



Voters snuff weed

Across the State of Oklahoma, voters flocked to the polls Tuesday to say a resounding “no” to the legalization of recreational marijuana.

The numbers were 349,121 against the proposal of State Question 820 or 61.7 percent to 216,883

for the question or 38.3 percent.

In McClain County the numbers were even stouter with 72 percent of the voters against the proposition.

Of the over 7,000 votes cast 5,101 were against the measure with 1,984 voting yes (28 percent).



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Precinct workers

As voters filed in to cast their ballots for State Question 820 precinct workers like John Hobbs and Gail Jansen did their work at the Assembly of God Church on North Seventh Street.

ODOT to do 2 traffic studies

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The Purcell Register

In the wake of a recent tragic fatality accident Purcell’s City Council voted Monday night to send a letter to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) to do a traffic study on SH 74 that is in the far southern city limits of Purcell.

Also at Monday’s regular

monthly meeting the council voted to purchase three Dodge Durangos from Bob Howard Chrysler Dodge Jeep at the state bid price of \$127,005.

The council accepted the low bid by Harcon, LLC of \$239,450 for the Green

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Administrators rehired

Bill Smith, Jr. attends final meeting

In its regular monthly meeting Monday, Purcell’s Board of Education rehired all of the district’s administrators.

That includes superintendent Dr. Sheli McAdoo, assistant superintendent Jerry Swayze and principals, Jason

Sanders, Carol Testa, Tina Swayze and Cindy Stone.

The board approved the school calendar for 2023-24 and 2024-25 and approved

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Finkbeiner guilty on two counts

Sentencing phase begins this week

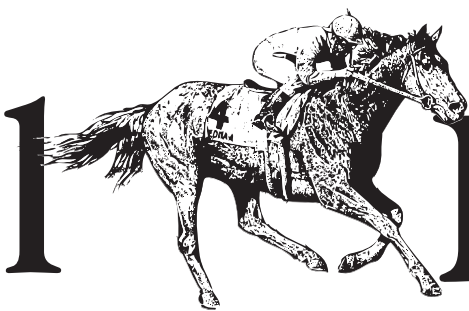
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Aneight man, four woman jury has found Joshua Allen Finkbeiner guilty of killing Shaliyah Toombs and her unborn child in an incident April 29, 2018.

Finkbeiner was also found guilty on the kidnapping charge against him as well.

The verdicts came down Monday afternoon.

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Tornado precautions NECESSARY

Having a plan can save lives

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(Editor’s note: In past years The Purcell Register has published tornado safety prior to the season. This year, however, Mother Nature tricked everyone with a February tornado.)

It’s never too soon to get prepared for the wild and sometimes wicked spring weather in Oklahoma.

It’s best to be in a storm shelter.

Residents are reminded there are no public shelters in Purcell.

If you don’t have a shelter it’s best to go to the inner most room of you home on the lowest level and cover up with blankets.

It is possible to survive even

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Enhanced Fujita scale

EF0 65-85 mph
Light damage

EF1 86-110 mph
Moderate damage

EF2 110-135 mph
Considerable damage

EF3 136-165 mph
Severe damage

EF4 166-200 mph
Devastating damage

EF5 Over 200 mph
Incredible damage



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Grand Champion heifer

Chase Anderson showed the Grand Champion heifer in the Purcell Livestock Show. His premium at the Bonus Auction was \$2,100 purchased by Northcutt Greenlawn Nursery.

Nearly \$29,000 in premiums

At Purcell Bonus Auction

Not counting add-ons, the Purcell Bonus Auction pulled in \$28,450 in premiums last week at the FFA Ag Barn.

Chase Anderson’s \$2,100 bonus led the way for his Grand Champion heifer. It was purchased by Northcutt’s Greenlawn Nursery.

Double D Welding purchased the premium for Tucker Bloodworth’s Grand Champion barrow for \$1,250 while Ron Davis purchased the premium for Bentlee Nicklas’ Grand Champion ewe.

Other bonus auction students included Emma Lynn with the Reserve

Grand Champion heifer, Tanner Bloodworth with the Reserve Grand Champion barrow and Brody Fox with the Reserve Grand Champion gilt.

Also, Hayes Anderson with the Bronze Medallion

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An Interesting
Neighbor
Everyone has a story

Rebecca Andrews
The Purcell Register

Dale K. Graham is A Neighbor who Serves.

Lance Corporal Dale K. Graham is a United States Marine who has been serving veterans by encouraging and helping them to file their benefit claims for nearly 30 years.

Dale is originally from the Blanchard/Dibble area.

After his service in the Marine Corps, he settled back in Central Oklahoma and went to work at Tinker Air Force Base.

Upon returning to civilian life, Dale knew he had some medical issues.

He stated simply that the V.A. acknowledged his issues but wouldn’t do anything to help him.

Like so many veterans, he put his own problems aside and did his best to focus on his career and family.

In the late 80s, Dale attended a veterans program called “A Walk through Vietnam” in Oklahoma City. It was here that for the first time he realized that he wasn’t alone in his feelings and medical issues stemming from his time in service. Dale discovered that helping others was his therapy.

Dale said “If you are diagnosed with PTSD it isn’t gone tomorrow.”

From this realization, the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation was born. In 2004 Dale started serving veterans out of his garage in Goldsby.

After his wife, Barbara, expressed concern over so many cars in their yard, they moved operations to the Goldsby Community Center where they would have veterans lined up down the block, all waiting for help with their veteran benefit claims.

After some minor growing pains and many years working out of garages, community centers and local churches, the Foundation set up shop in a 10,000 square foot

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Dale K. Graham

The return of DST

Are you a fan of sunlight hanging around a bit longer in the evenings?

Or do you take comfort in the sun setting not long after you get home from work?



Whichever camp you find yourself in, you will be thrilled or dismayed by the return

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Headed to State

Washington’s girls are headed back to the Big House.



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Champions

Several teams with local ties where crowned cage tournament champions.



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Purcell Stars of Honor

Seventeen Purcell Elementary students were recently recognized as Stars of Honor based on their hard work and dedication in the classroom as well as their commitment to showing excellent DRAGON CARES each day.

The students were awarded tickets for themselves and their family and friends to the University of Oklahoma women's basketball game against the University of Texas on February 25.

The students joined others from across the state to be recognized over the public address system during the game for their achievements.

Kindergartners were Lyndsie Driskill, Brynlie Moore, Kael Roof, Kodi Doyal, Reef Wilkins and Henry Pruitt.

First graders were Grayson Childress, Sawyer Creswell, Emersyn Resendia, Thomas Montgomery, Abigail Alarafi and Layla Ponder.

Second graders were Braxton McClung, Dakota Conder, Trigg Anderson, Emory Sims, Kynzee Holder and Dani Kate Renfro.

7 Day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
67° 40°	57° 41°	72° 48°	58° 38°	56° 37°	60° 45°	69° 50°
70% T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy

Still up and down weather

The last few days have offered cooler temperatures and periods of showers and thunderstorms. Our last chance of thunderstorms for the next seven days will be Thursday, with afternoon highs in the upper 60s. Conditions begin to clear out by Friday, with a

return to mostly sunny skies and temperatures cooling off into the upper 50s. We will warm up again on Saturday into the lower 70s under a mix of sun and clouds. The latter half of the weekend will be cooler, with more clouds and sun and afternoon highs approaching

60 degrees. Temperatures will hold onto the middle to upper 50s on Monday, hopefully breaking 60 degrees by next Tuesday. Our next warm up returns Wednesday, with a mix of sun and clouds and afternoon highs approaching 70 degrees.

– Hunter Brittingham

Lankford introduces bill allowing for higher tax deduction to incentivize charitable giving

Gabriela Tumani
Gaylord News

Oklahoma Sen. James Lankford (R, Oklahoma City) has introduced legislation to allow people who do not itemize on their federal income taxes to deduct charitable donations.

The “Charitable Act,” launched during a press conference in front of the U.S. Capitol by Lankford and Delaware Sen. Chris Coons, the legislation’s co-sponsor, along with leaders of the United Way, YMCA and Salvation Army on hand, will permit taxpayers who do not itemize to deduct charitable donations at up to one-third of the standard deduction.

An individual taxpayer’s adjusted gross income could be reduced by up to \$4,500 a year, and the deduction would be up to \$9,000 a year for a married couple filing jointly. The standard deductions for tax year 2023 are \$13,850 for individual filers and married filing separately and \$27,700 for married joint filers.

The bill, received with enthusiasm by a medium-size crowd on a springlike day just outside the U.S. Capitol, has also received support from such nonprofits as Goodwill Industries and the American Heart Association in addition to coalitions of thousands of nonprofits such as the Charitable Giving Coalition, the National Council of Nonprofits, Leadership 18 and the

Nonprofit Alliance.

Lankford said during the press conference that the bill is meant to encourage a greater number of Americans to give to those in need.

He said the current tax code allows only those who itemize to receive deductions when donating to nonprofits. Most Americans take the standard deduction which last year was \$12,950 for a single filer or \$25,900 for a couple.

“There are lots of folks who are non-itemizers who give faithfully and would give even more if they knew it would be an offset there and they could engage with their taxes,” Lankford said.

When talking about the importance of serving and giving to the community, Lankford referenced the tornadoes that moved through parts of Oklahoma February 26.

“We’re very passionate about doing what we can to be able to help those who are around us,” Lankford said. “For all of us in Oklahoma, there are tornadoes that came through the state this past weekend and there are communities all over Oklahoma that are stepping up, churches, nonprofits, all kinds of communities (and) neighbors who are engaging to be able to help.”

Coons, a Democrat, thanked all the participating organizations and said he’s “thrilled” to re-introduce the bill alongside Lankford. He said he is

optimistic the bill will “find a path to the president’s desk.”

“This is exactly the sort of bipartisan effort that should make all of us proud to be Americans,” Coons said.

Angela Williams, president and CEO of United Way WorldWide, was one of the speakers during the press conference. She said United Way is “proud” to support the Charitable Act.

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“Although tax policy is rarely the reason why Americans choose to support charities they believe in, making it easier and more affordable to do so can have a powerful ripple effect that will make our country and communities stronger,” Williams said.

Ralph Bukiewicz, national chief secretary at The Salvation Army, also took the podium to say those who support charitable programs have felt economic hardships from the COVID-19 pandemic, unemployment, evictions, lack of affordable housing and inflation, and that the bipartisan act will incentivize them to “continue helping others during these challenging times.”

Though Lankford said most of the giving in America “comes from the heart,” he said it is important to look at the impact the tax incentive will have on charitable donations.

“It does make a difference when people have the opportunity to be able to write it off on their taxes,” Lankford said. “They are incentivized to be able to give more.”

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NEWS In Brief

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time is March 12! Time to spring forward.
Mark your calendar now and don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed Saturday night, March 11.

Daddy Daughter Dance

The Purcell High School Prom Committee will host a Daddy Daughter Dance Saturday, March 25, from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
The event will be held at Purcell High School, 2020 N. Green Ave.
Tickets are \$40 for dad and daughter and \$5 for each additional daughter.
All proceeds go to the PHS Prom.

Sunray Homecoming
Sunray Baptist Church, 2223 N. 9th, in Purcell will be celebrating the 76th anniversary of its founding with Homecoming Services, March 25-26.

On Saturday, March 25, at 6 p.m. there will be gospel singing with The Williamsons and Mark Bishop. On Sunday, March 26, The Gastineaus will be musical guests.0
Dennis Clark will preach at the 11 a.m. service, David Pickard, the 1 p.m. service. There will be a fellowship lunch at noon.
A love offering will be taken both days to help with expenses. For more information, call 405-426-2844.

Chamber Banquet
The 2023 Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet is set for Thursday, April 13, at Southwind Hills in Goldsby.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the welcome will follow at 6:30 p.m.
Please RSVP by April 3 to purchase a ticket.
For more information call the chamber office at 527-3093 or email elisabeth@theheartofok.com.

Property Tax Deadline
The deadline to pay the second half of property taxes is Friday, March 31, at 4:30 p.m.
If anyone has questions regarding their tax statements, call the McClain County

Treasurer's Office at 527-3261.
Spring Soccer
Spring soccer registration has begun.
In-House Purcell teams for ages 2020-2011 are \$70 and recreational travel ages 2010-2004 are \$110.
Games will be played in Blanchard, with some possibly in Purcell, and practice will be held in Purcell.
To register go to tcsasoccer.org and follow on Facebook at Tesa Soccer.

Senior Dance at Purcell
A Senior Dance is held every Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center.
Admission is \$8 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.

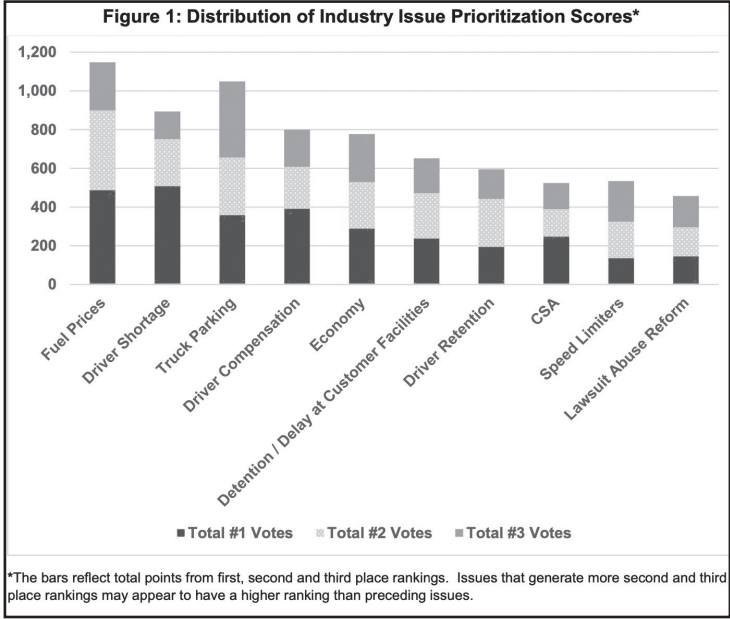
Museum News
The McClain County Museum and Historical Society has undergone some changes and the museum is now open for tours.
To schedule a tour contact Jerry Hayes at 405-812-8379.

Congressman Tom Cole vows to eye long-running trucker issue

Noah Mack Gaylord News
The chief concern for the nation's truckers—a safe place to sleep—has caught the attention of an Oklahoma congressman who might be able to help.
During Rep. Tom Cole's (R-Moore) first virtual town hall meeting of the current session of Congress, a trucker named Ken from Del City expressed his concern about the lack of safe, available parking for truckers to stop and sleep. He said it is a dire problem that needs federal attention.

"It is something that is sorely needed for the people who keep the fruit, vegetable, meat, and everything else moving throughout our state and our country," the truck driver said at the telephone town hall.
Cole is chairman of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee under the House Appropriations Committee.
The man said his fellow truckers across the United States are also distressed about the shortage in rest parking.
The American Transportation Research Institute reported that lack of available truck parking was the number one issue of concern as ranked by truck drivers in 2022, and has been for the past three years. The issue ranked third overall in the institute's report behind fuel prices and driver shortage.
The institute's rankings are drawn from a month-long survey that's open to anyone in the trucking industry. They received more than 4,200 responses, the most the annual survey has gotten. The institute is a non-profit, non-lobbyist

organization.
The man from Cole's town hall meeting, who said he has been a trucker for more than 40 years, was met with a curious congressman who said he is not familiar with the issue.
"You're bringing up an issue that I don't know a lot about,"
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Top issues
Trucking industry's top issues from American Transportation Research Institute's 2022 report.

Table 2: Commercial Driver and Motor Carrier Issues		
Rank	Commercial Drivers	Motor Carriers
1	Truck Parking	Driver Shortage
2	Fuel Prices	Driver Retention
3	Driver Compensation	Fuel Prices
4	Detention / Delay at Customer Facilities	CSA
5	Speed Limiters	Economy
6	Economy	Lawsuit Abuse Reform
7	HOS Rules	Insurance Cost / Availability
8	ELD Mandate	Diesel Technician Shortage
9	Driver Training Standards	Detention / Delay at Customer Facilities
10	Transportation Infrastructure / Congestion / Funding	Truck Parking

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Ranked issues
Commercial truck drivers ranked issues from American Transportation Research Institute's 2022 report.

Drummond leads national effort urging Biden, federal treasury bureau to provide transparency

Attorney General Gentner Drummond is leading a national effort to ensure that state, local and tribal entities have appropriate and timely access to corporate ownership information critical to fighting crime and terrorism.
A letter, sent by Drummond and the attorneys general of Delaware, Ohio and Rhode Island, was sent yesterday to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), a bureau of the U.S. Department of Treasury, outlining the need for non-federal entities to access information without unnecessary and burdensome requirements.
Also signing on to the effort were 38 other attorneys general.
The creation of a national database is part of the Corporate Transparency Act, passed in 2021 to require certain companies to disclose their actual, or "beneficial," owners to FinCEN.
The bureau's recently proposed requirements for database access would impede investigations taking place at the state, local and tribal level.
"This proposed database will provide critical informa-

tion to help investigators hold accountable bad actors, from corrupt officials to organized criminals," Drummond said. "President Biden and excessive federal regulations must not obstruct our efforts in pursuit of justice."
In particular, the Corporate Transparency Act only requires state, local, and tribal entities to obtain a court order authorizing access to the database. The new regulations, however, would require non-federal entities to provide a separate written justification to FinCEN and call for the bureau to review and approve the court order before allowing access to the database information.
The letter notes that the requirement is inconsistent with Congress' decision to create the database to provide rapid access to beneficial ownership information.
"We look forward to working with FinCEN on the implementation of this database to ensure that we and other entities can use it as Congress intended: as a highly useful tool to help us efficiently access important beneficial ownership data to serve and protect the public," the letter states.

In addition to requesting that all law enforcement entities receive unobstructed access to the database, Drummond advocated for several amendments to the proposed regulations, including one to make it clear that individuals who receive database information during a legal case are subject to the same non-disclosure laws as those who receive the information directly from FinCEN.
The amendment would remove the burden of notification from prosecutors and other government attorneys.
Drummond was joined in the letter by Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

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Referees have tough job

Basketball referees have a difficult and thankless job.

No matter the call half of the stands are in a rage which means they are constantly making someone angry.

I was at a game last weekend where the refereeing was so on-sided that the game became a health hazard to the visitors.

I made the comment that if the officials continued to call the game the way they were calling it, that someone was going to get hurt.

The refs didn't change and sure enough a kid got hurt. More than one.

It's one thing to miss a call here or there but when officials step over the line by allowing one team to beat up another it takes the fun out of it.

It's a form of bullying that can make a game a dangerous activity.

Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

jdm

It's that time of year when even non-basketball fans enjoy that crazy college cage tournament called March Madness.

Our family has enjoyed watching the tournament any number of times while on Spring Break family vacations.

The tournament often sparks competition amongst office

colleagues and even groups of others including family members.

It's always a bummer when your team isn't included in the tournament such as mine this year.

jdm

Oklahoma voters were adamant in not wanting to legalize recreational marijuana.

The measure went down statewide but even more so in McClain County.

Even in the more liberal counties the measure failed to pass.

In Oklahoma County it ended up at 50 percent for and 50 percent against.

Cleveland County was 51 percent against the measure and 49 percent for the legalization.

In Tulsa County 54 percent voted no while 46 percent were in favor of the proposition.

Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



Update from the Capitol

Between running to and from committees presenting and voting on bills, and then meeting for floor sessions, I also had the opportunity to visit with several groups this past week.

On Monday, I met with our district superintendents, the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, and attended the Oklahoma Tribal Legislative Reception. On Tuesday, I joined my legislative colleagues for a visit with Governor Stitt about important topics this session, such as education and economic development.

Then on Wednesday, I got to meet with Joe Coxey, who is the Account Coordinator for Youth Action for Health Leadership (Y AHL). He brought students to the Capitol to talk about the dangers and health risks for minors who smoke.

Finally, on Thursday, I headed to Ponca City for Leadership Oklahoma, where we learned about energy and tourism in our state.

The highlight of my week by far, though, was receiving and responding to a stack of letters from a group of third grade girls from Duncan Public Schools. Each letter contained several unique questions, expressing their curiosity about my job, but one particular question was in every letter: "What's it feel like to be a girl senator?"

With March being Women's History Month, I felt a sense of pride reading that these young students wanted to know more about women in leadership, and more importantly, reading about their desire to run for office someday.

I've always wanted to be someone who encouraged other young women to do big things and serve in big ways, so I'm thankful to know these girls have been inspired to run someday.

We also recently celebrated the lives of four outstanding Oklahoma women leaders by dedicating a new Capitol mural, entitled "Making Her Mark".

The piece, by Oklahoma-based artist Sara Scribner, was a collaboration between our Oklahoma Legislative Women's Caucus and the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. It honors the contributions of Dr. Shannon Lucid, Opaline Deveraux Wadkins, Chief Wilma Mankiller, and Senator Maxine Horner.

Each of these women were trailblazers. Lucid was part of the first astronaut class to admit women and the first woman to hold an international record for the most flight hours in orbit by a non-Russian.

Wadkins was the first African American nurse to earn a master's degree from OU and also organized the first school in Oklahoma City to train Black nurses. Mankiller was the first female principal chief of the Cherokee Nation.

Finally, Senator Horner of Tulsa was one of the first two

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Reining in inflation

Congressman Tom Cole

Since assuming office, President Joe Biden has issued an unprecedented number of unchecked executive orders that have undoubtedly hindered the United States' economy from fully recovering from the coronavirus pandemic.

After two years of financial hardship under his presidency and Democrat control in Congress, I was proud that the House passed the Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting the Nation (REIN IN) Inflation Act last week to provide a long-needed check on this administration.

In January of this year, the president's own Department of Energy calculated that his first executive order revoking the Keystone XL pipeline permit cost the economy between \$3.16 and \$9.6 billion.

The cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline and several other anti-American energy executive orders have caused

the prices of fuel, energy and nearly every good and service to rise as a domino effect.

Last week, a report published by LendingClub found that 60 percent of Americans, including 45 percent of high earners, live paycheck to paycheck due to inflation.

Inflation is a tax on all Americans, and skyrocketing prices have unfortunately caused more and more Americans to rely on credit cards, cut back on saving money and even dip into savings to get by.

The REIN IN Inflation Act would require the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors and Office of Management and Budget to publish the inflationary impact of executive actions projected to cause an annual gross budgetary effect of at least \$1 million before enacting them.

It would also require the White House to report these findings to Congress each year, increasing transparency and accountability between

lawmakers and the Executive branch.

While the prices of groceries, energy, household necessities and almost everything else have continuously risen, and year-over-year wage growth has continued to decrease during President Biden's tenure, this should serve as a wake-up call that he must reverse course. Those leading this country should first consider their policies' effects on the American people and the economy.

Although this action taken by House Republicans would certainly be a step in the right direction, unfortunately, our nation's economic crisis cannot be solved until Democrats and President Joe Biden hang up their costly Green New Deal policies.

However, in the interim, I am committed to working with my colleagues to hold accountable and provide oversight for the Biden Administration and Democrats' reckless spending habits.

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Your Views

Debt on all of us

John D.:

I usually read Congressman Tom Cole's Capital News weekly in **The Register**.

Too often it is a barrage of bashing the President and the Democrats. Can Democrats and Republicans work together for our benefit?

Agree to disagree. Be civil and show a little kindness. It would be refreshing to see some of Will Rogers wit, "I never met a man I didn't like" or the old saying "if you can't say something nice then don't say anything", or maybe the 1975 song "Why Can't We Be Friends."

Oh well, all's fair in love and war and I guess politics.

This week it got personal when Mr. Cole attacked the student loan forgiveness program saying, "the majority it would benefit would be those in the top half of the income spectrum" and increase the National Debt. I taught and know several hard working young men and women from outstanding families that went through undergraduate school and graduate school some face a small mountain of student loan debt that aren't "rich kids".

If they qualify (there is a financial cap) for forgiveness of \$10,000 or even \$20,000 if they received the pell grant it would help a little.

In 2022 the majority of pell recipients' family incomes were under \$30,000. Some grants went to those whose family incomes were between \$30 - \$60,000 but it was rare to receive pell money with a family income over \$60,000.

In 2021 97 percent of the pell grants went to families making less than \$70,000 a year. Definitely not the upper income spectrum (Who receives pell grants Dec. 19,2022). It will cost \$300 billion over the next decade to help tens of millions of our students. (US Dept. of Education 9/29/22).

National debt problem? Don't forget the debt increased by almost \$1.7 trillion with the 2017 Tax Reform Bill. The corporate tax relief is permanent but the personal tax benefit runs out in 2025.

The National debt increased by nearly \$800 billion with the 2020-221 Paycheck Protection Program designed to help small businesses and workers. Unfortunately in 2020 about 70 percent of the \$521 billion (\$371 billion) went into the pockets of business owners and shareholders of the richest 20 percent of the population. Not the workers.

Two of our U.S. Congressmen received about \$4 million combined PPP money for their businesses that showed profits in 2020 then criticized the student loan forgiveness program. (National Bureau of Economics Jan. 19, 2022) (**Tulsa World** Aug. 27, 2022) We helped public companies, churches, private schools, businesses (some that did not need it) then why can't we help our students a little that really need it now?

Finally, (National debt by Presidential term USA 2/20/23) top five contributors since 1977, 1. Donald Trump, four years \$8.2 trillion, \$2.05 trillion per year; 2. Barack Obama, eight years \$8.34 trillion, \$1.045 trillion per year; 3. Joe Biden, first two years \$1.84 trillion, \$920 billion per year; 4. George W. Bush, eight years, \$6.1 trillion, \$762.5 billion per year; 5. Ronald Reagan, eight years, \$1.86 trillion, \$232.5 billion per year; 8. Jimmy Carter, four years, \$299 billion, \$74.5 billion per year (least since 1977).

The National debt problem can't be blamed on the Democrats or Republicans thus it will take both sides working together to fix it.

We are not enemies. Show some courtesy. Be careful when you throw mud, you tend to get your hands muddy. Ye without sin can cast the first stone.

Randy Belicek

Rants?
Raves?

Submit your letter
to the editor.



Working together essential for every family

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

I was not quite five years old when I stood, looking up the steps to our upstairs, yelling “Mommy hurry, Mamaw is dying.” My grandmother Ina Hinkle and aunt Maude Hinkle were in the room trying to comfort my Mamaw Mollette.

Throughout the morning she had been sick. She had complained about pain and Grandma Hinkle and Aunt Maude were constantly rubbing her arms trying to comfort her.

Life was different back in that day. My dad had driven our only car to West Virginia to work his shift in the coal mine. We didn’t have a hospital in our county and Doc Ford was the lone medical doctor. He routinely had 10 to 20 people waiting to see him.

We didn’t have a paramedic unit in Martin County. Our local funeral home would take people to the hospital in their hearse but there was no medical care rendered on the way. I got that ride twice.

Once, when I split my head open playing with a first cousin. The second time was after a bad car wreck while driving my first old Chevelle to high school.

We didn’t have a telephone at that time. We didn’t have a telephone until I was nine years old and then it was an eight-family party line. Thus, there was no way my mother could call for help or drive to ask for help for my Mamaw.

Racing down the steps to my plea and the calls of Grandma Hinkle and Aunt Maude, who were now calling in unison with me to my mother Eula, “Come Eula, she is dying!”

As we gathered around Mamaw’s bed we stood as she breathed her last few breaths and departed her body to be with Jesus. There wasn’t anything else we could do but cry

as we held to her lifeless body.

The words of those saintly women standing in the room that day were “She is now with the Lord.”

My sister Wanda recalls she was a junior in high school at that time. There were semester tests that particular day at school.

“Mamaw asked me not to go to school that day saying, ‘Don’t go, I’m going to die today.’” As many of us would probably reply, she said “Mamaw, you aren’t going to die. You’re going to be fine.”

As we age, we know our bodies and we know when things have changed. Mamaw knew it was her last day.

When my dad came home from the coal mine, he went into Mamaw’s room where her body lay and bent over and hugged her. A little later the funeral home came for her body.

The funeral home brought her body back to our house where her casket and flowers were placed in a bedroom just off from our living room. Many family members and friends visited our house the next couple of days.

Mamaw Mollette’s husband, my grandfather Lafe, whom I never met, died about a year or so before my dad and mom married. For the next 19 to 20 years, I don’t know the exact number, Mamaw Mollette lived with Mom and Dad and our family.

She visited for weeks with her other sons who lived in West Virginia but most of her time was spent with us. I got less than five years with Mamaw but my two sisters and two brothers spent many years with her.

We grew up in a small house with one bathroom. There were eight of us living in the house. We only had four small bedrooms and a hallway with

a twin bed.

We had guests all the time. Very often other family members were visiting and my mother worked nonstop to feed and take care of everybody.

Looking back, I wonder how Mom and Dad were able to keep it all together. I was on the tail end of the family so being worried about access to the bathroom and space wasn’t much of a concern at that stage.

My hat is off to my dad and mom for making a place for Mamaw all those years. They worked together. Life was not always easy but it was all we knew and we did the best we could.

Mom and Dad stayed together for over 60 years and both are now buried in the garden where they worked together for most of their lives.

The point of all this is that families can make it if they will work hard, love each other, and be very patient. Every family has ups and downs. No family is perfect. No one lives life without problems and troubles. Treating each other with love and respect, and everyone working together are essentials for every family.

Read more stories from Glenn Mollette in the book titled *Grandpa’s Store, Reflections of my Childhood*.

Visit GlennMollette.com to subscribe, learn about his books and more additional biographical. Dr. Glenn 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*, the *Spiritual Chocolate* series, *Grandpa’s Store*, *Minister’s Guidebook insights from a fellow minister*. His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states.

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Cole:

but I may be in a position to learn something about it,” Cole told the truck driver. “Thanks for bringing it to my attention.”

Cole’s subcommittee is responsible for federal funding allocated to federal and state transportation agencies.

Bryce Boyer, a spokesperson for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, admits funding is an issue.

“The funding that goes into the upkeep and maintenance of these is extensive and we have to kind of prioritize that funding to go into road projects; to go into other things that we’re working on,” Boyer said.

The president of the American Trucking Association, Chris Spear, expressed reservations about the way federal funding is being spent during a House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hearing.

“We need new, secure truck parking capacities proposed by the bipartisan Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act,” Spear said.

The bill he endorsed, introduced most recently in December 2022, would appropriate \$755 million over four years to the Department of Transportation, specifically designated to build new truck parking. The legislation failed to pass and has not been reintroduced in the new Congress.

One of the Oklahoma trucker’s chief frustrations as related to Cole was that many parking options are shut down.

“It’s really depressing when you see so many places along the federal interstate system that used to be stops that are closed down, chained up and boarded up that with a little bit of funding could be made useful again,” the trucker said.

Boyer said ODOT has about a dozen — traditionally one

southbound and one northbound — rest stops in Oklahoma and he knows of seven in total that are closed. Boyer said the department partners with independent companies — such as Love’s — that also provide rest areas.

He also said most of their rest stops were built alongside the interstate highway system — started in 1956 — and they’ve deteriorated over the years.

Inadequate truck parking has been a mainstay issue in the trucking industry for decades despite a federal law that requires truck drivers to get 10 hours rest after 14 hours of driving.

The American Transportation Research Institute has ranked it in the top 10 issues for truckers since 2012. According to their yearly reviews, it has stayed in the top five since 2015, peaking at number three in 2020 and 2022.

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Garvin:

African American women elected to serve in the Oklahoma Senate. She authored legislation creating the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP), which today is known as Oklahoma’s Promise. She also created the groundbreaking commission in 1997 to study the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921. These women’s courage and leadership forever changed our state and the path of women who followed after them.

This week started off early with a 6:30 a.m. sunrise vigil to remember the lives of those Oklahomans lost during the COVID pandemic. My colleague, Senator Paul Rosino,

lost his son to COVID in 2021 and organized this vigil on the front steps of the State Capitol. Monday would have been his son Gregory’s 36th birthday.

March 6th is also significant as the first COVID case was confirmed in our state in 2020. From that day forward, our state has experienced great tragedy, loss, confusion, heartache, and grief, as approximately 18,000 precious lives have been lost, including many in our district. Those families will forever be in my heart.

If you have any questions or concerns on legislative matters, please email me at Jessica.Garvin@oksenate.gov or call (405) 521-5522.

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

You have likely heard or read most auto makers are transitioning many or all their new vehicles to electric-only models over the next 10 years.

Regardless of the type of car you drive today, the electrification of the transportation sector is underway.

We receive inquiries about electric vehicles from REC members, so I thought it would be helpful to respond to some of those frequently asked questions.

Q: Why is REC communicating about electric vehicles?

A: It is no secret consumer interest in electric vehicles (EVs) is growing, and REC is providing information so our members can make informed decisions when considering an EV purchase.

Q: Why is REC involved in EV infrastructure issues?

A: All electric utilities are planning now to ensure they have the necessary electric infrastructure in place to meet future EV charging needs - without jeopardizing the ability to keep reliable power flowing to our local homes and businesses. As your local energy

Electric vehicles FAQs

provider, REC is best suited to advise and help our members and local businesses plan for the electric vehicle future.

Q: Can I charge my EV using an existing outlet or do I need a special outlet?

A: All EVs come with a 110-volt-compatible (Level 1) charging unit which can be plugged into any standard household outlet. For an eight-hour overnight charge, this will enable traveling around 36 to 40 miles a day. If you typically drive longer distances or are in a hurry, a Level 2 charger takes about half the time and provides about 180 miles of range over an eight-hour charging period. A Level 2 charger must be installed by a licensed electrician.

Q: Does the outside temperature affect the range of an EV?

A: Outside temperatures, particularly colder weather, can impact the range of an EV. Unlike a gas-powered vehicle, where the heat is mostly coming from the engine, an EV must produce cabin heat and manage an optimal battery temperature with energy coming from the battery, which can reduce battery range.

Q: Will an EV meet my daily driving needs?

A: If you are like most Americans and drive an average of 30

miles a day, an EV can meet your daily needs.

Q: What kind of incentives are available for EVs?

A: There are a variety of tax credits, rebates and other incentives available for EV purchases. Visit www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/electric-vehicles-for-tax-credit to learn about federal incentives available through the Clean Vehicle Credit program.

Q: Should I let my Co-op know if I purchase an EV?

A: If you purchase an EV, please let us know so we can better serve you. As more REC members buy EVs, it is helpful to know where they are located in our area so we can ensure we have the necessary infrastructure in place to meet charging needs and provide reliable power to our local homes and businesses.

We understand making the switch to an EV is a big decision. Whether you are ready to make an EV purchase or wondering if any EV can meet your daily driving needs, we are here to help you make an informed decision.

We are always here to help if you want more information on how you can save energy.

Give us a call at 405-756-3104 or 800-259-3504.

News from District 42

• Rep. Cindy Roe •



543 bills passed by House committees

Thursday was our deadline to pass House bills out of House committees, so the Capitol was bustling as members presented their remaining bills and attended their own committees to vote on other legislation.

This week, I passed four of my remaining bills through their committees.

On Monday, House Bill 2160 passed the House Higher Education and Career Tech Committee. This legislation was requested by the Oklahoma State University Medical Authority and Trust and allows for virtual meetings and bonding authority, as well as cleans up some general language.

My second bill, House Bill 2165, was approved by the House County and Municipal Government Committee. This important bill relates to municipal police addressing the vaping epidemic we’ve seen sharply increasing among our teens, and it helps educate young people on the dangers of vaping tobacco.

Currently, the age to purchase tobacco in the state

is 21, and if HB2165 takes effect, anyone under 21 who purchases or attempts to purchase tobacco must complete a tobacco education program approved by the court. The court may also require the violator to complete a community service program.

I also passed a third bill on Monday. House Bill 2163 passed the House Appropriations & Budget Subcommittee on Finance and was approved by the full House A&B Committee on Thursday. HB2163 allows psychology interns or postdoctoral students to bill under the psychologist they’re doing their internship or clinical training with. This is currently allowed for patients with Medicaid, but this bill would allow private insurances to do the same.

On Tuesday, I presented House Bill 2157 before the House Public Safety Committee. HB 2157 encourages at least 20 percent of law enforcement officers to complete crisis intervention training in addition to the currently required mental health training.

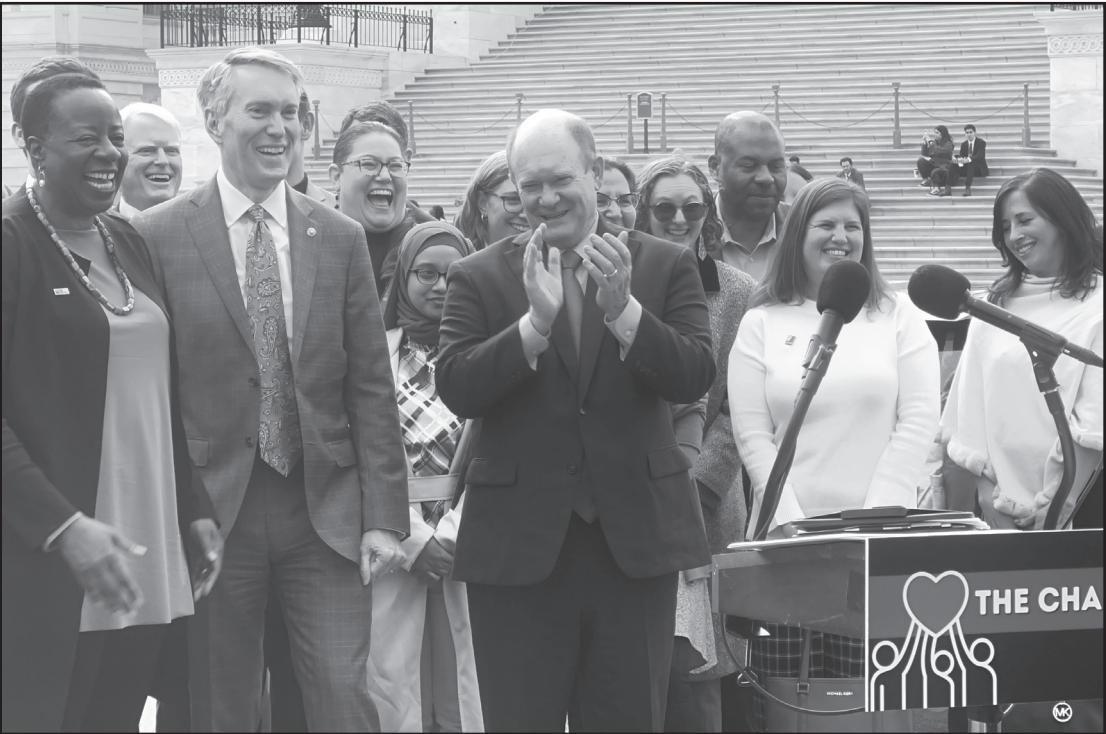
All four of these bills are

now eligible to be heard on the House floor. We have until Thursday, March 23 to pass the remaining 543 bills through the House. Afterward, we’ll swap bills with the Senate and begin the legislative process anew.

The Capitol was also busy on Monday with members of Oklahoma’s Silver-Haired Legislature. The group was created in 1981 to educate older Oklahomans on the legislative process and advocate for their needs through bills. It was great to visit with these passionate individuals and hear directly from them on how the bills we’re working on this year affect them.

As always, please reach out with any questions and concerns. You can contact me at (405) 557-7365 or cynthia.roe@okhouse.gov. Thank you for the honor of serving House District 42 at the State Capitol!

Rep. Cynthia Roe, a Republican, represents House District 42 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Her district includes portions of Cleveland, Garvin and McClain Counties.



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Celebrating “Charitable Act”

President and CEO of United Way Worldwide, Angela Williams, (left), Sen. James Lanford (center), and Delaware Sen. Chris Coons (right) recently celebrated the introduction of the “Charitable Act” outside the U.S. Capitol. **(Related story page 2A)**



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

It's time for Daylight Saving Time! Time to spring forward. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed Saturday night. ***

A special happy birthday to Jeff Salmeri of Belleair Beach, Florida.

Sal celebrates his birthday Monday, March 13. ***

Doesn't seem possible that spring break starts Friday, March 10!

Watch out for all the kids next week as they enjoy some (hopefully) warm spring days! ***

Happy birthday to Jennifer Maynard Brewer, Zac Duffy, Linda Hurst, Kelley Eyler, Dave Northcutt, Doug Buterbaugh, Fernando Auz, Antonia Ortiz, Coral Vazeuez, Janie Braden, Tammy Rangel, Leon Chausse, Karen Bollenbach, Phil Clark, Anna Ray Berger, Nanette Belicek, Dan Abney, Connor Gantz, Conner Frankenberg and Merle Clark. ***

Auditions will be held for Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of *Aladdin* Monday, March 20, at 3:30 p.m. and end by 5:30 p.m.

Aladdin will be presented from 1-2 p.m. on Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25, from 3-4 p.m. at the old Purcell Junior High Auditorium, 201 Lester Lane.

Students enrolled in grades kindergarden through 12th grade are invited to audition.

Students from surrounding schools may audition for a fee of \$25 which is refundable if the student is not cast.

For more information call Cindy Stone at Purcell Elementary School at 405-442-0099. ***

Join your friends at the Purcell Public Library for "Let's Get Gardening: Raised Bed Gardening" Saturday, March 4 from 1-2 p.m.

Gardens come in all shapes and sizes. Grow your knowledge and love of gardening through discussion and demonstration with a McClain County OSU Extension Educator.

In this program, we will learn how you can grow your own garden in a raised bed and how it can benefit your health. Discover new strategies and

perspectives in growing a garden while also meeting fellow plant lovers. Whether you are just getting started or an expert gardener, there is something for you. The program is for adults 18+ and registration is required.

For more information call the library at 405-527-5546. ***

Join in on "Information Investigation: Genealogy Help" a program sponsored by the Pioneer Library System.

The program will be held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the McClain County Museum, 203 W. Washington St., in Purcell.

Our world is full of information. Learn how to find and identify credible information on genealogy. The program is designed for adults.

Learn the skills and tools needed to become an information investigator. Practice evaluating information and checking the credibility of your sources in this program on genealogy.

For more information on the program, call the library at 405-527-5546. ***

This recipe is one of the easiest one-pot meals.

One Pot Taco Spaghetti
1 clove garlic, minced
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
1 lb ground beef
1 oz. package taco seasoning
14 oz. can diced tomatoes
2 cups water
8 oz spaghetti, uncooked
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Add garlic, onion, and ground beef to a large skillet. Break it up into chunks with a spoon or spatula while cooking. Cook until browned. Then, drain the excess fat.

Add taco seasoning, diced tomatoes, and water. Mix to combine. Then, add spaghetti. Be sure that spaghetti is covered with the liquid. Bring to a boil. Then, reduce heat to low and cover skillet with a lid. Simmer for 12-15 minutes or until spaghetti is cooked, stirring occasionally.

Remove the lid. Cook for a few minutes more or until excess liquid evaporates. Turn off the heat.

Add shredded cheddar cheese and cover the skillet with a lid again. Let the cheese melt and serve immediately.

Society

Pauls Valley Opry stars were out Saturday

Last Saturday night, the stars were out at the Pauls Valley Opry and shone brightly underneath a beautiful Oklahoma sky!

Randall Armstrong made his second appearance at the Pauls Valley Opry and this "Texas Troubadour" entertained us from start to finish! Randall wooed the crowd with the Keith Whitley hit, "Don't Close Your Eyes" and then the blues set in as he bellowed out the Chris Stapleton smash, "Tennessee Whiskey."

We were so glad to see the Pauls Valley Opry's Male Horizon winner of 2022, Michael Webb. Michael has the heart of a lion and the voice that will cause you to immediately sit up and take notice. He is fast becoming one of your favorites.

He proved it when he sang one of Elvis' early hits, "All Shook Up." Then, he crooned the George Jones classic, "He Stopped Loving Her Today."

The wonderful "Lady of Song", Allison Arms is truly a walking testimony of God's grace and mercy and she sings like an angel!

Allison was the 2022 Female Horizon Winner and she proved her worth when she entertained us with the Tammy Wynette classic, "Stand by Your Man." Allison is also a talented songwriter, singing her "kick up your heels" tune, "If You Ain't Good."

Paul Lopez was back on stage and this Marine showed us how it's done! Paul is nationally recognized for his talents and we are so honored to spend some time with Paul and his family. When Paul steps on stage, nobody sings any better!

He got folks out of their seats with the Billy Currington hit,

"Ain't What it Used to Be." We were all touched when Paul sang the Skip Ewing tune, "Dad," and dedicated it to his late father.

Missy Rude is the reigning 2022 Female Vocalist of the Year and she is also a member of the Pauls Valley Opry Hall of Fame. Missy is just "all of that and a bag of chips." She rocked the house with the Radney Foster hit, "Just Call Me Lonesome" and then she kicked into overdrive with the Alannah Myles hit of "Black Velvet."

The 2022 Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year, Wiley Winters once again poured his heart out in song! When Wiley starts to sing everyone, including everyone on-stage and backstage, stops and takes notice. Wiley brought back a lot of memories when he sang the classic Conway Twitty hit, "Hello Darlin'" and then he tore the roof off the auditorium when he sang the Ricky Van Shelton megahit, "Statue of a Fool."

Missy joined Wiley and got us ready for church with the Zack Williams/Dolly Parton song, "There was Jesus." The song was truly anointed.

John Williams, our "Friendly Undertaker" and Pauls Valley Opry Hall of Fame Member did an awesome job with emcee duties and was featured on the Gene Watson smash hit, "Fourteen Carat Mind."

The Memory Makers Band added to the night's enjoyment with a few songs made famous by greats such as Patsy Cline, Willie Nelson, Sugarland, Kim Hill and Buddy Holly.

When in Pauls Valley, go by and check out the "Stark Art Studio & Gallery" at 211 South Chickasaw Street in

Pauls Valley. Kevin is one of the most talented folks who we have ever known and he has placed an exhibit of the Pauls Valley Opry in his store front! Check it out!

We want to encourage you to visit and support all of our area music venues. They, just like the Pauls Valley Opry, need your support, love and prayers! Please check their websites and/or Facebook pages and

plan to join us in attending all of these venues. Without you, none of us will survive, and that would truly be a shame!

Please join us next month on Saturday, April 1, as we welcome guests Tanner Young, Anne Young, David Paul Nowlin, Donna Nowlin, Jeff Petty, Cara Belt and Arty Hill along with emcee John Williams.

We'll see you at the Opry!



• Photo provided

Pauls Valley Opry

David Paul Nowlin and Donna Nowlin are just two of the guests slated for the show on April 1. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley Junior High School auditorium.

Missoula Children's Theatre to present *Aladdin* March 24, 25

Auditions will be held for Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of *Aladdin* Monday, March 20, at 3:30 p.m. and end by 5:30 p.m.

Those auditioning should arrive at 3:30 p.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal from 5:45-7:45 p.m. following the auditions.

Aladdin will be presented from 1-2 p.m. on Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25, from 3-4 p.m. at the old Purcell Junior High Auditorium, 201 Lester Lane.

Students enrolled in grades kindergarden through 12th grade are invited to audition.

Students from surrounding schools may audition for a fee of \$25 which is refundable if the student is not cast.

No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant directors will also be cast to aid in rehearsals throughout the week and to take on essential backstage responsibilities.

Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery and props. The MCT tour actor/directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week each day.

The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Purcell is presented locally through Purcell Schools with support from the Purcell School Foundation.

For more information call Cindy Stone at Purcell Elementary School at 405-442-0099.

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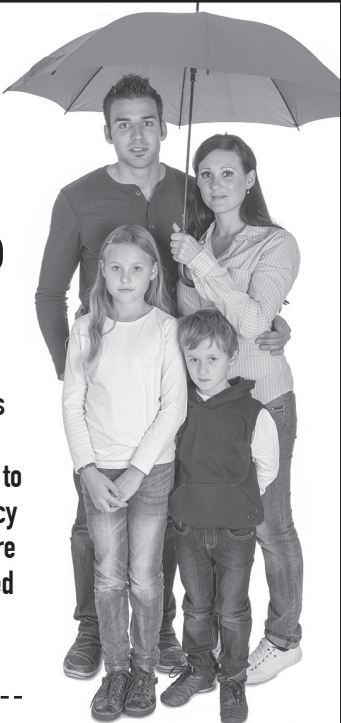
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Lexington Pre-K signup

Lexington Elementary School will host the 2023-2024 Pre-K signup at Enrollment Night Thursday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary safe room.

Students must be four years old on or before September 1, 2023. Limited spaces are available, first come, first served.

The following documents are required for each child to be placed on the enrollment list:

- Updated shot record;

- Social Security card;
- State issued birth certificate; and
- Parent photo ID.

Completed pre-enrollment will hold your child’s spot in line but does not automatically enroll your child in Pre-K. Students will be officially enrolled in August by providing a current proof of residency.

Students eligible for Kindergarten who have not attended Pre-K may also sign up for school at this time.



Wauhillau Austin Gale

Wauhillau Austin Gale Memorial Scholarship

The Wauhillau Austin Gale Memorial Scholarship was established in 2005 by her family.

The scholarship honors Mrs. Gale’s 25-year teaching career at Purcell and her encouragement of young people.

The selection committee is reminding graduating Purcell seniors to apply for the \$2,000 scholarship by the April 1 deadline.

Mrs. Gale was the Purcell High School Art teacher and sponsor of many clubs for over 20 years. Though she was not a graduate of Purcell, four of her children graduated from Purcell.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Must be a graduating senior from Purcell High School
- Unweighted GPA between 2.5 and 3.5 and ACT of 20 or more

• Demonstrate a commitment to serve both in school and in the community. The committee also takes financial need into consideration.

Application process is online and the link to the application can be found at <https://occf.academicworks.com>.



• Photo provided

Lexington Show Choir

LHS Southern Accents Show Choir appreciates everyone who supported them at their annual Dessert Review! Show choir members had a wonderful time and would like to express their appreciation to the local Masons for coming and presenting the group with a \$2,000 check after matching what they made at their last baked potato fundraiser. This helps the students so much in funding their upcoming Nashville trip! The group would like to express their appreciation to all of the special guests who performed including Darling Darla, Sanctuary, FBC Worship Choir, Kameron Celaya and Kynley Bell. The show choir appreciates everyone who came and bid on all of the auction items. One hundred percent of the profit of each item goes back into that member’s individual account and that is a huge help to them! More pics can be found on the Facebook page LHS Southern Accents Show Choir.

Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

The Center will be celebrating St. Patrick’s Day on March 17 at lunch. Come one and all! Another time for celebrating is always good!

The center garage sale is open Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. (weather permitting!!) We have new merchandise and lots to choose from. Everyone is invited.

Our center is available for rent on Saturdays for parties, meetings and/or gatherings. 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 March 13-17:

Monday—Chicken livers, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, bread, chocolate cake.

Tuesday—Cheese sandwich, vegetable beef soup, fruit, cookies.

Wednesday—Tater tot cas-

serole, green beans, carrots, bread, fruit salad.

Thursday—Brown beans with ham, tomato relish, greens, cornbread, pie.

Friday—Chicken enchilada casserole, salad, tortilla chips, gelatin.

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 enhance the lives of our seniors and the operation of our center.

Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens. We are still selling chances to win a king size heated blanket. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds go to our activities fund.

For the month of February we served lunches to 272 seniors, 60 and up, 28 adults and three children’s meals at Dessie’s Dinner.

Our community food pantry served 682 households during February which included 2,277 people with 841 boxes. We appreciate our faithful volunteers who work hard every week to serve our communities.

Reminder of pantry hours are as follows:

Monday and Wednesday—10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., come in and pickup.

Friday—9 a.m. -11 a.m., drive through.

As always dinner is served Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12 noon. This week Mr. Charlie surprised us with barbecue ribs and coleslaw with his momma’s recipe. We appreciate you Mr. Charlie for a delicious blessing. Come on in, sit a spell, enjoy the fellowship and a home cooked meal. All are welcome.

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Obituaries

Tammy Finch

Graveside services for Tammy Finch, 58, of Oklahoma City will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2023 at the Washington Cemetery. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Ms. Finch died March 5, 2023.

Tammy Alicia Finch was born on May 14, 1964 in Norman, the daughter of Troy Lee Finch and Brenda Finch (Boettler).

Survivors include her son, Cliff Owens and wife, Brenna, of Oklahoma City; mother, Brenda Quilin and husband, Carlos, of Seminole; her siblings, Amy Ardrey and husband, Dave, and Chad Finch, all of Norman and Richard Finch of Washington and three grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Helen Price

Helen Price, 84, of Purcell, passed away March 1, 2023 in Oklahoma City.

Rose Helen Shepherd was born on November 10, 1938 to Albert Doyle Shepherd and Jewell Rebecca Shepherd (Burgett) in Chester, Arkansas. Her family eventually made their way to the Oklahoma City area, which is where Helen met Don Price at a Dairy Queen in Midwest City. Don and Helen quickly hit it off and were married on December 1, 1956. They moved to Alaska in 1959 and made it their home for 12 years enjoying the beauty of God's creation all around them.

In 1971 Helen and her family made their way back to Oklahoma, settling near Lake Texoma where they enjoyed life on the water. Eventually the family made their way to Purcell where Don built the lake house that they would call home for years to come.

Helen was a talented musician and singer. She traveled all over performing gospel and country classics with her neighbor Sheila Zaber. They sang in nursing homes and senior centers under the name "The Harvest Time Singers" and loved spreading the joy of music.

Helen truly had the traveling bug, she loved all trips, whether they were short, long, planned, or spur of the moment. You never knew where you might wind up when you jumped in the car with her, but she made every trip enjoyable. When Helen wasn't on the road, she loved playing BINGO. She would never tell if she won or lost- she'd just say "you should've come."

She had a caring heart that led her to work in the home health field. She worked in the Purcell area for several years and took great pride in the help she was able to give others. Helen loved the outdoors, fishing, camping, spending summers at the lake, and visiting the old Homestead in Alaska.

She was a woman of great faith and loved attending church over the years, most recently she called Payne Baptist Church home. Helen was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother who will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Don Price; her parents, Albert and Jewell Shepherd and her siblings, Janett Enos, Russell Shepherd, Billy Shepherd, Barbara Shepherd, Sue Stoliby, Lloyd Shepherd and Michael Shepherd.

She is survived by her siblings, Odis Shepherd, David Shepherd and Judy Carroll of Alma, Arkansas; her children, Vernon Price and Joe Price of Purcell and Jaynee Schones of Edmond; her grandchildren, Josh Dodson of Yukon, Al Price of Zionsville, Indiana, Shane Chadwell and Syndey Flowers and spouse, Jessey, of Norman; two great-grandchildren, Anna and Luna Flowers, and several nieces and nephews.

Helen and Don both were especially loved and cared for by her niece and guardian angel Betty Smith of Lexington. The family would like to extend a special thanks to close friend Carolyn Brown who provided indispensable help in their time of need while caring for Helen's hip injury.

Private family services will be held at a later time.

Online condolences may be made at www.wilsonlittle.com.

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Chasity Kay Simmons

Chasity Kay Simmons died March 1, 2023, in Shawnee, Oklahoma at the age of 37 years 11 months 7 days. Funeral services were held Monday, March 6, 2023, at Wadley's Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Lexington Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made, and service livestreamed at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Chasity was born March 25, 1985, in Hearne, Texas, to Martha (Simmons) and Verdon Jones. She was raised and attended school in Wayne.

Chasity was a member of the Church of the First Born and baptized into the faith on February 25, 2001, by her uncle, Brother Danny Skinner. She enjoyed arts and crafts, especially crocheting and beading. Chasity loved spending time with her family, eating or just visiting.

Chasity is preceded in death by grandparents, Earl and Mary Luceal Skinner; her aunts and uncles, Danny and Barbara Skinner, Doris and Monroe Harris, Nora Belle Simmons, Sharon Rosengarten and Mary Simmons and numerous cousins.

Survivors include her mother, Martha Jones of Wayne; her daughters, Haylie Simmons of Lexington and Ashley Hayles of Wanette; her siblings, Gracie Lee and husband, Mike, of Wayne and their children, Abigail and Andrew; Shane Simmons of Norman and his children, Conner, Kylie and Karissa; her aunts and uncles, Rhonda Fulton and husband, Gregg, of Texas, Rene Ivey of Purcell and Earl Simmons of Lexington; and numerous cousins and other relatives and friends.

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Virgil William Tague

Graveside funeral services for Virgil William Tague, 95, of Washington were held Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at the Washington Cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Tague passed away Saturday, March 4, 2023.

Virgil was born October 23, 1927 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Virgil Tague Sr. and Mary (Ryan) Tague. He spent his early years in Altus, before moving to Tonkawa to live with Uncle Russel and Aunt Jack, after his mother's sudden passing. While living in Tonkawa, his female relatives gave him the nickname "Big Boy." He returned to Altus, joining his family, to attend high school.

Only a sophomore, he answered the call of service to his country, and urged his parents to sign for him. He entered the United States Army on February 28, 1946, and served his country proudly during the remainder of World War II.

Back home in Oklahoma, Virgil kept a promise to his mother, and went back to high school and enlisted in the Oklahoma National Guard. He graduated high school in 1948, and then attended Oklahoma Baptist University on the GI Bill.

He graduated from OBU with a Finance and Accounting Degree, and began working as a Bank Examiner for the State Banking Commission. His work took him all over the state, checking the banks' books and making sure they operated within the state's banking regulations.

After 3-1/2 years, Virgil left his examiner job and went to work for Del State Bank in Del City. At the time, he was living in a brand-new complex on North Pennsylvania in Oklahoma City when he met Sally Turner, a young lady from Washington. They met at a pool party, and the rest as they say is history.

Virgil and Sally were married on February 11, 1966 in Oklahoma City. Together they raised two sons, Mark and David. In 1977, Virgil was named Del State Bank president, and served in that capacity until 1980. He retired from Del State Bank in 1982, but because his family was too young, he went back to work at First National Bank in Midwest City, where he was an officer and director until his retirement.

Away from the bank, Virgil enjoyed life on the ranch, working cattle and tractor time. He was partners with his father-in-law in the family cattle business, and moving to Washington brought him closer to his sons and his grandchildren.

He was honest, and enjoyed his work and the many friendships he developed throughout the years. He would tell you he was a blessed man, and he cherished his family. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Tague; his parents, Virgil Sr. and Roxie Tague and a sister, Clara June Orr.

Virgil is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sally Tague; his boys, Mark Tague and wife, Scarlett, of Washington and David Tague and wife, Melinda, of Washington; brother, Larry Tague and wife Harlene of Germantown, Tenn.; six grandchildren, Zach Tague, Seth Tague, Turner Tague, Lily Tague, Taos Tague and Ashton Upshaw and husband, Chance; his great-granddaughter, Eleanor Mae Upshaw and a host of other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the First Baptist Church of Washington's Before and After School Program. Donations can be sent to 100 S. Main Street, Washington, OK 73093.

Online condolences may be made at www.wilsonlittle.com.

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Kenneth Doyle Thomas

Kenneth Doyle Thomas died February 26, 2023, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 91 years 5 months 11 days. Graveside services were held Friday, March 3, 2023, at Fairview Maguire Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Kenneth was born September 15, 1931, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Roy and Lucy (Frisby) Thomas. He was raised in Oklahoma City, graduating from Captiol Hill High School in 1949.

Kenneth continued his education at the Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Theological Seminary, earning his Bachelors in Speech and Language, as well as his Bdiv in Theology.

On January 14, 1956, Kenneth married Ruth Nelson in Oklahoma City. He worked for American Airlines as an Programmer until his retirement in 2001. Kenneth enjoyed history, Western Americana, travel, collies, horses, book collecting and classic movies.

He and Ruth loved to travel and collect books, rocks and small memorabilia. Kenneth loved to learn and made lists of his books and movies to include historical information about them. He loved home, Ruth, his family and his grandchildren.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Lucy Thomas; his son, Kenneth "Kenny" D. Thomas II; his sisters, Nadine, Norma and Carolyn; and his wife of 65 years, Ruth (Nelson) Thomas.

Survivors include his daughter, Kerry Ruth Pittman of Owasso; his granddaughter, Rachel Darline Pittman of Owasso; his grandson, Toby Dwayne Thomas and wife, Kayci, of Norman; his daughter-in-law, Karie Thomas of Edmond; his great-grandson, Detrick Thomas of Norman; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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ODOT:

Avenue lighting project and to construct two hangars at the Purcell Municipal Airport for \$725,158.

Arby's, that is going in at 2010 South Green Avenue, was granted approval for a permit for an underground gas line under Green Avenue.

April budget meeting will be held April 25 and 26 at 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

Than Maynard was appointed to the Planning Commission to take the place of Del Pedlow.

In city manager Dale Bunn's report the council was informed of letters for right of way acquisitions for the I-35 access ramp project have gone out. The South Canadian lift station project is on track and the new medical office building will open March 20.

ODOT has been asked to do a traffic study for putting up signage and putting in a crosswalk for students crossing Green Avenue near the Hallmark Mobile Home Park.

Bids for the Main Street Scape project will go out in April with the project expected to be completed by November.

Playground equipment is in for the playground at the city

lake. Parks and Recreation Supervisor John Blue said dirt work is being completed and the installation crew will soon be on the ground.

Councilman Allen Eubanks instructed Bunn to acquire better audio equipment for the livestreaming of council meetings.

Mayor Graham Fishburn asked about the sign on I-35 for the hospital that was recently damaged in a storm.

The council was informed the sign would be repaired.

Vice mayor Ted Cox inquired about fireworks sellers putting up a deposit with regards to sales taxes on their sales.

In the public works portion of the meeting Bunn said due to the rising cost of materials and some portions of the project having to be redone the new hospital project is \$1,000,000 over budget. 2020 bonds were used to fund the project and some funds from 2019 bonds have been used.

"The city is in good financial shape," Bunn confirmed.

The PPWA trustees voted to approve soliciting bids for test holes and a new water supply well at the Lexington well field.

Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between February 23-March 1, 2023.

Traffic

Deric S. Canary, no insurance.
Mackenzie L. Cottrell, no child restraint.
Jose A. Delgado Ramirez, speeding, 100/70.
Joseph D. Alcorn, improper tag display.
Davione Moore, no valid driver's license.
Jace T. Cole, speeding, 80/70.
Shelton L. Carter, operator not reasonable and proper.
Shelton L. Carter, DUS.
Shelton L. Carter, alter license plate.
Alexander B. Price, speeding, 90/80.
Jerry J. Miller, improper tag display.
Jerry J. Miller, no insurance.
Jerry J. Miller, DUS (2nd offense).
Anthony N. Rodesney, speeding, 102/65.
Chad W. Bilyeu, overweight on interstate (bridge formula).
Leonard A. Buster, overweight on interstate (bridge formula).
John M. Foreman, overweight on interstate (bridge formula).
Derrick E. Jackson, overweight on interstate (bridge formula).
Jeffrey A. Cline, no seatbelt.
Yudy J. Brito-Martinez Jr., speeding, 93/75.
Dewey D. Gandy, taxes due state.
Harold Rivera, speeding, 85/75.
Keesha L. Pete, taxes due state.
Marcus W. Loughridge, taxes due state.
Michael A. Cerny, crossing center strip.

Misdemeanors

Emmanuel A. Moran, possession of CDS - marijuana.
Natascha M. Cruz, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.
Amber G. Jennings, trespass after being forbidden.
Anaziah N. Woodfork, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.
Anthony N. Rodesney, reckless driving.
Austyn K. Thomas, possession of CDS - marijuana.
Austyn K. Thomas, possession of CDS (marijuana and xanax).
Vaniver H. Young, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Felonies

Michael A. Marand, unlawful possession of controlled drug with intent to distribute (hydrocodone and adderal).
Mary J. Wood, burglary, third degree.
Robert W. Byers, domestic assault and battery by strangulation.
Craig A. Phelps, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.
Baldomero D. Sanchez, acquire proceeds from drug activity.
Christopher Lira, acquire proceeds from drug activity.
Jonathan Lira-Ortega, acquire proceeds from drug activity.
Dusti N. Rickert, possession of stolen vehicle.
Cardavian T. Edwards, unlawful

possession of controlled drug with intent to distribute (marijuana).

Conner E. Creel, failure to register as sex offender.

Small Claims

Tammy Burgard vs. Shawn Deatherage, small claims under \$5000.
Riverview Est. Homeowners vs. Signature Holdings, LLC., small claims under \$5000.
Doyle Domers vs. Dusti N. Rickert, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
Walnut Creek Apartments vs. Madeline G. Little, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
Hallmark Estates vs. Reva Babby, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
Chad Louvar vs. Jessica Martin, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
Carole Strickland vs. Metro Appliance Repair, small claims under \$5000.

Civil

Discover Bank vs. Jacob W. Albertsen, civil action \$10,000 or less.
OneMain Financial Group LLC vs. Cristian Locke, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Synchrony Bank vs. Vickie L. Hatchel, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Citibank NA vs. Sarah D. Gattis, civil action \$10,000 or less.
LVNV Funding LLC vs. Barbara Murphy, civil action \$10,000 or less.
LVNV Funding LLC vs. Cody Claunch, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. John Maurer, civil action \$10,000 or less.
LVNV Funding LLC vs. Christy Thompson, civil action \$10,000 or less.
LVNV Funding LLC vs. Joseph A. Davis, civil action \$10,000 or less.
PYOD LLC vs. Nathan A. Harrington, civil action \$10,000 or less.
UHG I LLC vs. Becky Leader, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Midfirst Bank vs. Kenneth R. Green, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Discover Bank vs. Jonathan T. Bonner, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Jared Roberts vs. Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Synchrony Bank vs. Duc T. Ha, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Tidewater Finance Co vs. Claude Gregory, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Jim Frazier vs. Terry Sanders, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Discover Bank vs. Jean A. Satterwhite, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Raul Sanchez vs. Casey Wells and Wolf Creek Homeowners, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Marriages Filed
Roger L. Seger Jr., 47, and Jamie R. Claunch, 41, both of Blanchard.
Jason G. Howes, 37, and Lodeana R. Brister, 32, both of Blanchard.
Landon P. Wilkey, 20, and Madison N. Delaplain, 20, both of Wynnewood.
Brandon K. Norman, 42, and Karly N. Morris-Childress, 38, both of Blanchard.
Jacob P. Tilley, 27, and Alexandra K. Klingler, 27, both of Moore.
Divorces Granted
Chelsie Taylor vs. Trevor Troxell.
Levi D. Smith vs. Jessica L. Smith.

Deadline to request absentee ballot April 4 election approaches

Voters in McClain County who want absentee ballots mailed to them for the April 4 Board of Education General/Statutory Municipal General Election should apply now, County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said today.

Absentee ballots are available to any registered voter, provided they are eligible to vote in the election requested. No excuse is needed to vote by absentee ballot.

The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is 5 p.m. Monday, March 20. Voters can submit a request using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp.

Request forms are also available at oklahoma.gov/elections and at the County Election Board office located at 121 N. 2nd Ave. in Purcell.

Haley reminds voters to allow time for an absentee ballot to be received, completed, and returned by mail to the County Election Board.

“With some exceptions, all absentee ballots must be notarized before being returned. Voters should give themselves plenty of time to make sure all steps have been followed and that the ballot is returned correctly in order to be counted,” Haley said.

Voters exempt from having an absentee ballot affidavit notarized include those who are physically incapacitated and those who care for physically incapacitated individuals who cannot be left alone. Those voters must have their absentee ballot affidavit witnessed by two people.

Military personnel and residents living overseas, along

with their spouses and dependents are also eligible for certain allowances. Military personnel should contact Voting Service Officers in their units for absentee application forms.

Residents living overseas may obtain absentee voting applications from any United States military installation or United States Embassy or Consulate. Military personnel and overseas citizens who are already registered voters in Oklahoma may apply for absentee ballots using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp.

Those who need to complete a new Voter Registration Application should apply through the Federal Voting Assistance Program at FVAP.gov.

All completed absentee ballots must be in the hands of the County Election Board no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.

The McClain County Election Board is located at 121 N. 2nd Ave and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For questions, please contact the Election Board at 405-527-3121 or mcclaincounty@elections.ok.gov.



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Grand Champion barrow

Tucker Bloodworth showed the Grand Champion barrow in the Purcell Livestock Show. His premium at the Bonus Auction was \$1,250 purchased by Double D Welding.



• Photo provided

Grand Champion ewe

Bentlee Nicklas showed the Grand Champion ewe in the Purcell Livestock Show. Her premium at the Bonus Auction was \$650 purchased by Ron Davis Insurance.



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Site Address Section R319

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These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters.

Numbers shall be a minimum of four inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch (12.7 mm).

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Family?
Parents and brother.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?
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Bonus:

heifer, Myah Padilla with the Bronze Medallion barrow, Blane Nicklas with the Bronze Medallion ewe and Grady Fox with the Bronze Medallion gilt.

And Carter Thomas-Keen with the Champion Horned Hereford heifer, Ashtyn Ward with the Breed Champion light cross barrow, Kacin Bass with the Breed Champion light cross gilt and Jaxon Staggs with the Champion percentage Red Angus heifer.

And, Grady Andrews with the Reserve Breed Champion duroc barrow and Emma Kenyon with the Bronze Medallion dark cross gilt.

Also, Carli Thomas-Keen with the Reserve Champion horned Hereford heifer, Hudson Andrews with the Reserve Breed dark cross barrow, Kyleigh Green with the Bronze Medallion Berkshire gilt and Avery Staggs with the Breed Champion Red Angus heifer.

And, Collier Goad with the Breed Champion spot barrow and Sylas Dalton with the Breed Champion spot gilt.

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DTS:

of Daylight Savings Time at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you turn in Saturday night and you will be right on time for Sunday School and church.

The United States first implemented DST in 1918 to extend the work day while saving fuel and resources in World War I.

With the Armistice, Congress repealed DST. But it was adopted again during World War II.

In 1966, the Uniform Time Act set the nation on its present time change course.

Standard time will resume at 2 a.m. November 5.

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School:

the contract with the school’s auditor.

Board members voted to send teacher and administrators to the National Professional Learning Communities Conference in July at Fort Smith, Ark.

Funding for the \$23,000 for 18 teachers and administrators will come from Title 1 funds.

Approval for repairs to the elementary gymnasium passed the board to the tune of \$26,000 to Native Construction and Roofing and \$6,429 to Clayco Industries.

Board members applauded the service of Bill Smith, Jr. who was attending his last board meeting. He will be replaced after the April election by Mary Webb who ran unopposed for his seat.

The board tabled an agreement with the City of Purcell for use of the tennis courts during school hours.

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Guilty:

Toombs was strangled to death. The second phase of the trial began Wednesday in McClain County District Court

before District Judge Leah Edwards.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty in the case.

The Finkbeiner case was one of two murder trials on the most recent docket.

The other case was resolved earlier when jurors found Azlea Senft and Zachary Tyler Musett guilty of killing Michael McGuffee in October of 2021.

They were sentenced to life without parole for the murder and were handed a 35 year sentence for first degree arson.

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Tornadoes:

in an EF5 tornado. But first, remember, there are no public storm shelters in Purcell.

McClain County is smack in the middle of Tornado Alley so keeping advised is essential for watches and warnings.

According to FEMA, these are the steps to take and things to not do:

- Take shelter immediately if there is a tornado warning.

- Immediately go to a safe location such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar or a small interior room on the lowest level of a sturdy building.

- Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls.

- Protect yourself by covering your head or neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around or on top of you.

- Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car.

- Do not go under an overpass or bridge. You’re safer in a low, flat location.

- Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death.

- Even after a tornado passes, it’s important to stay alert and use caution when clearing debris.

- Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines.

- Wear appropriate gear during clean-up, such as thick-soled shoes, long pants and work gloves, and use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris.

- Do not enter damaged buildings until you are told they are safe.

Keep cell phones charged and report to authorities if you have a shelter so they can search for you in case of an event.

Prepare now. Know your area’s tornado risk. In the U.S., the Midwest and the Southeast have a greater risk for tornadoes.

Know the signs of a tornado, including a rotating, funnel-

shaped cloud, an approaching cloud of debris or a loud roar—similar to a freight train.

Sign up for your community’s warning system. In McClain County, contact McClain County Emergency Management at 288-2064 or online at <http://mcclain-co-ok.us/offices/emergency-management/> and sign up for Everbridge.

The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts. If your community has sirens, then become familiar with the warning tone.

Pay attention to weather reports. Meteorologists can predict when conditions might be right for a tornado.

Identify and practice going to a safe shelter in the event of high winds, such as a safe room or storm shelter. The next best protection is a small, interior, windowless room on the lowest level of a sturdy building.

Take additional cover by shielding your head and neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around you.

Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions.

Do not try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle. If you are in a car or outdoors and cannot get to a building, cover your head and neck with your arms and cover your body with a coat or blanket, if possible.

- Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines. Do not enter damaged buildings until you are told that they are safe.

Save your phone calls for emergencies. Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. Use text messaging or social media to communicate with family and friends.

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Neighbor:

building at 1233 West Lindsay Street in Norman. That’s where 10 employees and countless volunteers assist hundreds of veterans and surviving spouses through their claims process every week.

Through the use of Dale’s own “Evidence Based Claims System”, 50-60 veterans who are 10-90 percent disabled begin receiving their benefits each week while upwards of 15 veterans who are 90-100 percent disabled begin receiving their benefits weekly.

Volunteers go through individual veterans medical records with a fine tooth comb to gather evidence linking their health problems directly to their time in service.

This is a timely process that requires patience and commitment. Dale advises all veterans going through the claims process to stay with it and “don’t give up.”

The Dale K. Graham Foundation wouldn’t be where it is today without the help of founding members and dedicated volunteers like Rhonda Reynolds and Harold Reed, both have been with Dale since the beginning.

Growing a non-profit of this caliber requires dynamic leaders.

The current board president is Colonel Chuck DeBellevue, a highly decorated Air Force veteran and an “ACE” pilot.

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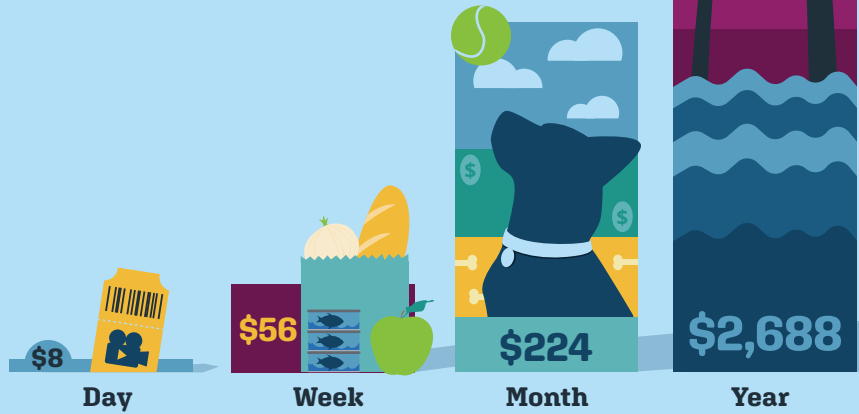
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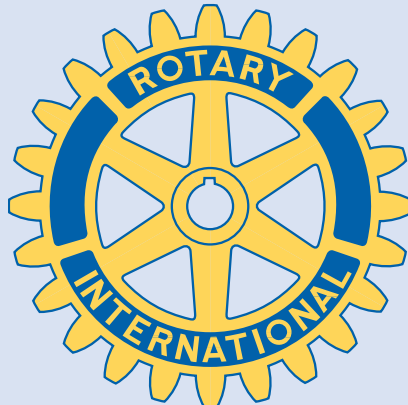
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Senior leadership

Washington senior Kyndall Wells handles the ball for the Warriors during their 63-49 win over Luther in the Area championship. Wells scored 14 points in the game. The Warriors play Silo at 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Big House on the State Fairgrounds.

State bound

Washington girls going dancing at Big House

JohnDennyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington Warriors defeated Luther 63-49 in the Area tournament championship to punch their ticket to the State basketball tournament.

The Warriors used good defense and a barrage of three pointers down the stretch to stun their opponent.

“We played well to begin the game but didn’t handle ourselves very well late in the first quarter and to close the half,” said head coach Kale Simon. “We lost girls in transition and didn’t talk to each other.”

With a 28-25 lead at half-time the Warriors refocused for the start of the third quarter.

“We collected ourselves and did a better job guarding,” Simon said. The stops led to

several threes in a span that allowed us to pull away.”

Senior Kyndall Wells splashed a trio of shots from behind the arc and finished the game with 14 points.

“Wells hit three big threes in a small span in a big stretch

scored 12.

Big House

Washington plays Silo tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in the opening round of the State tournament.

The Rebels are led by talented senior Tiani Ellison.

We played well to begin the game but didn’t hand ourselves very well late in the first quarter and to close the half.

— **Kale Simon, head coach**

for us,” Simon said. “Preslee Johnson hit one early in the fourth quarter and Rielyn Scheffe hit one to seal the deal in the fourth quarter.”

Kelby Beller scored a team-high 15 points.

Johnson and Scheffe both

“They’re good,” Simon confirmed. “(Ellison) averages about 30 points a game. We have to get locked in on making her basketball life as

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Dragons optimistic about season

Eye building on last year’s late momentum

JohnDennyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

Expectations are high in the Purcell baseball camp after a strong finish last season.

Graduation plucked a bevy of key players off last year’s squad that finished 23-11 including Creed Smith, Hayden Harp, Brodrick Smith and Nate Willis.

Coach Cole Sharp, who begins his sixth season at the helm of the Dragons, welcomes seniors Zach Idlett and Logan Roberts back to provide

leadership.

Idlett and Roberts will both play in the infield and pitch.

“Zach will be a big key piece for us because of his leadership,” Sharp said of the two-year returning starter. “Logan didn’t start until halfway through the season and never looked back.”

Sharp is counting on a pair of juniors to anchor the outfield in Jett Tyler and Drew Kimbrell.

Tyler will be manning the left field slot while Kimbrell will roam in center field.

“Jett is kind of like Logan,” Sharp said. “He didn’t start until the halfway mark last year and never looked back. Jett had some key hits last for us and we are excited to have him back. Drew has played a lot for us the last two years.”

In addition to playing center, Kimbrell will also see duty on the mound.

Sharp is high on sophomore utility player Parker Page.

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Purcell Slow-pitch 2023

March	Opponent	Site	Time	V/JV
10	NRC Tournament	NRC	10/3/4:15	V
10	Vanoss	Home	6:30	JH/HS
11-20	Spring Break Practice		TBA	
20	Vanoss	Home	5/6:30	JH/HS
21	Newcastle/Washington	NRC	6:30/8	HS
23	Bethel	Home	5/6:30	JH/HS
27	Tecumseh/Blanchard	Home	5/7	HS
28	Dale/Harrah	Away	5	HS
30	Lindsay	Away	5/6:30	JH/HS
April				
3	Conference All Star game	OBU	TBA	
6-7	Washington/Purcell Tourn. Both			HS
10	Norman North	Away	5	HS (2)
11	Blanchard	Away	5	JH/HS
14	Deer Creekw/Cache	Away	5	HS
17	Moore Festival	Away	TBA	HS
20	Lindsay	Home	5/6:30	JH/HS
21	District			
24	Noman High	Away	5	HS
27-28	Regionals	TBA	TBA	HS
May				
4-5	State			

Tons of depth

Season begins Friday in NRC Tournament

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Depth is the key word for the 2023 Purcell slow-pitch softball team.

Coach Sarah Jones begins her eighth season at the helm of the Dragons and welcomes 18 players on the roster.

“For the first time in a long time the majority of our fast-pitch girls are playing slow-pitch,” the coach said.

Returning players include senior Kyleigh Wells, ju-

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2023 Purcell Baseball



Adrian Dominguez
1 Sr.



Carter Goldston
3 Jr.



Jett Tyler
4 Jr.



Drew Kimbrell
6 Jr.



Deaken Dobbins
7 Fr.



Logan Nelson
8 Jr.



Logan Roberts
9 Sr.



Zach Idlett
11 Sr.



Sloan Jackson
12 Fr.



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13 Sr.



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14 Jr.



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19 Jr.



Carter Bennett
20 Fr.



Bryce Blair
21 Fr.



Parker Page
22 So.



Tucker Bloodworth
24 So.



Boston Knowles
25 So.



Colt Taylor
27 Jr.



Kevin Garcia
28 Sr.



Cole Sharp
Head coach



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2023 Purcell Slow-pitch



Anika Raper
4 Fr.



Hannah Whitaker
8 So.



Aubrey Elmore
9 Fr.



Kaylin Vasquez
10 Fr.



Ella Resendiz
14 So.



Payci Constant
15 Jr.



Haley Kretchmar
16 Jr.



Rosie Smith
17 Fr.



Josie Kretchmar
18 Fr.



Cora Vasquez
19 Sr.



Isabella Walker
20 Fr.



Kyleigh Wells
21 Sr.



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22 Jr.



Kelly Anderson
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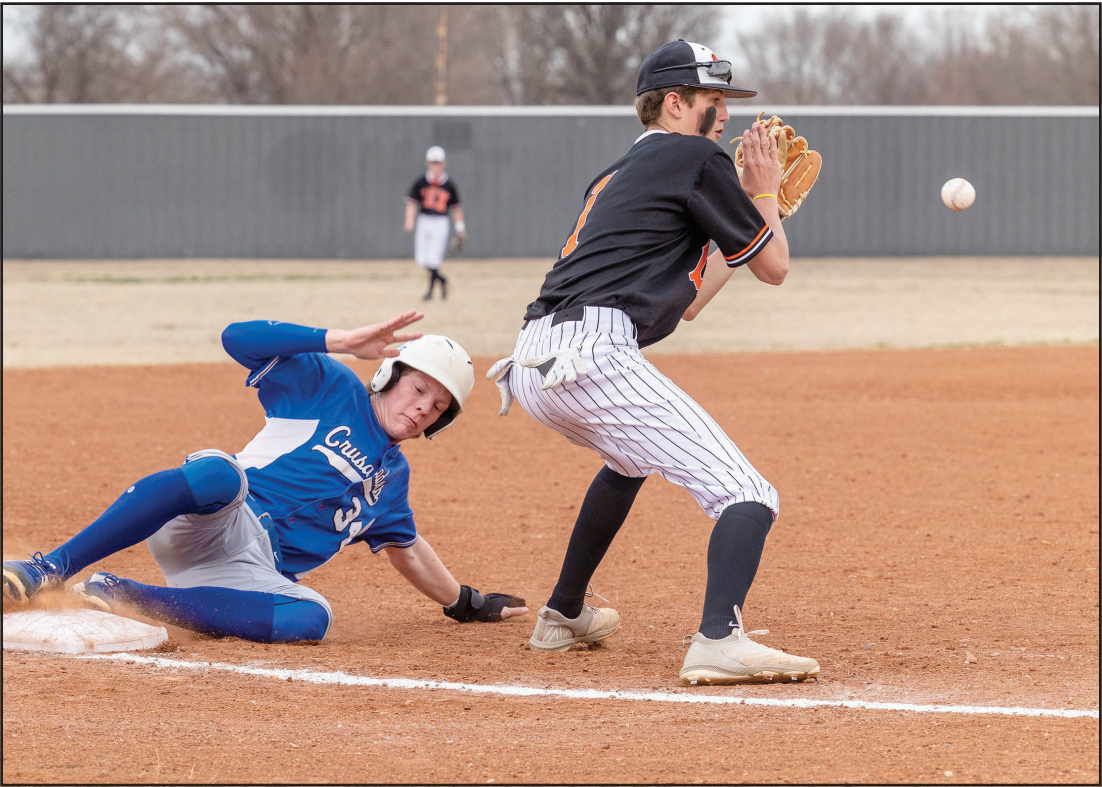
Kimberly Carillo
28 Fr.



MacKenzie McKay
33 Fr.



Lili Del Toro
88 Fr.



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Hot corner

Lexington junior Ty Mixon mans third base during the Bulldogs' game against Christian Heritage. Lexington fell 8-3.

A new face for Lexington

Ryan Blaine at the helm for Bulldog baseball

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

A new face is leading the Lexington baseball team. Ryan Blaine, a 1993 graduate of Tuttle High School, has nearly 25 years of coaching experience. He's most recently been at a Shawnee middle school.

He played baseball at OBU from 1993 to 1997 and was a member of the 1996 team that played in the College World Series.

"I learned baseball from my dad at a young age and I just had that baseball IQ," Blaine said.

He will bring his knowledge and experience to the Bulldogs, who were knocked out of the postseason in 2022 by Kiefer. They had a 7-24 record.

"One thing we'll have to work on is the 'we belong' mind set. The guys have committed to a willingness to do the things I'm asking and approach

the game the way I coach."

Last year's team lost just one senior, Gus Turnpaugh, so Blaine will have a team full of guys with some experience under their belt.

"We're sophomore and junior-heavy. They'll carry us this season. A few freshmen will see varsity action, too," Blaine said. Senior Ezra Faulkenberry is the team's "security blanket", according to Blaine. He'll be in center field.

Corbin Perry, Zeke Faulkenberry, Logan Carroll, Hunter Olson and Kaden Wells will split time in the outfield also.

Junior Drew Dierking will be an anchor on the infield. He will be the man on the mound some and spend time at shortstop.

Ty Mixon will be at third, Dax Beason will be at second, Skylar Rollins will be at first. Payton Arnold and freshman

Cale Garver will have catcher duties.

Blaine also mentioned freshman Colby Haynes.

"He's a special freshman. He'll play all over the field. He's a baseball player and can play anywhere."

Lexington started their season Saturday with a 7-1 loss to Meeker.

"We made some mistakes in the field and we just did not throw enough strikes," Blaine said.

Offensively, the coach said his guys got a hold of the ball in their at-bats, but the balls were hit right to Meeker.

They dropped a 8-3 decision with Christian Heritage on Monday. They were slated to play again on Tuesday.

Blaine said he's optimistic about the season but that Lexington's margin for error was small.

"We've set some goals for ourselves and they're definitely attainable. We want to make a Regional tournament and to do that we'll have to place top 4 in our District. We have a tough district, so we'll have to capitalize when we get opportunities."

Slow-pitch season underway

Lexington home opener was Tuesday against Davis

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Head coach Monty Ervin has taken the reins of the Lady 'Dawgs slow-pitch team.

This is his first year with Lexington though he's not new to coaching. Ervin has nearly 20

years of coaching experience

which included his most recent stint at Burns Flat.

He coached fast-pitch in the fall and he's back as the head

guy for slow-pitch.

Ervin is confident that his girls will be competitive.

"We've had three scrimmages and we've handled all three. If we can stay healthy, we'll be pretty good," he said.

He has a team that is mostly

back from last year. They were

knocked out of the District tournament by Calera in 2022.

Seniors who are back are Leslie Barber, Izzy Pack and Alexis Feuerborn.

Barber is returning from an injury and Ervin has her slated to pitch. Pack will once again be a mainstay in the outfield.

Juniors on the team include Kiely Givens, who will also see time in the circle, Marissa Northrup at second base, Abi Clifton and Abby Sample, both of whom will be in the outfield.

Filling out the remaining infield spots are junior Allie Holler at catcher, McKenzie Manuel at short stop and Brodie Anderson at third. Givens will man first when she's not pitching.

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We need to know that we can go out there and win. We have to have a winning mindset.

— Monty Ervin, head coach

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2023 Lexington Slow-pitch



Jocelyn Senn
1, Fr.



Leslie Barber
2, Sr.



Marisa Northrup
3, Jr.



Brodie Anderson
4, Fr.



Izzy Pack
6, Sr.



Mackenzie Manuel
9, Fr.



Mackenzie McDonald
12, Fr.



Abi Clifton
13, Jr.



Kiely Givens
14, Jr.



Baylee Rillema
15, So.



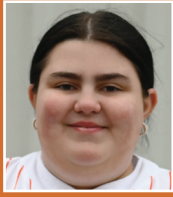
Alie Holler
16, Jr.



Hannah Garrett
19, So.



Lexie Torres
24, Fr.



Alexis Feuerborn
27, Sr.



Abby Sample
33, Jr.



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Fourth place

Lexington's Cilee Turner placed fourth at 190 pounds in the recent State Tournament at State Fair Arena. She carved out a 36-6 record this year. Cilee was State Runner-up last year and will be hunting a title next year as a senior.

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The Ice Man

Purcell senior Hayden Ice shoots a layup against Prague In the Area tournament. The Dragons lost to the Red Devils 46-44. Ice scored 23 points in the game.

Dragons bow out of playoffs

Both boys and girls lose in Area Consolation finals

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell’s boys and girls both bowed out of post-season basketball play in the Area Tournament consolation finals last Saturday night at Ada.

Coach Roger Raper’s boys finished with championship trophies from the Madill Tournament to the Verdigris Tournament, the Heart of Oklahoma Tournament, the Canadian Valley Conference, District and Regional Tournaments, closing out the year 24-4.

The Dragons were edged by No. 6 Prague in the Area Finals Friday night, 46-44. They turned around and played Hugo on Saturday night with the Buffaloes winning, 50-30.

Hayden Ice led the scoring with 25 points in the two games. He had 23 in the Prague game but was limited to one first quarter bucket in the Hugo contest. Malachi Evans led the offensive against Hugo with 10.

“We reached a No. 1 ranking and a regular season record of 21-2,” Raper said. “That’s a resume to certainly be proud of for any team. I wanted so bad for these guys to achieve

our main goal of making it to the Big House.

“It is painful and we are all disappointed for the season to end as it did,” Raper continued. “These guys poured everything they had into this program and they have nothing to hang their head about. The memories they have made will last a lifetime. To accomplish what the Dragons did this year is no small feat.

“It takes a team that becomes a family and battles through all types of obstacles throughout the year,” the coach said.

“It takes sacrifices not easy to make for the betterment of your team and not just your own objectives. 24-4 is a record any coach would take every year and that is what these young men delivered for Purcell High School and this wonderful community. I am super proud of each and every one of our guys,” Raper said.

The senior class of Lincoln Eubank, Malachi Evans, Hayden Renfro, Brody Galyean and Hayden Ice had a four year record of 82-23 and were 49-5 in conference play.

“These guys have been great

leaders for our younger kids and will be missed,” Raper confirmed.

Coach Toney Cooper’s Dragons bowed out of postseason play with a 61-53 loss in the Area Consolation finals at the hands of Silo, the same team that beat them in the Regional finals.

Kenna Esparza buried four treys in the contest enroute to a team-high 24 points.

Silo countered with their big post girl Tiani Ellison swabbing the deck in the paint for 31 points.

“Kenna played one of the best games I have ever witnessed,” Cooper said. “She did everything she could to keep us in the game.

“In the end, we just did not get enough stops. We knew going in that Tiani Ellison was a handful to contain. The key was eliminating scoring of the other players. We allowed key buckets by them and it was a determining factor in the game. No doubt, our girls fought hard and I am so proud of them. To know we were only eight points away from punching our ticket to state hurts deeply, but also shows how close we are to taking the next steps.”

Purcell defeated Holdenville 72-68 with four players scoring in double figures.

Ella Resendiz led the way with 18 followed by Lauren Holmes and Haven Buchanan with 12 apiece and Hannah Whitaker with 11.

The Dragons lit up Lone Grove in the second round of the consolation bracket knocking off the Longhorns, 68-29.

The Dragons jumped out to a 26-1 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back. They held the Longhorns to single digit scoring in three of the four periods.

Ella Resendiz led the Dragon offense with 14. She was joined in double digits by Tinley Winters with 11.

“While I loved how we played against Holdenville, I was not happy at all with our defensive efforts. We gave up 68 and my message to the team was if we want to make it any further we had to come out focused on getting stops. We held Lone Grove to 29 points, while continuing our explosiveness on offense. Our bigs, Tinley and Ella led us. Every player who stepped on the court contributed. I was truly proud of our effort defensively.

“This year was better than I anticipated and these kids for sure exceeded my expectations,” Cooper concluded.

Wayne slow-pitch is back

Lots of familiar faces out there for the Lady Bulldogs

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Wayne slow pitch team opened their season last week at Union City on Friday. They had games with the Lady Tigers and Hinton. They dropped both games, 13-1 to Union City and 15-7 to Hinton.

They were in Chickasha earlier this week for the Dibble Festival. Their season opener at Asher was canceled due to rain.

Head coach Nikki Herrin is in her first season as the slow-pitch coach and she has high hopes for the season ahead.

“This is a great group. There is a lot of camaraderie and the upper classmen have high softball IQ. The younger girls

will continue to build on their knowledge as they get more experience and play games,” Herrin said.

A good number of girls are back from last season when the Lady Bulldogs made it to the State tournament. Seniors Macey Trejo, Shyleigh Mantooth and Haiden Parker were all lost to graduation.

“Those three seniors were heavy contributors but we still look really good. We’re a different team but the quality is still there.”

Field positions are still not set in stone in the early season, but Herrin has a solid idea of who she wants where.

Manning the infield will be Kaylee Madden at short stop,

Allison Ryan at third, Addison Keeler at second and Alyssa Hobson at first. Catcher is a position that is still up in the air but Herrin has Zoe Overley and Lily Whitaker in mind.

Outfielders will be Faith Brazell, Jordynn Debaets, Emily Woody and Karsen Adams.

Brysten Shephard will likely start in the circle with Ava Stottlemyre as a backup. Ryan and Madden are also in the pitching rotation, as needed.

Herrin says the schedule is promising and that each game will be a challenge, but not one single game stands out.

Last season Wayne finished with a 28-2 record after being beaten out by Tushka in the State tournament.

Bulldog baseball is underway

7-1 win over Konawa last week, 10-7 loss to Wynnewood on Monday

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Bulldogs kicked off their season last Thursday with a 7-1 win over Konawa.

Thanks to five runs in the fourth inning, Wayne cruised to the win. Aiden Beck, Rhett Kennedy and Jaxon Dill each drove in runs.

Kaleb Madden was on the mound for Wayne. He went five innings and allowed just one run on six hits. He struck out eight.

Beck was aggressive on the basepaths with four stolen bases.

On Monday, Wayne dropped a 10-7 loss to Wynnewood.

The Bulldogs had 10 hits in the loss, but Wynnewood was hot from the first inning. Wayne was up 1-0, but the Savages plated four runs in the bottom of the first to take a lead they would never relinquish.

Madden, Kennedy, Wyatt Webster and Lane Jones each had two hits in the loss.

Despite the most recent loss, Collins is optimistic since he has a bunch of guys back.

“We’re stronger and bigger and we look better as of right now.”

Of course there are also some new faces on the team.

Junior Webster will be at third base. Braden McClendon is back and he will pitch and play center field.

Collins also mentioned Kennedy, 2022 MVP, as a returner at catcher and Madden who is a utility player. Collins also said he’s good at running the bases and will hit lead off.

Sophomores Dill, Ty Kemp and Duke Moore will be starters for the Bulldogs. Dill will be

on the mound and at shortstop.

“Jaxon is a lot bigger and stronger and he’ll throw for us,” Collins said.

Kemp will be at second and hit in the middle of the lineup. Moore will be in the outfield and see some time on the bump.

“Ty is a fundamental guy. He does everything right for us. Duke is another guy who does everything right. He does a good job for us.”

Senior Jones will be at first and hit cleanup for Wayne. Collins said he does a good job in the field and at the plate for the Bulldogs.

Collins said pitching will be his strength as well as having Kennedy behind the plate.

“Rhett is solid at catcher for us. He does a good job at managing the game.”

Errors are the early Achilles heel for the Bulldogs.

“We need to clean up errors in the field and be smarter on the base paths. I thought it might be our bats that needed work, but they were going good against Konawa,” Collins said.

The Bulldogs’ schedule is tough from the start. They were at Wynnewood Monday against a bunch of returning athletic players, then at Elmore City on March 10, who are perennial district winners.

“Wynnewood and Elmore will be two good early tests for us.”

Last season Wayne finished with an 8-14 record and were beat out of Districts by Caddo.

“So far the guys are doing a good job of working hard and they have good attitudes. I’m excited about where we can go this year,” Collins said.



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Attack mode

Purcell sophomore Tinley Winters attacks the rim in the Area tournament during the Dragons’ 72-68 win over Holdenville. Winters scored four points in the game.

Box scores

3/2

Purcell 72
Holdenville 68

Purcell 20 15 18 19—72
Holdenville 13 21 12 22—68

Player	Points
Ella Resendiz	18
Lauren Holmes	12
Haven Buchanan	12
Hannah Whitaker	11
KK Eck	6
Kenna Esparza	6
Tinley Winters	4
Alyssa Thompson	3

3/3

Purcell 68
Lone Grove 29

Purcell 26 18 9 15—68
Lone Grove 1 11 9 8—29

Player	Points
Ella Resendiz	14
Tinley Winters	11
Haven Buchanan	8
Hannah Whitaker	7
Kenna Esparza	6
Lauren Holmes	6
KK Eck	6
Alyssa Thompson	5
Lili Del Toro	4
Jenna Avery	1

3/4

Purcell 53
Silo 61

Purcell 9 16 17 11—53
Silo 14 8 20 19—61

Player	Points
Kenna Esparza	24
Tinley Winters	9
Ella Resendiz	7
Haven Buchanan	6
Lauren Holmes	5
KK Eck	2

3/3

Purcell 44
Prague 46

Purcell 10 8 13 13—44
Prague 11 10 14 11—46

Player	Points
Hayden Ice	23
Malachi Evans	9
Kobe Freeman	6
Lincoln Eubank	4
Brody Galyean	2

3/4

Purcell 30
Hugo 50

Purcell 5 12 3 10—30
Hugo 12 7 16 15—50

Player	Points
Malachi Evans	10
Kobe Freeman	8
Hayden Renfro	3
Lincoln Eubank	3
Noah Mason	2
Brody Galyean	2
Hayden Ice	2

From page 2B

Lex:

team thanks to their athleticism. “We’re athletic and fast. We can chase down a lot of things in the outfield. And we’ll be good in the infield too,” Ervin said.

He’s been pleased with their offense through the scrimmages too.

“If we can keep swinging it, we’ll be OK.”

The biggest obstacle for his team is mind set, Ervin said.

“We need to know that we can go out there and win. We have

to have a winning mind set.

“Slow pitch can be a deceiving sport. One game you go out and score 20. The next you score seven. A key hit can decide the game.”

Ervin and his Lady ‘Dawgs kicked off their schedule at Plainview on Monday. They dropped an 11-1 decision.

They had their home opener against Davis on Tuesday.

A scheduled game with AmPo for Thursday was canceled.

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Hitting a wall

Washington senior Kane Springer stops a Crossings Christian School base runner at home plate during a scrimmage between the two teams. Washington is scheduled to play in Gulf Shores, Ala. over Spring Break.

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Optimism:

“He will kinda’ be that utility guy but mainly will catch and pitch,” Sharp said. “He will play wherever we put him. He is one of those kids who will do whatever you ask him to do. He played and pitched in some big games for us and will be a big piece for us this year.”

Another talented sophomore with plenty of varsity experience is infielder Boston Knowles.

“He started all of last year at shortstop and played a little third as well,” Sharp said. “He’ll also pitch. He didn’t pitch much last year but will be a big part of our pitching staff this year.”

Tucker Bloodworth returns but due to arm issues will be limited to playing first base and will not be pitching as he did for the Dragons as a freshman.

“We’re hopeful to get him back on the mound in the future,” the coach said.

Several positions have players battling for playing time including senior Kevin Garcia and junior Cole Smedley competing for playing time in the outfield.

Sharp said senior Adrian Dominguez will be battling for some infield opportunities and will pitch and DH.

Junior Carter Goldston is penciled in to catch and play some infield, Sharp said. Junior Logan Nelson is competing for the opportunity to see action in the infield while freshman Deaken Dobbin will pitch and play infield as well.

Two other freshmen Bryce Blair and Sloan Jackson are competing for playing time. For Blair it is in the infield while Jackson will play in the outfield.

“We are coming into this year with high expectations, especially coming off the momentum from last year’s finish coming up short one game away from making it to the State Tournament with a young team from last year,” Sharp said. “We

are excited with the team we have and with the experience coming back from last year. I think our strengths will be our experience and defense.

“Just like everybody, the hitting will come as the year goes. We will have some power in this lineup. We have a lot of kids who played in a lot of big games and having their presence back will be key and vital for us to having a successful year,” Sharp concluded.

Purcell Baseball 2023

March	Opponent	Site	Time	V/JV
7	OKC Broncos	Home	5	V/JV
10	Pauls Valley	Away	5	V/JV
16	Sequoyah Claremore	Home	1:30	V/JV
18	Asher/Newcastle	Home	12/5	2 (7)
20	CHA	Away	5	V/JV
21	CHA	Home	5	V/JV
23-25	Chickasha Tournament	Away	TBA	
27	Lexington	Away	5	V/JV
28	Lexington	Home	5	V/JV
31	Little Axe	Home	4	2 (7)
April				
3	Heritage Hall	Away	5	V/JV
4	Heritage Hall	Home	5	V/JV
6-8	Newcastle Tournament	Away	TBA	
10	Holdenville	Home	5	V/JV
11	Holdenville	Away	5	V/JV
13-15	Heart of Oklahoma	Home	TBA	
17	Bethel	Home	5	V/JV
18	Bethel	Away	5	V/JV
20	Lone Grove	Home	5	1 (7)
24	Asher	Away	4:30	V/JV
27-29	District Tournament	TBA	TBA	

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Depth:

niors Kelly Anderson, Payci Constant, Kailynn Helton and sophomores Kyleigh Green, Ella Resendiz and Hannah Whitaker. And freshman Anika Raper.

New this year will be senior Cora Vazquez, junior Haley Kretchmar and a bevy of freshmen.

Those include Lili Del Toro, Aubrey Elmore, Kimberly Carrillo, Josie Kretchmar, Mackenzie McKay, McKinly Miller, Rosie Smith, Kaylin Vazquez and Isabella Walker.

“This is the first year that we truly will have a lot of depth

and a lot of options in multiple positions,” Jones said. “We may be young but we have a lot of talent that will be able to give us a chance to be highly competitive.

Kelly Anderson will be back in the circle for the Dragons with Cora Vazquez and Payci Constant able to come in as backups.

Senior Kyleigh Wells will see some time in the infield and outfield until we find the right fit and lineup,” Jones

confirmed. “This year we are going to focus on mastering the situational aspects of the game on offense and defense and hopefully, our girls can get as many defensive chances as they can, but most importantly compete and have fun.”

Jones and assistant coach Scott Ward are excited to see how the season unfolds.

“We have a chance to go deep into the season and I know the girls are excited as well,” Jones concluded.

The Dragons open the 2023 season Friday in the NRC Tournament.

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State:

hard as possible.”

The coach said their guards can all shoot the three and his team will have to guard inside and outside.

“They’re hard to game plan for because a different girl could go off any night.”

Washington is 25-1 this season.

Boys

The Washington boys saw their season come to an end after a 65-50 loss to Cascia Hall in

the Area tournament.

Mason Adams led the team in scoring with 15 points.

Senior Cash Andrews had 10 in his final game as a Warrior. “Our seniors were so big for us this season,” said head coach Trevor Smith. “They bought in to what we were doing early. Once the seniors did everyone else did. They were big in keeping the chemistry together.”

The seniors included Jaden Cornelius, Andrew McCalip,

Danny Chavira, Sam Hedenberg, Hayden Hicks and Andrews.

They finished this season with a 16-10 record.

They took third place in two tournaments and were runners-up at the Latta tournament.

“We play in a super tough conference and it prepared us for the playoffs,” Smith said. “We played a lot of top teams really tough and we’ll keep building on this season going forward.

Box scores

3/3 Girls

Washington 63
Luther 49

Washington .. 17 11 15 20—63
Luther 11 14 12 12—49

Player	Points
Kelby Beller	15
Kyndall Wells	14
Rielyn Scheffe	12
Preslee Johnson	12
Breanna Lindert	7
Addy Lanham	3

3/2 Boys

Cascia Hall 65
Washington 50

Washington ... 15 14 9 12—50
Cascia Hall 17 17 14 17—65

Player	Points
Mason Adams	15
Cash Andrews	10
Jeremiah Tontz	8
Hayden Hicks	7
Sam Hedenberg	6
Jaden Cornelius	4



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Paint points

Washington sophomore Breanna Lindert takes a shot in the lane during the Warriors’ 63-49 win over Luther in the Area championship game. Lindert scored seven points in the win. Washington now heads to the Big House today (Thursday) for a 7:30 p.m. matchup with Silo in the State tournament.



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Easy bucket

Washington freshman Kelby Beller scores a layup during the Area basketball tournament. Beller and the Warriors play Silo tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Big House.

OSU EXTENSION *News*



Register now to attend the 2023 Oklahoma Beef Cattle Summit

Justin McDaniel

Extension Ag Educator

Cattle producers seeking ways to better manage their operations in ever more challenging business conditions should register now to attend the Oklahoma Beef Cattle Summit in Purcell on April 6.

This year’s summit will emphasize, “Applicator CEU’s and Bovine Respiratory Disease Posting Session.”

The summit will take place at the McClain County Expo Center, located at 1721 Hardcastle Blvd in Purcell. Registration is \$20 per participant, which covers the cost of summit materials, refreshments and lunch. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and should be over

by 3:30 p.m.

Pre-registration is due by March 29, but event day participants are welcome. Early registration helps ensure we have sufficient numbers of materials, refreshments and lunches are available.

Other sessions will provide information on topics like heifer pelvic area measurement demonstration, market outlook, and industry updates.

Sessions will be led by experts from OSU’s Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association and Oklahoma Beef Council. A trade show and door prizes also will be showcased.

There will be two sessions

providing 1-hour CEU applica- tor category 1A training.

The summit has become one of the premier single-day beef events in the region and is an opportunity not only to interact with experts from industry and academia but also speak with fellow producers who may be in situations similar to your own, and who may have developed solutions that could prove useful into your own operation.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information, or reasonable accommodations need to contact Justin McDaniel, at 405-527-2174 or email justin.mcdaniel@okstate.edu at least two weeks prior to the event.

Religion

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

March 12, 2023 is the third Sunday of Lent. During the Lenten Fridays, there will be Mass at 6 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. After the Stations of the Cross, there will be a Soup Supper served in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m. The Friday Lenten Mass, Stations of the Cross, and the Soup Supper will occur on March 10, March 17 and March 24.

The Gospel reading, John 4:5-42, is about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman. This is an unusual encounter.

First, in those days, a man was not supposed to be alone with a woman unless she was a family member. Second, Jewish people and Samaritan people did not associate with each other. Third, women would not normally be at the well in the heat of the day.

Nonetheless, Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman and asks for water. Then he tells her that whoever drinks water from this well will be thirsty again, but the water that he will give will become a spring of water within, welling up for eternal

life. She asks Jesus to give her some of that water, and Jesus tells her to call her husband and come back. She says she has no husband.

Then Jesus tells her, "yes, the man you have now is not your husband but you have had five." The woman says she knows the Messiah, that is, Christ, is coming and when he comes he will explain everything. Jesus said, "That is who I am, I who speak to you."

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Sunray Homecoming services set

Sunray Baptist Church was organized through the efforts of local missionary M.L. West and the South Canadian Missionary Association (known today as the BMA of Central Oklahoma). Brother West made contacts, and the church was organized on March 23, 1947, with nine charter members.

The church first met at the Odd Fellows Hall, located on South Canadian Street. Land was purchased in 1949, and a building was built on the corner of 4th Street and Jefferson. The first service there was on March 15, 1950.

Land was purchased on North 9th Street, and our present building was built. The first service here was on Mother's Day, May 14, 1989.

Sunray will celebrate its 76th birthday with special services the weekend of March 25-26, 2023. On Saturday, March 25, at 6 p.m. we will be hosting a gospel service singing with The Williamsons and Mark Bishop.

The Williamsons, based out of Weleetka, have sung at Sunray numerous times, first appearing as the Homesteaders in 2005.

The group is composed of front man Donnie Williamson, his wife Lisa, daughters Olivia and Sadie, tenor Bo Chessier, and bass singer Darin Hebert.

They have won numerous awards. Devoted to God, family, and country, they live what they sing. Their performances are joyful and spiritually uplifting.

Noted Southern Gospel soloist and songwriter Mark Bishop, from Irvine, Ky., returns to Purcell for the 10th time. He has been in gospel music since 1984. Many remember the beginning of his career when he sang with his brother Kenny and dad Kenneth as the family group The Bishops. They enjoyed enormous success across all outlets.

Since embarking on a solo career in 2002, Mark has been honored with multiple nominations and awards in a broad range of categories. Mark's 2020 album *Beautiful Day* was nominated for a 2020 Grammy.

He is one of the select few soloists who has been invited



Mark Bishop

to perform on the main stage of the National Quartet Convention. Mark's songs have been staples on gospel music radio, accumulating numerous hits.

Musical guest for our Sunday, March 26, services will be the Gastineaus from Stonewall, Okla. They are a family group composed of mother Gaye and daughters Kami and Maci, along with drummer Melissa

Harjo and bassist Jacy Harjo. They were recently named the 2023 Gospel Music Artists Association Band of the Year.

They embrace the call to share the gospel of hope wherever God leads. They will be singing at our 11 a.m. morning service and our 1 p.m. afternoon service.

A love offering will be taken both days to help with expenses.

On March 26, Dennis Clark will be bringing the morning message. David Pickard will preach our afternoon service.

There will be a fellowship lunch following morning worship. There will be no evening service.

Please join us for these special Homecoming services at Sunray Baptist Church. We are located at 2223 N. 9th Street in Purcell.

For more information, call 405-527-6808 or 405-426-2844.



The Gastineaus



The Williamsons

Lexington United Methodist Church

Our next regular Food Give Away will be Saturday, March 18, from 12 to 4 p.m.

The lesson for this week is taken from John 21:15-17. This takes place after the Resurrection, when Jesus appears to some of the disciples. This reading shows that, even though Peter betrayed Jesus on the night he was arrested, Jesus has forgiven him to the extent that Peter is chosen to lead the followers of Jesus. In other words, Peter was put in special charge of the flock.

The passage is the one where Jesus asks Peter to "feed his sheep." He asks this three times. If we could spend more time, we would find that the word used for the lambs and sheep have different implications.

For example, when Jesus asks Peter to feed his lambs, he's referring to Jesus' new followers. When Jesus asks Peter to feed his sheep, he's referring to the more mature followers, just as a sheep is a lamb that is at least a year old. The third time Jesus asks Peter to feed his sheep, he's referring to caring for both the

lambs and the sheep—all of those that Jesus loves.

Now let's talk a little about what does feeding Jesus' sheep mean. It isn't merely making sure that there are "green pastures and still waters" for the flock. It really means nurturing the lambs and sheep.

Protecting them from predators and thieves. Ensuring they have access to good food and water. Tending them when they are sick. Searching for those who have strayed from the flock.

In other places we read of shepherds searching for the lost sheep without giving up. This symbolizes how God continually showers mercy on us and gives us innumerable second chances to show our love to God. God never gives up on us, just as the shepherd never ceases to look for the lost lambs and sheep.

The lamb is a symbol of sweetness, forgiveness, meekness, gentleness, and peace. It's easy to love a fluffy young lamb that gambols throughout the flock. But not only does God love the lambs, God loves the crabby old ram

and the mother ewe that gets impatient trying to care for the lively spring lambs.

God gave us Jesus to show us the way of love. Those whom Jesus loves, we are to love also. Service to Jesus is selfless, quiet, and is to be done willingly with our hearts full of love of God and of all God's children.

Love is a personal choice and a gift freely given. Unselfish love is given to the other person, for their own welfare and benefit without thought for the giver.

God, please give us a heart of love for Jesus and his sheep, both in his church and those outside his church. Holy Spirit, show us how to be people that feed Jesus' sheep. May we take your command to serve you with all we have seriously. Give us the strength we need to be obedient to your calling. Amen.

The Lexington United Methodist Church is the community's church. We are a distinct and diverse community of Christians who come together,

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Church Directory

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

405 W. Grant, Purcell
Rev. Bill Crawford
405-820-8184
Sunday
Worship: **10:45 a.m.**
Wednesday
Adult Studies: **7 p.m.**



Emmanuel
BAPTIST CHURCH

Purcell, OK
2705 N. 9th • 527-2535
Mike Bailey, Pastor
Sunday services Wednesday services
9 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Bible Study
10 am Worship 6:30 pm Awana &
6 pm Evening worship Youth
www.ebcpurcell.org

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newlife TABERNACLE

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

Westside Church of Christ

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

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
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Rev. Nathan Mullins
405.442.0155
2726 N. 9th, Purcell
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Sunday Evening - 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm
www.lwcpurcell.com

Memorial Assembly of God 7th & Monroe, Purcell

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Justin Blankenship
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Sunday Worship 9:15 & 10:55 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church Purcell

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Activities for all ages & child care provided for all services!

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Sunday - 11 am (English)
1 pm (Español)
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Parish Office/Oficina: 527-3077
Priest House/Padre Juan Pedro: 527-4242

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Wednesday Evening 6:30



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

Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Susan Whitley
211 N. 2nd, Purcell
527-2256 Office

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



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.

Payne Baptist Church to celebrate 100th anniversary

The Payne Baptist Church of Lindsay is set to celebrate its 100th year anniversary. The event will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Payne Baptist Church, 13412 Western Ave., in Lindsay. Refreshments will follow the anniversary event. Come enjoy the celebration!

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Ours, But Not Ours

Welcome to the ‘front porch’! At church at my Red Oak, Texas, home, there is kind-of a running joke that I do not read after anybody not born before 1900. There is some truth to that, I must admit. I love reading the old well-known commentators, especially Matthew Henry, and great writers and theologians. J.W. McGarvey and Alexander Maclaren are two of my ‘younger’ favorites. I say younger, because both of them lived a couple of hundred years after Henry, both born in the 1820s and dying in 1910 and 1911.

In preparing for a sermon this past first Sunday of March, in Lexington, I came again upon a story regarding King Ahab in the 21st chapter of 1 Kings. I saw a quotation by Maclaren that changed the complete course of the sermon I was planning on preaching.

The account is when Israel’s King Ahab petitions Judah’s King Jehosaphat to go with him across the Jordan to Ramoth in Gilead to re-take the city that belongs to Israel. In making that request, Ahab says, in essence, “The city is ours, but we don’t have it; and we are just sitting still while Syria has possession of our land.”

On a side note, all of this is ironic because Ahab robs a piece of land that belongs to the godly Naboth just in the previous chapter. But Ahab’s legacy has a clause in it that says that he sure learned what it means to reap what you sow. You understand.

But Maclaren, writing about that unpossessed property in Ramoth-Gilead, makes a different point that really grabs our attention: Every Christian man has large tracts of unannexed territory,” he writes, “unattained possibilities, unenjoyed blessings, that are his and yet not his ...”

‘His but not his.’ I pondered that for a while.

We have things that belong to us and should be ours, but they are not. Said another way, if we be Christians, God has given us bountiful blessings that are by right ours, ours without doubt or reservation, but too often we fail to secure those blessings. Those blessings are “unannexed territory and unattained possibilities.”

What inward peace we have, for example, peace that God offers to all of us if we will only take it! When one is “buried with Christ” in baptism and then

raised up to “walk in newness of life” – the old life passed away and all things becoming new – he arises with a peace that absolutely transcends any peace the human intellect can fathom. No amount of wealth or winning can secure such peace. It is ours, all ours, ours for the taking.

But not. As we read a man’s writings from a century and a half ago, we see how he sees the world and the church of his time. I often wonder what such men would write if they saw the changes that have occurred over these last eighteen decades. If men and Christians of the 1800s were in dire need of peace because of worldly distractions and a lack of faith, how much more are we in such need!

Listen further: “It is meant that there should never pass across a Christian’s soul more than a ripple of agitation ... down deep there should be the tranquility of the fathomless ocean, unbroken by any tempests, and yet not stagnant, because there is a vital current running through it.”

Therein is another reason I like to read writers of the 1800s. They have a poetic way of saying things that gives us a clear picture of the concept. Our faith contains – it should contain, at least – a peace that is like the tranquility of a fathomless ocean, and few ripples of agitation and life’s tempests should ever disturb it.

Oh, we have our setbacks and discouragements, but they are only on the surface of our faith and do not cause ripples down in the depth of a Christian soul.

Besides King Ahab’s failures as a king to secure property that is a part of God’s inheritance to His people, Ahab’s greater failure is that he fails to secure even a little bit of the peace the king of God’s people should have. God’s peace was his. It was at his fingertips. It was there in abundance, his at any moment he chooses. It was his, but it wasn’t.

I am glad I came upon that thought from a century and a half ago. But the fact that Christians needed to secure God’s peace – and many other blessings beside – way back then, tells me that we need it even more in this age. We do not want to look at our lives and walk away with an Ahab-like epitaph that reads: Well, it all was ours...but it wasn’t.

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Sunray Baptist Church

Melisa Dubbs sang “You Say” for the special. Craig Stark from Light of Grace Baptist Mission in Las Vegas came and spoke about his work with the homeless. Brother John Wylie’s sermon was titled “He Created Everything.” His text was Psalm 139:13-16. He reminded us that we are the product of God’s direct activity. He had His hand on us when He created us. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. We are also a product of God’s planning. He has already numbered our days. We can be assured because He knows the future, even if we don’t.

Leadership, motivation and learning brought 12 schools from Rural Electric Cooperative’s service area together for REC’s 17th annual Youth Leadership Summit.

“REC is passionate about our youth and helping to develop their skill set,” said Megan Lawrence, Manager of Member Services and Marketing. “REC and the Board of Trustees understand the importance our youth play in our communities and fostering their leadership development will only assist them later in life.”

Rhett Laubach, owner of Your Next Speaker, in Edmond, Oklahoma spent the day working with approximately 70 students about leadership and preparing for the future.

The students interacted with each other throughout the day and gained useful tips on making an impact.

Laubach has taught leadership skills for over 25 years to audiences across the United States, the Bahamas and Canada.

This year, students from Alex, Bray-Doyle, Cement, Dibble, Elmore City-Pernell, Lindsay, Maysville, Ninnekah,

Pauls Valley, Purcell, Wayne and Wynnewood participated in the Youth Leadership Summit.

In addition to a full day of mental, emotional, social and physical activity, REC gave five scholarships. The winners of the scholarships were selected based on their participation throughout the day, their application they submitted and recommendations from their sponsors.

REC gave four \$250 scholarships and one \$500 scholarship. This year’s \$250 Youth Leadership Summit scholarship winners were Clara Wright from Alex, Nigel Reid from Maysville, Sarah Christensen from Pauls Valley and Serenity Garrett from Wynnewood.

Adam Edelman from Purcell was awarded the \$500 Youth Leadership Summit scholarship award.

“REC is honored to provide opportunities for our youth to expand their leadership skills,” Lawrence adds. “We are also thankful the schools in our service territory for allowing their students to participate in this event and all of our youth programs.”



• Photo provided

Youth Leadership Summit

Area youth listen to a session led by Rhett Laubach about leadership skills.



• Photo provided

Scholarship winners

REC awarded five scholarships at its Youth Leadership Summit. Winners included (from left) Clara Wright of Alex, Serenity Garrett of Wynnewood, Adam Edelman of Purcell, Sarah Christensen of Pauls Valley and Nigel Reid of Maysville.

MATC students SkillsUSA Skills and Leadership contests winners announced

Mid-America Technology Center students enrolled in the Trade and Industrial Education programs recently participated in the SkillsUSA Regional Skills and SW District Leadership Competitions held at technology centers throughout the state.

MATC had 36 students qualify to compete at the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference which will be held April 23-25 in Tulsa.

MATC students placed in each competition with the following results:

Architectural Drafting — *Hayley Leonard, Little Axe, 1st place secondary; *Wanbli White Hat, Stratford, 2nd place secondary.

Automotive Service Technician — Owen Simonton, Lindsay, 4th place secondary; Andrew Jestice, Lindsay, 4th place postsecondary.

Barbering — *Maisy Lewis, Pauls Valley, 2nd place secondary; Genesis Canales, Purcell, 4th place secondary; Emily Hansen, Blanchard, 5th place secondary; Alexia Balboa, Washington, 6th place secondary.

Cabinetmaking — *Rykel Harris, Noble, 1st place postsecondary; *Blayne Buntin, Blanchard, 2nd place second-

ary; *Alyna Taylor, Wayne, 2nd place postsecondary.

Carpentry — *Ashley Hayles, Wayne, 1st place secondary; Jett Morgan, Blanchard, 11th place secondary.

Cosmetology — *Chloe Brouard, Lindsay, 3rd place secondary; Heaven Smith, Maysville, 4th place secondary; Hanna Cabeen, Blanchard, 5th place secondary; Gracie Harris, Wayne, 6th place secondary.

Customer Service — *Emma Birch, Noble, 1st place secondary; *Dusti Grossnicklaus, Lindsay, 1st place postsecondary; Destiny Sandlin, Newcastle, 6th place secondary.

Esthetics — *Jacie Miller, Blanchard, 1st place secondary; *Kaylee Field, Purcell, 2nd place secondary; Jaelynne Eastep, Newcastle, 5th place secondary; Emily Pettigrew, Pauls Valley, 6th place secondary.

Floral Design — *Teegan Jones, Pauls Valley, 1st place secondary; *Mary Shaw, Pauls Valley, 1st place postsecondary; *Jaelon Cunningham, Dibble, 2nd place secondary; *William Talbott, Little Axe, 3rd place secondary.

Extemporaneous Speaking — *Ryan Sample, Little Axe, 1st place secondary;

women in the cooler morning hours. Even so, Jesus wanted her to be his follower.

The encounter also shows us that Jesus wants us to spread the news about him. Certainly, his disciples were proclaiming him but Jesus encouraged a Samaritan woman to share the good news. All of us who know Jesus need to share the good news, too.

We celebrate the love of Jesus at Our Lady of Victory parish all year long. Our Lady of Victory parish is located at 307 West Jefferson. The church administrative office is located at 501 N. 4th, and it is open weekday mornings (405-527-3077). Weekend mass services are Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. (Spanish). Daily masses are Tuesday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon; Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish), and Friday, 9 a.m. During Lent, there is no morning mass on Friday. Peace be with you.

*Dusti Grossnicklaus, Lindsay, 1st place postsecondary; Emma Birch, Noble, 3rd place secondary; Adam Testerman, Dibble, 4th place secondary; Aly Hobbs, Washington, 6th place secondary. HVAC Troubleshooting — *Ryan Place, Bridge Creek, 2nd place secondary; Kaiden Sales, Blanchard, 5th place secondary.

Job Interview — *Isaiah Butler, Homeschooled/Norman, 1st place secondary; Emma Wilson, Newcastle, 3rd place secondary; Byron Lydick, Lexington, 5th place secondary.

Job Readiness/Grounds Equipment Operator — *Eli Hobson, Wayne, 1st place secondary.

Job Readiness/Job Interview — *Jaelon Cunningham, Dibble 2nd place secondary.

Job Readiness/Prepared Speech — Mary Shaw, Pauls Valley, 1st place postsecondary.

Job Readiness/Small Engine Parts ID — *Caleb Brown, Stratford, 1st place secondary.

Job Readiness/Standard Riding Mower — Cameron Bond Jones, Dibble 4th place secondary; Coda Medellin, Lindsay, 5th place secondary.

Job Readiness/Tool Identification — *Jaycob Hines, Lindsay, 2nd place secondary.

Job Readiness/Zero Turn Radius Mower — *Damien Benson, Epic/Lindsay, 1st place secondary; *Braden McClendon, Wayne, 3rd place secondary; Day-Jamon Wilson, Dibble, 4th place secondary.

Job Skills Demonstration A — *Hayden Schrock, Noble, 1st place secondary; *Braydon Force, Adult/Byars, 1st place postsecondary; *Avery Miller, Purcell, 2nd place secondary; *Brianna Hunter, Maysville, 2nd place secondary; Joshua Kernop, Bridge Creek, 3rd place secondary; Robert Sweetman, Pauls Valley, 5th

place secondary; Braydon Ingram, Blanchard, 6th place secondary.

Job Skills Demonstration O — *Chayton Briscoe, Little Axe, 1st place secondary; *Turner King, 1st place postsecondary; *Eli Conner, Homeschooled/Lindsay, 2nd place secondary; Trinity Hulsey, Newcastle, 6th place secondary.

Manual Machining — *Larry Urie, Lexington, 1st place secondary; Isabella Ratcliff, Epic/Newcastle, 6th place secondary.

Opening & Closing Ceremony — Team event; Halee Cornelius, Epic/Elmore City, 3rd place secondary; Kaitlyn Dobbs, Stratford, 3rd place secondary; Emily Hansen, Blanchard, 3rd place secondary; Keira Hilton, Little Axe, 3rd place secondary; Trailee Morton, Newcastle, 3rd place secondary; Heaven Smith, Maysville, 3rd place secondary; Daisy Worden, Newcastle, 3rd place secondary

Opening & Closing Ceremony — Team event; Avery Autry-Aragon, Epic/Blanchard, 4th place secondary; Hanna Cabeen, Blanchard, 4th place secondary; Megan Elam, Blanchard, 4th place secondary; Jesiah Lucero, Noble, 4th place secondary; Gonzalo Perez, Wayne, 4th place secondary; Emily Pettigrew, Pauls Valley, 4th place secondary; Emma Thompson, Noble, 4th place secondary.

Prepared Speech — Teegan Jones, Pauls Valley, 3rd place secondary; Aura Valenzuela, Lindsay, 4th place secondary; George Roch, Washington, 5th place secondary.

Quiz Bowl — Team event; Eli Hunter, Homeschooled/Stratford, 6th place secondary; Trey Smith, Blanchard, 6th

Please see **Winners**, page 9B

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Methodist:

united in Spirit, to love all, welcome all, and seek justice for all.

You are God’s child, no matter who you are—you are our family! We invite you to be with us as we work to carry out Jesus’ mission and to show God’s love to all those in our world.

We worship at 9:30 a.m.

every Sunday, followed by coffee, tea, and fellowship. Sunday school starts at approximately 11 a.m. Our address is 631 East Ash, just west of Lexington High School. For more information, please call the church at (405) 527-3506 to leave a message, or contact Pastor David Cook directly at (405) 406-6174.

Washington powerlifters headed to state this Saturday

AngieSteele
Washington Correspondent

Congratulations to WHS State Powerlifting Qualifiers, Caleb Bruce, Max Georgiadis, Tanner Olson, Jake Wells and Wyatt Wilk.

State will be Saturday, March 11t,at El Reno at 9 a.m.



• Photo provided

Headed to State

Washington High School senior Caleb Bruce is headed to State on Saturday with four other teammates.

AWOL Week in Full Swing

Washington Public School students are in full swing with AWOL (A Week of Love) this week to benefit Washington student Presley Lucas.

Presley Lucas is a freshman this year. Those of you who know Presley know her love for God and her passion for sports.



• Photo provided

AWOL recipient

Washington's AWOL recipient Presley Lucas.

She loves playing softball and basketball and enjoyed running track. Presley is also a top student in Gifted and Talented, junior NHS and FCA.

Last spring, she was hit with an invisible illness that took several months of doctor visits and endless tests. She struggled to get out of bed, which was not like Presley at all.

Finally, after months of searching for the cause, answers came. A name to what was causing Presley to even struggle with regular daily activities, Juvenile Dermatomyositis (JDM). Once her family had the diagnosis, they thought, “no problem, we will start medication and get back to normal life.”

That has not been the case. Presley struggles with daily muscle pain and fatigue; she has headaches, stomach pain, nausea, and tachycardia (heart beating fast). During these episodes, when they are severe, she is unable to attend school in person.

Juvenile Dermatomyositis is a rare autoimmune disease affecting three out of one million children yearly. JDM causes her body to attack itself, primarily muscle, connective tissue, blood vessels, and skin and can attack the organs. Each case is different, and each child responds differently to treatments.

Currently, there is no cure for JDM; the medication can manage symptoms. The hope is that the proper medication regimen can put her into remission. The timeline varies for each individual. Presley has gone through the protocol treatment options for her autoimmune. These medications have many side effects.

Prednisone, which most of you know is a steroid, is recommended at high doses for

extended periods to try to calm down the inflammation she is experiencing, along with immunosuppressant medications; these medications are intended to reduce the inflammatory response and help her body to stop attacking itself.

These medications have also caused physical changes and made her feel bad. Presley started her first IVIG infusion (purified antibodies) this January in hopes this treatment will give her some positive results and allow her to regain her strength and return to school regularly.

This treatment is monthly and is a process that generally takes 4-5 hours but sometimes can take up to 8 hours. Due to the medications, her doctor appointments are more often than once a month. She must constantly be monitored for side effects and progress, which takes time and, unfortunately, money.

Studies show that some mild cases can see remission as early as 1-2 years, but others can take up to eight years or longer. Some patients do not achieve remission, which is why it is so important to stay on top of this now so that Presley can get the help she needs in hopes that she will not have to fight this for the rest of her life.

Through all this, of course, the main concern is getting Presley in better health so she can do the things she loves again, but also now have the mission of bringing awareness to this rare autoimmune disorder and helping others get a diagnosis early on and appropriate treatment as well as supportive care.

To donate directly please visit https://www.wps-isd.com/online_store

Dog Show This Weekend

Washington's First Annual Amateur Dog Show is scheduled for Sunday, March 12 in the Ag Barn at 3 p.m. Register your dog for \$20 and join this fun competition.

Contact Amy Larman at alarman@wps-isd.com or Vickie Rousey vrousey@wps-isd.com to get registered. All proceeds go to students traveling to Washington D.C. this summer.

Competitions include - Best Tricks, Best Costume (individual and duo), Waggiest Tail, Prettiest Girl, Handsomest Boy, Best Personality, Fluffiest Floof, Best Bark and more!

There will be booths, concessions, prizes, photo booths and t-shirts. Get registered!

Come out for a fun afternoon and support Washington Students!

Washington Elementary Students of the Week

Congratulations to Washington Elementary Students of the week, Urijah Thompson, Rigin Teel, Darby Bridgers and Colton Roof. They represent their second-grade classes March 6-10.

Darby Bridgers is in Mrs. Burch's class. Her favorite color is pink. She likes to play Roblox and her favorite sport is soccer. She likes watching “Jaws” and she loves to eat watermelon. Darby enjoys PE class at school and her favorite song is “Thank God I Am Free.”

Mrs. Johnson's class is represented by Colton Roof. His favorite color is blue and his favorite sport is basketball. He enjoys eating spaghetti and reading the book “*Captain Underpants*.” Colton enjoys science class at school and his favorite movie is “Jurassic Wild.”

Rigin Teel represents Mrs. Rea's class. His favorite color is blue and his favorite sport is football. He likes to watch the movie “Go Dog Go.” Rigin enjoys lunch time at school, and he loves to eat cheese pizza. His favorite book is “*Dogman*.”

Urijah Thompson is in Mrs. Wilkerson's class. His favorite color is blue, and his favorite sport is football. He enjoys

playing tag. Urijah enjoys recess at school, and he loves to eat steak. His favorite song is “Country Road.”

Community Workshop

Allergy season is fast approaching. Kara Zerby, local Licensed Massage Therapist, is offering a free workshop for the community on Monday, March 20.

Participants will learn self-massage techniques to relieve sinus pressure from allergens. This is a hands-on workshop so come ready to work on your sinuses and perfect your technique.

For more information or to register text 405-540-2880 or visit www.facebook.com/washingtonmassagetherapy.

MANNA

All sixth grade boys in Washington and surrounding areas are invited to MANNA. This is a monthly meetup where sixth grade boys will enjoy dinner and a short devotional, and learn a different “man skill” each month such as tying a tie, changing a tire, grilling, and building a fire.

Scheduled dates are March 18, April 15, May 6, June 17, and July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information text or call 405-540-2880.

Washington Senior Center

Did you know that you don't have to be a senior to eat lunch at the center? We welcome everyone to come in and eat. Plus, when you come in to eat, it helps us to keep meal deliveries going for our seniors who can't get out.

If you know of any seniors who could benefit with meal delivery in the Washington/ Goldsby area give the center a call at 405-288-6404.

Menu for March 9-24:

Thursday, March 9—White bean chili with chicken, cornbread, cookies.

Friday, March 10—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, biscuits, pineapple upside down cake.

Monday, March 13—Taco salad, tortilla chips, cheese sauce, chili beans, fruit cocktail cake.

Tuesday, March 14—Spaghetti with meatballs, green beans, garlic bread, harvest bars,

Wednesday, March 15—Smoked sausage, baked beans, corn casserole, Jell-O.

Thursday, March 16—Chicken and noodles, peas and carrots, strawberry shortcake.

Friday, March 17—Pulled pork, baked potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, banana pudding.

Monday, March 20—Hamburgers, oven fries, baked beans, brownies.

Tuesday, March 21—King Ranch Chicken, Mexican corn, tortilla chips, peanut butter chews,

Wednesday, March 22—Beans, rice, spinach, cornbread, peach crisp.

Thursday, March 23—Chicken tetrazzini, broccoli, garlic bread, no-bake cookies.

Friday, March 24—Steak fritters, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, pudding.

Menus may change at the discretion of the cook.

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

Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday.

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

Friday Music Jams start at 10 a.m. until? Anyone is welcome to sit in and sing or play an instrument.

Washington School Board Meeting Schedule

All Washington School Board meetings will be held in the 4/5th Building Library at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are scheduled for April 10, May 8, June 12,

July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 6 and December 11.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

March 9—HS Slow Pitch at Plainview, 5 p.m.

March 10—AWOL Assembly; HS Basketball State Tournament, 6 p.m.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

As a way to start this week's newsletter I would like to say “Welcome Home” to the thousands of veterans who did not receive a welcome after returning from their military service.

When my unit and I arrived in California from Vietnam during the summer of 1967 we were told to change from military dress to civilian clothes before leaving the airport. We did not know how much anger against our war there was among the people who didn't serve. For numerous years, many of us were angry and disappointed with the way we were treated by some.

After 55 years, some of us have learned to understand that everything is not just black or white when it comes to right or wrong. I'm just glad that we are able to see how the things we saw and did during that period of our lives shaped who we are today.

As I have said before, the work we do at our Veterans Foundation is therapy for me and many others who volunteer to help others. With that said I believe many of us could probably become better people as we help other veterans and their families at our foundation. Each of you has an open invitation to fill out one of our volunteer application forms which are available on our website.

I have been writing about the Pact Act that establishes presumptive exposure to Agent Orange in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Johnston Atoll and Guam. There are thousands of veterans who served in these locations who are now eligible for VA benefits. If you know of a veteran who served during the Vietnam war and served at one of the locations during that war, or one who has died please let them and/or their families know about possible benefits for both the veteran or their surviving spouse or dependents.

We are located in Norman, Oklahoma at 1233 West Lindsay Street. Follow us on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@AccreditedVSO/featured>.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit we receive the donations of wheelchairs, both power and manual. We loan these out to veterans in need. We also accept the donation of cars and trucks that can be given to veterans or sold to raise funds to help provide our services.

We are continually requesting that more volunteers sign on to help us to process the increased number of veterans who are requesting our assistance with their VA claims and questions. Since going digital we have positions for people who want to work from home or at our location at 1233 West Lindsay in Norman.

For those of you who need to begin the process, we have an easy way for you to start your claim for VA benefits. Just log on to DKGVF.ORG to fill out our intake forms. As we have gone digital some of the veterans we help may never be required to visit us in person. This will also make it easier for some of the people who we help who live in other states or countries.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and there is never a charge for the services we provide to veterans and their families. We do accept financial contributions to be used to support veterans and this

organization. We also accept donations of wheelchairs and other types of handicap equipment that can be given to other veterans or their families. Other items that we accept are cars, trucks, motorcycles, or items that can be given to veterans or sold to raise funds.

We are open to active clients Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

To donate to our Foundation, you can do so online at dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org or mail a check to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, 1233 West Lindsay, Norman, OK, 73069. You can contact us on our website

or by calling 405-550-8806.

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

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

My contact information is angiesteele73@gmail.com or 405-413-2471 if you have any news to share, story ideas, or if you have someone you would like to see a feature article about. Send me birthday, anniversary, or personal news you would like to share with our community.

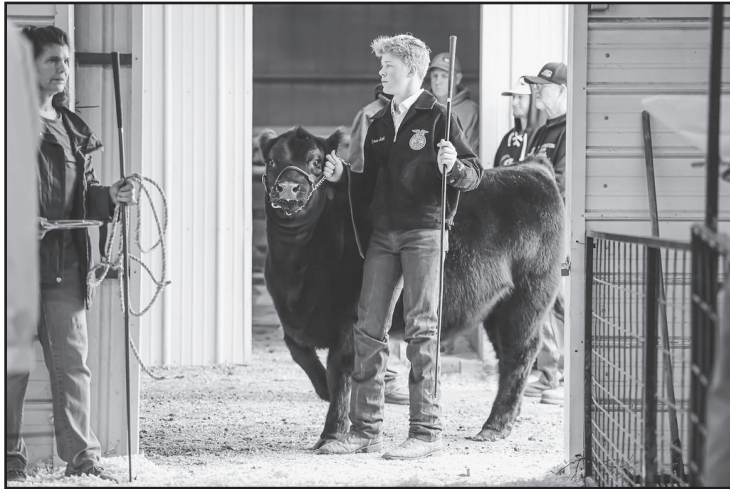
Angie Steele



• Photo by Amber Burch

Students of the Week

Urijah Thompson, Rigin Teel, Darby Bridgers and Colton Roof represent their second grade classes at Washington Elementary School as Students of the Week for March 3.



• Photos by Courtney Lyles

Washington Stock Show 2023

Congratulations to our excellent showmen and showwomen and their animals! We appreciate Melinda Tague, agriculture instructor, for her knowledge and guidance. Those showing included (from top) Cole Scott, Kinser Scott and Presley Strickland.

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Film festival

A standing-room only crowd at the Holba’ Pisachi Native Film Festival red carpet in 2017. The film festival returns to the Chickasaw Cultural Center March 11.

Chickasaw Cultural Center’s film festival set for March 11

“Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher” will be in the spotlight Saturday, March 11, as the Chickasaw Cultural Center’s Holba’ Pisachi’ Native Film Festival returns.

Cast members Martin Sensmeier (Tlingit, Koyukon-Athabaskan), Tatanka Means (Oglala Lakota, Omaha, Navajo) and James Landry Hébert will headline the event. Sensmeier stars as Montford Johnson, Means plays Rising Wolf and Hébert plays Sgt. Richter in the Chickasaw Nation Productions feature film.

The festival will showcase four short documentaries including “Montford Johnson: An Original Brand,” two feature-length documentaries and the headlining film, “Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher.”

Activities begin at 10 a.m. and include film screenings, panel discussions, question and answer sessions with Indigenous filmmakers and red carpet photo opportunities.

The Holba’ Pisachi’ Native Film Festival is open to the public at no charge. A complete schedule is listed below. Schedule is subject to change.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center, located at 867 Cooper Memorial Drive, is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call (580) 622- 7130 or visit ChickasawCulturalCenter.com.

Holba’ Pisachi’ Native Film Festival Schedule

“Cultural Renaissance

through Indigenous Cinema”

10 a.m. – Welcome

10:05 a.m. – Chikasha Hilha’ Himitta’ group stomp dance

10:20 a.m. – “The Journey of Tiak Hikiya Ohoyo” by Mark Williams (Choctaw)

11:10 a.m. – “Montford Johnson: An Original Brand” by Chickasaw Nation Productions

11:52 a.m. – Panel moderated by Chickasaw Nation Productions Content Producer Jeanie Barbour (Chickasaw) and including Martin Sensmeier, Tatanka Means and James Landry Hébert

1:30 p.m. – “Inhabitants: Indigenous Perspectives on Restoring our World” by Ben-Alex Dupris (Colville Confederated)

2:36 p.m. – Q&A with Ben-Alex Dupris, film producer

2:46 p.m. – “Oklahoma Talent” by Lea McCormick (Muscogee) featuring Natalie Standing Cloud (Cherokee)

3:10 p.m. – “The Wind and the Reckoning” by John Fusco

4:44 p.m. – Q&A with John Fusco, screenwriter

4:55 p.m. – “Emergence: Acoma Sky City Cultural Center” by Rachel Preston Prinz

5:25 p.m. – Q&A with Emerson Vallo (Pubelo of Acoma)

5:35 p.m. – Red carpet and photo opportunities

7 p.m. – “Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher” by Chickasaw Nation Productions

8:36 p.m. – Q&A with Martin Sensmeier, Tatanka Means and James Landry Hébert

9 p.m. – Festival ends

Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello again everyone. Hope you are enjoying the warm weather we have had lately, because by the time you read this, it’s gonna be cooler.

However, I am already hearing the sounds of lawn mowers in my neighborhood, so spring is coming!

I appreciate those who either donated merchandise or cash to the WSCC garage sale, It will be closed this week, but will be open again next week. We need some time to put out some new donations so we’ll see you next week.

Delta Senior Nutrition provides a delicious lunch served at 11:30 a.m. every Monday through Friday. If you would like some information on how to qualify for the Delta meal program, and you are 60+, please call John at 405-527-9462 in Purcell or 405-449-3079 in Wayne. Daily attendance is averaging 28-30 people and there is always room for more. We also provide home delivery for those who qualify.

Here is the menu for March 13-17:

Monday — Chicken livers, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cauliflower, sliced bread or roll, chocolate cake.

Tuesday — Crustless cheese sandwich, vegetable beef soup, fruit, cookies.

Wednesday — Tater tot casserole, green beans, carrots, bread or roll, fruit salad.

Thursday — Pinto beans with ham and sliced onions, tomato spoon relish, spinach or greens, cornbread, pie.

Friday — Chicken enchilada casserole, tossed salad with dressing, corn, tortilla chips, salsa, gelatin with topping.

Milk is served with every meal. One milk per person, please.

Please remember to set your clocks this Saturday night for Daylight Saving Time. Otherwise you may be late for church on Sunday.

I appreciate our cooks and volunteers who are dedicated to helping our seniors have a great dining experience, both in Wayne and Purcell.

Until next time...

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Winners:

place secondary; Jax Steelman, Blanchard, 6th place secondary; Sarah Town, Newcastle, 6th place secondary.

Technical Drafting — Nick Shupert, Blanchard, 5th place secondary.

Welding — *Garen Green, Blanchard, 3rd place secondary; Josiah Fitz, Epic/Noble,

5th place secondary.

Welding Fabrication — Team event; Bryar Coleman, Blanchard, 2nd place secondary; Wayne Privett, Noble, 2nd place secondary; Cal Snow, Washington, 2nd place secondary.

*denotes qualification to compete on the state level

No. 245-March 9-2 Times

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Purcell/Purcell PWA will receive separate sealed bids for Test Holes and New Water Supply Well (17). Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 230 W. Main St., Purcell, OK 73080, until 11:00 am, on Thursday, March 30, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at City Hall.

Project to include drilling and miscellaneous test of three (3) test holes, and constructing one (1) new water supply well at the City’s well field in the Lexington WMA.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 11:00 am, at the site (meet at the entrance to the Lexington Wildlife Management Area, located east of Slaughterville, OK on Slaughterville Road.

All work shall be performed, and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., and on file in the office of the City Clerk, located at City Hall.

The Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

1. City Hall
230 W. Main St.
Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-6561

A complete set of Plans and Specifications, to prospective bidders, may be obtained from Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc. upon receipt of non-refundable fee of \$50.00. An electronic set of Plans and Specifications is available at no cost and may be obtained by emailing a request to planroom.gsa@gmail.com.

Each bidder shall accompany his original bid, with a certified or Cashier’s Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder’s Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of his ability to perform the contract bid upon, and that he

will enter into a written contract with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials in accordance with said plans and specifications and furnish the required bonds within seven (7) days after the acceptance of his bid.

The deposit will be retained by the Owner as, and for, liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of the Contract and required bonds.

Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a sworn statement in writing that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express or implied, with any other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids, the limiting of the bids or bidders, the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.

A Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and the bidder shall state in the proposal the name and address of the Surety or Sureties who will sign this bond in case the contract is awarded to him. The Maintenance Bond required will guarantee the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by the Owner.

All bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the Bid Opening will be returned.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

No. 240-March 9-1 Time

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY J. MCDADE, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2022-168

ORDER FOR HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY

Now, on the 24th day of February, 2023, Mary Ann Wells, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dorothy J. McDade, Deceased, filed herein her verified petition to sell real property of the said Decedent at Private Sale under a Real Estate Contract existing prior to the Decedent’s passing.

IT IS ORDERED, that said petition be and hereby is set for hearing on the 30th day of March, 2023, at 9:30 o’clock A.M., at the District Courtroom in said County and State, at which time all persons interested in the Estate of Dorothy J. McDade, Deceased, are required

to appear and show cause, if any they have, why an order should not be granted for the sale of the real property at private sale of which the said Decedent died seized further described to wit:

All of Lots Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18) Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20), in Block Sixty-Six (66), City of Maysville, Garvin County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Physical Address: 435 Main St, Maysville, Oklahoma

/s/ Charles N. Gray

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Carolie E. Rozell

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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redbriefcase@yahoo.com

No. 243-March 9-1 Time

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The McClain County Board of Commissioners will be receiving sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., on March 17th, 2023 with the opening of bids on March 20th, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. The bid will be for the Purchase of (1) 2011 or Newer Road Reclaimer for McClain County District One.

Invitation to Bid forms are on file in the McClain County Clerk’s Office, 3rd Floor, Room 303, McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma or request to be mailed or emailed. Submit bids to McClain County Clerk, PO Box 629, Purcell, OK 73080.

The Board has the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

SEAL

DATE: 3/06/2023

/s/ Pam Beller

Pam Beller

County Clerk

No. 244-March 9-1 Time

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The McClain County Board of Commissioners will be receiving sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., on April 6, 2023 with the opening of bids on April 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. for the installation of guardrail on Eastern Avenue at the Washington School exit for McClain County District Two.

Invitation to Bid forms are on file in the McClain County Clerk’s Office, 3rd Floor, Room 303, McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma or request to be mailed or emailed. Submit bids to McClain County Clerk, PO Box 629, Purcell, OK 73080.

The Board has the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

SEAL

DATE: 3/07/2023

/s/ Pam Beller

Pam Beller

County Clerk

THE PURCELL REGISTER, Thursday, March 9, 2023-9B

No. 242-March 9-3 Times

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

PM PROPERTY SALES, L.L.C., Plaintiff,

vs.

KENNETH LEONARD, JEFFERY MARLETT, AND IF EITHER BE DECEASED, THEN THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF KENNETH LEONARD, JEFFERY MARLETT, AND LORRI A. LEONARD, AKA, LORRIANN MADISON, Deceased,

MORGAN HERR AND TAMMY O’NEAL, OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES, Defendants.

Case No. CJ-2023-60

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Kenneth Leonard, Jeffery Marlett and if either be deceased, the the Known and Unknown Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, Successors and Assigns of Kenneth Leonard, Jeffery Marlett and Lorri A. Leonard, aka Lorri Ann Madison, deceased, Morgan Herr and Tammy O’Neal, Occupants of the Premises.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that the Plaintiff in the above cause has filed a Petition in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, against you in the above described court with regard to foreclosure on certain Note, Mortgage and Security Agreement, the same being a first mortgage lien on the following described property in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

Surface Only: Tract Twenty-three (23), WOODFIELD PARK ESTATES, A tract of land in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Seven (7) North, Range Four (4) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, said tract further described as beginning at a point, on the South line of said SW/4, 1322.60 feet S 89°37’56” E of the Southwest corner of said SW/4; thence N 00°27’11” E and parallel to the West line of said SW/4 for a distance of 661.49 feet to the South line of the N/2 SW/4 SW/4 of said Section 22; thence

S 89°37’46” E, on said South line, for a distance of 1.44 feet to the Southeast corner of said N/2 SW/4 SW/4; thence N 00°23’50” E, on the East line of said N/2 SW/4 SW/4, for a distance of 7.72 feet to an existing fence; thence N 89°12’08” E, on said fence, for a distance of 28.37 feet; thence N 00°50’49” E, on said fence, for a distance of 380.86 feet; thence N 00°19’43” W, on said fence, for a distance of 272.36 feet; thence N 02°33’42” W, on said fence, for a distance of 264.47 feet; thence N 00°51’25” W, on said fence, for a distance of 397.41 feet; thence S 89°37’36” E for a distance of 174.19 feet; thence S 00°27’11” E for a distance of 1984.40 feet to the South line of said SW/4; thence N 89°37’56” W, on said South line, for a distance of 179.89 feet to the point of beginning, containing 7.51 acres, more or less, and subject to easements and rights of way of record,

The nature of this suit against you is to foreclose on certain notes and mortgages as set forth in this petition and obtain judgment for the amounts set forth in the Petition and ordering the said property to be sold.

Plaintiff further states that the Defendants, and each of them named herein are the owners or, claim same right, title or interest in and to said real property and that any such right, title or interest is inferior and subordinate to the rights of the Plaintiff as alleged in the Petition.

The Defendants must answer the Petition filed herein on or before the 24th day of April, 2023, or said Petition will be taken as true and correct and judgment entered accordingly, foreclosing the note and mortgage in the Plaintiff in accordance with the allegations of the Petition and order the sale of the subject property.

Dated this 3 day of March, 2023.

KRISTEL GRAY, Court Clerk

By: /s/ Karen Weltmer

Deputy

(SEAL)

LENORA, UPTON & BRIDGE

Gregory A. Upton, OBA #17156

116 West 8th, P.O. Box 337

Chandler, OK 74834

(405) 258-1334

Attorney for Plaintiff

No. 241-March 9-1 Time

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST OF FUNDS

DATE: 3/9/2023

Chickasaw Nation

PO Box 788

Ada, OK 74821-0788

(580) 272-5400

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Chickasaw Nation.

REQUEST TO RELEASE FUNDS

On or about March 27, 2023, the Chickasaw Nation proposes to request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of federal funds under Indian Housing Block Grant – American Rescue Plan - 407 (IHBG-ARP - 407) Program’s Grant ID 21AH4005860 will be used for the following project.

Project Description: The proposed project consists of the construction of two single-family homes for low-to moderate-income families utilizing a housing design resulting in a high performance, healthy, low maintenance, and affordable home. The site work will have minimal disturbance of the existing ground cover. The site work will also include conventional utilities hook ups for the homes. The project does not include rehab or demolition of any existing sites.

Location: Purcell, Oklahoma

Located: 603 North 8th Avenue, Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma; Surface only to a Part of Lots Three (3) and Four (4) in Block Sixty-Three (63) in the City of Purcell, McClain County, State of Oklahoma.

Estimated total cost: \$400,000

Grant number: 21AH4005860, Amount: \$400,000

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Chickasaw Nation has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Chickasaw Nation’s Environmental Services 1629 N Broadway Ada, OK 74820 where the ERR may be examined or copied weekdays 8 a.m. to 5

p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services or email Phillip.cravatt@chickasaw.net. All comments received by March 26, 2023, will be considered by the Chickasaw Nation prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Chickasaw Nation certifies to HUD that Bill Anoatubby in his capacity as the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Chickasaw Nation to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Chickasaw Nation certification for a period of fifteen days. Objections may be submitted to HUD on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Chickasaw Nation; (b) the Chickasaw Nation has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to submitted to the HUD designated email address: SPONAP_EnvironmentalComments@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Bill Anoatubby,

Governor of the Chickasaw Nation

No. 236-March 9-2 Times

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In The Matter of the Estate of Rebecca Ann Reinboldt Averitt, Deceased

Case No. PB-2023-19

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against Rebecca Ann Reinboldt Averitt, deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim to William Rodney Averitt, Personal Representative, in care of Dan Barney, Attorney

for Personal Representative, PO Box 1014, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma 73075, on or before the following presentment date: May 4, 2023, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 25 day of February 2023.

/s/ William Rodney Averitt

William Rodney Averitt,

Personal Representative of the Estate of Rebecca Ann Reinboldt Averitt, Deceased

Dan Barney, OBA #19043

Attorney at Law

P.O. Box 1014

100 E. Paul Street

Pauls Valley, OK 73075

405-238-5564

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purcellregister.com

No. 161-February 9-5 Times
NOTICE OF SALE OF
OIL AND GAS LEASE

The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, a public entity, will receive sealed bids from any interested firm(s), or entity(ies) for sale of an oil and gas lease on March 16, 2023 no later than 2:00 PM CT by emailing a bid to OUBids@ou.edu. The submission email subject line must include the number: S-23172-23. The proposed sale of the oil and gas lease will cover the Regents interest in and to the oil and gas: E/2 NE/4; Lot 1 (34.69 acres) (NW/4 NW/4) & N/2 NE/4 NW/4; N/2 N/2 SE/4 & SE/4 NE/4 SW/4 & E/2 SE/4 SW/4 & NW/4 SE/4 SW/4; S/2 N/2 SE/4 & N/2 SW/4 SE/4 & SE/4 SE/4, Section 31-8N-3W, McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 314.69 Gross Acres, more or less.

(2) OU owns 1.692908 net mineral acres under the above-described tract.

(3) Title is held by: The Board of Regents of The University of Oklahoma a Public Body Corporation.

(4) The address of the party nominating these parcels for lease is: Native Exploration Operating, LLC, P.O. Box 720190, Norman, OK 73070.

The oil and gas lease shall be subject to the terms, conditions and limitations imposed by: (1) federal, state and local laws and regulation; (2) the deeds, grants, easement, burdens, and encumbrances of record; and (3) the policies rules and regulations of the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma. The express terms, conditions and limitation in the oil and gas lease are incorporated in the Bid at the web page listed below:

<http://www.ou.edu/purchasing/solicitations/solicitations.html>

No. 238-March 9-1 Time
DISTRICT COURT
OF McCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: The name of:
Laura Dee Beckelheimer
CV-23-47

NOTICE OF HEARING ON
CHANGE ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME

TO: All interested parties.
Take notice that Laura Dee Beckelheimer has petitioned to change his/her name to Laura Dee Willow.

A Hearing on said petition is set for 9:30 o'clock A.M. on the 23rd day of March, 2023, before Judge Gray at 9:30 o'clock in his/her courtroom in the McClain County Courthouse. Should you know of some reason why this change of name should not be allowed you must file a written protest in the above styled and numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so, the petition for change of name will be granted as prayed.

COURT CLERK
/s/ Scheryl Flores
By: DEPUTY

(Seal)
APPROVED:
/s/ Laura Dee Beckelheimer
Laura Dee Beckelheimer
927 Eddie Court
Purcell, OK 73080

No. 199-March 2-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF McCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Estate of PATSY NELL WELCHEL, deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-5
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO THE CREDITORS OF THE
ABOVE NAMED DECEDENT:

All creditors having claims against PATSY NELL WELCHEL, deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Roy D. Welchel, Personal Representative of the above mentioned estate at the law office of Greg Dixon, 108 N 2nd Ave., Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, or Kristel Gray, McClain County Court Clerk, 121 N. 2nd Street, Ste. 231, Purcell, OK 73080, on or before the following presentment date: May 1, 2023, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2023.

ROY D. WELCHEL
Personal Representative
By: /s/ Greg Dixon
Greg Dixon, OBA #16492
NICHOLS | DIXON, PLLC
108 N 2nd Ave.
Purcell, OK 73080
405-527-5888
greg@nicholsdixon.com
Attorney for Personal Representative



No. 157-February 9-5 Times
NOTICE OF SALE OF OIL
AND GAS LEASE

The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, a public entity, will receive sealed bids from any interested firm(s), or entity(ies) for sale of an oil and gas lease on March 16, 2023 no later than 2:00 PM CT by emailing a bid to OUBids@ou.edu. The submission email subject line must include the number: S-23173-23. The proposed sale of the oil and gas lease will cover the Regents interest in and to the oil and gas: N/2 NE/4 SW/4 & N 17.46 ac, Lot 6 (Ada N/2 N/2 SW/4) & W/2 W/2 SE/4 & NE/4 NW/4 SE/4; E/2 SW/4 SE/4; E/2 SE/4 & SE/4 NW/4 SE/4, less and except two tracts out of the S/2 NE/4 SE/4 Sec 6-7N-3W, described as follows: Beginning at a point 100 feet North and 1081 feet East of the SW/C of the S/2 NE/4 SE/4, thence North 484 feet, thence East 45 feet, thence South 309.8 feet, thence East 194 feet, thence South 174.2 feet, thence West 239 feet to the point of beginning, being 1.28 acres, more or less, and Beginning at a point 274.2 feet North and 1126 feet East of the SW/C of the S/2 NE/4 SE/4, thence North 72.8 feet, thence

No. 202-March 2-2 Times
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
CJ-2022-184

Notice is given that on the 4th day of April, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 121 of the County Courthouse, in the city of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff will offer for sale and sell, with appraisalment, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in McClain County, Oklahoma,:

Lot Nine (9), Final Plat of Grand View Estates, being a Subdivision of the East Half (E/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Seven (7) North, Range Two (2) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma.
subject to unpaid taxes, and all amounts set forth in the judgment granted herein, said property having been duly appraised at \$225,000.00. Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2022-184, titled Freedom Mortgage Corporation, vs Angela

No. 203-March 2-2 Times
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
CJ-2022-141

Notice is given that on the 4th day of April, 2023, at 10 a.m., in Room 121 of the County Courthouse, in the city of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff will offer for sale and sell, with appraisalment, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in McClain County, Oklahoma,:

Lots Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15), of Block One (1), Schwartz Sunset Heights Addition to the City of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded map and plat thereof.

subject to unpaid taxes, and all amounts set forth in the judgment granted herein, said property having been duly appraised at \$355,000.00. Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the

No. 160-February 9-5 Times
NOTICE OF SALE OF OIL
AND GAS LEASE

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(2) OU owns 2.952506 net

No. 237-March 9-1 Time
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF McCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF KODY JOE KEITH, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-23
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 2nd day of March, 2023, Karri Nichole Keith, filed her application for Letters of Administration on said estate to be granted to her and for judicial determination of the heirs of said decedents.

Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 2nd day of March, 2023, notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of

East 194 feet, thence South 72.8 feet, thence West 194 feet to the point of beginning, being 0.324 acres, more or less, Section 6-7N-3W, McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 197.46 Gross Acres, more or less.

(2) OU owns 1.2806899 net mineral acres under the above-described tract.

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D Pliier, Kevin W Pliier, Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., Oklahoma Heritage Bank, State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Oklahoma Tax Commission and United States of America, ex rel. Internal Revenue Service, being all of the Defendants and persons holding or claiming any interest in the subject property. Notwithstanding any state law otherwise applicable to this action, no debt to the United States is deemed satisfied without such debt, in fact, being fully paid. Any sale of the subject property is subject under federal law to the United States' statutory right of redemption, 28 U.S.C. Sec. 2410(c). Except claims of the State for which it has not been put on notice, if any.

McClain County Sheriff
McClain County, Oklahoma
By: /s/ Landy Offolter
Don Timberlake - #9021
Kim S. Jenkins - #32809
Gina D. Knight - #12996
Chynna Scruggs - #32663
BAER & TIMBERLAKE. P.C.
5901 N. Western, Suite 300
Oklahoma City, OK 73118
Telephone: (405) 842-7722
Email: mail@baertimberlake.com

District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2022-141, titled Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank & Trust Co., N.A., vs Unknown Successors of Brian L. Townsend, Deceased, Spouse of Brian L. Townsend, Jane Doe a/k/a Kristy Townsend, Tinker Federal Credit Union and Brian L. Townsend, being all of the Defendants and persons holding or claiming any interest in lien in the subject property.

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March, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., the Petition will be heard before the Honorable Judge Charles Gray, in his Courtroom in the McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of March, 2023.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE

Judge of the District Court
/s/ Bill C. Lester
BILL C. LESTER (OBA #5389)
Attorney for Personal Representative

212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407
Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-5623
blester@lesterlawoffice.com

No. 201-March 2-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
WITHIN AND FOR
McCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
JOHN E. PEEPER AND CAROL A. PEEPER, TRUSTEES OF THE PEEPER FAMILY TRUST
Plaintiffs,
vs.
MICHAEL GENO BILLY MARKS, THE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL GENO BILLY MARKS, IF ANY, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES, IF ANY, THE COUNTY TREASURER OF McCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, and THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF McCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, Defendants.

CJ-2022-213
AMENDED NOTICE
BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
TO: Michael Geno Billy Marks, and The Known or Unknown Spouse of Michael Geno Billy Marks, and The Known or Unknown Occupants of The Premises

The above-named Defendants will take notice that in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in the above-styled and numbered case, an action has been filed by John E. Peeper and Carol A. Peeper, Trustees of the Peeper Family Trust to obtain a money judgment against Michael Geno Billy Marks for breach of Note and Mortgage in the amount of Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Nine Cents (\$313, 819.09) plus interest accrued and accruing on such amount plus all costs of the action, plus a reasonable award of attorneys' fees to be set by the Court and for all other relief to which they may be entitled on said claim and to foreclose that certain Mortgage upon the premises described below given to the Plaintiffs by Defendant Michael Geno Billy Marks and to adjudicate all right, title, or interest in and to the real property described hereinbelow which may be owned, claimed or may be claimed by Michael Geno Billy Marks and The Known or Unknown Spouse of Michael Geno Billy Marks and the Known or Unknown Occupants of the Premises as inferior to and subject to the superior interest of the Plaintiffs in and to said real property and to extinguish all right title and interests in the property in and to the subject real property and thereafter proceed to a foreclosure sale of the premises by the Sheriff of McClain County, Oklahoma as provided by Oklahoma Statutes in satisfaction of the judgments obtained by the Plaintiffs against the Defendants in personam and against the lands describe in rem.

If you have or may claim to have any claim of any right title of interest in and to the subject premises and or any purported defenses to any of the claims asserted against you in this action you must answer

No. 226-March 2-2 Times
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Goldsby Water Authority will receive separate sealed bids at Town Hall, located at 100 E. Center Road, Goldsby, Oklahoma, 73093, until 11:00 AM, on Thursday, March 23, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at Town Hall.

Water System Improvements
West Tower Transmission Line
& Center Road Extension

Project to include constructing approximately 14,500 l.f. of 12" PVC Water Line, 1,100 l.f. of 14" HDPE (Directional Drill), and appurtenances.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 11:00 am, at Town Hall.

All work shall be performed, and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., and on file in the office of the Goldsby Public Works Authority, located at Town Hall.

The Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

1. City Hall
100 E. Center Road
Goldsby, OK 73093
(405) 288-6675
2. Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc.

planroom.gsa@gmail.com
A hard copy set of Plans and Specifications to prospective bidders may be obtained at the office of Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., (405) 321-7232, upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00. An electronic set of plans and specifications is available upon request at no charge.

Each bidder shall accompany his original bid, with a certified or Cashier's Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of his ability to perform the contract bid upon, and that he will enter into a written contract

the Petition of said Plaintiffs on file in said cause on or before April 13, 2023 or the allegations of said petition will be taken as true and judgments rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that the Plaintiffs are entitled to the money judgments sought in this action and to a decree that the ownership interests of the Plaintiffs are superior to all claims of right of any of the named Defendants and the interests of said Defendants in such lands shall be foreclosed and extinguished by Order of the District Court pertaining to the following described real property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma to-wit (the "Property"):

A tract of land in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) and the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Ten (10) North, Range Four (4) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma and being more particularly as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner (SE/Cor.) of said SW1/4; thence North 89°57'49" West a distance of 230.00 feet; thence North 00°00'00" East and parallel to the East line of said SW1/4 a distance of 585.46 feet to the point of Beginning; thence continuing North 00°00'00" East for a distance of 294.54 feet; thence South 89°57'49" East and parallel to the South line of said SW1/4 a distance of 247.50 feet to a point 17.50 feet East of the West line of said SE1/4; thence South 00°00'00" East and parallel to the West line of said SE1/4 a distance of 294.54 feet; thence North 89°57'49" West and parallel to the South line of said SW1/4 a distance of 247.50 feet to the Point of Beginning.

free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances of the Defendants Michael Geno Billy Marks a The Known or Unknown Spouse of Michael Geno Billy Marks and the Known or Unknown Occupants of the Premises and quieting and confirming the Plaintiff's superior and exclusive right, title and possession thereto, as against said Defendants and their unknown successors, and forever barring and enjoining the Defendants and their unknown successors from any and all right, title, estate, interest or equity of redemption in and to the said lands and premises, or any part thereof and for any other or further relief to which the Plaintiffs may be entitled in the case.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 22nd day of February, 2023.

(Seal)
McClain County Court Clerk
By: /s/ Lynda Mauldin
Deputy Court Clerk

APPROVED:
/s/ George W. Velotta, II
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223
Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC
138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565
Purcell, Oklahoma 73080
PHONE: (405) 527-7575
FAX: (405) 527-7574
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials in accordance with said plans and specifications and furnish the required bonds within seven (7) days after the acceptance of his bid.

The deposit will be retained by the Owner as, and for, liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of the Contract and required bonds.

Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a sworn statement in writing that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express or implied, with any other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids, the limiting of the bids or bidders, the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.

A Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and the bidder shall state in the proposal the name and address of the Surety or Sureties who will sign this bond in case the contract is awarded to him. The Maintenance Bond required will guarantee the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by the Owner.

All bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the Bid Opening will be returned.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

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No. 159-February 9-5 Times
NOTICE OF SALE OF OIL
AND GAS LEASE

The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma, a public entity, will receive sealed bids from any interested firm(s), or entity(ies) for sale of an oil and gas lease on March 16, 2023 no later than 2:00 PM CT by emailing a bid to OUBids@ou.edu. The submission email subject line must include the number: S-23178-23. The proposed sale of the oil and gas lease will cover the Regents interest in and to the oil and gas: W/2 NW/4 NE/4 + N/2 NE/4 NW/4 NE/4 + W/2 NW/4 NW/4 + NE/4 NW/4 + E/2 NW/4 NW/4 + S/2 NW/4, Section 20-7N-3W, McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 185 Gross Acres, more or less.

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No. 239-March 9-1 Time
DISTRICT COURT
OF McCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In Re: The Name of:
Trena Dawn Settle
CV-23-48

NOTICE OF HEARING
ON CHANGE ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME

TO: All interested parties.

Take notice that Trena Dawn Settle has petitioned to change his/her name to Trena Dawn Oliver.

A Hearing on said Petition is set for 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 30 day of March, 2023, before Judge Gray at 9:30 o'clock in their courtroom at the McClain County Courthouse. Should you know some reason why this change of name should not be allowed you must file a written protest in the above styled and numbered cause prior to the above date with the Clerk of this Court. Should you fail to do so, the petition for change of name will be granted as prayed.

COURT CLERK
/s/ Lynda Mauldin
By: DEPUTY
(Seal)

Local Little League Champs



• Photo provided

6th grade winners

The 6th grade Dragons were the silver bracket post-season champions. They are, in front from left, Dylan Caralampio, Ethan Heck, Grant Holt and Axel Shobert. In back, from left, are Matthew Swanner, Izak Auz, Cru Venegas, Angel Cardona and Easton Resendiz. They are coached by Modesto Resendiz and Tony Shobert.



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Gold bracket champs

The 6th grade Fireballs won the gold bracket post-season tournament in Bridge Creek last weekend. Pictured, from left, are Ali Brady, Kheanna Martin, Ava Midkiff, Tylie Stroud, Jaycee Holman, Zulie Ramirez and Jayden Ingram. They are coached by Katie Midkiff, Jason Midkiff and Brandon Stroud.



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Bracket winners

The Purcell Young Guns were the big winners in the second grade bronze bracket post-season tournament in Blanchard.



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Season Champions

Purcell second grade boys team The Vikings, top photo, went 9-0 in the regular season. The team finished with an overall record of 11-1, losing in the final game of the postseason tournament to the Purcell Young Guns. Players include Eli Killman, Zeppelin Elledge, Lane Griffith, Korbryn Craig, Alex Rendon, Gatlin Perigo, Conor Killman, Gannon Adkins and Legend Adkins. The coaches (from left) were Matt Fischer, Megan Killman (head coach), Boyd Killman and Gus Adkins. The two teams (bottom photo) joined together for a photo after the tournament.



• Photo provided

League Champions

Purcell's fourth grade girls were named League Champions. Players include Kirklynn Holt, Audra Taylor, Bryleigh Burson, Jovey Minyen, Paislie Richmond, Spencer Wilson, Maelani Hood and Jaci Schupp. Coaches are Laci Burson and Sally Holt.



• Photo provided

Silver bracket champs

The Piranhas were the winners of the third grade girls silver bracket in Chickasha last weekend. They are, from left, Sophie Elmore, Lexi Little, Gentry Klein and Kynzee Holder. In back, from left, are Ryah Stroud, Lane Montgomery, Bentlee Nicklas, Maddie Phillips and Kameron Celaya. They are coached by Kevin Little and Amanda Nicklas.



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Undefeated season

Dibble's fifth grade girls gold league and post season champions display their hardware. They went undefeated all season. Players include (back, from left) Lucy Pickard, Claire Dunsworth, Ava Bowman, Jairayhlyn Moore, Adyson Petross, Rowdy Bell, (front) Marley Dominic, Zoey White, Sophie Greene, Dani McGaha and Emma McGinley.



• Photo provided

Division winners

Washington kindergartners won their division at the Norman Optimist Club.



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Silver winners

A third grade team from Washington were silver bracket winners in the post-season championship over the weekend. They are coached by Miles and Shea Gordon.



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First grade champs

The Fireballs were undefeated league champions, going 10-0, and post-season tournament champions in the gold bracket last weekend in Dibble. Pictured, from left are Kaizer Swift, Mayer Stone, Faith Gillen, Sawyer Midkiff, McKenzie Bruehl, Ramzey Wilken and Bryn Burson. Not pictured is Emma Leonard. They are coached by Katie and Jason Midkiff.

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