

Manslaughter trial

Testimony continues in Byars shooting

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

A jury trial in McClain County District Court moved into its fifth day Tuesday in the case of a Byars man charged with first degree manslaughter.

James S. Blackwood, 64, is on trial for allegedly causing the death of Leroy Atkinson on June 2, 2019.

According to the OSBI, Blackwood is a former deputy sheriff from California.

On June 2, 2019, Blackwood was target shooting when Atkinson drove his four-wheeler into the line of fire some distance from Blackwood's target.

A bullet struck Atkinson, 76, in the head, killing him.

The OSBI investigated to determine if the shooting was accidental.

It was on the basis of that

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\$50K GIFT

Donation sweetens playground pot

The fund raising effort for a new playground near Rotary Pavilion at Purcell Lake received a major wind-fall last week, according to John Blue, director of Purcell Parks & Recreation.

At its monthly meeting, Purcell Tourism

Committee members voted unanimously to give \$50,000 toward the

construction.

The gift amounts to more than 33 percent of the tourism war chest. As of September 3, the city's lodging tax had brought in \$150,781.41.

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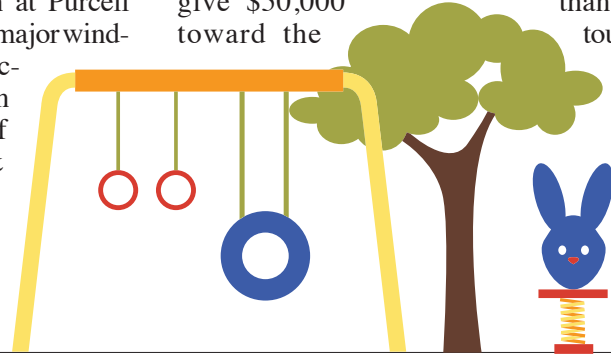
Fall fest FUN

The best "Fall" wins the day

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Fall Festival doesn't begin to describe what's happening across the river this Saturday. The Lexington Chamber of

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Fire prevention month

Fourth grade students in the classes of Kayla Sweeney and Dawn Perigo enjoyed a video, questions and answers with Fire Marshal Quinn Kroth and a visit with Purcell's Ladder Truck along with members of the Purcell Fire Department last week celebrating October as fire prevention month. Firefighters were at the elementary school Tuesday and the intermediate school Wednesday.

Storm brings rain

One inch recorded in some areas

A noisy thunderstorm that rumbled through the area late Saturday night and early Sunday morning dumped .9" on an inch on the parched central Oklahoma soil.

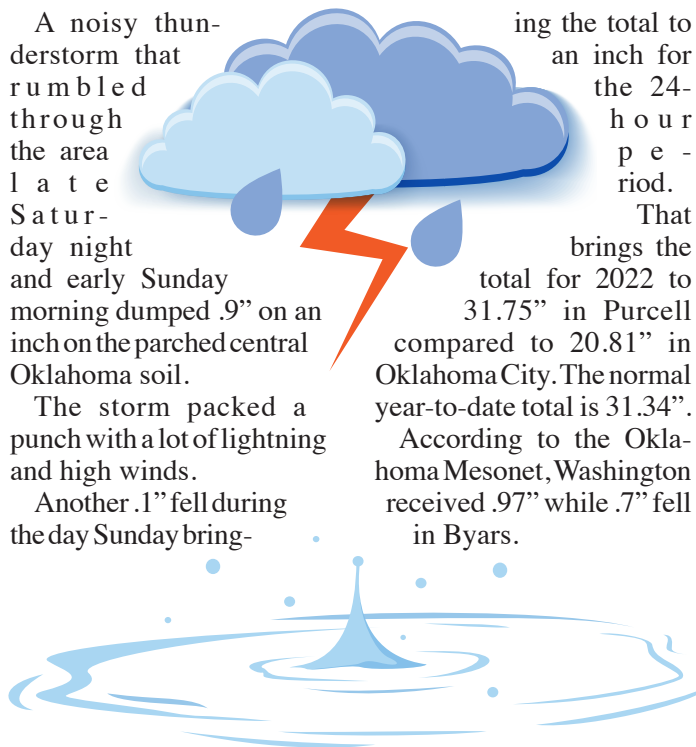
The storm packed a punch with a lot of lightning and high winds.

Another .1" fell during the day Sunday bring-

ing the total to an inch for the 24-hour period.

That brings the total for 2022 to 31.75" in Purcell compared to 20.81" in Oklahoma City. The normal year-to-date total is 31.34".

According to the Oklahoma Mesonet, Washington received .97" while .7" fell in Byars.



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Pretty spooky

This giant skeleton and his buddies are preparing for Halloween on North 8th Avenue in Purcell.

City clean-up

Next week schedule

Fall clean-up time for Purcell residents continues.

The free limb/brush collection schedule for curbside pick up next week is as follows:

- West of Green Avenue between Grant Street and SH 39, must be at curb Sunday for pick up Monday through October 28.

Residents are reminded no brush, limbs or debris will be picked up in alleys and any brush set out after the scheduled dates will be invoiced to the resident.

Also, the Purcell Convenience Center at 701 S. 6th Avenue will accept brush throughout October on weekdays from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be no charge during this period.

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- **News:** 12 noon, Tuesday
- **Display Ads:** 12 noon, Tuesday
- **Classifieds:** 11 a.m., Tuesday
- **Legal Notices:** 2 p.m., Tuesday

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Midterm election voting begins November 2.



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Students of the Month

The PHS Students of the Month are Mercer Marten and Hayden Ice.



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Early voting for midterms

Open to all voters starting November 2

Early voting for the November 8 general election will begin November 2, McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said.

Voters who will not be able to make it to the polls on Election Day have the option of voting

early at the McClain County Farm & Home Building 1721 Hardcastle Blvd., in Purcell.

Early voting is an option open to all voters.

"You do not need to provide an excuse to vote early. Oklahoma allows early voting for

all elections conducted through the State Election Board—from school board and municipal elections to state and federal elections," Haley said. "This is a great option for those who will be out of town on Election Day or who want to avoid long lines."

Early voting is available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. November 2-4 and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. November 5.

Haley reminds voters that early voting is not available at polling locations.

The McClain County Election Board is located in the

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Brighten indoors by forcing flowering bulbs into bloom

Melinda Myers
For The Purcell Register

Brighten your indoor décor, patio, deck, or balcony by forcing a few spring flowering bulbs into bloom. Just plant, give them a chill and enjoy a few extra daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, crocus and grape hyacinths this winter and spring.

All you need is a suitable container, some well-drained potting mix, the bulbs and a place to give the bulbs the chill necessary to force them to bloom.

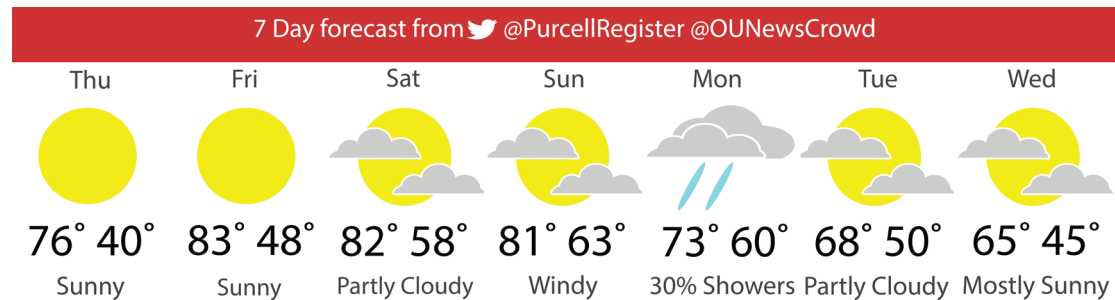
Select a container with drainage holes that is deep enough to accommodate the largest bulbs. Cover the bottom few inches of the container with a well-drained potting mix.

Place larger and taller bulbs like tulips, daffodils and hyacinths in the center surrounded by shorter varieties. They can be planted close together, about one half the bulb width apart with the neck of larger bulbs at or just below the soil surface.

Set tulips with the flat side of the bulb facing the pot for a better display.

If you are using a deep container, plant layers of bulbs for a more robust and longer-lasting display. Set the largest bulbs on the potting mix near the bottom of the container. Cover these bulbs with soil and add the smaller bulbs like grape hyacinths and crocus on the next level.

Plant these bulbs close to each other, covering the surface, for greater impact. Cover this layer with at least an inch of soil. Water thoroughly so the excess water drains out the bottom of the pot.



Temperatures to rebound

Back to 80s by Friday

With a nice cold blast rolling through Oklahoma earlier this week, temperatures will be on a quick rebound to above average as we head into late-week and into the weekend.

Still expect chilly weather as you head out the door Thursday morning, before highs return to the mid 70s with tons of

sunshine Thursday afternoon.

Headed into Friday, 80s will return for the weekend, with some light cloud cover building in Saturday, and gusty winds (15-25 mph, gusting to 40 mph) moving in on Sunday. These gusty winds are ahead of our next round of showers and storms, with rain chances

increasing overnight Sunday and into Monday, with a 30 percent chance lingering into Monday.

These showers will move out throughout the day Monday, leaving behind 60s and minimal cloud cover headed into the middle part of next week.

Meet the Candidates... Remember to cast your vote Tuesday, November 8

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MEET OUR FIREFIGHTERS



Jason Benefiel

How long have you been a fireman? 23½ years.

What made you interested in becoming a fireman? It always looked like an interesting job. I had a neighbor who was a firefighter and thought I would really like the job.

Where is your home town? Purcell, born & raised.

Family? Married to my wife Cassie of 26 years.

What is the most rewarding part of your job? Helping others in their time of need.

What is the most challenging part of your job? Dealing with the stress of the job!

SCHOOL MENUS

Week of October 24

LEXINGTON

MONDAY BREAKFAST
Cereal or mini cinnis, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH
Chicken nuggets, potatoes and gravy, steamed carrots, apple wedges, biscuit, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST
Cereal or breakfast burrito, applesauce, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH
Mexican burrito, pinto beans, whole kernel corn, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST
Cereal or muffin, orange smiles, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH
Chicken teriyaki, rice pilaf, stir-fry vegetables, pineapple tidbits, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST
Cereal or doughnuts, grapes, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH
Macaroni and cheese, baby carrots, green beans, applesauce, breadstick, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST
Cereal or yogurt and crackers, apple wedges, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH
Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, french fries, banana, milk.

PURCELL

Week of October 24

MONDAY BREAKFAST
Apple cinnamon oatmeal and sausage patty or cereal and toast, applesauce, juice, milk.

LUNCH
Spaghetti and meat sauce, breadstick, green beans, side salad, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST
Toast and scrambled eggs or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH
Taco soup, chili beans, chips and salsa, apples, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST
Biscuit and gravy or cereal and toast, peaches, juice, milk.

LUNCH
Ham pocket, garden salad, baby carrots, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST
Breakfast burrito or cereal and toast, fresh apple, juice, milk.

LUNCH
Pulled pork, loaded baked potato, dinner roll, side salad, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST
Doughnut or cereal and toast, oranges, juice, milk.

LUNCH
Pizza bar, baby carrots, cucumber slices, ranch dressing, applesauce, milk.

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NEWS In Brief

Community Coffee

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, October 25, hosted by the City of Purcell.

The coffee will be hosted and held at the Shelter Insurance - Ronn Davis Agency, 418 W. Washington.

This is a great opportunity to connect with local business and community leaders.

Hope Center Gala 2022

Hope Center Ministries will host Gala 2022 Thursday, October 27, at the McClain County Farm & Home Building in Purcell.

The gala will raise funds for the Hope Center, a Christ-centered recovery program for women. The Center is located south of Goldsby.

Tickets are \$65 and may be purchased online at www.hopecm.com.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

For information on the

gala, contact Monica Henry, Purcell Campus Director, at m.henry@hopecm.com or go to the website hopecm.com.

Purdy Cemetery

Business Meeting

The 2022 Purdy Cemetery Annual Business Meeting will be held Monday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Erin Springs Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Please enter in the north door.

For more information call Lavern Russell at 405-756-6596.

Halloween of the Heart

Halloween of the Heart "Treats on the Trail" will be held from 3-6 p.m. Saturday, October 29, at Purcell City Lake.

A festival will offer inflatables, monster trucks, Mr. Yeti's hot chocolate, trick or treating and more!

This event brings together the community to celebrate the season and attracts crowds from surrounding communities.

In addition to the Festival, children can Trick or Treat the City of Purcell's walking trail during the event.

Trunk or Treat

Rose Hill Pentecostal Church

of God, 19251 State Hwy. 39, 10 miles east of Lexington, will hold Trunk or Treat at 5 p.m. Sunday, October 30, in the parking lot in the back of the church.

The public is invited for hot dogs, marshmallows and more.

City Wide

Trick or Treat

Citywide Trick or Treat in Purcell will be held Monday, October 31.

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 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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Digging deep

Crews are making a retention pond on the west side of the new Purcell Municipal Hospital to catch and slow down water coming down the hill in heavy rains.



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Cutting the ribbon

Lauren Tharp of Main Street Vintage had the honors of cutting the ribbon in front of their store last Thursday evening in downtown Purcell. A good gathering was on hand for the event.

OSU EXTENSION News

How to ward off those pesky armadillos

Gail Ellis
Agricultural Communications

Armadillos are sneaky critters that destroy flower beds, root up lawns and test the sanity of homeowners. Oklahoma State University Extension offers advice on how to control armadillo damage during warm months when the animal's destructive behavior is most visible.

"There is seldom a quick and easy fix to any wildlife damage problem," said Dwayne Elmore, OSU Extension wildlife specialist. "Often the cost (time and money) of control exceeds the damage caused, and in this particular case, damage is mostly aesthetics or nuisance." Elmore's OSU Extension fact sheet on nuisance armadillos suggests the following:

- Armadillo damage to Bermudagrass is manageable because healthy grass will quickly fill in bare patches.
- Bare patches in cool season grasses will need to be reseeded in the fall.
- The extra irrigation required

by cool season grasses makes them especially attractive to armadillos.

- Wear gloves when filling in holes with soil and turf or smoothing out flower beds.

- Repellants and scare tactics are not effective in keeping armadillos out of the landscape.

- Fences more than 12 inches tall should eliminate most armadillo activity.

The armadillo is a mammal that typically gives birth to four identical young. They have sparse hair under their armored shell. They feed on insects and earthworms by digging in loose soil with their long claws.

"The armadillo expanded its distribution north in recent decades but is not adapted to the cold," Elmore said. "Its population is sometimes reduced in

northern Oklahoma following prolonged cold winters."

Other interesting facts about armadillos:

- Armadillos have an excellent sense of smell but poor eyesight.
- They can swim and sometimes walk under water when

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Week of October 24

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Week of October 24

MONDAY BREAKFAST

Biscuit with gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Fish sticks, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, strawberries, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Beef taco Tuesday, pinto beans, Spanish rice, rosy apple sauce, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast bar, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Hot ham and cheese sandwich, whole grain chips, carrots, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Frito chili pie, corn, broccoli, chocolate pudding and whipped topping, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

French toast, sausage, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Pizza, corn, broccoli, pears, milk.

Paulk promoted

Area resident Larry Paulk has been promoted to Regional Vice President by Primerica, Inc.

The company is a leading provider of financial services to middle income families in North America.

Primerica representatives educate their clients about how to better prepare for a more secure financial future by assessing their needs and providing appropriate solutions through term life insurance and mutual funds, annuities and other financial products.

Larry may be reached in Goldsby at 405 206-4844.



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Early:

McClain County Courthouse and is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For questions, please contact the Election Board at 405-527-3121 or by email at mcclain-county@elections.ok.gov.

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Oh the prep

Funny how I can't recall the preparation some 40 odd years ago but I am old enough to remember having a colonoscopy while wide awake.

That was a treat and a half that seemingly lasted about an hour. I really thought the camera was going to show up in my throat.

Now the actual procedure isn't that bad – as many of you know.

But the day of preparation on the day before is not a pretty sight.

The instruction sheet has a do list as long as your arm and it is very explicit.

Part of the day before the procedure is the not getting to eat anything.

Editor's Notebook

John D.
Montgomery

I never notice sweets and other snacks while in line at the grocery store.

But Tuesday when I went out to purchase my chicken broth that I would be slurping on for

lunch and supper, all I could see were cakes and other goodies.

The line to check out was long with only one checker so I had plenty of time to drool in my mind over the snacks that were sitting all around me.

The timing of the entire process from Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday morning couldn't have been any more inconvenient.

Tuesday afternoon is one of our busiest times of the week when we are making up pages for the current edition.

Then on Wednesday, which is paper day, it would be like having the preacher do the procedure on Sunday.

Life in the big city.

Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



Update from the Capitol

It doesn't matter what your socio-economic background is, which neighborhood you live in, or which church or school you attend, addiction is everywhere.

Between 2016 and 2020, more than 3,300 Oklahomans died of an unintentional drug overdose. On average, 12 Oklahomans die every week from these types of overdoses and 90 are hospitalized.

Opioid addiction is the number one cause of unintentional deaths not only in Oklahoma, but across the nation. Meth, illicit fentanyl, and prescription opioids are the main culprits.

While the Legislature has made great strides addressing this crisis, more must be done, especially for our youth whose overdose numbers have exploded since 2020. Previously, most cases were adults but we're seeing more minors falling victim to addiction and overdoses, especially with fentanyl-laced pills.

Fentanyl is 50-100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin. While it can be sold

as powders and nasal sprays, it's increasingly being pressed into pills to look like legitimate prescription opioids.

In the past year, I've heard from numerous parents desperate to find their kids help. It seems Oklahoma has very few facilities that offer rehab and detox services for minors.

I held an interim study last week to learn how Oklahoma can better help these families and prevent further senseless deaths. Speakers included parents, teens, and representatives from the Department of Human Services, Youth Services of Tulsa, and drug treatment centers.

We learned that 40 percent of Oklahoma youth who need mental health services and 80 percent who need substance abuse services are not receiving them. Around 66 percent of boys and almost 75 percent of girls in juvenile detention have at least one mental health disorder. Like the rest of the state, the Office of Juvenile Affairs has seen a significant increase in substance abuse issues among adolescents in

placement.

During the meeting, I shared a letter from Jamie Langston, a single mother who lost one of her sons, Jaden, to an overdose just days after graduating and before his 18th birthday. An adult gave her child something laced with fentanyl.

She told how her sweet, straight-A student simply got in with the wrong crowd. He had multiple run-ins with the law, but they just kept bringing him home, saying they wouldn't arrest him and put him in court-ordered rehab until he was 18.

She worked with Stephanie Morcom, founder of HopeFirst, who also works with Ambrosia Treatment Center in Florida. Together, they called numerous Oklahoma facilities, but Jamie either couldn't afford the treatment or made too much to get into a program. So, they started calling out-of-state facilities, but they were only open to residents.

Her story of hopelessness is all too common, and we have

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Inflation hurts farmers

Congressman Tom Cole

Raging inflation over the last two years has caused prices to increase for Americans on nearly everything. This includes the skyrocketing cost of the most basic necessity of food.

Following last week's recognition of National Farmers Day, it is certainly not lost on me that soaring prices are squeezing our hardworking agricultural producers and communities. Indeed, it is not just at the grocery stores where these prices have risen, but also for our food producers, where the production line begins.

During my travels across the Fourth District throughout this year, I have visited with numerous farmers and ranchers. As their biggest challenges to productivity, they always pointed to soaring prices, supply chain issues and labor shortages.

First, not only has it become increasingly difficult to buy farm equipment and other

necessities such as fertilizer for crops due to our supply chain's dependence on other countries around the world, but the price has skyrocketed as well.

In fact, just last week, fertilizer prices in North America rose by 11 percent, which is the sharpest increase since March. And in the coming months, the cost of growing food is expected to increase 18 percent in the United States.

As a result, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been forced to increase the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits by 12.5 percent, giving recipients a roughly \$104 bonus for food.

While this increase certainly helps lower income families and seniors living on fixed incomes, it still does not keep up with the ever-rising costs of food at the grocery stores, which jumped 13.5 percent in August alone.

With the cost of groceries increasing and the holiday season approaching, put-

ting food on the table during Thanksgiving and Christmas will be even more difficult for American families this year.

According to the Oklahoma Farm Report, the price of turkey reached a record high in September and is 112 percent more expensive than last year.

Our nation's agriculture industry is comprised of some of the hardest workers in our country. They have learned how to adapt to harsh weather conditions in order to keep their operations going.

That alone is difficult, but when combined with rising inflation and the supply chain crisis, it puts family owned farms and ranches at risk as they struggle to navigate the unforeseen increase costs. Indeed, our hardworking farmers and ranchers work year-round to keep food on the tables of American families.

In September, the Biden Administration hosted a White

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Your Views

Supporting schools

Dear John D. and Readers:

At the risk of sounding like a single issue voter, which I am definitely not, I do want those who consider the support of their local schools as an important issue to have as accurate information as possible.

I have seen numbers shared recently that represent best-case scenario per student spending. When I say best-case scenario I am referring mostly to districts with a great deal of oil and gas or other energy derived revenue.

When these districts are included in the calculations, districts that do not enjoy such economic conditions are set up to be harmed by school voucher programs that use the ill-formed averages.

One could argue that the districts without major local revenue generators are already some of the most vulnerable because of baseline funding. For example, an amount just north of \$10,000 has been touted recently as per student spending as if it is factual for every district in the state.

Whether that number seems sufficient to you is another discussion. It is the number itself, for the reason stated above, that should be examined.

Lexington, for example, averages just over or under 1,000 students.

For easy calculation - 1,000 students at \$10,000 is \$10,000,000. Anyone who would like to stop by my office to see a state aid calculation sheet (already available online), communications with the state regarding state aid factors, or local receipts which I would hope we all agree should be held separate from voucher programs, is welcome to do so to see there is not a \$10,000,000 budget available.

I am sure other school leaders would invite the same transparency.

Again, public schools already are not paid for any student not enrolled there.

I suppose a value equal to what the state would have sent to the school for that student is fair game. Beyond that, I urge those who care about their local school to be careful that they have solid facts when discussing school finances and potential voucher programs.

Sincerely,
Chad Hall
Taxpayer, Career Educator

Rants? Raves?

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Don't let inflation keep you from saving for future education

By State Treasurer Randy McDaniel

Everything costs more these days. Whether it's fuel, meals at a restaurant or household supplies, inflation has us watching our budgets more closely and looking for ways to cut back while adjusting to the changing market.

Unfortunately, often one area usually reduced is savings, especially money set aside to save for future education expenses. When the cuts are made, people think they will make up for it later, but often do not.

I encourage Oklahoma families to continue planning for the future despite the present challenges. It's a cliché, but slow and steady can lead to winning the financial race.

With October being Financial Planning Month, there's no better time for families to evaluate their financial wellness and set goals. One question often asked during the process is what type of account should be used to save for education expenses.

My answer is simple – Oklahoma 529, which is a flexible and tax-advantaged

way for Oklahoma families to save. With the rising cost of tuition, it's more important than ever to have access to smart financial options that will help pay for the cost of a quality education.

Oklahoma 529 is one of the top-performing 529 plans in the nation, as recognized by industry website Savingforcollege.com, ranking 11th in the second quarter of 2022 in the one-year performance category.

It takes as little as \$25 to start an Oklahoma 529 account and contributions can be made at any time. Oklahoma 529 has a number of investment options available that empower Oklahoma families to choose an approach based on the family's level of risk tolerance and time horizon.

The Guaranteed Option provides a stable return. The Risk-Based Option offers growth investors diversification. The Enrollment Year Option is customized to fit the year your loved one enters higher education.

When the time arrives, money from an Oklahoma 529 account can be used for more than just college expenses,

which is a big reason we recently rebranded the Plan as simply "Oklahoma 529."

Recent expansion of the Plan's uses enables parents to use the funds for tuition and fees at Oklahoma CareerTech Centers as well as K-12 tuition up to \$10,000 annually per student.

Additionally, Oklahoma 529 funds can be used toward expenses associated with apprenticeships, concurrent enrollment and student loan repayment.

According to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, during the next 10 years, 70 percent of jobs in Oklahoma will require some level of education or training beyond a high school diploma – and people who hold an associate's and/or bachelor's degree earn a median income 25 percent and 75 percent higher, respectively, than those with only a high school diploma.

Whether a loved one is preparing for vocational training or a college degree, Oklahoma 529 can help them achieve their goals and dreams and the best time to start planning for their future is now.

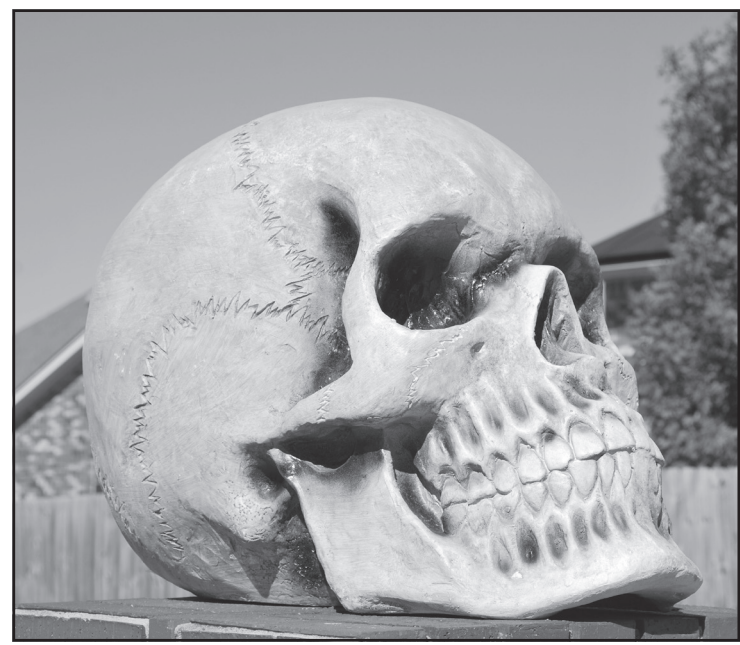
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House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health and outlined a national strategy for solutions to these challenges. Within this strategy is an emphasis on families being able to afford healthy food options at home and in schools.

While I agree this is a very important concern, Democrats unfortunately continue to push policies that do not allow for this issue to be solved effectively. How can families afford nutritious food options when the prices continue to rise? How can farmers continue to produce this food when they can't afford to grow crops or raise cattle?

It is far past time that Democrats controlling the White House and both chambers of Congress work with Republicans to rebuild our economy and help the American people during these hard times. This issue transcends beyond partisan politics and as elected officials, we must uphold our sacred duty to safeguard the pursuit of the American Dream for all our citizens.



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Pay into your Social Security now for later

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

You won't get rich collecting Social Security, not even close. However, you don't want to mess it up either. The system was never intended to be your total retirement income but to many it's their only source of retirement income. You don't want to make it your only source of income for your senior years but you definitely want it in your income portfolio.

Social Security recipients will receive an 8.7 percent increase in their monthly income starting in January. The average increase will fall between \$150 to \$250 per month. This will buy you a tank of gasoline or a sack of groceries. The increase will help about 70 million retired Americans.

Inflation has devoured Americans' paychecks as groceries, fuel, rent and now interest rates have skyrocketed. By the time the January increase comes around you probably will have lost most of your increase to these and medical costs associated with Social Security.

Pay all you can into Social Security. Too many young adults buy into the rationale that Social Security doesn't pay much or won't be around when they retire. On some

level it will be around and you'll need it when you retire.

Business persons, farmers, hospitality people, clergy and others make a big mistake in finding ways to only show a small income when they file their taxes. This reduces the amount of taxes owed and lowers how much paid into Social Security.

When retirement comes these people become very sad when they find out they will only receive a minimal amount of Social Security income.

One minister friend opted out of paying into Social Security because of religious objections.

When he was 70, he had almost zero retirement and worked up until his death. Another ministerial friend claimed very little salary and received very little in Social Security payments when he retired. He spent his last couple of years cleaning hotel rooms and working at Kentucky Fried Chicken trying to survive.

A farmer acquaintance worked hard for many years but doesn't collect a penny in Social Security benefits. You have to pay into it to collect it so don't short-change yourself.

The average Social Security payment in 2022 is

\$1,614. Many people who worked less years and paid less collect less than this amount. Some Americans who worked longer, earned more income and paid more into the system are collecting \$3,345 per month. Again, these numbers will increase in 2023 by 8.7 percent.

Sometimes people retire too early. A friend retired at 62 and received \$1100 per month in Social Security income. At that time, he would have collected several hundred more if he could have worked just three more years.

Pay into an Individual Retirement Account, 401k and anything else you can. You can't live big just on a Social Security check, but pay as much as possible into the system now because it will be helpful later.

Hear Dr. Mollette each weekday at 8:56 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and 4:26 p.m. EST on XM radio 131.

Contact him at GMollette@aol.com. Learn more at www.glenmollette.com. Like his facebook page at www.facebook.com/glenmollette.

Dr. Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of 13 books including *Uncommon Sense*.

PCCC to meet October 25

The Purcell Chickasaw Community Council will meet on Tuesday, October 25, at the Area Office in Purcell at 6 p.m.

Wilson Seawright will present a program on "Chickasaw Churches."

Sandwiches and chips will be provided by the Community Outreach Department. Those attending are asked to bring their favorite dessert.

Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call Angie Wallace at 405-615-8863.

Bad return Charge filed

A Lexington woman is charged in McClain County District Court with embezzlement.

An arrest warrant is outstanding for Karyna Esparza, 20.

According to an affidavit, Esparza was a Walmart employee and purchased an item online.

Two days later, she refunded the purchase price to her credit card without returning the merchandise, the affidavit states.

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Garvin:

to change that. Parents should easily be able to find their children the help they need close to home.

Our presenters recommended that Oklahoma needs to develop sober living programs for adolescents; develop and/or expand adolescent detox programs; and expand substance abuse inpatient and outpatient programs, especially in rural areas.

They also suggested using data tracking systems to monitor trends and outcomes while considering increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) also recom-

mend that states need to expand the use of naloxone and overdose prevention education; and expand access to and provision of treatment for substance use disorders. It also suggests early intervention with individuals at the highest risk for overdose; and to improve detection of overdose outbreaks due to fentanyl, novel psychoactive substances, or other drugs to facilitate an effective response.

Given these horrible trends and that nine out of ten adults with substance use disorders started using before turning 18, it's imperative that we in-

vest more resources to address juvenile addiction and greatly expand available services.

I'll be working to address the overdose crisis in the coming session so please contact me with any ideas or suggestions you may have. We must utilize and coordinate the services we have – public, private, and nonprofit – and expand them to stop this epidemic.

Please write to Senator Jessica Garvin, State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Room 237, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105, email me at Jessica.Garvin@oksenate.gov or call (405) 521-5522.

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Society

Mother's Entwined Club

The ladies of Mother's Entwined ushered in the start of fall by bringing a smile to some area residents recently. The club delivered cheerful scarecrows, fun fall pumpkins,

colorful mums and sweet treats to homes in Purcell, Washington and Goldsby. The fall visits are one of the organization's many community outreach programs.



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Spreading cheer

Mother's Entwined members Lori Cudd, Kim Croslin, Dalene Bay, Carrie Mayes and Carol Di Rienzo visit with Purcell resident Jimmie Crossland.



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Mother's Entwined members

Mother's Entwined members Carrie Mayes, Lori Cox, Kim Croslin, Carol Di Rienzo and Dalene Bay visit with Purcell resident Carletta Pryor.



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Celebrating fall

Mother's Entwined members Kristi Davey, Karla Sitton, Missy Hewett, Kristi Kilcrease visit with Virgil and Sally Tague of Washington.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

A special happy 1st birthday to my great-niece, Emmaline Rusler of Midwest City. Emmaline celebrates her birthday October 26.

Happy birthdays also go out to Kevin Cantrell, Allen Eubanks, Bobby Gee, Aaron Perkins, Patsy Roach, Mandy McCoy, Kelly McCoy, Cindy Hayes, Kelly Eck, Shelly McBroom, Sherri Smith, Amanda Bryant, Mandy Clay, Jennifer Corn, Cheyanne Pace, Tina Swayze, Cooper Frankenberg, Cindy Pendley, Isaiah Couch, Kinley Croslin, Gary Couch, Juan Aguinaga, Joshua Banks, Jerod McGee, Tammy Koch, Dahnevyn Pace, Maria Esther Aguinaga Torre, Liz Caralampio, Pedro Velasco, Hubert Engdahl, Zack Simmons, Lynda Soenksen and Bart Keeler.

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, October 25, hosted by the City of Purcell.

The coffee will be hosted and held at the Shelter Insurance - Ronn Davis Agency, 418 W. Washington.

This is a great opportunity to connect with local business and community leaders.

October is free limb/brush collection curbside pick-up only in Purcell.

Brush will be collected during business hours. Residents are required to have brush at the curbside. No brush, limb or debris will be picked up in the alleys.

Brush will be received free of charge through October 31 at the Purcell Convenience Center, 701 S. 6th Street, Monday-Friday from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Brush west of Green Ave. between Grant and Highway 39 will be picked up October 24-28 and must be at the curb by Sunday, October 23.

For more information call Purcell City Hall at 405-527-6561.

The Purcell Public Library will host "Behind the Story: Author Talk with Kate Quinn" from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25.

Join library staff for a captivating conversation with historical fiction writer Kate Quinn as she discusses her newest release, *The Diamond Eye*, and her other works.

Quinn is the author of several New York Times best sellers, including *The Alice Network*, *The Huntress* and *The Rose Code*. Quinn's latest book, *The Diamond Eye*, offers an unforgettable World War II tale of a quiet bookworm who becomes history's deadliest female sniper. Based on a true story.

In 1937 in the snowbound

city of Kiev (now known as Kyiv), wry and bookish history student Mila Pavlichenko organizes her life around her library job and her young son - but Hitler's invasion of Ukraine and Russia sends her on a different path. Given a rifle and sent to join the fight, Mila must forge herself from studious young woman to deadly sniper - a lethal hunter of Nazis known as Lady Death.

When news of her three hundredth kill makes her a national heroine, Mila finds herself torn from the bloody battlefields of the eastern front and sent to America on a goodwill tour.

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

Hope Center Ministries will host Gala 2022 Thursday, October 27, at the McClain County Farm & Home Building in Purcell.

The gala will raise funds for the Hope Center, a Christ-centered recovery program for women. The Center is located south of Goldsby.

Tickets are \$65 and may be purchased online at www.hopecm.com.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

For information on the gala, contact Monica Henry, Purcell Campus Director, at m.henry@hopecm.com or go to the website hopecm.com.

Halloween of the Heart "Treats on the Trail" will be held from 3-6 p.m. Saturday, October 29, at Purcell City Lake.

A festival will offer inflatables, monster trucks, Mr. Yeti's hot chocolate, trick or treating and more!

This event brings together the community to celebrate the season and attracts crowds from surrounding communities.

In addition to the Festival, children can Trick or Treat the City of Purcell's walking trail during the event.

It's almost time to fall back an hour!

Daylight saving time is Sunday, November 6, so don't forget to turn your clock back 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

This turned out to be one of our favorite recipes.

Easy Slow Cooker Taco Pasta

- 1 lb. ground beef
- Bell pepper, chopped
- 15 oz. can crushed tomatoes
- 1 cup jarred salsa
- 15 oz. can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 pkg. taco seasoning mix
- 2-1/2 cups water or chicken broth
- 12 oz. pasta
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook the meat, stirring often, until browned. Transfer beef to slow cooker.

Add the bell pepper, crushed tomatoes, salsa, corn, taco seasoning, and broth or water. Stir. Cook on low for 5-6 hours or high for 2-3 hours.

Stir in the pasta. Cook on high for 10-20 minutes. Pasta cook time will vary by slow cooker, begin checking for doneness at 10 minutes.

Stir in the cheddar cheese and serve.

Community outreach

Mother's Entwined members Lori Cudd, Kim Croslin, Dalene Bay, Carol Di Rienzo, Carrie Mayes, and Lori Cox visit with Purcell residents Jana and Gary Selman.



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Pumpkins galore

Mother's Entwined members Kristi Davey, Karla Sitton, Kristi Kilcrease, Missy Hewett and Elisa Hedenberg visit with Goldsby residents Polly and Ken Mote.

Dibble Senior Citizens

By Eddie Cantrell

Greetings to the Seniors of the Dibble Community! What a trip! A group of Dibble Seniors made it to Medicine Park last Saturday where they enjoyed a great meal at The Plantation while there was a flute event up the road. The fried green tomatoes and blooming onion were outstanding for our appetizers. It was a little rainy and COPD, but fun was had by all.

We will be attending OU Basketball games this year. Alma Elam is getting us a schedule to decide which ones we will try to make it to. Baby Boomers on the move folks!

Our usual aches and pains are here for the winter. Everyone hopes to get to feeling better!

My cousin Oscar has changed his major in college and now has decided he wants to be a graphic artist. He is now getting his supplies in the school supply aisle. He ain't right!!

All for now...

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The menu includes:

Monday—Hot dogs.

Wednesday—Bob's Burgers.

Friday—Fish.



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Lunch bunch

Dibble senior citizens enjoyed lunch at The Plantation on their bus trip to Medicine Park last week.

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Purcell High School Students of the Month

Mercer Martin and Hayden Wayne Ice have been named October Students of the Month at Purcell High School.

Mercer Martin is the daughter of Faith Martin. She is involved in Student Council, Academic Team, National Honor Society, Key Club and tennis.

Her honors include Letter "P" Award, Superintendent's Honor Roll and Girls Nation Senator.

Mercer's favorite class is Krysta Matthew's aide hour.

After graduation she plans to go to college and major in business and then go to law school to become a lawyer.

Hayden Wayne Ice is the son of Krista and Daniel Ice. He is involved in football, basketball, track and field, SAAC and NHS.

His honors include Superintendent's Honor Roll, NHS, Canadian Conference First Team for Basketball and Region 5 All-District Team in basketball.

Hayden's favorite class is pre-engineering at Mid-America Technology Center.

After graduation he plans to major in engineering, probably at the University of Oklahoma.



Mercer Martin



Hayden Ice



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False alarm

After Purcell Firefighters arrived at Purcell High School last Friday morning answering a fire alarm they discovered there was no fire after all.



City of Purcell Spotlight Employee

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Scottie Peery

Job title: Convenience Center Operator

How long have you been employed with the City of Purcell? Several years. In fact, he retired from the Streets Department back in 2013. He took a year off and then started at the Convenience Center in 2014.

Tell us about your family: He has four grown children, five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

How do you spend your free time? Fishing, attending livestock shows with his great-grandson and watching movies featuring John Wayne.

What is the best advice you have ever been given?: "Stay busy." Mr. Peery said, "sitting around makes you think and drive yourself crazy."

What is a fun fact about you that many people may not know? He's "shooting for 100 years old." He is only eight years from reaching that goal. He grew up in Lexington where he graduated in 1948. He then joined the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

More about Mr. Peery: The best day of his life was Dec. 29, 1961 when he married the love of his life. One of the best vacations that he has ever taken was with his wife fishing at Blue River. Scottie's favorite meal is fried potatoes, combread, beans and a tall glass of buttermilk.

If you see Scottie, please take the time to congratulate him on being October's spotlight employee.



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Pauls Valley Opry

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OSU EXTENSION News

Protecting the home landscape from deer

Trisha Gedon Extension Educator

Deer are always looking for their next meal, and they often find forage in a well-kept landscape. Whether rural or urban, homeowners can get frustrated when their landscape ends up looking like a salad bar after the lunchtime rush.

In many cases, plants in a home landscape have been fertilized and are well taken care of, which makes them especially attractive to wildlife.

There are different things homeowners can try to deter the deer, but some control methods are too expensive or unreliable, said Casey Hentges, host of Oklahoma State University Agriculture's television program, "Oklahoma Gardening."

"Installing a high fence around the entire property is costly, and home-remedy repellents, such as soap shavings or pet waste, aren't reliable. One of the best ways to keep deer out of your landscape is by not providing their favorite snacks," she said. "While there's no such thing as a true deer-resistant plant, there are some that deer simply don't find palatable."

Some plants and shrubs considered to be deer resistant

include:

- Aphrodite Sweetshrub
- Spirea
- Ornamental grasses (Pink Muhly, Ravenna grass, Lemon grass and Switch grass)
- Beebalm
- Goldenrod
- Verbena
- Marigold
- Bottlebrush Buckeye
- Butterfly Bush
- Gardenia

"Deer don't like plants with strong smells. One way to keep deer from using the landscape as a snack bar is to plant lantana, chives, mint and other strong-smelling herbs around those plants you've noticed deer prefer," Hentges said. "Plants with prickly or rough leaves or those with a bitter taste aren't at the top of the favorite foods list, either."

Depending on environmental conditions, such as drought or large deer populations, deer may be enticed to eat plants they don't generally find palatable because natural food supplies are limited.

Hentges said deer will sometimes browse new plantings or established plants with tender new growth but then avoid those same plants when the leaves are mature.

Homeowners looking to upgrade the landscape may choose to plant new trees, and fall is a good time to establish new trees. However, this time of year is also deer mating season, said Dwayne Elmore, OSU Extension wildlife specialist and Bollenbach Chair in the OSU Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management.

"Rut is the time in which deer breed. Deer start to rub the dried velvet on a small tree or shrub in the fall and will continue to rub to mark territory for the next couple of months," Elmore said. "Repellants can be found in stores, but they really aren't a good option. Cages and protective wrap are the most effective ways for homeowners to protect the newly planted trees."

Hentges said the rubbing removes the thin layer of bark on small trees and can cause serious damage or destroy them.

"Plastic or mesh tree guards are a quick fix. Another option is to make a small cage or fence around the trees to prevent the deer from getting close to them," she said. "Trees are an investment in your landscape, and it's important to protect them."

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Obituaries

Ada Marie Ince

Ada Marie Ince died October 11, 2022, in Purcell, Oklahoma at the age of 89 years 5 months 28 days. Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, October 22, 2022, at the Landmark Church in Purcell. Interment will follow at Erin Springs Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made, and service livestreamed at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.



Ada Marie was born April 14, 1933, in Bradley, Oklahoma to Gussie Isaac and Esther Faye (Jeffcoat) Riley. She was raised in Lindsay, Oklahoma and attended school in both Bradley and Lindsay, graduating in 1951.

On January 10, 1951, Ada Marie married Bill Ray Ince in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. She worked retail years ago for TG&Y and has been a secretary/bookkeeper for the Heartland Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, retiring around 2013.

Ada Marie enjoyed reading, sewing and teaching her grandchildren how to sew. She also enjoyed writing poems, and stories, as well as small plays for the church. Ada Marie liked traveling and road trips with her family. She taught Sunday School and Children's Church over the years and was a member of the Landmark Church of Purcell.

Ada Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Gussie Isaac and Esther Faye Riley; her husband of 69 years, Bill Ray Ince; her son, Billy Steven Ince; her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth (Snow) Ince; her sister, Ruby (Riley) Harris; and many in-laws.

Survivors include her daughter, Dawn Bruce and husband, Mylon, of Oklahoma City; her grandchildren, Rebeckah Ince of Tecumseh, Misty Ince of Shawnee, Michael Schaffer and wife, Brianna, of Spencer, Richard Schaffer of Spencer, Ashley Bruce of Shawnee, Marissa Vandenhorn and husband, Christian, of Thornton, Colorado, Donovan Bruce and wife, Barbara, of Midwest City and Rebecca Caldwell and husband, Tim; her great-grandchildren, Samantha, Isabella, Millie Marie, RJ, Alyssa, Eyliejah, Amira, Desmond, Tiberius, Levi, Tidus, Axel, Ethan, Cooper and Brealeigh; her sisters, Judie Wilhoit and husband, Bob, of Krum, Texas, and Joyce Peltier of Lexington; and many other relatives and friends.

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Mary Flueckiger

Memorial services for Mary Flueckiger, 79, of Purcell were held Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mrs. Flueckiger passed away Sunday, October 16, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Mary was born July 11, 1943 in Randolph, Massachusetts, the youngest of six children born to Lawrence and Florence (Ayers) Sass. She was born and raised in the Randolph area and graduated high school from there in 1961.

Mary met Bill Flueckiger, a charming young man, at the riding stables and began to date him. Bill and Mary hit it off instantly. Neither had a family history of livestock, but they both loved horses. In May of 1961, they married and began their life journey together. Together the couple raised 2 strong and fiercely independent daughters. They were married 52 amazing years before the passing of Bill.

Mary was a rancher, a bus driver, and could do just about anything she set her mind to. She could do carpentry, plumbing and electrical work. She was independent and determined. Mary was also loving and had the absolute best heart. She loved doing kind, loving things and wanted no recognition for doing them. It was just the way she was. Mary loved horses and everything about them. She hauled horses worldwide. She liked going to the movies and parties and enjoyed making purses. Mary loved her girls more than anything. She was the best mom ever. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Flueckiger; her parents, Lawrence and Florence Sass; her brothers, Larry Sass Jr. and George Sass; and her sisters, Doty Macy and Ruthie Schneider.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Kristine Glover and husband, Steve, of Purcell and Cindy White and husband, Joel, of Pauls Valley; her grandchildren, Will White and wife, Tanja, Dustin Glover and wife, Crystal, Justin White and wife, Jessica, Clint Glover and wife, Shamane, Jessica Ridgeway, Cole White, Jack White and Allison White; her great-grandchildren, Emilie White, Lee White, Rosie White and Serafina White; and a sister, Dolly Seyfert of Randolph, Massachusetts.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Ronnie Willis

Funeral services for Ronnie Willis, 75, of Norman were held Oct. 14, 2022 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Willis died unexpectedly Oct. 11, 2022.

Ronald John Willis was born April 5, 1947 in Oklahoma City, the oldest of three children of John Henry Willis and Wanda (Hines) Willis.

Survivors include his wife, Gail Willis of the home; his children, Susan Shell of Mustang, Brittni Willis and Andy Willis, both of Oklahoma City, April Cooper and husband, Matthew, of Norman and Jeff Cline and wife, Ruby, of Lexington; sister, Cindy Wood and husband, Keith, of Seminole, Okla.; brother Mike Willis and wife, Peggy, of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Robin Cook

Funeral services for Robin Cook, 66, of Lexington will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022 at the Lexington United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Norman under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Ms. Cook died unexpectedly Oct. 13, 2022 at her home.

Robin Dale Hane was born May 1, 1956 in Columbus, Ohio, the daughter of Harold Ray Hane and Marian Hane (Cook).

Survivors include her children, Jake Cook of Oklahoma City, Zack Cook of Purcell and Caleb and wife, Ciara, of Lexington, Okla.; her sisters, Candy Carroll of Athens, Ohio, and Judi and husband, Ron Hawes, of Moore and three grandchildren.

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Dick Oldham Smith

Funeral Services for Dick Oldham Smith, 81, of Lexington were held Monday, October 17, 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.

Mr. Smith passed away Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Dick was born January 14, 1941 in Los Angeles, Calif., one of three children born to Eldred Oldham Smith and Thelma D. (Hatfield) Smith. He was raised in Phoenix, Ariz., and graduated from Camelback High School.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army, where he competed as a Golden Gloves boxer. He returned to Phoenix where he and his brother became nationally acclaimed disc jockeys at KRDS radio station where they, using the alias' Dick McCoy and Johnny Hatfield, carried on the famous Hatfield/McCoy feud daily on the air. They became wildly popular and appeared on the stage with celebrities Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, and many more, truly living the dream.

By chance, he met a young waitress named Linda Smith who he hired as a lead singer in his band, "The Hot Licks." They fell in love and the rest, as they say, was history. They were married and raised two children, son Jimmy and daughter Rhonda.

Dick followed his heart and surrendered to evangelistic ministry where along with his parents and two children ministered wherever God opened the door. By 1980, they had settled in Norman where they started a Christian school. This was also around the time that Dick was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. When the economy forced the school to close, Dick bought property and built and operated a convenience store. He faced many challenges and trials through which he persevered. He cherished Linda, and lived for his family and especially his grandchildren.

He explored many interests, from riding Harleys, horses, and traveling, his favorite destination being Hawaii. He was larger than life. To the entertainment world, he was known as Dick McCoy & the Hot Licks, to the ministry world, Richard Smith & the Smith Family Singers, and to all who knew him, as the most generous man they ever knew.

Dick is survived by his loving wife, Linda Smith of the home; son, Jimmy Smith and wife, Sabrina, of Lexington; daughter, Rhonda Sharp and husband, Brad, of Noble; sister, Linda Dawley and husband, John, of Lexington; seven grandchildren, Derrick Morgan, Darin Morgan, Dylan Sharp, Sierra Sharp, Jackson Smith and future wife, Jillian, Jameson Smith and Reagan Smith; seven-great-grandchildren, Sheckler, Paisley, Journey, Abel, Shaylee Arena and Owen and one more on the way and a host of other family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Ann B. Jacobs

Ann B. Jacobs, 82, a resident of Norman, Oklahoma, passed away on October 10, 2022 in Plano, Texas, after battling a short illness. She was surrounded by her loved ones leading up to and at the time of her passing.

Ann was born on June 10, 1940 to George and Frances Bingaman in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. After graduating from Purcell High in 1957, she attended the University of Oklahoma where she studied and received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. She then went on to have a successful career as an accountant and owner of Golden Creek Minerals, LLC.

Ann grew up with her childhood friend, Robert R. Jacobs and they wed in 1959. They went on to have two children, Georgann and Elizabeth, and two grandchildren, Katherine and Jacob.

Ann was extremely involved in her community, taking the time to grow relationships with others and further her personal and professional goals throughout her years. She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority Oklahoma Alpha chapter, Oklahoma Historical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; and parents, George and Frances.

She is survived by her children, Georgann and Elizabeth; her son-in-law Larry; grandchildren, Katherine and Jacob; sister, Mary; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service at Immanuel Baptist Church, 1777 E. Robinson Street in Norman, Oklahoma, on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tribute.care.

George Ray Clift

George Ray Clift, 65, of Amarillo, Texas, passed away on October 9, 2022. Funeral services were held Monday, October 17, 2022 at Hillside Christian Church Auditorium in Amarillo, Texas. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home.



George was born November 12, 1956 in Odessa, Texas, to Donald Ray Clift and Rebecca Sconyers Clift. He graduated from Lexington High School in Lexington, Okla., and attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in Miami, Oklahoma, where he played football and baseball for two years.

While there, he met the love of his life, Kathi, and they married July 16, 1977. He then attended Oklahoma State and graduated in 1979 obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science.

He is preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Don and Jana Clift.

George is survived by his wife, Kathi Clift; daughters, Kari Figuera (Felix) and Megan Newbern (Mark) all of Atlanta, Ga.; son, Bryan Clift (Jana) of Stratford, Texas; brothers, Roger Clift (Mary Sue Adams) of Eureka, Mont., and Mark Clift (Misty Puls) of Dallas, Texas; parents, Donald and Rebecca Clift; grandchildren, Kaytly, Morgan, Ellie, Stella, Felix, George, and Dorothy.

George's larger-than-life personality flourished at Oklahoma State University in the ag department. He served as president of Block and Bridle and was selected the Outstanding Animal Science Graduate. He raised three kids with the love and passion for 4-H and FFA and always continued to be a huge supporter of those programs.

He began his career with Purina as District Sales Manager where he had many successes. However, after 19 years he "pushed all the chips to the center of the table" (as George would say) and started a new career in real estate and built what is now Clift Land Brokers, the largest farm and ranch real estate firm in the Texas panhandle. He proudly served as State and National President for the Rural Land Institute.

George had a bigger-than-life personality, he influenced and encouraged people - financially helped - touched so many lives. He would strike up a conversation with anybody, he never met a stranger. When he wasn't on the phone getting a deal done, he was busy building Providence Land and Livestock in Dallam County and the farm in Sherman County. The Sherman County Farm became his home away from home at the Barndominium that he and Kathi built.

He always said the farm work he was doing was his hunting and fishing time and always looked back on his accomplishments of the day with pride and satisfaction. He enjoyed all his time with his grandkids and the grandkids enjoyed their time with Papa, either watching the kids on the softball diamond, football field, rodeo arena, or the show ring.

Online condolences may be shared at www.schoolerfuneralhome.com.

Major Kevin Carpenter

After a yearlong battle with cancer, Major Kevin Carpenter passed away comfortably in his home just after 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. He was 65.

Kevin was a graduate of Norman High School. He married Kim Carpenter on August 7, 1982. Kevin was loved by all, attracted many friends, and never met a stranger.

Kevin was an avid wood worker. He built the two-story home in which, he and his family has lived for many years. He was able to do this using cheap labor from his children. Earlier in life, Kevin loved to skydive, play drums, and roast the tires on his Pontiac Firebird. Later in life, Kevin was a loved father, adored husband, and dependable friend.

Kevin worked for Homeland grocery store as a produce manager for close to 40 years where he developed many close relationships which ultimately became like family to him. He and his wife also owned Kim & Kevin's Store in Dibble, Okla., which turned into yet another family for him with the long-time employees (his girls) and regular daily customers. He was loved by the community and will be missed by all.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, Burdett Carpenter and Rebecca Juanita Mauldin.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Kim; his children, Brandy, Jack, Kenny, Michael and wife, Crystal, Joshua, Bryan and wife, Leanna, Andrew, Michelle and husband, Matt, and Kimberly; grandchildren, Abigail, Isabell, Alexa, Rome, Nelson, Kade, Zaran, Kazden, Elliana and Noah; and his siblings; David and wife Karine Carpenter, Burnadett Brandt.

Public viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, October 21, 2022, at the Eisenhour Funeral Home in Blanchard, Okla. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at the Dibble Middle School Gym. There will be a lunch at the Dibble Senior Citizens following the graveside service for anyone who wishes to attend and visit with each other.

Arrangements are under the direction of Eisenhour Funeral Home of Blanchard. Online obituary and guestbook are available at www.eisenhourfh.com. In lieu of flowers the family strongly suggests that a donation be made to the American Cancer Society. Donations can be made online at <https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html> or through the Eisenhour Funeral Home in Blanchard, Okla.

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Obituaries

Laura Thompson

Graveside services for Laura Thompson, 95, of Fairview, Okla., were held Oct. 18, 2022 at the Washington Cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Thompson died Oct. 13, 2022.

Laura Elizabeth Craig was born Nov. 26, 1926 in Yukon, Okla., the baby of five children of Eddie McClain Craig and Alitha Elizabeth (Ross) Craig.

Survivors include her children, Lynn Booze and husband, Chris, of Cleo Springs, Carol Bethany, Phillip Thompson and wife, Cheryl, and Steve Thompson and wife, Kirsten, all of Fairview; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren.

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Linda Suzanne Wyatt

A Celebration of Life Memorial for Linda Suzanne Wyatt, 67, of Norman, Okla., will be held Friday, October 21, 2022 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Wyatt passed away on October 17, 2022 on her 67th Birthday after a short battle with Sepsis.

Suzanne was born on October 17, 1955, to Ed and DeLois Spearing in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After graduating from Tulsa Memorial High School in 1973 she went on to study Nursing at the University of Oklahoma. In 1980 she received her master's degree in Nursing from the University of Texas at Austin. After graduation, she worked for Children's Hospital, and then as the Clinical Education Coordinator for Norman Regional Hospital for over 15 years. She then worked 14 years in the NICU unit to finish her career at the Norman Regional Hospital Health plex.

Suzanne met Richard Wyatt and they wed in 1978 and went on to have twins, Rachel Diane Wyatt-Swanson and Daniel Morgan Wyatt. When Suzanne had her twins, she dedicated her life to being a fantastic and wonderful mother. Suzanne excelled at propping up members of her family and supporting them through the many passions and difficulties of their lives. Whether that was Daniel through life's challenges or supporting Richard with the farms and dogs and Rachel through passion, she made it her mission to improve the lives of others.

Suzanne was passionate when it came to her only grandchild, Jackson Swanson, and when she wasn't filling her home with warmth and kindness, she could be found helping her grandson with numerous extracurricular activities. She also loved Kate Bowler, author, and professor. We will miss her greatly. Suzanne was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and DeLois Spearing and her son, Daniel Morgan Wyatt.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; daughter, Rachel Wyatt-Swanson; sister, Kristen Underhill; twin brothers, David and Stephen Spearing, and special friend, Javier Morales. She also is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation @ www.omrf.org. Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Roadwork

The main road entrance to the new Purcell Municipal Hospital has received a makeover as the date for the grand opening nears.



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New route

While roadwork continued at the entrance to the new Purcell Municipal Hospital there was a new path to the car dealership.



NEWS from the City of Purcell

Section R319 Site Address

R319.1 Address numbers. Buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.

These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of four inches (102mm).

Where access is by means of a private road and the building address cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means should be used to identify the structure. This will allow emergency crews to locate the house number.

Deputies assaulted

Prisoner used pen in attack

Two deputies in the McClain County Detention Center were attacked recently when they attempted to open an inmate's cell.

The inmate, William Hogan, 35, of Del City, has new charges in McClain County District Court as a result of the incident.

Prosecutors charged Hogan with two felony counts of battery/assault and battery on a police officer and a third felony count of possession of contraband by an inmate.

According to an affidavit, the detention deputies were attempting to clean the cell with Hogan inside.

Hogan, who was on isolation status for prior acts, allegedly attacked the two with a pen, stabbing both multiple times.

One deputy sustained superficial injuries to her chest. The other received cuts to his arm and the back of his head, according to the affidavit.

Both deputies were treated and released by medical staff at the jail.

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From page 3A

Pesky:

crossing shallow ditches.

- They do not hibernate but become less active in the winter.

- Armadillos are the only other mammal other than humans known to carry leprosy.

- During the hottest months of the year, they are most active from 2 to 5 a.m.

- It is illegal to move an armadillo to another location for release unless the landowner grants permission.

Elmore said armadillos are not protected in Oklahoma and may be trapped or shot year-round. Trapping is highly effective using a live catch trap that is 12 inches tall, 12 inches wide and 32 inches deep. Traps that include a door work best.

While the probability of a leprosy infection is low, Elmore cautions against handling armadillos or disturbed soil with bare skin.

Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

The WSCC garage sale is open! This week we will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday. So many donations have been coming in, we have to make some room, so please come see us this week. You will be surprised to see just how many items there are to see. You will not be disappointed.

Delta Senior Nutrition provides a delicious lunch every Monday through Friday serving promptly at 11:30 a.m. If you are a senior, 60+, and would like to find out more about our meal program, please call our kitchen in Purcell at 405-527-9462 and we will be happy to provide the information about how to qualify. Here is the menu for October 24-28:

Monday — Sloppy joes, hominy casserole, green beans, peanut butter cookies.

Tuesday — Cook's choice.

Wednesday — Breakfast casserole with biscuit and gravy, hash browns, tomato spoon relish, double orange gelatin.

Thursday — Beans with ham and sliced onions, spinach, oven browned potatoes, cornbread, fruit crisp.

Friday — Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, black-eyed peas, hot roll or sliced bread, raisin rice pudding.

Milk is available with every meal.

Please remember to make a reservation for your meal. With the rising cost of food, we want to make sure we bring enough food for everyone. If leftovers are available, please bring your own containers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Remember, the WSCC garage sale will be open again this week, but on Friday and Saturday only. All proceeds benefit the senior center. Donations are always welcome.

I appreciate all the volunteers who help with serving and cleaning up every day after lunch. And I also appreciate all who continue to attend and support the Wayne Senior Citizens Center. Until next time...

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Skeleton season

As Halloween draws near, skeletons appear across Purcell.

From page 1A

Trial:

investigation that prosecutors filed the manslaughter charge on July 26, 2019.

The trial before District Judge Leah Edwards began Wednesday with jury selection.

The first prosecution witness was called Thursday, followed by eight witnesses on Friday.

A 10th witness was on the stand Monday and the prosecution's case continued on

Tuesday.

Blackwood remains free on \$100,000 bond.

If convicted, Blackwood faces a minimum prison sentence of four years.

From page 1A

Gift:

Theda Engert chairs the tourism committee.

She said the committee feels there are significant community and tourism benefits for funding of the Rotary Playground project.

The 5 percent lodging tax went into effect July 1, 2021.

Parks & Recreation had applied for a grant to pay for replacing the existing Rotary Playground.

However, the grants were awarded to the top four applicants. Purcell's application was number seven on the list.

The Purcell City Council was given three options ranging in price from \$158,574.46 to \$285,947.66 for a new playground.

There was a sense of urgency because the options quoted are half price through October 31.

The council will have a special meeting later this month to determine how much the city is able to pay to keep the project on track.

The committee has also been busy working on numerous tourism projects to promote Purcell.

Billboards have been erected on northbound and southbound I-35 to promote local lodging opportunities.

The committee has also started an application process for Event Funding Assistance.

All expensed items must be directly related to promotion, advertising and marketing of the said event.

A new Storefront Beautification Grant Program will match up to \$5,000 to businesses beautifying the façade of their buildings. Eligible buildings must be within city limits.

Engert said the committee is driving towards quality of life and economic growth for Purcell citizens through tourism marketing and destination development.

Please email info@destinationpurcell.com for the grant applications or for more information.



• Photo by Tiffany Cheatwood

Pretty pumpkins

Lexington is looking very fallish with its lamppost decorating contest underway. This one features several kinds of pumpkins, a hay bale and lovely flowers.

From page 1A

Fest:

Commerce will pack the town with vendors peddling their wares, food trucks tempting the palate, a car show for all the motorheads and a venue oozing talent, entertainment and down home fun for all.

Performing on the basketball court will be the Lexington Band at 10 a.m., Show Choir at 11:30 a.m. and Infinity Dance & Cheer at 2:15 p.m.

Look to the Pavilion Stage for entertainment by John Hill at 10:30 a.m., a Talent Show at 1 p.m. and Dax Beason at 3 p.m.

And don't stray too far from that stage at 12:30 and 12:45 p.m.

You won't want to miss the Woofstastic Dog Parade or the Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest!

The dog parade will showcase canines decked out in what well-meaning owners believe their pets' finest attire.

Some owners may also take the chance to dress for the occasion.

The rules are pretty straightforward.

Dogs must be leashed and handled by an adult. Organizers also want to see those rabies tags on the dogs.

Owners can enter their dogs up until the event for \$10. To register a parade-worthy pooch, email tiffanycheatwood@gmail.com.

A ceremony will follow the parade and include awards

through third place.

First prize will go to the cutest person/pooch combo. Second will go to the superstar costume and third to the epic entry.

The pumpkin pie eating contest will be, well, challenging.

You see, the judging criteria isn't solely how much pumpkin pie and whipped cream you can consume in a given time.

Oh, no. The judges want to

see the wildest and craziest way someone can come up with to eat all that pie.

It's all about no-hands showmanship and an imaginative flair and style that wows the audience.

Because audience applause will select the winner.

Bring an appetite. Sign up at the Pumpkin Patch. And bon appetit!!



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SECTION

Four turnovers hurt Lex

'Dawgs travel to Marietta on Friday night for 7:30 kick

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Four turnovers, including two in the first quarter that went for Wampus Cat touchdowns, plagued Lexington

Their fourth touchdown of the opening quarter was on a fumble return.

The Cats led 47-0 at halftime.

Lexington at Marietta

Marietta Field • 7:30 p.m. kick off

in a 53-14 loss at Atoka last Thursday night.

The Wampus Cats returned an interception 39 yards to a score for their second touchdown of the night.

Lexington got on the board in the third quarter on a 10 yard burst by Ean Caywood.

Please see **Lex**, page 2B



Greg Gaston • double g images

A time to give

Lexington senior Ezra Faulkenberry (9) takes a handoff from quarterback Tate Collier (4). The Bulldogs travel to Marietta Friday night.

Wayne at Healdton

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Wayne travels to Healdton Friday night for a key District game and their playoff hopes still very much alive.

"I hope our kids understand that to get where we want to be this is a game we have to have," said Wayne head coach Brandon Sharp.

The Bulldogs (2-5) need to win out in order to reach the

playoffs and have Healdton, Dibble and Wynewood remaining on their schedule.

The Healdton Bulldogs (1-6) are coached by Taner Richardson.

They will lean on their size as an advantage, according to Sharp.

"They're extremely big

Please see **Wayne**, page 2B



John Denny Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Tuck it

Wayne senior Rhett Kennedy runs with the ball last Thursday against Ringling. The Bulldogs fell 43-7. They travel to Healdton Friday night.

STILL UNDEFEATED

Warriors retain No. 1 ranking preparing for Purcell's visit Friday



Kristy Schrader • For The Purcell Register

Massive hole

Washington sophomore Hudson Howard runs through a gaping hole during the Warriors' 42-6 win over Lindsay. Howard scored on a 20-yard touchdown run in the game.

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Cole Beller's big play in the second period sucked the wind out of Lindsay and opened the flood gates for a 42-6 district victory.

Washington was nursing a 7-love lead over the host Leopards last Thursday

night when Beller stepped in front of a pass and returned the interception 22 yards for a touchdown.

"That really sealed the deal for us," head coach Brad Beller said. "We gained all the momentum after that play."

The coach said he was "really proud" of the defense.

"We were able to hold Lindsay to 5.2 yards per play," Beller said.

The Leopards were very balanced in the contest rushing for 142 yards and passing for 141 yards.

Please see **Warriors**, page 2B

Dragons come up just short

Defense shines in 14-6 close call at CCS

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell played outstanding defense and had their chances offensively in a 14-6 loss at CCS last Thursday night.

Boston Knowles scored the only Purcell touchdown, a nifty 54 yard scamper in the fourth period followed by a missed PAT.

Knowles just got clipped on the ankle

Purcell at Washington
Reed Field • 7 p.m. kick off

on another run that could have gotten him out the gate. He finished the night with 16 carries for 121 yards.

The Dragons were balanced on offense throwing for 114 yards and rushed for 112 yards.

With around 50 seconds left in the game

Please see **Dragons**, page 2B



Greg Gaston
double g images

Out wide

Purcell sophomore Kash Guthmueller carries the ball around the edge of the defense last Thursday against CCS. Purcell fell 14-6.



• Photo provided

1962 Dragons

The No. 3 ranked (Class B) Purcell Dragons who won the 1962 District Championship, the Arbuckle Conference Championship and were Regional runners-up. Front row, from left, Eddie Gillihan, Coach Boney Matthews and Jerry Dover. Second row - Howard Jackson, Jim Yearly, Jr. Hicks and Francis Moore. Back row - Walter Bullock, Tom Sherman, Jim Cheadle, Terry Carr and Frank James. Not pictured - Gary Graham and Larry Marcum. Cheadle was All-State and played at OU on a basketball scholarship.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Offensive Player

COLE SCOTT

Washington Warriors

Scott rushed the football 15 times for 100 yards and a touchdown.



Defensive Player

TY JASPERSEN

Purcell Dragons

Jaspersen registered five tackles and had a key interception last Thursday night.



Offensive Lineman

BRENDAN BACON

Purcell Dragons

Bacon graded out at 91 percent last Thursday night.



Defensive Lineman

HAYDEN MILNER

Washington Warriors

Milner had five tackles including two for losses, had one quarterback sack and forced a fumble.

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Church Directory

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

Emmanuel BAPTIST CHURCH
Purcell, OK
2705 N. 9th • 527-2535
Mike Bailey, Pastor
Sunday services 9 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Bible Study
Wednesday services 10 am Worship 6:30 pm Awana & Youth
6 pm Evening worship
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Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Mark A. Stacy
Office Ph. 405.527.3045

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

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

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm
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Memorial Assembly of God
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Goldsby Baptist Church
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288-2514
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church
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
2223 N. 9th, Purcell, OK 73080
Pastor John Wylie
527-6808
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship: 5:00 p.m.



Sunray Baptist Church

James Kyzer sang "Look Who's Here" for the morning special. Brother John used John 4:19-24 for his sermon which told about the Samaritan woman at the well and the nature of true worship. Jesus used the woman's question to bring her into fellowship with God. Worship is internal. We come to salvation through a Jewish Savior. We can not honor the Father without the Son. Our heart should bow in reverence to Him. We worship God in spirit. We also worship God through truth. The Father is seeking true worshipers to worship Him. We held our quarterly business meeting at our evening

service. Brother John's devotion was from Zechariah 4:8-10 which told of the rebuilding of the temple, called the Temple of Zerubbabel. The work of God sometimes starts small, but ends big. It can start with a single person or family. We are looking forward to what God has for our church in the coming year. We concluded our day with a time for snacks and fellowship. This coming Sunday is Lifeword Sunday. Lifeword is the media arm of the Baptist Missionary Association of America. Lifeword exists to assist local churches of the BMA in fulfilling the great commission by providing Christ-centered

media to produce disciples of Jesus Christ. Lifeword Media Ministries is an international ministry of the BMA. It spreads the Gospel throughout the world over the airwaves and through printed media. Sunray will be taking a special offering to benefit Lifeword's work. We will be observing the Lord's Supper at our evening service October 30. You are always welcome at Sunray Baptist Church. Please join us for Sunday School and worship at Sunray Baptist Church. We are located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell. For additional information call 527-6808.

Green Avenue Church of Christ

Steve Adams continues to lead us in our Wednesday evening Bible study on the subject of what it means to be a Christian. This past week we focused on the concepts that a Christians is free and a Christian is a saint. Keith Shackelford continued directing our Sunday morning Bible study as we learn what the Bible teaches about the Christian's attitude should be towards military service, self-defense and things of that nature. 2 Chronicles 34 and 35 was the main text brought to our attention in the Sunday morning sermon titled "The Effect of Finding the Word." In this lesson it was pointed out that in King Josiah's eighth year of rule began to "seek", then in his 12th year he began to "purge", then in his 18th year he began to "repair." He did all these good things before

a copy of the law of God was found and read to him. When he heard what God said, he realized how far off they'd gotten from the Lord and he determined to try and correct everything he could and serve God wholeheartedly. The point of the lesson was about what was the effect on him after he found the word of the Lord. About nine things were pointed out, among which were that Josiah humbled himself in the fear of God, and that he made a choice to follow God and so caused the nation to enter into a covenant of fidelity to God, and then he helped the kingdom celebrate the greatest Passover they had ever had. On Sunday evening, Brother Keith began with a reading of John 14:23 and asked the question, where does God dwell? It was pointed out that Jesus said both He and the Father would

come dwell with the one who loved and obeyed God. In discussing the chapter before verse 23, it was emphasized that wherever the Father dwells He is to be glorified there. If He is not glorified in that place, He will not stay. We were then directed to passages like Ezekiel 43:7-9, 39:7 where God told them to quit defiling the place in which He put His name to dwell. So Christians should consider that if God sees fit to dwell in our hearts, then we must glorify Him in love and obedience and if we don't He will not continue to dwell there. 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 405-527-4052.

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Is that the Old Ship of Zion? (Part 2)

Good autumn day to all of you. Let's talk, again, about Zion. In our last visit, we introduced the idea of Zion's being a beautiful name of "Zion" that is splashed throughout the deep writings of the Old Testament prophets. The psalmist says, "Let us walk about Zion," he says once as he reminisces about the glory of the city where he lived and the Lord made His dwelling in the temple. Solomon's magnificent temple once rested on Zion's western slope, the highest hill in Jerusalem, and God's glory appears there in the temple's

Most Holy Place once a year before the high priest and before the people. From Zion's fixed position high above the hills, Zion serves as a fortress of protection and a beacon of light to the land of Judah all through those years. As glorious as that Zion is, we have come to a better Zion, writes the great apostle. We have come to the Mount Zion which is the church of our Lord, the "heavenly Jerusalem." It is to that Zion we have come today to reflect and examine. We are always glad to walk about her and consider her brilliant history - a history that is portrayed long before

she would come, and a history that has taken us right up to this very point in time. True, all of those for 2,000 years who have followed that initial command of Peter of Acts 2:38 to "repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" have begun their own history in the church of our Lord. But, as we've noted, the visions of the New Testament church go far back into the deep and rich prophesies of the inspired writers of the Old Testament. We remember fondly Isaiah's great sermon,

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

October 23, 2022 is the thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time, the Gospel focuses on the teachings and miracles of Christ during his time on earth. The Gospel reading is Luke 18:9. Jesus tells a parable about two men in the temple. One is a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee has a condition that I call, "Look at me, I'm Sandra Dee." His prayer, if one can call it that, is thanking God that he is not like other people with all their sinful ways, and especially he is not like the nearby tax collector. The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to

heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." In verse 14, Jesus said, "This man, I tell you, went home again justified; the other did not. For everyone who raises himself up will be humbled, but anyone who humbles himself will be raised up." If God spoke back to us when we pray, I think he would say to the Pharisee, "Hogwash." The Pharisee was off base but is he that different than we are sometimes? In our human conversations, how many times has someone said to us, "I'm sorry but I've been under a lot of stress lately," or "I'm sorry that your feelings are hurt but I

was just telling you how I feel," or "If you had only done such-and-such, I would not have had to do what I did." If we interact with each other with such insincerity, and we can see in the other person's eyes that we are hurting them, how much worse are we when we speak to God in prayer? Do we think that God does not know our hearts as well as our words? The second reading for October 23 is 2 Timothy 4:6-8 and 16-18. St. Paul wrote, "I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to

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The Purcell Register

Nice hands

Wayne senior Kaleb Madden grabs a ball during the Bulldogs' game against Ringling last Thursday. Wayne fell 43-7.



John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Teaching moment

Wayne head coach Brandon Sharp huddles with his team during a timeout last Thursday. The Bulldogs travel to Healdton Friday night.



• Photos provided

Kiwanis hold raffle

The Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis held a shotgun raffle to benefit the Lexington Fire Department. At the club's October 10 meeting, they presented a check for \$1,000 to the Lexington Fire Department. Trent Mitchell (top photo) accepting on behalf of the department. He drew the winning ticket of Megan Smith from Little Axe (bottom photo) holding her new shotgun. We appreciate Craig Ellenberg from E6 Tactical for working with us on this project.



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Gas ghou

A gas meter maid checks out the meter on North 8th Avenue.

Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

Our new activities are beginning for Fall! Schedule for Week of October 23-29:
 Tuesday—Exercise, 10 a.m.
 Wednesday: October Birthday Party, Lunch.
 Thursday—Bingo, 10 a.m.
 Thursday—Garage Sale, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Friday—Exercise, 10 a.m.
 Friday 10—Garage Sale, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Sunday—Mercy Chapel Service, 10:30 a.m.

Two different exercise machines are available for your use any time the center is open. We will also be scheduling a Christmas Craft Class beginning on November 7 at 10 a.m.

The Senior Center Garage Sale is back! The hours are from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. We have rotated our stock and added a lot of new items. Appreciation goes to all who donate items and shop with us. The funds raised are used for our seniors and help the center tremendously. Your donated treasures are always appreciated. If you have a need or are looking for a particular item, please call Val at 405-527-5070 and we will plan a time for you to come.

Our center is available to rent on Saturdays 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. We do book in advance, so the sooner you make a reservation, the better chance you have for an open Saturday.

Delta Nutrition provides meals Monday through Friday beginning at 11:30 a.m. They also deliver in-home meals. Any questions you have about obtaining meal service or dining here at the Center, can be answered by the kitchen at 405-527-9462. This number is also the one to call when you let them know what days you will be here to dine.

It is becoming more important to remember to make your reservation for meals. That can be done weekly or daily, whatever works for you. The rising cost of food and supplies is making it more essential every day for Delta Nutrition to have a count of the meals. Please let them know you will be here or if you won't. They always want to have plenty of food for all who would like to join us. Thank you for being understanding of their policies.

Menu for October 24-28:
 Monday—Sloppy joe, hominy casserole, green beans, cookies.
 Tuesday—Cook's choice.
 Wednesday—Breakfast casserole, hash browns, tomato relish, biscuit with gravy, orange gelatin.
 Thursday—Ham and beans, spinach, oven browned potatoes, cornbread, fruit crisp.
 Friday—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, blackeyed peas, bread, rice pudding.

One milk per person is served with every meal. We appreciate everyone who continues to donate and support the senior center. Your donations continue to make a big difference in the lives of our seniors and the operation of our center.

No. 927-October 20-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF EVAN JAY STANLEY, Petitioner, and AMY LYNN STANLEY, Respondent.
 Case No. FD-2022-00080
 ORDER FOR HEARING ON MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT
 NOW ON this 18th day of October, 2022, this matter comes on upon the Petitioner's Motion for Default Judgment.
 IT IS THEREFORE THE ORDER OF THE COURT that the Petitioner's Motion is hereby set for hearing on the 26th day of October, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. before the Honorable Judge Shilling, at the McClain County Courthouse, 121 N. 2nd, Purcell, Oklahoma.
 LELAND SHILLING
 SPECIAL JUDGE
 JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
 Evan Jay Stanley
 6870 Natasha Lane
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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 October 6-12, 2022.

Traffic
 None filed.

Misdemeanors
 Michael T. Miles, driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked.
 Andrea D. Branson, possession of controlled dangerous substance.
 Tilden U. Jones, trespassing after being forbidden.

Felonies
 Logan T. Schenck, acquire proceeds from drug activity.
 James A. Knowler, unauthorized use of a vehicle.
 Billy R. Williams, unlawful possession of CDS with intent to distribute - marijuana.
 Steven E. Hirsch, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.

Small Claims

McClain Bank vs. Kaden C. Ford, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. John K. Jackson, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. Meadow M. Blaine, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. Neva J. Wade, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. Bradley D. Hathorn, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. Dream Maker Construction LLC, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. Sierra A. Peebler, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. Mary J. Mestas, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. Miranda D. Owings, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. Joshua D. Thomason, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. Carolyn Rowland, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. Lonnie L. Skinner, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. F5 Security, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. Amanda G. Carnell, small claims under \$5000.
 Ronnie McGee vs. Lowes Home Center, LLC, small claims under \$5000.
 McClain Bank vs. Nevan L. Merrick, small claims under \$5000.

Kenneth Burton vs. Superior Transmission, small claims under \$5000.
 Curt Ayers vs. Kristen Watson, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Civil

Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Cheryl L. Willard, civil action \$10,000 or less.
 Navy Federal Credit Union vs. Victoria A. Cole, civil action \$10,000 or less.
 Discover Bank vs. Meagan E. Douglas, civil action \$10,000 or less.
 Blanchard Building Ctr Inc. vs. Craig Construction LLC, civil action \$10,000 or less.
 Blanchard Building Ctr Inc. vs. Bronson Hyde, civil action \$10,000 or less.
 US Bank National Association vs. Jeremy A. Burdax, civil action \$10,000 or more.
 Blanchard Building Ctr Inc. vs. Tanner Nelson, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed

Larry D. Johnson, 31, and Kira E. Davis, 40, both of Newcastle.
 Ronald A. Miller Jr., 30, and Kalea N. Dobbins, 28, both of Maysville.
 Corey L. Vickery, 22, and Shyann M. Jacobs, 21, both of Noble.
 Charlie J. Hicks III, 32, of Lexington and Gladys Dominguez, 30, of Oklahoma City.
 Dalton M. Skinner, 22, and Sunny R. Ham, 21, both of Lexington.
 Joseph A. Hood, 21, and Olivia G. Hilton, 18, both of Ada.
 Ricky N. Cooper, 49, and Tresa L. Power, 52, both of Maysville.
 Hinano K. U. Hanakeawe, 22, and Shelby M. Crook, 21, both of Blanchard.
 Jacob A. Mann, 30, and Cheyanne T. Sell, 30, both of Oklahoma City.
 Silas A. Smith, 19, and Shalene J. Eychner, 17, both of Purcell.

Divorces Granted

Jaelyn B. Smith vs. Curtis W. Smith.
 Michael R. Borboa vs. Jennifer L. Borboa.
 Sheri C. Sereno vs. Christopher S. Sereno.
 Jesse L. Bowsher vs. Jessie R. Bowsher.
 Scarlett M. Albert vs. Justin D. Albert.
 Dylan S. L. Kimbrell vs. Brooke L. Kimbrell.

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