOURCES INC; EOG Resources, Inc; ESP EOC ROSE ROCK LLC; ESP EOC Rose Rock, LLC; Evans Oil and Gas, LLC; Fifth Natural Resources, LLC; Fred Matthesius; Gail Lamb, Life Estate, Grayson H. Lamb and Grant H. Lamb, Remaindermen; George G. Vaught, Jr.; Geri M. Berry; GOLDEN CREEK MINERALS LLC; Grant Hollars Foster; Gretta Jane Youngblood Parks and Robert Irvin Parks, Jr., Trustees of the Parks Family Revocable Trust u/t/a 6/2/2015; H&S DRILLING COMPANY; Harry L. Jones II Trust; Hazeltine Minerals, LLC; HEAD-INGTON ROYALTY INC; HCR Investments, LLC; Hunt Oil Co.; Hunt Oil Company; Isham Gary Hollars; James Allen Heinz; James W. Hatcher; Jamie Brent Smith; John D. Branscum as Trustee of the Garland Mark Hollars Trust; John Joseph Heinz; John Joseph Heinz; Joyce Jeinz Trust; JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA, as Trustee of the Bowles Educational Trust Fund; Karen Brent; Kathryn Jo Brooks Agee; Kathy Duree; Kenneth P. Robertson and Sherol H. Robertson Revocable Trust Agreement dated June 30, 2005; Kirby Minerals, LC now known as Kirby Minerals, an Oklahoma general partnership; Kyle M. Stamps; L3 Resources, LLC; Larry Canfield; Larry Snook; Laura L. Livingston, f/k/a Laura L. Torrecilla; LEAN DOG LTD PARTNERSHIP NO 1; Leila Gadbois; Little Max Drilling, LLC; Lockmar Resources, LLC; Luella A. Brent; Mack Brooks and Diana Brooks, Trustees of the Brooks Trust dated July 1, 2019; Marathon Oil Company; Marathon Oil Company; Margaret Black, heir to Herman Youngblood, Jr. and Margaret Clarienne Youngblood, deceased; Margaret C. Lewis Goddard; Marilyn Lamrouex; Marjo Operating Co.; Mary Jon Bryan; Max D. McKinney; Max R. Chudy, Jr.; McCullis Resources Co., Inc.;

Michael Gidwitz II, assumed sole heir of Mrs. Carrie Gidwitz; Michael Moose Watson and Katrina A. Watson; MINRI, LLC; Monticello Investments, LLC; Mortlett Ponder; Nancy Hardy Werner; Nexus BSP, LLC; Normarth Corp.; Nosley Scoop, LLC; Oaktree SCAE Scoop Holdings, LLC; OKLAHOMA PRIME ENERGY, LLC; Osprey Resources, Inc.; OVINTIV USA Inc.; OVINTIV MID CONTINENT INC; PEC Minerals, LP; Prairie O&G Holdings, LLC; Raw Crude Oil & Gas, LLC; Rebellion Energy, LLC; Red Sky Resources III, LLC; Red Sky Resources IV, LLC; Roan Resources, LLC; Roberta Pressman Trust; Rocky Canfield; Ronald N. Kolpin, as Trustee of the Ronald N. Kolpin 1990 Revocable Trust, U/A dated June 5, 1990; Rufus Spencer Brent Children's Trust; Rufus Spencer Brent Trust; Ruth I. Findley, f/k/a Ruth Idelle Hopkins Waddy; SCOOP I, LP; Sedona Minerals, LLC; Sharri Fowler; Sheridan Family Trust; SN Manager, LLC; Sooner Midcon, LLC; Source Rock Minerals III, LP; Steve Hutchison; Steven Bruce Crowell; Stroube Energy Corp.; Tabitha Demorest; Taste Green, Inc.; Teresa M. Heinz Bruns; Teresa Rhynes; Terrafin Resources, LLC; Terry Canfield; The Billy P. Adkins Revocable Trust; The E. Yvonne Revocable Trust; The known and unknown heirs, devisees, successors and assigns of Beverly Stamps, deceased; The known and unknown heirs, devisees, successors and assigns of Bobby L. Bilbrey, deceased; The known and unknown heirs, devisees, successors and assigns of J. Franklin Zouch a/k/a Jacob Frank Zouck; The known and unknown heirs, devisees, successors and assigns of John E. McConnell, Jr.; The known and unknown heirs, devisees, successors and assigns of Mrs. Carrie Gidwitz; The known and unknown heirs, devisees, successors and assigns of Stanley Dutch Bilbrey, deceased; The lawful heirs, successors and assigns of Gretta Tankersley, Mary Lu Nell Tankersley and Verna Marie Tankersley, deceased; The National Bank of Commerce of Houston and Morgan J. Davis, Trustees for Sue Trammell Under Agreement dated October 5, 1943; The National Bank of Commerce of Houston and Morgan J. Davis, Trustees for the Thomas Stephen Trammell Under Agreement dated October 6, 1949; The National Bank of Commerce of Houston and Morgan J. Davis, Trustees for the W. B. Trammell, Jr. under Indenture October 5, 1943; The Susan K. Bonnell Living Trust; The University of Oklahoma; Thousand Oaks Farms, LLC; Thunder Moon Resources, LLC; Tina Oliphant; TPR Royalties, LP; Unknown heirs, successors and assigns of Rose Feltman, deceased; VAN ZANT OIL COMPANY; Ventana Exploration and Production II, LLC; VENTANA OPERATING LLC; Walter Thomas Watson and Vestana K. Watson, as Trustees of the Watson Family Living Trust dated August 2, 2018; Wayne Canfield; Westar Oil and Gas, Inc.; William T. Pitt; Wisdom Resources, LLC; Ann A. Bowles Testamentary Trust; Chanfill Bowles; Edward F. Nicolini; Elizabeth S. McKee; Emma C. W. Lee; George T. Graham; Grace C. Hayes; James A. Elkins, Sr.; John L. Brady; Louis Ross;; and if any of the individuals are deceased, then the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, both immediate and remote, of such deceased individual; if any of the named entities is dissolved partnership, corporation or other association, then the

unknown successors, trustees and assigns, both immediate and remote, of such dissolved entity; if any of the named parties designated as a trustee is not presently acting in such capacity as trustee, then the unknown successor or successors to such trustee; if any of the named parties designated as an attorney-in-fact is not presently acting in such capacity as attorney-in-fact, then the unknown successor or successors to such attorney-in-fact; and if any of the named entities are corporations which do not continue to have legal existence, then unknown trustees or assigns of such parties.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant, Native Exploration Operating, LLC, has filed an application in this cause requesting the Corporation Commission to enter an order amending applicable orders of the Commission, including the Order No. 663165, to authorize and permit two (2) additional wells for the production of hydrocarbons from the Woodford common source of supply underlying the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of Section 26, Township 8 North, Range 4 West of the IM, McClain County, Oklahoma, and to establish proper allowables for such well(s) and such unit.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application in this cause requests that the order entered in this matter be made effective as of the date of the execution thereof or a date prior thereto, and that the authorization and permission requested herein run in favor of the Applicant, or some other party recommended by Applicant.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Merits Docket at the Corporation Commission, First Floor, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 19th day of April 2022, and that this notice will be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission.

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 the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. An interested party who wishes to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide his or her name and phone number.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action contact Koby Orndorff, landman, (405) 447-4242, or Emily P. Pittman, attorney, OBA No. 20805, (405) 553-2873, 100 North Broadway, Suite 2900, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. Please refer to Cause CD Number.

DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 23rd day of March 2022.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA
DANA L. MURPHY, Chairman
BOB ANTHONY, Vice Chairman
J. TODD HIETT, Commissioner
/s/ Emily P. Pittman
Emily P. Pittman

No. 284-March 24-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
WAKEFIELD & ASSOCIATES, LLC
assignee Of Emergency Medical Services Authority,
Plaintiff,
v.
SHAYNA STEPHENS,
Defendant.

Case No. CS-22-1
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
Shayna Stephens you are hereby notified that you have been sued by Wakefield & Associates, LLC assignee of Emergency Medical Services Authority and you must answer Plaintiff's Peti-

No. 239-March 17-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
ROGER ENGLAND and
PAULETTE ENGLAND,
husband and wife,
Plaintiffs,
vs.

The known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, of PHILLIP G. DAVIS, deceased;
The known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, of MARY MARIE LASEUR, deceased;
TONY DAVIS, an individual;
PATTY DAVIS, an individual;
FRANCIS L. LASEUR, an individual;
NICHOLAS L. JACKSON, an individual;
JONATHAN JACKSON, an individual;
JARAD B. JACKSON, an individual;
CHRISTOPHER VINSON, an individual.
Defendants.

Case No. CV-2022-32
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
COUNTY OF MCCLAIN
TO: The known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, of PHILLIP G. DAVIS, deceased;
The known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns of THELMA M. DAVIS, deceased; and the known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns of MARY MARIE LASEUR, deceased.

You are hereby notified that an action has been filed in the District Court, McClain County, State of Oklahoma, Case No. CV-2022-32 styled as follows:
ROGER ENGLAND and PAULETTE ENGLAND, husband and wife, Plaintiffs,
vs.

The known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, of PHILLIP G. DAVIS, deceased;
The known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, of THELMA M. DAVIS, deceased;
The known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, of MARY MARIE LASEUR, deceased;

tion on or before May 26, 2022 or a money judgment in the sum of \$1,433.00 plus interest will be rendered accordingly.

Dated this day March 14, 2022.
By: /s/ Kristel Gray
Deputy Court Clerk For
McClain District Court Clerk
(seal)

APPROVED BY:
/s/ Greg A. Metzger
Greg A. Metzger, OBA # 11432
METZER & AUSTIN, P.L.L.C.
1 South Broadway, Suite 100
Edmond, OK 73034
(405) 330-2226
(405) 330-2234 (FAX)
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

TONY DAVIS, an individual;
PATTY DAVIS, an individual;
FRANCIS L. LASEUR, an individual;
NICHOLAS L. JACKSON, an individual;
JONATHAN JACKSON, an individual;
JARAD B. JACKSON, an individual; and
CHRISTOPHER VINSON, an individual.
Defendants.

Case No. CV-2022-32
The action alleges that Defendants may have a claim of some right, title, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, assessment or interest, adverse to Plaintiffs, in and under the following described property:

The South 130 feet of the West 65 feet of the East 143 feet of Lot Nine (9), Block Two (2) in the Town of Dibble, McClain County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.
(Hereinafter referred to as "Subject Property")

The Petition seeks to quiet title to all right and title in the above-described real property, in favor of ownership by Plaintiffs, as set forth in the Petition, and that the Defendants be forever barred and enjoined from claiming, setting up, or asserting any right, title or interest adverse to the Plaintiffs herein.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in this action and must answer the Petition filed by the Plaintiffs on or before the 9th day of May, 2022, or the allegations contained in said Petition will be taken as true and judgment will be entered determining ownership and quieting title as requested in the Plaintiffs' Petition allowing all relief available pursuant to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of March, 2022.
McCLAIN COUNTY
COURT CLERK
By: /s/ Donna Morrow
Deputy Court Clerk
(Seal)

/s/ J. Swapp
Stephen R. McCalla, OBA #13582
Jessica Swapp, OBA #33620
McCalla Brown Patel LLP
Mailing: P.O. Box 2220
Chickasha, OK 73023
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Chickasha, OK 73018
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jswapp@mbplegal.com
Attorneys for Plaintiffs, Roger England and Paulette England



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OFFICIAL BALLOT April 05, 2022 MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA PCTS. 5,8,10,11,12,19

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FOR OFFICE NO. 2 (Vote for One) BRANNDON HEDRICK JASON OTT

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No. 290-March 31-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA REX FLOWERS, Plaintiff, v. PAUL VERNON MORTON, Defendant. Case No. CJ-2021-217 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Paul Vernon Morton

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT Plaintiff, Rex Flowers, has filed a Petition in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, suing you for damages resulting from a motor vehicle accident that occurred on or about August 11, 2020. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that you must file an Answer to Plaintiff's Petition on or before the 23rd day of May 2022, or this Court will hear the evidence in support of

the damages claimed by Plaintiff and shall grant judgment against you in excess of the amount required for diversity jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332 together with interest, costs, and attorney's fees to Plaintiff. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature and seal of said Court this 25 day of March, 2022. McClain County Court Clerk By: /s/ Amy Gray

Deputy (Seal) ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: Caleb M. Redman, OBA 22695 PARRISH DEVAUGHN, PLLC 7 S. Mickey Mantle Drive, 2nd Floor Oklahoma City, OK 73104 405-444-4444 405-232-0058 (f) Caleb@parrishdevaughn.com Attorney for Plaintiff

No. 301-March 31-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. STAFFORD, Deceased, Case No. PB-22-41 COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE To: All persons interest in the Estate of William A. Stafford, Deceased You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of March, 2022, the Petitioner, Mike W. Huston, filed in the District Court of McClain County a Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator. The Petitioner has alleged that William A. Stafford, Deceased, address at death unknown, died intestate on December 9, 1990, domiciled in and residing in the State of North Carolina. Petitioner has asked this Court for summary proceedings pursuant to 58 O.S.

245, et seq. The names, addresses of the administrator and heirs at law of Decedent at the time of his death, so far as known to the Petitioner are: Frances Stafford Heath, now deceased Mike W. Huston, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080 The value of the Estate of Decedent is less than \$200,000.00. In an Order for Combined Notice entered on the 28th day of March, 2022, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator, the final accounting, and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, and distribution. Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having claims against William A. Stafford, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other col-

lateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Mike W. Huston, Special Administrator, at the law offices of Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Special Administrator, on or before the following presentment date: April 28, 2022 or the same will be forever barred. Notice is also hereby given that a hearing will be held on May 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the McClain County Courthouse, in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, before Judge Charles Gray. At the hearing the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and petition for determination of heirs and distribution of property of the Decedent. The final account and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees and distribution will be filed herein on or before the 5th day of May, 2022. You are hereby advised that you must file objections to the Petition for Summary Administration and the final account and petition for

determination of heirs and distribution at any time before the date of the final hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner in care of his attorney, James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections. If you have no objections, you need not appear at the hearing or make any filings with the Court. If an objection is filed before the final hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estate will be distributed and to whom the estate will be distributed. /s/ James B. Blevins, Jr. James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731 George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223 Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565 Purcell, OK 73080 Phone: 405-527-7575 Fax: 405-527-7574 Attorney for Petitioner

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OFFICIAL BALLOT April 05, 2022 MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA PCTS. 6,8,9,10,11,19,20,23,26,28

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FOR OFFICE NO. 2 (Vote for One) CLAYTON DENNIS COLLEY TAMMIE WELLS

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No. 300-March 31-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OLA E. STAFFORD, Deceased, Case No. PB-22-44 COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE To: All persons interest in the Estate of Ola E. Stafford, Deceased You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of March, 2022, the Petitioner, Mike W. Huston, filed in the District Court of McClain County a Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator. The Petitioner has alleged that Ola E. Stafford, Deceased, address at death unknown, died intestate on September 3, 1999, domiciled in and residing in the State of North Carolina. Petitioner has asked this Court for summary proceedings pursuant to 58 O.S. 245, et seq. The names, addresses of the

administrator and heirs at law of Decedent at the time of her death, so far as known to the Petitioner are: Thomas Howard Stafford, Sr., now deceased Emily Louise Stafford, now deceased Joe R. Stafford, now deceased Frances Stafford Heath, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080 Mike W. Huston, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080 The value of the Estate of Decedent is less than \$200,000.00. In an Order for Combined Notice entered on the 28th day of March, 2022, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator, the final accounting, and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, and distribution. Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having

claims against Ola E. Stafford, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Mike W. Huston, Special Administrator, at the law offices of Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Special Administrator, on or before the following presentment date: April 28, 2022 or the same will be forever barred. Notice is also hereby given that a hearing will be held on May 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the McClain County Courthouse, in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, before Judge Charles Gray. At the hearing the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and petition for determination of heirs and distribution of property of the Decedent. The final account and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees and distribution will be filed herein on or before the 5th day of May, 2022. You are hereby advised that you

must file objections to the Petition for Summary Administration and the final account and petition for determination of heirs and distribution at any time before the date of the final hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner in care of his attorney, James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections. If you have no objections, you need not appear at the hearing or make any filings with the Court. If an objection is filed before the final hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estate will be distributed and to whom the estate will be distributed. /s/ James B. Blevins, Jr. James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731 George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223 Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565 Purcell, OK 73080 Phone: 405-527-7575 Fax: 405-527-7574 Attorney for Petitioner

No. 299-March 31-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LALA M. STAFFORD, Deceased, Case No. PB-22-42 COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE To: All persons interest in the Estate of Lala M. Stafford, Deceased You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of March, 2022, the Petitioner, Mike W. Huston, filed in the District Court of McClain County a Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator. The Petitioner has alleged that Lala M. Stafford, Deceased, address at death unknown, died intestate on February 4, 1998, domiciled in and residing in the State of North Carolina. Petitioner has asked this Court for summary proceedings pursuant to 58 O.S. 245, et seq. The names, addresses of the administrator and heirs at law of Decedent at the time of her death, so far as known to the Petitioner are: lla M. Stafford, now deceased Ola E. Stafford, now deceased Thomas Howard Stafford, Sr., now deceased Emily Louise Stafford, now deceased Joe R. Stafford, now deceased Frances Stafford Heath, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080 Mike W. Huston, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080 The value of the Estate of Decedent is less than \$200,000.00. In an Order for Combined Notice entered on the 28th day of March 2022, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator, the final accounting, and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, and distribution. Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having

claims against Lala M. Stafford, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Mike W. Huston, Special Administrator, at the law offices of Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Special Administrator, on or before the following presentment date: April 28, 2022 or the same will be forever barred. Notice is also hereby given that a hearing will be held on May 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the McClain County Courthouse, in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, before Judge Charles Gray. At the hearing the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and petition for determination of heirs and distribution of property of the Decedent. The final account and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees and distribution will be filed herein on or before the 5th day of May, 2022. You are hereby advised that you must file objections to the Petition for Summary Administration and the final account and petition for determination of heirs and distribution at any time before the date of the final hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner in care of his attorney, James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections. If you have no objections, you need not appear at the hearing or make any filings with the Court. If an objection is filed before the final hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estate will be distributed and to whom the estate will be distributed. /s/ James B. Blevins, Jr. James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731 George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223 Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565 Purcell, OK 73080 Phone: 405-527-7575 Fax: 405-527-7574 Attorney for Petitioner

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