



Finkbeiner gets life without parole

The eight man, four woman jury that found Joshua Allen Finkbeiner guilty of killing Shaliyah Toombs and her unborn child April 29, 2018 has reached a decision on his sentence.

Prosecutors were seeking the death penalty in the killing but the jury has ruled his sentence

will be life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Also charged in connection with the death of Toombs is Stacy Harjo, who remains in the McClain County Jail.

Her trial, which will be heard before District Judge Leah Edwards, is set for later this year.

Toombs was strangled to death.

Jurors deliberated for two hours in the sentencing phase of the trial.



Finkbeiner



David Stull • The Purcell Register

Spring has sprung

Mother Nature showing off some beauty and it seems to be happening a little earlier than normal this year.

AG Drummond targets scam robocalls

Attorney General Gentner Drummond warned Oklahoma residents today about the pitfalls of illegal robocalls as part of National Consumer Protection Week.

The week, which ran March 5-11 this year, is designated for helping people understand their consumer rights and avoid frauds and scams.

"Fraudulent robocalls that are enabled by a variety of voice service providers steal billions of dollars from hard-working Americans each year," Drummond said. "I am committed to fighting against

this illegal and predatory practice to protect the rights of Oklahomans."

More than 33 million scam robocalls are made to Americans every day, according to the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) and Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC).

These illegal calls often scare senior citizens into believing they need to pay thousands of dollars to maintain access to their Social Security or other government

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Pioneer Library System named Library of the Year

It was at a Thursday evening awards ceremony at Norman's Embassy Suites that Pioneer Library System (PLS) took home the freshly-minted top award of Library of the Year.

PLS Executive Director Lisa Wells accepted the award from presenter Tim Miller, Executive Director of Western Plains Library System and current Oklahoma Library Association President.

Scott Martin, Norman Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, submitted the nomination on PLS's behalf.

"This is awarded to a library or library system that has provided outstanding programs and services that can be a model for other libraries, or that has made a significant impact on the lives of people in their communities," Miller shared in the award description.

The ceremony, a highlight of the 2023 joint conference of the Oklahoma Library Association and Mountain Plains Library Association, held March 8-10, also saw PLS staff receive a number of awards.

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Library of the Year

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vice Awards went to PLS Branch Managers Phil Clark, Moore; Beth Lyle, Tecumseh; and Rebekah Lynam, Purcell. Computer Training Center Manager Aaron Pence, Norman,

received the Oklahoma Library Service Award.

PLS Board Member Marissa Lightsey was

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Interesting Neighbors Everyone has a story

Rebecca Andrews
The Purcell Register

Flames to Hope Equine-Assisted Services is a local non-profit organization using miniature horses to help heal the hearts and minds of those in need.

It comes as no surprise to citizens in the heart of horse country that horses have proven their ability to calm the mind, sooth the soul, and heal the body for millennia.

Flames to Hope uses their string of tiny miniature horses to do just that here in Central Oklahoma.

The therapeutic value of horses was documented as far back as 600 B.C.

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Royalty

Ron and Kelly King and two of their mini horses, Marshmallow and Reba, that are used as therapeutic healers.

House approves Teacher/Student Scholarship legislation

A trio of bills aimed at recruiting more teachers for Oklahoma classrooms and assisting Oklahoma students passed the House today.

The legislation is authored by Mark McBride, R-Moore, who chairs the House Appropriations & Budget Subcommittee for Education.

Two of the measures would expand scholarships for students electing to enter teacher preparation programs, including those for critical industries.

"In order to thrive and succeed to their fullest potential in our schools, students need a knowledgeable, passionate and dedicated teacher," McBride said. "Unfortunately, Oklahoma like other states are suffering a prolonged teacher shortage. These bills will help incentivize those who choose to enter this noble profession. This will benefit our students and all of our state."

House Bill 2555 creates the Oklahoma Critical Industries

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John D. Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Under construction

Work continues on replacing the retaining wall at Trinity United Methodist Church after officials recently noticed it was leaning a little to the south.

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 kindergarten 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.

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.

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Cool snap for Spring Break

We have seen some cooler conditions over the last couple of days, but temperatures are briefly back on the rise heading into Thursday, with a 70 percent chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms. A few storms may be severe, with large hail and damaging

winds as the primary threats. Friday will offer calmer conditions, with a mix of sun and clouds and temperatures dropping back into the upper 40s for afternoon highs. The weekend is looking to remain dry, with temperatures in the mid to upper 40s under partly

cloudy skies. Rain chances will return for the start of the next work week, with temperatures holding steady in the low 50s for afternoon highs. We will warm up again into the upper 60s by midweek under a mostly cloudy sky.

– Hunter Brittingham

Senate votes to strengthen law against illegal foreign ownership of Oklahoma land

A measure to stop the illegal purchase of Oklahoma land passed the Senate unanimously March 8.

Sen. David Bullard, R-Durant, worked with the attorney general’s office in crafting Senate Bill 212 to keep non-U.S. citizens from directly or indirectly, through a business entity or trust, owning land in the state unless otherwise authorized by law.

“Oklahoma land is as rich for growing crops as it is with the heritage of hard-working people. It is no wonder a lot of people want land here, including those from other countries,” Bullard said. “It is not an excuse to allow foreign nationals to buy up one of our most valuable

resources, especially when they are cartels and from communist parties. We cannot continue to auction our state off to the highest criminal bidder.”

Currently, it is illegal for non-U.S. citizens to acquire or own land in Oklahoma, and if they acquire it “by devise or descent,” they must dispose of it within five years. Bullard’s bill addresses the common occurrence of foreigners utilizing “straw owners,” which can be individuals, businesses, or trusts, to fraudulently complete real estate transactions to get around the law.

Under SB 212, any deed recorded with a county clerk will be required to include an affidavit executed by the per-

son or entity coming into title attesting that they, the business entity, or trust are lawfully obtaining the land in compliance with Oklahoma law and that no funding source is being used in the sale or transfer in violation of any states’ laws or federal law.

The attorney general would create a separate affidavit for individuals and for business entities or trusts to comply with this legislation. Businesses engaged in regulated interstate commerce in accordance with federal law would be exempt from this prohibition.

Rep. Justin Humphrey, R-Lane, is the principal House author of the bill, which will next be considered in the House.



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Time for a new one

Old Glory is a little too old for its own good on the north end of town with it apparently past time for a replacement flag.

Wayne Elementary Pre-K, new kindergarten student enrollment

Wayne Elementary Pre-K sign up and new kindergarten students enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year will be held Monday, March 20, through Friday, March 24, in the Wayne Elementary School office.

Pre-K students must be four

years old on or before Sept. 1, 2023 to qualify.

The following documents are required for each child:

- Updated shot record;
- State issued Birth Certificate;
- Proof of residency (utility bill);

- Parent photo ID; and
 - CDIB card, if applicable.
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NEWS In Brief

Community Coffee

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 23, hosted by Purcell First Baptist Church.

The coffee will be held at the First Baptist Church, 400 W. Main St., in Purcell.

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

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 \$20 for dad and daughter and \$5 for each additional daughter.

All proceeds go to the PHS Prom.

C.A.R.E. Coalition

The Community Alliance of Resource for Everyone (C.A.R.E.) will meet Tuesday, March 21, from 8:30-10 a.m. at the OSU Extension office, 1721 Hardcastle Blvd., in Purcell.

C.A.R.E. is a multi-agency coalition that has been serving McClain County for over 20 years. It's purpose is to improve the lives of citizens in rural Oklahoma through community collaborations.

Goals of the organization include reducing substance abuse among youth.

For more information contact Kelsey Jo Harlan at 405-317-4325, kelsey.j.harlan-1@ou.edu or Jennifer Trejo Rojo at 405-343-0465, jentrejorojo@ou.edu.

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.

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.

Roll Off Dumpsters

McClain County District 1 residents only will have roll off dumpsters put in the maintenance yard in Wayne starting March 20 through April 13 for spring clean up.

Times for the yard are 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday only.

The yard is closed on Friday.

No dumping batteries, tires, wire, oil, paint, pesticides, hazardous materials or anything containing freon. Patrons are requested to check into the office before dumping.

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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.

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.



Gaylord News Photo/Noah Mack

History lesson

Sen. Markwayne Mullin tells a story about the Ronald Reagan statue in the U.S. Capitol rotunda while meeting with Oklahoma college students February 27.

Student leaders share concerns with congressional delegation

Noah Mack
Gaylord News

It was 6 p.m. on a Monday, and all alone in the U.S. Capitol rotunda were 11 slack-jawed college students from Oklahoma, marveling at where life had taken them.

Student Government Association leaders from the University of Oklahoma visited members of Oklahoma's congressional delegation during what they deemed a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Washington.

They joined student leaders from other Big 12 Conference schools on Feb. 27-28 to lobby for student-level issues.

"We definitely don't encompass all student experiences, but we at least encompass some, and just being able to share that with legislators has been really rewarding," said SGA President Chris Firch.

On the evening of their first full day in town, the Okla-

homa students were given an impromptu tour of the Capitol by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) after their meeting outside was rained out.

"I loved taking those guys," Mullin said. "That's one of the better things about this job."

It was the students' first time in the Capitol building, and many had never been to Washington.

"It sounds cheesy, but I never could have imagined we were able to have those opportunities as university students," said SGA Vice President Emelie Shultz.

Bailey Trautman, vice chairman of the undergraduate student congress, said the trip was an experience she will never get again.

"We just almost couldn't believe that we were here," Trautman said. "It was like it was made up or something, like we were in a movie."

The students spent both days

meeting with legislators to push for three key issues—mental health, college affordability and food insecurity—facing college students.

"College affordability, mental health and food insecurity all go hand-in-hand," Trautman said. "If you don't have the finances to be able to afford your groceries that can affect your mental health and it's just one big cycle."

Firch said when he was campaigning for SGA president he encountered students who struggled with all those issues.

"Even with faculty that have really talked about these issues and want to help students as much as they can, but they just don't have the funding for it and they don't have the resources," Fitch said. "So I just think it's my responsibility to, you know, stand up for OU."

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Attorney General Drummond encourages contractor fraud awareness

Attorney General Gentner Drummond is encouraging Oklahoma residents to be on the lookout for contractor fraud, especially in the wake of last month's tornadoes and severe storms.

Drummond's warning is part of National Consumer Protection Week, a time designated for helping people understand their consumer rights and avoid frauds and scams. The week runs through March 11 this year.

Drummond said the weeks that follow damaging storms and tornadoes are a common time for contractor fraud to occur.

"I encourage families to research companies and con-

tractors before hiring them," he said. "It's important to stay on alert and to use your best judgment when selecting a contractor or construction company."

Ethan Shaner, deputy attorney general for the consumer protection unit, said construction and contractor fraud is the most common complaint submitted by consumers.

Complaints in this category include new construction, roof repairs and replacements, remodeling and concrete work.

Shaner said the best ways to avoid contractor fraud are to:

- ask for referrals from people you know and trust;
- interview several contractors and take time to carefully review your options.
- obtain written proposals that accurately cover all aspects of the project;
- use caution if asked for a substantial up-front payment

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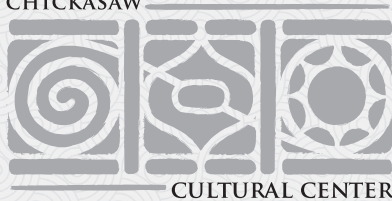
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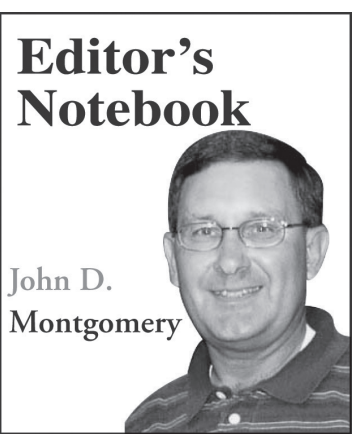


OKC State Rep. on losing Volkswagen

House Democratic Leader Cyndi Munson said Volkswagen rejected Oklahoma and chose Canada because of hateful rhetoric

“Diversity, equity and inclusion are not bad words, but instead the foundation of multi-national companies like Volkswagen that Oklahoma seeks to attract,” Munson said. “Instead of cultivating a sense of belonging, the Legislature continues to foster division and hate,” Munson said.

“If we want big companies like Volkswagen to choose Oklahoma over other states and countries like Canada, we need more than just tax incentives,” Munson said.



Who knows if she is correct but if she is, lawmakers need to take a look at what they are doing at 23rd and Broadway.

“We need lawmakers to stop making laws that limit access to health care for women and transgender Oklahomans,” Munson went on to say.

“We need the governor and the state superintendent of public instruction to stop working to defund and denounce our public schools.

“We need to redirect our focus to the proven ways to grow and develop our workforce: ensure quality health care and a strong public school system,” Munson continued.

“The Republican Leadership’s hostility towards anyone that is different from them is costing Oklahomans good, high-paying jobs,” she said.

Open records and meetings foster better government

**By Attorney General
Gentner Drummond**

As Oklahoma’s Attorney General, I have made it a top priority to aggressively enforce the Open Records and Open Meetings Acts across State government. That is why I am excited to highlight the importance of Sunshine Week, an annual celebration of access to public information and open government.

All citizens have a right to the public records that belong to them. These records include how your tax dollars are spent, why a decision that impacts your family has been made, and more.

It does not matter whether the requested documents are about potholes or politics. It does not matter whether the requester is a news reporter or a concerned resident. You are entitled to inspect most public records as promptly as possible. That’s not

just my opinion; it’s the law.

Unfortunately, in recent years we have seen individuals resorting to lawsuits to get records after government bureaucrats refused to release them. No one should have to litigate to obtain a public record.

While there are times when specific circumstances may reasonably restrict some documentation - such as information that is part of an ongoing investigation - the standard for conducting public business must be one of openness and transparency.

As the state’s chief law enforcement officer, I am committed to ensuring those who request such records do not have to pursue legal action or navigate other burdensome obstacles simply to get what they lawfully have a right to receive.

I believe in leading by example. When I was sworn in January 9, my office had a backlog of 66 Open Records

requests dating back years. I made it a priority to honor these requests, and my team quickly went to work.

I am pleased to report that the backlog at the Office of Attorney General has been eliminated, and we have fulfilled 34 additional Open Records requests since I took office.

A bill making its way through this year’s legislative session would establish a public access counselor in the Office of Attorney General to help ensure public bodies comply with the Open Records Act. I support this effort.

Openness and transparency are crucial to our nation and its government created of the people, by the people and for the people. A transparent government begets a better government, as it exposes bad actors while attracting public officials who act with honesty

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Uncovering a cover up

Congressman Tom Cole

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has shown the world repeatedly that it cannot be trusted as a global partner. And given its deceptive actions taken at the onset of the coronavirus pandemic when COVID-19 first emerged in China, the CCP has also shown it cannot be trusted as a health partner as well.

Although some have dismissed the idea of a lab leak causing the outbreak of COVID-19 as a conspiracy theory, it has increasingly become a more feasible scenario as more evidence emerges.

In fact, last week the Department of Energy and the FBI assessed the most likely scenario for the origins of COVID-19 is a laboratory leak from the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV) in China where research was being performed on coronaviruses.

Even the former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and expert virologist Dr. Robert Redfield has said repeatedly he believes the most likely origin of the COVID-19 virus was the result of a lab leak.

He believes the human-to-human spread of the virus

contradicted the behavior of other deadly coronaviruses with similar profiles, such as SARS and MERS, which first reached humans through animal contact but spread at a much slower pace.

In addition, the origins of those viruses were found rather quickly. Now, three years since the initial worldwide spread of COVID-19, there are still no clear answers.

Although we still do not know for certain the origins of COVID-19, we do know that CCP officials concealed the initial outbreak and spread of the disease, withheld information from the public, failed to take precautions and delayed notifying global health partners.

This included failing to adhere to treaty agreements on global health requirements that the rest of the world complies with. Moreover, the CCP worked to permit only a select group of scientists to investigate the outbreak, which American scientists were not invited to provide expert support.

Before the spread of this virus was made public to the rest of the world, the Chinese government continued to cover up evidence. Specifically, the revelation that three research-

ers at the WIV sought hospital treatment for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in late 2019 has caused many to call into question the likelihood of a lab leak.

While it is certainly possible that their symptoms were caused by other illnesses, this discovery sparks serious questions about what the lab was working on and where the virus originated.

Every nation around the world is unfortunately still picking up the pieces from the disastrous effects of the coronavirus pandemic that has resulted in nearly 7 million deaths.

If the global spread of COVID-19 came from the malpractices of the CCP, then the American people and the entire world deserve to know. Because of this, last week I was proud to support the House passage of the COVID-19 Origin Act of 2023 to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify and make public information relating to the origins of COVID-19.

And as evidence continues to come to light, I look forward to working with my colleagues to find answers and hold those responsible for this global catastrophe accountable.

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Your Views



Get ready before spring flooding

By Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner Glen Mulready

Here in Oklahoma, we know all too well the damage flooding causes and the danger it presents. In May 2019, Oklahomans saw some of the worst flooding in history after 17 tornadoes struck the state in one day. The storm carried five to six inches of rainfall, causing the tragic loss of lives and significant financial damage.

Flooding devastated thousands of Oklahomans, resulting in more than \$31 million in estimated losses. In addition, more than 6,000 flood claims were reported, yet far too many storm victims did not have flood insurance.

March is Flood Insurance Awareness Month in Oklahoma. I want to remind Oklahomans to get ready before spring flooding and consider getting flood insurance coverage now. Here are three reasons why now is a great time to learn more about the importance and benefits of flood insurance.

You live in Oklahoma. Flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States. Ninety percent of natural disasters in the U.S. involve flooding. While most standard homeowners policies cover tornadoes, hail, and wildfires, they do not cover floods. You are 27 times more likely to experience a flood than a fire during a 30-year mortgage.

Thirty-day waiting period. It typically takes 30 days for

a flood policy to go into effect, so the time to buy is well before a disaster. That is why you need to purchase or renew flood insurance well in advance. Waiting until you see the water rushing in is too late. Get flood coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) or through private insurance. Talk to your agent today.

Cost of flooding. Flooding can be an emotionally and financially devastating event. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, an inch of water in a home could cause more than \$25,000 in damages.

About 33 percent of all flood claims come from outside of high-risk areas. In 2021, the average flood insurance claim payment through NFIP was \$44,050, while Oklahoma’s average flood insurance premium was \$81 a month.

While we cannot prevent another flood from occurring, we can get our state financially prepared for the damage when it hits. This month let’s make sure Oklahomans understand their flood risk. As I always like to remind folks — If it rains where you live, it can flood where you live.

For more insurance information, please contact the Oklahoma Insurance Department at 1-800-522-0071 or visit our website at www.oid.ok.gov.

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Society

Okeyha Mothers Club has meeting

The Okeyha Mothers Club met in the home of Dede Page on March 13, 2023.

Members in attendance were Dede Page, Valerye Haley, Jenny Goodspeed, Echo Tompkins, Gisela Wolfenbarger, Holly Baker, Kristi Edelman, Melissa Pruitt and Peggy Hill.

Members unable to attend were Sharie Wilhoit, Kim Thompson, Aletha Lydick, Heather Wyatt and Sheila Barfield.

The group had a wonderful meal and meeting. Members would like to invite the community to their upcoming fundraiser which will be at Pinote's Palette in Norman on March 26 from 2-4 p.m. You can sign up at the following link <https://www.pinotpalette.com/nor->

man/event/673081 image.png. Grab a friend or two, sign up and have a afternoon of fun and painting.

The Okeyha Mothers Club will be awarding a \$1,500 scholarship to a graduating senior at Purcell High School. We encourage any senior planning to attend college to pick up an application from the Purcell High School Counselor's office. The application deadline is April 17, 2023.

Club members truly have a great time at their meetings and love that their club has the opportunity to serve the community through different types of fundraisers.

The next Okeyha Mother's Club meeting will be on March 27, 2023.

Wauhillau Austin Gale Memorial Scholarship



Wauhillau Austin Gale

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>.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to my daughter-in-law, Emily Montgomery of Purcell.

Emily celebrates her birthday Saturday, March 18.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Celebrate like you're a little Irish, even if you're not!

A special happy birthday to my nieces, Kristin Rusler and Lindsay Budd.

Kristin and Lindsay celebrate their birthdays Tuesday, March 21.

Happy first day of spring Monday, March 20.

There's always some good news if you just look for it!

Happy birthday to Riley Land-Foshee, Brantley Lang, Mat Nauman, Madi Self, Rodney Gray, Landon Stringer, Glen Boydston, Reese Lang, Ava Slack, Jeff Lang, Tommie DeArman, Ashlyn Kirkland, Randi Larman, Ryan Russ, Craig Perigo, Lizzy Walker, Don Hamman, Nathan Brinker, Curtis Pryor, Veronica Still, Debbie Wilkinson, Esmeralda Aguinaga, Nataniel Austin Carel, Jon Forster, Judy Pickle, Todd Clouse and Debbie Frasier.

Happy anniversary to Brent and Adrienne Lang and Steve adn Becky Mayhan.

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.

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 \$20 for dad and daughter and \$5 for each additional daughter.

All proceeds go to the PHS Prom.

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.

Here's a dish to serve to commemorate the Chickasaw Cultural Center's annual Three Sisters Celebration, which will continue through March 18 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Three Sisters Stew

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 cups onion, diced
- 6 cups water
- 2 14.5 oz. cans diced tomatoes
- 6 cups red skinned potatoes, cubed
- 15 can tomato sauce
- 1 cup corn, frozen
- 1 cup yellow squash, diced
- 1 cup zucchini, diced
- 15.5 can light red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can blackeyed peas, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup quick cooking barley
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1-1/2 tsp. black pepper
- Brown ground beef and onions, drain.

In a large stock pot, add all ingredients. Bring to a boil, then lower heat and simmer for 30-45 minutes until the potatoes are soft.

Serve immediately.



• Photo provided

Page duties

Sen. Jessica Garvin, R-Duncan, joins Washington High School junior, Baylor Haynes, who served as a page for the Senate during the fifth week of the legislative session from March 6-9.

Baylor Haynes serves as Senate page

Washington High School junior, Baylor Haynes, has completed a week of service as a page for Sen. Jessica Garvin, R-Duncan. Baylor served at the Capitol during the fifth week of session from March 6-9.

Paging gives high school students a behind-the-scenes look at the legislative process. They provide important services during the busy legislative session, including assisting in Senate committee meetings and daily sessions of the full Senate. The group met with Gov. Kevin Stitt and took a commemorative photo. They also met with Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat and Kellyville Senator Todd Gollihare. The pages participated in a mock legislative committee meeting, along with a floor session, called

Pageville, where they presented and debated bills from the 2023 legislative session. Finally, they toured the Oklahoma History Center and the newly renovated Capitol, which is also the state's largest museum with hundreds of paintings, sculptures and other art pieces depicting Oklahoma's history.

Baylor participates in football, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He volunteers by coaching fourth and fifth grade football. In his free time, he enjoys throwing discus and lifting weights. After high school, Baylor would like to go to the University of Arkansas for chiropractic studies.

He is the son of Washington residents Bryan and Stacey Haynes.

Country classics kick off spring season at the McSwain Theatre

Jae L. & Crossover with special guests will kick off spring season at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, with sweet, country classics at the historic McSwain Theatre, 130 W. Main St., in Ada.

"It is going to be a great show with a lot of songs that will take you down memory lane," said Jae L. Stilwell, vocalist and theater manager. "If you like country and gospel music, you will truly enjoy a fun night at the McSwain."

Several special guests will be joining in on the entertainment, including Marlow, Oklahoma, resident Dale Rochelle. Rochelle ministers through gospel singing and plans to share his gift with the McSwain crowd.

Brandon Bamburg, a native

of Rockwall, Texas, will be sharing his original country music.

A familiar voice from KCNP Chickasaw Community Radio Network, Tishia Agee from Ada, will be featured as well.

Country singer and songwriter Gary McCarter from Tishomingo will also be returning to the McSwain.

Ada's familiar favorites, Haley Miller, Chandler Elliott and Debbie Allen will also take to the stage to share their talent.

Some hits to be performed are "A Fire I Can't Put Out," "Honk if you Honky Tonk," "Who's Cheatin' Who" and more.

For more information, contact the McSwain Theatre at (580) 332-8108 or visit McSwainTheatre.com.

Follow theater updates on Facebook at Facebook.com/McSwainTheatre, on Instagram at Instagram.com/McSwainTheatre or on Twitter at Twitter.com/McSwainTheatre.

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Francesca Losh, chairman of the Campus Activities Council, said she thinks those issues have been the driving factor in decreased campus participation, especially following the pandemic.

“A lot of students have reported having moderate to severe stress and some of that is kind of due to like college affordability and food scarcity,” Losh said.

Shultz is an international student from Sweden who brings a unique perspective to the table. She said she thinks college affordability is crucial to bringing together students from all walks of life.

“If you take away the possibility of college affordability, you also take away the diversity of students who can attend,” Shutz said. “We all need to promote each other; lift each other up, like together, right? Because that’s what a society is for me.”

OSU students joined OU students in the discussions.

“Nice to see a little Bedlam unity there to be able to talk through issues,” said Sen. James Lankford (R-OK). “It was great to be able to visit with them.”

The OU students said the conversations went well, and lawmakers were receptive to their concerns.

“I think to hear students talk about a friend, or to talk about

a family member, or even themselves regarding these challenges can go such a long way before they may say yes or no to a bill,” Firsch said.

Shultz stressed that sharing student voices with legislators is critical.

“It’s so important to highlight the student perspective, but it’s also so important to make sure that the students of OU are heard in these decisions,” Shultz said.

Abby Hasley-Kraus, chairman of the undergraduate student congress, said she was honored to be the bridge between her campus and the federal government.

“It’s incredibly surreal,” Halsey-Kraus said. “It’s an experience that not many students are fortunate enough to have and I feel really grateful to be here on behalf of the student body of OU.”

Trautman said the trip has left a lifelong imprint on her.

“To feel like you can make changes at such a young age is just like really impressive,” Trautman said. “We all just have this potential to do something and better our world.”

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School Menus

WAYNE SCHOOL MENU Week of March 20 MONDAY BREAKFAST Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice, milk. LUNCH Corndog, french fries, spinach, mixed fruit, milk. TUESDAY BREAKFAST Cereal, fruit, juice, milk. LUNCH Taco, pinto beans, rice, strawberries, milk. WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST Sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit,	LUNCH Chicken sandwich, broccoli, chips, pears, milk. THURSDAY BREAKFAST Cereal, fruit, juice, milk. LUNCH Spaghetti, green beans, carrots, garlic bread, lemon bars, milk. FRIDAY BREAKFAST Muffin, cereal, fruit, juice, milk. LUNCH Pizza, corn, salad, apple slices, milk.
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PURCELL SCHOOL MENU Week of March 20 MONDAY BREAKFAST Toast and scrambled eggs or cereal and toast, applesauce, juice, milk. LUNCH Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, baby carrots, peaches, milk. TUESDAY BREAKFAST Muffin or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk. LUNCH Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, romaine salad, apple, milk. WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST	LUNCH Biscuit and gravy or cereal and toast, peaches, juice, milk. LUNCH Beef nacho bar with beef, queso and chili beans, chips and salsa, fruit, milk. THURSDAY BREAKFAST Toast and yogurt or cereal and toast, apple, juice, milk. LUNCH Corndog, french fries, cucumber slices, peaches, milk. FRIDAY BREAKFAST Sausage and cheese breakfast rullup with gravy or cereal and toast, apple, juice, milk. LUNCH Pulled pork sandwich, green beans, romaine salad, apple-sauce, milk.
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LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU Week of March 20 MONDAY BREAKFAST Cereal or biscuit and gravy, craisins, fruit juice, milk. LUNCH Salisbury steak, potatoes with brown gravy, blackeyed peas, applesauce, hotroll, milk. TUESDAY BREAKFAST Cereal or breakfast stick, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk. LUNCH Vegetable soup, cheese stick and crackers, bread and butter pickles, strawberries, milk. WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST Cereal or egg and cheese morning burger, peaches, fruit	LUNCH Chicken spaghetti, green beans, steamed carrots, mixed fruit, milk. THURSDAY BREAKFAST Cereal or yogurt and crackers, spiced apples, fruit juice, milk. LUNCH Biscuit and gravy, egg and sausage, hash brown, stewed tomatoes, orange smiles, milk. FRIDAY BREAKFAST Cereal or breakfast bagels, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk. LUNCH Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, onions and pickles, french fries, Jell-O with fruit, milk.
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Barbara Jean Spray

Barbara Jean Spray died March 2, 2023, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 82 years 6 months 29 days. Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the Wadley’s Funeral Chapel. Online condolences may be made, and service livestreamed at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.



Barbara was born August 4, 1940, in East Gary, Indiana to Ralph and Lela Pearl (Follow-will) Ganger. She was raised in Wolkcortville, Indiana, graduating from Centerville in 1958.

Barbara continued her education in Battlecreek Michigan at Kellogg Community College. She became a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1961. Barbara worked at Community Hospital in Battlecreek for 7 -1/2 years, and then at Leila Y. Post Catholic Hospital in intensive care for 6 months before relocating to Norman, Oklahoma.

In 1969, Barbara went to work for Norman Regional Hospital for 9-1/2 years, and then in 1979, she started with the Norman Veterans Center. Barbara retired in 2003 at the age of 63. After retirement, Barbara worked as a travel nurse in home health for several years.

She was an avid bowler and bowled on a league for many years. Barbara enjoyed riding motorcycles and trying to embarrass her baby boy at every opportunity. She loved to travel, especially trips with her friends to the river-boat casinos in Mississippi. Barbara often took credit for the wine cooler creation, with her favorite drink being Mogen David Blueberry wine and 7-Up.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Lela Ganger; and her brothers, Ralph, Oren and Carl Ganger.

Survivors include her son, Kevin Austin and wife, Kristi; her grandson, Devin Austin, all of Oklahoma; her grandson, Kevin Austin of California; her sister, Margie Ganger-Goff of California; her sister, Carol Landenberger of Oklahoma; her brother, Joe Ganger and wife, Karen, of Michigan; her brother, Gene Ganger and wife, Mary, of Oklahoma; and numerous other relatives and friends.

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Margaret Kay Riggs

Margaret Kay Riggs died March 11, 2023, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 68 years 6 months. Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2023, at the Noble IOOF Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley’s Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.



Margaret was born September 11, 1954, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Robert and Dora (Couch) Riggs. She was raised in Oklahoma City, graduating from John Marshall High School in 1972.

Margaret continued her education and became a Licensed Practical Nurse and worked on getting her RN license. She enjoyed playing bingo, working crossword puzzles, watching game shows, playing board games, and going thrift store shopping. Margaret loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved going on adventures with her grandson.

Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Dora Riggs; her brothers, Jimmy Riggs, Bobby Riggs and Billy Riggs; and her sisters, Vera Junker and Gwen Benson.

Survivors include her daughter, Lara Houston and husband, John, of Norman; her daughter, Sara Riggs of Oklahoma City; her son, Shawn Riggs of Oklahoma City; her grandchildren, Gage, Kiley, Hailey, Heather and Shawn D; her sisters, Alice Hagar and Annette Crest; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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Obituaries

Freddie (Fred) Gene Garrett

Freddie (Fred) Gene Garrett was born in Maysville, Okla., on a hot 1930 summer day as a 13-1/2 pound baby boy hurdled into the epicenter of the great depression. Tough doesn’t describe the circumstances he and his siblings knew in those early Oklahoma years. Resiliency, family and faith were all they had and throughout his remarkable life that was all he ever needed.

He passed away in Kremmling, Colo., on March 2, 2023.

After graduating high school in Wayne, Okla., he joined the Army in 1954 and participated in Army atomic exercises with the 373rd ordinance company. He actively participated in the Desert Rock VI nuclear program.

After returning to Oklahoma he pursued a career in the oil fields which eventually brought him to the Rockies and Colorado where he met his bride Carolynn Pharo. Married in January 1958 they would be life partners who would bring seven children, 22 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren into the fold.

Most knew Fred as the head of the Middle Park Auto enterprise which he ran with his father-in-law Glenn Pharo. Together they ran Ford, New Holland and Hesston dealerships serving Grand, Jackson, Routt and Summit counties. He worked tirelessly with the ranching, mining and logging industries. He would do anything he could to make things work for his customers and he truly loved the people he served. He was fair and he valued a handshake over profit. Raised as a farmer, he did not see the difference between family and work..to him it was all the same and his entire community was his family.

Ever the eclectic, Fred could make anything out of nothing. A little baling wire, used parts and imagination would serve to complete any project he pursued. His home on Sunset Point was a torn down and rebuilt Holzwarth Lodge from Rocky Mountain National Park. This home has served as the center of the Garrett family for 46 years and thanks to his foresight will remain so well into the future. He was known for “moving into the barn” when he lost his wife in 2007 and he made it his home for many years. He had a style we can only call “Freditecture” and somehow his unconventional methods outlived many well engineered ones.

He had a love of the outdoors and many who will read this can recall elk hunting and fishing trips with him. His knowledge of horses and livestock opened two generations to decades of 4-H and rodeo.

He will be remembered for his kindness and his ever-present humor right up to his last day. Rare is the man who can lead by humor and kindness. He was that man.

He is survived by his seven children, Holly (Kent) Zastrow, Shelly (Ted) Zagone, Mike (Kim), Lorri, Patrick, Becky Johnson and Bob; 22 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and his wonderful Oklahoma sblings, Velma, Tom and Velta with whom he remained extremely close.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Carolynn; his sister, Euyvone and his parents Fred (Pete) and Norene Garrett.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2023 at the Church of the Eternal Hills in Tabernash with a reception following at the Garrett home on Sunset Point.

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Little low

The Purcell City Lake is showing the results of the drought conditions that are plaguing Central Oklahoma.

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Bill:

Scholarship program, a four-year pilot encouraging high school graduates to pursue careers in industries critical to the economic growth of the state.

The program will match state funds up to \$15 million with the same amount from private funding sources. It will be administered by the state Regents for Higher Education, which will determine the scholarship amounts and student eligibility. The Regents, in consult with the State Career Tech Board, will identify critical industry programs.

House Bill 2559 will add funding to the Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program. The program was started last year through legislation authored by McBride as a way to inspire high school students to enter the teaching profession.

McBride said so far about 2,000 students have applied for the scholarships. This bill includes students who have

graduated high school, earned their GED or who have been homeschooled.

An additional piece of legislation, House Bill 2318, would extend the provisions of the Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship tax credit to include contributions made to eligible college and university foundations.

The tax credits are capped at \$25 million total for all university foundations, and \$6 million per individual institution of higher education.

The Oklahoma Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship program currently grants tax credits to individuals and businesses for contributions made to non-profit organizations that then provide school scholarships to low-income students and public school districts or foundations.

This higher education piece would match scholarships already available to students in K-12.

This bill was requested by Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma as a way to expand needs-based scholarships to eligible college students. The caps are in place, however, to ensure funds are available to regional institutions as well.

“This will just help ensure that students who want to go to college but who lack the funding, will have an opportunity through these scholarships,” McBride said.

These bills now await committee assignment in the state Senate.

HB 2318 and 2555 are authored by Sen. Roger Thompson, R-Okemah, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

HB 2559 is authored by Sen. Dewayne Pemberton, R-Muskogee, who serves as chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and vice chair of the Education Committee.

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Library:

awarded a Citizen’s Recognition Award, and Executive Director Lisa Wells received the alumni award from OU’s School of Library and Information Studies.

Additionally, several PLS staff currently attending OU’s MLIS program were awarded scholarships to support their studies.

Founded in 1958, PLS today offers 12 full-access libraries in 10 communities throughout Cleveland, McClain and Pottawatomie counties, as well as additional access locations

in smaller communities and outreach services including Business Services and the PLS Maker Mobile.

Continually seeking to innovate, PLS recently became the first Oklahoma library system to partner with the State to offer Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, a program which mails a free book each month to enrolled children under the age of five.

In presenting the Library of the Year award, Miller said of PLS: “From being the first to implement innovative technol-

ogy, the first in the nation to install a 24 Hour Library and locally-developed library mobile app, to being the first in the state to custom build and launch a Maker Mobile, to developing forward-thinking partnerships, such as the Cleveland County Jail Reset Pod and embedding Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board staff in the library, PLS lives up to its namesake of pioneering library services.”

For more information about PLS and its services, visit pioneerlibrarysystem.org.

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Robocalls:

benefits or trick call recipients into believing they need to pay money to Amazon, Apple and other retailers.

Matt Willoughby, Oklahoma assistant attorney general for the consumer protection unit, said call recipients can help protect themselves from fraud by listening for common warning signs and signing up for the Do Not Call Registry.

Willoughby said individuals should:

- Be suspicious of callers who ask you to pay by gift card, wire transfer or cryptocurrency.

- Beware of pre-recorded calls from imposters claiming to represent government agencies.

- If the caller claims to be from a legitimate company or organization, hang up and call them back using a valid number found on their website or on your latest bill if you do business with them.

- If fraudulent activity is suspected, immediately hang up and do not provide any information.

- Sign up for the Oklahoma Do Not Call Registry and the

national Do Not Call Registry by visiting oag.ok.gov/attorney-generals-telemarketer-restriction-act-consumer-registry.

Oklahoma is part of the national Anti-Robocall Task Force created last year to investigate and pursue legal action against those who make fraudulent telemarketing calls or enable scammers to make them.

The task force currently is investigating more than 20 providers for illegal robocall traffic.

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Neighbors:

60’s, therapeutic riding became a common practice to treat orthopedic conditions and developed into what is called “hippotherapy”.

Hippotherapy is treatment with the help of a horse. Occupational and physical therapists use horses to help adults and children with a variety of conditions both physical and mental.

Horses offer more than what can be gained by riding alone.

General care and grooming of horses has been proven to be as valuable as the physical therapy that comes with riding.

The mission of Flames to Hope is to transform the lives of adults and children with emotional, social, cognitive, and physical challenges through Equine-Assisted Therapy and various learning services.

Standard sized horses are often intimidating and even frightening to some.

Miniature horses have all the magnificent qualities large horse have in smaller, less intimidating packages.

Miniature horses require less space and resources to maintain and are able to go into more facilities than their larger counterparts.

After a tragic tornado tore

over their farm, Ron and Kelly King used their surviving horses aptly named Flame and Hope as inspiration.

Both veterans themselves, the Kings planned to use Flame and Hope to help veterans transition into civilian life, however circumstances changed so they decided to grow the organization in a smaller way.

Flames to Hope accomplishes their bold mission to help others in a unique way.

“Courage gives you strength in the midst of tragedy. Hope helps you overcome it,” Kelly said.

The Kings acquired a miniature horse named Trigger followed shortly after by a 3 month old orphan mini named Reba.

In 2016 Flames to Hope scheduled their first visit to an assisted living facility in Lexington.

Reba was a big hit.

Soon after the first appearance, Kelly’s phone started ringing and appointments filled up fast.

People adored Reba and her personable nature. The mini’s proved to be very popular. Their schedule was full until COVID abruptly ended the facility visits.



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I did not want to be involved in Goldsby politics, I HAD TO!

I am going to ask every one of you to also get involved. We have seen an average of only 300 votes cast in the past elections for Goldsby Town Board. I challenge all of you to send a clear message and show this community we still care and make it happen with a huge turnout!

Paid for by Mike Herrin

Post-Covid, the organization shifted gears. While they do offer site visits with the “Mobil Mini’s”, they are providing many more opportunities at the farm in Noble.

Flames to Hope provides individuals and small groups with confidence building and relationship improving skills.

One example of this comes by way of a young boy who was participating in a team building event with the horses.

The horse he chose was new to the organization and inexperienced. The children were to lead the horses through an obstacle course which included a small wooden bridge.

The horse balked and refused to cross the bridge. The young man persisted. After about 30 minutes, the horse reared up and landed with one foot on the bridge. The boy triumphantly raised his hands and proudly announced “I did it!”

Everyone cheered and celebrated with him.

King described this powerful moment through tears and a lump in her throat.

King mentioned another experience at a veteran’s facility near Lawton.

The team met a man who had not made a single facial expression in some time.

He smiled the biggest grin when Reba approached him. The staff was moved by the impact the horses had on the residents.

Flames to Hope offers several different options from business team building to personalized outings including mother-daughter activities and family sessions at their facility in Noble.

Their program called “Rein-ing it in” is a unique opportunity for people to engage with the horses on a personal level. They are also booking limited events with their “Mobil Mini’s”.

The Kings currently have nine miniature and three standard horses on their farm. Caring for horses, even tiny horses, is expensive. They operate Flames to Hope as a 501c3 non-profit.

























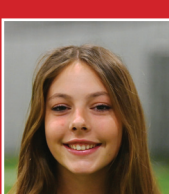


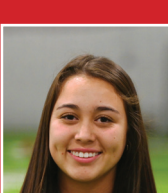


Tax deductible financial donations are welcome and many volunteer opportunities for people ages 15 and over are available.

Information on their organization can be found on their website www.flamestohope.org.

2023
Washington Baseball

 Cam Bates Sr. 1	 Aldo Reyes Jr. 2	 Sutton Moore Sr. 3	 Tristin Babbitt Jr. 4	 Jake Wells Sr. 5
 Cage Morris Jr. 6	 Liam Keltner Fr. 7	 Marlon Moore Jr. 8	 Nate Roberts So. 9	 Jake Coles Jr. 10
 Case Taylor Jr. 11	 Dax McCaskill Jr. 12	 Mayson Thomas So. 13	 Dawson Thomas Fr. 14	 Easton Berglan Jr. 15
 Kade Norman Jr. 16	 Jax Mitchell Fr. 17	 Jonathen Montoya Fr. 18	 Gage Goode Sr. 19	 Kane Springer Sr. 21
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2023
Washington Slow-pitch

 Presley Lucas Fr. 1	 Alexis Gay Jr. 2	 Skylar Wells Sr. 3	 Abby Wood Sr. 4	 Olivia Palumbo So. 5
 Reese Schrader Fr. 6	 Halle Andrews Jr. 7	 Kelby Beller Fr. 8	 Elyssa Dorsett So. 9	 Taylon Elliot So. 10
 Daisy Lampkin Sr. 11	 Mikala West So. 12	 Ellie Loveless Sr. 13	 Laney Gay Fr. 15	 Tinley Lucas Sr. 16
 Ava Grimes So. 17	 Sage Ryan So. 18	 Maggie Place Sr. 19	 Bailey Hyde Jr. 20	 Elly Allison Sr. 21
 Emjay Lucas Jr. 23	 Addy Larman So. 24	 Emersyn Massey Fr. 25	 Jayden Wells Fr. 26	 Bree McHughes Fr. 27
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◀
All-State Cheerleader

• Photo provided
Nitalia Briganti, Lexington High School senior, made the 2023 All-State Cheer Squad. Nitalia is the first Bulldog Cheerleader to earn this honor since Cara Crouse in 1997.



◀
All-State wrestling

• Photo provided
Lexington senior Izzy Pack was named to the West All-State team in wrestling. She is the first female wrestler from Lexington to receive this honor.

Warriors finish season as Class 3A State runners-up

Had a 27-2 record

◀
JohnDennyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington girls basketball team brought home the silver ball after a 39-33 defeat at the hands of Jones at the Big House.

They had wins over Silo (50-34) and Kiefer (46-43) on the way to Saturday's championship game with Jones.

Silo
Washington began the State

tournament with the formidable Silo Rebels, who were led this season by scoring machine, Tiani Ellison.

Washington countered Ellison's scoring prowess, which is well over 20 points a game, with the defensive efforts of Breanna Lindert.

"Breanna held her and did a phenomenal job holding her to 16 points," said head coach Kale Simon. "I was really

happy with her."

Offensively, Kelby Beller led the way for the Warriors with 25 points.

She hit five threes in the game and scored 14 points in the first half to keep the Warriors in the game.

"We got down early and it created a sense of urgency for

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Silver ball

The Washington girls basketball team took the silver ball at the State basketball tournament Saturday at the Big House at the State Fairgrounds. Washington was defeated by Jones 39-33. The Warriors defeated Silo (50-34) and Kiefer (46-43) in the first and second rounds, respectively.

2023 Lexington Baseball



Triston Hamm
0, Fr.



Ty Mixon
1, Jr.



Drew Dierking
2, Jr.



Dax Beason
3, So.



Payton Arnold
4, Sr.



Cale Garver
5, Fr.



Corbin Perry
6, Sr.



Preston Ladasu
6, Fr.



Karson Klupenger
7, So.



Ezra Faulkenberry
9, Sr.



Cameron Haley
10, Fr.



Zeke Hughes
11, Fr.



Cadyn Krueger
11, Fr.



Logan Carroll
13, Jr.



Zeke Faulkenberry
14, Jr.



Hunter Olson
16, Jr.



Gavrie Williams
17, So.



Colby Haynes
20, Fr.



Buddy Cormany
21, So.



Tanner Brock
22, So.



Skylar Rollins
23, Jr.



Kaiden McRavin
25, So.



Jordan Faulkenberry
27, Fr.



Tucker Fleming
33, Jr.



Ryan Johnson
35, So.



Ryan Blaine
Head Coach



Kyle Wells
Asst. Coach



Matt Dierking
Asst. Coach

Edelman second at State

Powerlifting at El Reno meet



Edelman

Purcell Junior High and High School lifters participated in the Oklahoma Powerlifting Coaches Association state

meet in El Reno last week.

In the high school division 157 pound class, Adam Edelman placed second with a total of 1,060 pounds.

Rowan Ardery finished sixth in the 181 pound class with a total of 1,215 pounds while Jose Tarango lifted in the 157

pound class and had a total of 705 pounds.

In the junior high ninth grade division Guillermo Martinez was sixth in the 181 pound class with a total of 1,030 pounds and in the seventh grade 181 pound class Westyn Ackerman was 12th with a total lift of 615 pounds.

Local Little League Champs



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Double champs

This Wynnewood fifth grade team was regional champions and State champions in the silver bracket.



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Big winners

These Washington fourth graders were the silver bracket champions.

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Fund-raiser baseball games

Donations will go to the
non-profit Kids Joining Eternity

Purcell's two baseball games this Saturday with Asher and Newcastle will be fund-raisers for the non-profit Kids Joining Eternity.

The 12 noon game will pit Purcell against Asher with the nightcap against Newcastle starting at 5 p.m.

Purcell Assistant Coach Bryan Young lost a son, Mattox, to Trisomy.

March 18th is Trisomy 18 Awareness Day.

Trisomy 18 is represented by the color purple. Each player and coach will receive a purple jersey to wear during the game with a patch in memory of Mattox on the front and the number 18 on the back," Purcell Head Coach Cole Sharp said. "We will use this day to honor Coach Young's son along with all

other infants and children gone too soon," Sharp continued.

All donations this year are being presented to Kids Joining Eternity (KJE). KJE is a non-profit organization that helps families in Oklahoma going through infant and child loss by providing resources and events for families.

There will be a donation jar at the front gate.

"We will also pass around donation buckets during both of the games. If you would like to donate via check please make it payable to Purcell Baseball, and the baseball program will make a single donation to KJE with the money raised," Sharp concluded.

For more information, visit https://kidsjoiningeternity.org/story/

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Silver:

us,” Simon said. “Kelby got the threes off of steals and she sparked us.”

The Warriors trailed by one point at halftime but put their foot on the gas in the second half, out-scoring Silo by 17 to close the game.

Rielyn Scheffe also found double figures in scoring with 11 points.

Kiefer

Washington found a stubborn Kiefer team in the semifinal game on Friday.

“Kiefer is a good basketball team,” Simon said. “They have two future college players.”

The Warriors were down again in the first half – trailing by nine at halftime.

But they made up ground in the third quarter and it was a one-point game headed into the fourth quarter.

Scheffe (17), Lindert (11) and Beller (10) teamed up again on the offensive end of the floor to lead the team in scoring.

The majority of their points

came in the second half when the rubber met the road.

Beller hit a fall-away layup to take the lead with under a minute left in the game on a heads-up play.

Scheffe iced the game with two free throws with just seconds remaining after she was intentionally fouled.

Jones

The Warriors squared off with Jones in the finals on Saturday.

It was their first appearance in the State finals since 2016, when they faced off with a Jaden Hobbs-led Alva Gold Bugs team.

Washington led Jones by two after the end of the first quarter.

But the loss of Beller to a knee injury was the real story of the quarter.

Scheffe led the team in scoring with 16 points.

Simon said his team fell short in rebounding against Jones, who claimed a three-pete with the win.

“We knew defense and rebounding would win the game,” he said. “We didn’t defensive rebound well enough to win the game.”

He was happy with the way his players handled Jones’ star player, Boston Berry, who is a McNeese State signee.

“We knew she was their best player and we held her to under 10 points.”

Overall, the coach said he’s proud of his team and what they accomplished this season.

“I’m super proud of our girls,” he said.

He also acknowledged his two seniors, Kyndall Wells and Daisy Lampkin.

“We talk about being ‘out-lasters’ here. Being someone who we’ll talk positive about long after they’re gone and they are,” Simon said. “The sacrifice by Kyndall and her leadership and mentality through the whole season were big.

“And Daisy’s leadership was important. It’s rare for kids to

make decisions to do something when it’s not the easy choice.”

Notes

Beller and Scheffe both made the All-Tournament team in the State tournament.

Washington finished with a 27-2 record with only one loss to a school in their same class.

They won three tournaments, including the Konawa, Latta and Washington tournaments.

“I love my team,” Simon said.

Box scores

3/9 Girls
Washington 50
Silo 34

Washington 7 12 11 20—50
Silo 10 10 6 8—34

Player	Points
Kelby Beller	25
Rielyn Scheffe	11
Kyndall Wells	6
Breanna Lindert	6
Preslee Johnson	3

3/10 Girls
Washington 46
Kiefer 43

Washington 12 5 15 14—46
Kiefer 16 10 9 8—43

Player	Points
Rielyn Scheffe	17
Breanna Lindert	11
Kelby Beller	10
Preslee Johnson	8

3/11 Girls
Jones 39
Washington 33

Jones 9 12 10 8—39
Washington 11 6 10 6—33

Player	Points
Rielyn Scheffe	16
Preslee Johnson	6
Breanna Lindert	4
Kyndall Wells	3
Kelby Beller	2
Jayden Wells	2



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Crossover

Washington sophomore Rielyn Scheffe puts a move on a defender before driving the ball in during the finals of the State basketball tournament. Jones defeated the Warriors 39-33. Scheffe had a team-high 16 points and was named to the All-Tournament team.

‘Dawgs get first win last Saturday

12-4 besting of Asher, Bethel Wood Bat Classic through Wednesday

Emily Montgomery The Purcell Register

The weather was perfect last Saturday for the Bulldogs to pick up their first win of the season, a 12-4 victory over Asher.

Ezra Faulkenberry got the win. He gave up four runs on five hits and struck out four from the mound.

Faulkenberry also led the team at the plate. He had three hits in as many appearances. Drew Dierking also had three hits. Freshman Colby Haynes joined them with multiple hits with two.

In total, Lexington had 11 hits in the win. Cadyn Krueger, Logan Carroll and Dax Beason each had a hit. Krueger also had two RBIs.

Also Saturday, Lexington dropped a 12-2 loss to Mount St. Mary.

The Bulldogs were leading 2-0 in the bottom of the fourth inning when the Rockets broke it open and scored 11 runs to pick up the lopsided win.

Payton Arnold and Krueger were responsible for Lexington’s two hits. Krueger also had an RBI.

Ryan Johnson was on the mound for three and a third innings. He allowed six runs on 10 hits. Haynes came in in relief. He allowed six runs on five hits.

Last Friday, Lexington dropped a 10-0 loss to 2A #4 AmPo.

Zeke Faulkenberry singled in the first inning to provide the only offense for Lexington.

Dierking lasted an inning on the mound. He allowed six runs

on four hits. Arnold came in in relief followed by Klupengert to finish the game.

In their second game with Christian Heritage, Lexington fell 11-4.

The score was knotted at four-all in the bottom of the fifth inning when the Crusaders

plated seven runs to get the win.

Tanner Brock started on the mound for Lexington. He lasted four innings giving up four runs on five hits. He struck out three.

The Bulldogs tallied seven hits. Brock and Dierking had a pair apiece. Haynes, Mixon and

Skylar Rollins each added a hit.

Dierking led the team with two stolen bases.

Lexington was on the road Tuesday for the Bethel Wood Bat classic. They were scheduled to play Tecumseh and Asher. The tournament concluded Wednesday.



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Making the tag

Lexington senior Payton Arnold tags out a Meeker base runner during their game. Lexington was defeated 6-1.



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Driving through

Washington senior Kyndall Wells drives the ball inside during the State finals Saturday. The Warriors fell to Jones 39-33, taking the silver ball. Wells scored three points in the game.

4-2 Bulldogs

Wins over Thackerville and ECP, 5-0 loss to Central

Emily Montgomery The Purcell Register

In Wayne’s 5-0 loss to Central, Lane Jones’ double in the fourth inning was about the only bright spot on offense.

Central got on the board in the second inning, scoring two runs.

They added three in the bottom of the fourth to wrap their scoring.

Kaleb Madden started the game on the mound. He allowed two runs on five hits and struck out one.

Ty Kemp came in in relief for two innings. He allowed three runs on five hits and struck out three.

Last Friday, Wayne picked up a 2-1 win over ECP.

Braden McClendon was on the mound and in command. He pitched five innings al-

lowing one run on two hits. He struck out four.

Wayne’s first run was thanks to a single by Rhett Kennedy in the first inning.

The Bulldogs collected five hits in the win. Kennedy and Madden led the team with two each. Kemp added one.

Last Tuesday, Wayne got a run-rule 9-0 win over Thackerville.

Sophomore Jaxon Dill had a no-hitter. He struck out six.

Wayne finished the win with six hits. Kennedy led his team at the plate, going 2-2. He also had five stolen bases.

Dill, McClendon, Jones and Kemp had one hit apiece.

The Bulldogs were at Pauls Valley on Tuesday for a double header with the Panthers. They will host ECP on March 21.

Slow-pitch started

For Purcell Dragons who are 1-1

Without even a practice Purcell’s slow-pitch softball team won one and lost one in the McElyea and Owens Invitational at OBU.

The Dragons lost to NRC before turning around and defeating Elgin, 8-2.

“We started getting more comfortable at the plate,” head coach Sarah Jones said as she enters her eighth season as head coach.

Ella Resendiz went 4-4 on the day with two home runs.

“Kelly Anderson did a great job for us in the circle walk-

ing only one batter all day,” Jones said.

Lili Del Toro, Hannah Whitaker and Kailynn Helton all had two hits while Rosie Smith, Kyleigh Wells, Payci Constant and Mac McKay each had a hit.

“We have a ton of talent and a lot of depth,” Jones said. “It’s going to be a really fun season.”

The Dragons are expected back on the field Monday when they host Vanoss at 6:30 p.m. They are also scheduled to play Newcastle and Washington at NRC next Tuesday.

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Shockinglyfamous wins SLM Big Daddy Stakes for second time

It's always nice when you can win \$29,730 for a scheduled workout, which was basically trainer Kasey Willis' plan for Shockinglyfamous in the \$50,000 SLM Big Daddy Stakes on Sunday at Remington Park.

"We really were pointing him to the 870-yard (AQHA-Remington Park Distance) Challenge in April, so I figured we might as well get a work in him; I like to get paid for a workout," Willis said with a smile.

It was the second time Shockingly Famous had won the SLM Big Daddy, having captured the same trophy in 2020. This edition of the race might have been the toughest in its history.

That was exemplified by the fact that Shockinglyfamous was sent off at 11-1 odds. If that doesn't explain it enough, the top two runners were champi-

ons - the winner was the 2022 Champion Aged Stallion, and in second was the 2022 AQHA Distance Champion Wascally-wittlewabbit, who was running the 550-yard distance for the first time in his career.

Wascallywittlewabbit is a hook-race specialist and will likely meet Shockinglyfamous in that Challenge in April going around the turn.

Wascallywittlewabbit won both the Pauls Valley Stakes and the Remington Park Distance Championship at 870 yards and Shockinglyfamous ran second to him in both of those stakes last year. Arivalry is brewing.

Jockey Alonso Rivera was aboard Shockinglyfamous for the first time as he was named on the mount for regular rider Cody Wainscott, who had to take off his mounts this week after becoming ill.

"This was my first time on

him and he is just a superstar horse," Rivera said. "He broke good and I just let him do his job. At the 220-yard pole, I just said, 'Let's go home, boy.'"

Willis has trained this 7-year-old horse by One Famous Eagle, out of the Langfuhr (TB) mare Shocktime (TB) to his second SLM Big Daddy stakes victory, a race named for the two-time World Champion from 1997 and 1998 who was a fan favorite and star at Remington Park in the late 1990s.

"They used to haul 'Big Daddy' into my dad's (Eddie's) barn to run here, so it's really nice to win this again," said Kasey.

Shockinglyfamous, bred in Texas by Clarence Scharbauer III, is owned by Kasey and Stone Chase Stables of Maysville, Okla. Even though the horse was a past winner of the same race, he was totally

ignored on the toteboard.

Back in 2020 when he won the SLM Big Daddy, he went off at 5-1 odds. On Sunday, he covered the 550 yards in a winning time of :26.391 over a fast track with an 11-mph tailwind. In 2020, his winning time was :26.395. That night he ran into a 27-mph headwind.

On Sunday, Shockinglyfamous beat Wascallywittlewabbit by an impressive 1-3/4 lengths. The runner-up was a half-length ahead of third-place runner Jess Rocket Man (6-1), another multiple stakes winner. The winner paid \$25.60 to win, \$11.40 to place and \$7.40 to show. He led the race from start to finish. His speed index was a lightning-quick 113.

The money earned improved the lifetime record for Shockinglyfamous to 35 starts, 10 wins, five seconds and five thirds for a bankroll of \$320,948. It was his third win in five tries at the 550-yard distance. Last year, he lost the SLM Big Daddy to O Donovan Rossa by a half-length in the mud. O Donovan Rossa could only manage a seventh-place finish Sunday.

Wascallywittlewabbit went off at 6-1 odds and the \$2 exacta payoff for these two champions was a generous \$104.20. The other horses that made this such an incredible race were 2-1 favorite Big Dynasty, who came into this race on a five-win streak, including three of those in stakes events; Jess My Hocks (7-2), a multiple stakes winner, and O Donovan Rossa (9-2), last year's winner of this race.

The 2023 Remington Park American Quarter Horse, Paint and Appaloosa Season continues next week with a Thursday-Sunday schedule, March 16-19. First post time is 6 p.m. every day except Sunday when it's 4 p.m. There are 10 races scheduled Thursday.

Senate supports paid maternity leave for state employees

A measure to better support mothers in Oklahoma's state agencies passed out of the Senate March 9.

Sen. Jessica Garvin's Senate Bill 193 would provide six weeks of paid maternity leave for full-time employees, following the birth or adoption of a child.

"Through our pandemic working groups and interim studies, like mine last fall, we've learned there are major issues impacting our state's workforce, especially women who have been the largest population to leave the workforce in recent years," said Garvin, R-Duncan.

"In my study, we examined what issues cause so many women to leave the workforce. Not having paid maternity leave was one of the main reasons. We don't want to force Oklahoma mothers to choose between their career and having a family or taking enough time in those vital first weeks to care for their newborn," she said.

To qualify for the leave, mothers would have to be employed by the state for at least two years prior to requesting off. Leave could be used for the birth or adoption of a child.

Employees would not be required to use their accrued leave for the initial six week period, but could request to use such leave for any additional time off they might need up to 12 weeks as is required by the Family and

Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

"I'm proud of the Legislature for working to address this important issue this session, not only for state employees but for teachers and others," Garvin said. "The workforce is changing, and if we want to address the high turnover in our state agencies, we're going to have to provide better benefits, like paid maternity leave, that give parents the flexibility to care for their families or we're going to continue to lose qualified employees."

Garvin pointed out that employee turnover in 2021 cost the state \$110 million, and a portion of those employees were women who quit following the birth of a child.

"This is a workforce development issue and one that will save the state millions in the long run. Six weeks of paid maternity leave is much cheaper than losing a good employee and their knowledge and expertise, only to have to train someone else," Garvin said.

"There is endless data that paid maternity leave lowers employee turnover rates, and given how much Oklahoma is losing every year, I think this is a commonsense cost-savings policy and a wonderful investment in our hardworking public servants," Garvin concluded.

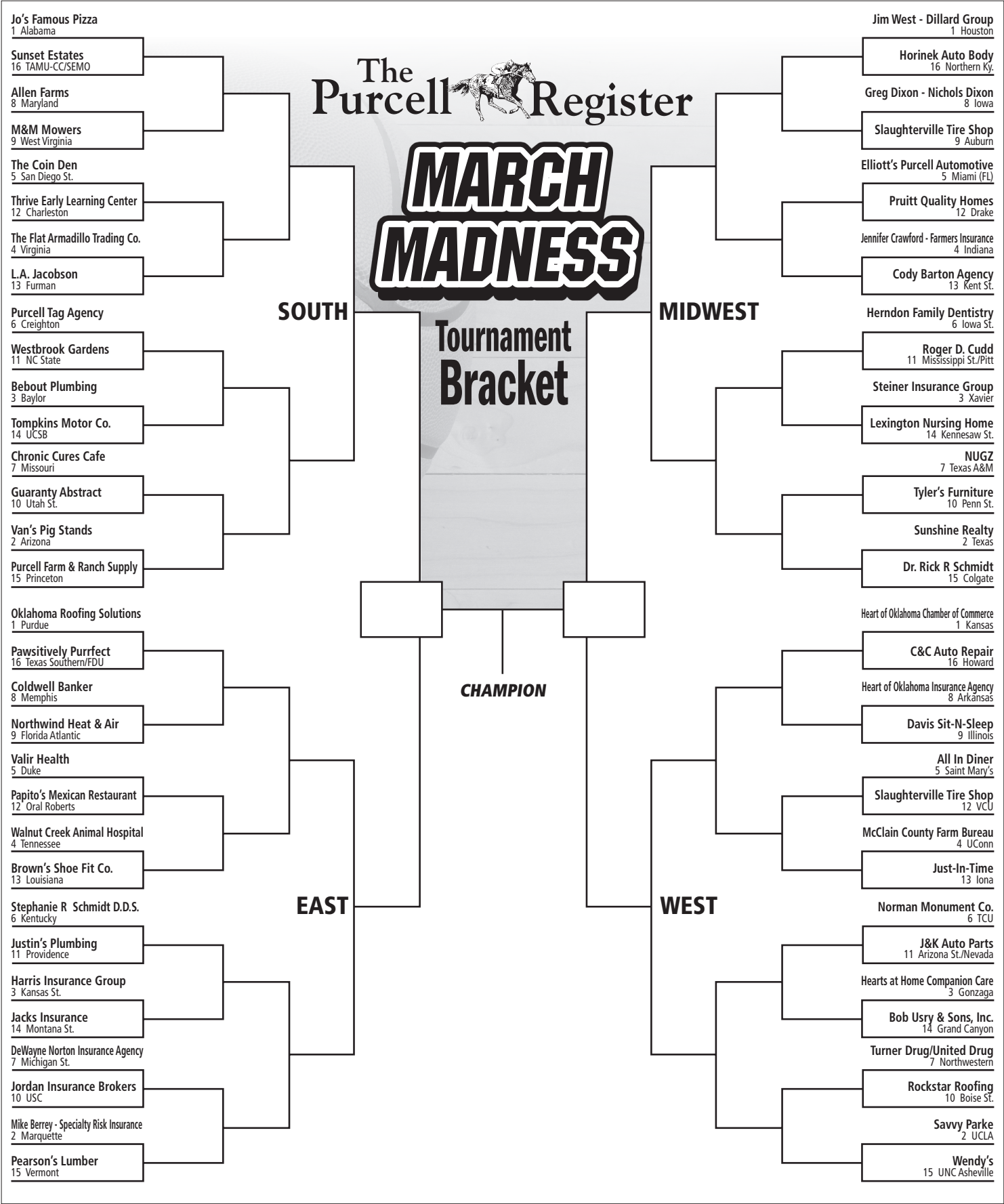
SB 193 now moves to the House where Rep. Nick Archer, R-Elk City, is serving as the principal House author.



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SLM Big Daddy Stakes winner

Shockinglyfamous wins the SLM Big Daddy Stakes in easy fashion on March 12 at Remington Park. This is the second win in the race for Shockinglyfamous who also won in 2020.



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Purcell Register's March Madness

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The Purcell Register's advertising department is once again getting into the act with March Madness and the basketball tournament.

Area merchants are represented in this week's edition of **The Register** with the team that was randomly drawn out of a hat.

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Washington powerlifters place at state

AngieSteele
Washington Correspondent

Washington High School State Powerlifting Qualifiers, Caleb Bruce, Max Georgiadis, Tanner Olson, Jake Wells and Wyatt Wilk traveled to the State Championship March 11 in El Reno.

Congratulations to our State Placers in Powerlifting!

Max Georgiadis—Third Place (Heavyweight).

Caleb Bruce—Second Place (275).

Tanner Olso—Outstanding Squat for all lifters in 181-pound class and above.

Wyatt Wilk—13th (157).

Jake Wells competed in the 200 weight class.

The team finished fifth out of 37 teams with only five lifters! It was a great year for our guys!

AWOL Concludes

Washington Public School students and leader Gena Flick did a fantastic job raising funds for AWOL (A Week of Love) last week to benefit Washington student Presley Lucas.

The fundraiser raised over \$48,000 to benefit freshman Presley Lucas as she battles Juvenile Dermatomyositis, a rare autoimmune disease affecting 3 out of 1 million children yearly. JDM causes her body to attack itself, primarily muscle, connective tissue, blood vessels and skin and can attack the organs.

MANNA This Weekend

All sixth grade boys in Washington and surrounding areas are invited to MANNA. This is a monthly meet-up 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.

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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 16-24:

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



• Photo by Tasha Wilk

Gather for a team photo

Washington High School State Powerlifting Qualifiers Caleb Bruce, Max Georgiadis, Tanner Olson, Jake Wells and Wyatt Wilk traveled to the State Championship March 11 in El Reno.



• Photo provided

Second place finish

Caleb Bruce finished second in the 275 weight class at the State Powerlifting Meet.



• Photo by Ethan Feuerborn

Heavyweight class

Max Georgiadis placed third in the heavyweight division of the State Powerlifting Meet.



• Photo provided

AWOL success

AWOL (A Week of Love) was a tremendous success at Washington Public School last week. A check for almost \$50,000 was presented to Presley Lucas and her family.



Angie Steele • The Purcell Register

AWOL GOAT

Students placed votes during the week of AWOL for the teacher who is the GOAT. Teachers then got to kiss the GOAT at the AWOL Assembly. The goat was provided by the Steele Family Farm and the handler was Washington eighth grader Nate Steele.

11, October 9, November 6 and December 11.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

March 16—HS Baseball Gulf Shores.

March 20—HS Baseball, Amber Pocasset, home, 5 p.m. (V/JV); JH Slow Pitch, Home

vs Newcastle/Blanchard.

March 21—HS Baseball at Marietta(V/V), 5 p.m.; HS Slow Pitch at Bethel (with Tecumseh), 6 p.m.; Duncan JH Boys and Girls Golf; PTO Bingo; JH Baseball, Marlow home, 5 p.m.; JH Slow Pitch, Home vs. Tecumseh, 5 p.m.



• Photos provided

Birds of prey

Navy Veteran, Troy Taylor and his beautiful bird Calvin James (CJ) came by Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation last week to share information about birds of prey and the training process.



• Photos by Vickie Henderson

Dog show participants

Washington’s First Annual Amateur Dog Show was a success last Sunday. Competitions included best tricks, best costume (individual and duo), waggiest tail, prettiest girl, handsomest boy, best personality, fluffiest floof and best bark.



• Photo by Ron Ladlee

DKG Hometown Hero

The Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation Oklahoma Warriors NAHL Hometown Hero is Andrew Akard. Akard, a U.S. Navy Veteran, served eight years as an Operation Specialist and deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom. He is an active supporter of the Tinker Federal Credit Union Foundation on service projects assisting First Responders, Active Duty Service Members, and our Veterans. Join us this Friday at 7 p.m. at the Blazers Ice Centre!



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Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

Today’s newsletter will be focused more on the Pact Act which gives veterans presumptive exposure to Agent Orange who served in the following locations during the Vietnam War era. Veterans who served on Guam, Johnston Atoll, most bases in Thailand and some areas in Cambodia and Laos.

There are tens of thousands of veterans who served in those locations who are now eligible for VA benefits if they are diagnosed with any of the diseases that are presumptive to exposure to Agent Orange. Some of the many diseases include Diabetes type 2, Lung Cancer, Bladder Cancer, Parkinson’s Disease, Ischemic Heart along with many more conditions.

The surviving spouses of veterans who served in those locations could probably receive VA DIC benefits if one of the presumptive conditions is listed as primary cause of death or as a contributing condition listed on their death certificate. We know that most veterans and their families do not know about the changes that the PACT Act brings to many of them.

If you know a veteran or a surviving spouse who may be eligible for VA benefits encourage them to visit us at our location at 1233 West Lindsay Street in Norman.

Follow us on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@AccreditedVSO/> featured.

As 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 Lindsay Street location.

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 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.

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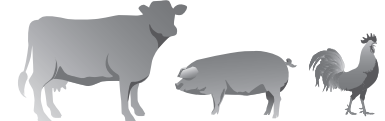
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My contact information is angiesteele73@gmail.com or 405-413-2471 if you have any news to share, story ideas, or if you have someone you would like to see a feature article about. Send me birthday, anniversary, or personal news you would like to share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

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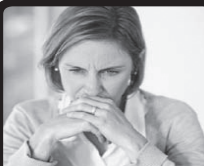
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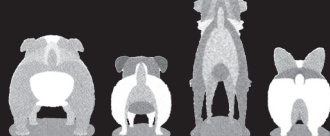


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Religion

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

March 19, 2023 is the fourth 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 17 and March 24.

The fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare (lay-TAH-ray) Sunday. Lent is a profoundly serious liturgical season. We fast on several days during Lent. We abstain from

eating meat on Fridays.

Most of us give up something for Lent (like sweets) and some take up something (like saying the Rosary every day or attending daily mass). It feels like the longest 40 days ever. But, in the midst of all that, we have Laetare Sunday. The priest wears a rose-colored vestment and that color indicates a glimpse of the joy of Easter.

In his article about Laetare Sunday, Michael R. Heinlein summed it up very well: “Laetare Sunday is the Church’s way of giving us a ‘shot in the arm’ as we approach the dark-

ness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It’s an opportunity to savor and keep in the back of our minds what awaits us on Easter Sunday — the reality that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and that our hearts will always be filled with joy!”

The Gospel reading for the fourth Sunday of Lent is from John 9:1-41. On this occasion, Jesus healed a man who had been blind from birth. Yet, even though this was a joyful event,

Please see **OLV**, page 11B

Swain selected to head Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children

Swain previously served in Purcell

Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children today announced the appointment of Dr. James Swain as the new president of the 120-year-old organization.

The Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention today voted to confirm Dr. Swain after a search committee prayerfully submitted his name as the top candidate for the position after a comprehensive search. Dr. Swain currently serves as the Associate Executive Director for Church Relations for Oklahoma Baptists.

“I have known James Swain for over 20 years and appreciated him as a pastor and team member of our state convention,” said Dr. Todd Fisher,

Executive Director -Treasurer Oklahoma Baptists. “His institutional knowledge and relationships with Oklahoma Baptists churches and pastors are surpassed by none and will make him an exceptional choice as the next president of OBHC. The strength and success of our state convention affiliates rely heavily on their relationship with Oklahoma Baptists. James’ experience and abilities will enable him to lead OBHC well and expand and deepen the organization’s relationships with churches and pastors. I greatly look forward to working with James as the new president of OBHC to further our organizations’ partnership to advance the gospel.”

“I am so excited that Dr. Swain has been selected to serve as the President of OBHC,” said Dr. Mike Geiger,

Board of Trustees Chairman, Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children. “James has an extensive amount of experience serving in leadership for Oklahoma Baptists. His experience and his ability to build relationships is second to none among church leaders in Oklahoma. There has never been a more critical time for Oklahoma Baptists to join together in our called mission to minister to those in need, to glorify God by sharing the gospel, and advocating for the lives of our most vulnerable. Dr. Swain serving as President of OBHC is a decisive win for the organization.”

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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.

Lexington United Methodist Church

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

Today, Thursday, March 16, we will have Munch and a Movie at noon. Food is provided, so bring yourself and stay for a thought-provoking film. We usually have a short discussion afterward.

What makes the Methodist Church different from other churches? There are a few things that make us different, but the main one is its emphasis on the grace of God. Grace is not earned. It is a gift and is present in our lives even before we are aware of it. It is through God’s grace that humans are transformed and empowered to live in ways that extend God’s love.

The original idea of the founders was the hope that we should live out a personal expression of faith that impacts the world around them. To do this, they concentrated on both the work of God and work of the believer. Their challenge was to live their faith through action.

John Wesley, one of our founders, believed that people could change for the better if they had access to education and opportunity. United Methodists live out an active faith through ministries of care for others through attention to social justice issues, such as fighting poverty, promoting education and healthcare, helping the poor and homeless, and fighting for civil rights.

Methodists have always been clear that no one is beyond the reach of God’s love. Salvation is there for everyone who turns to God, not just for a chosen few. All people are uniquely made in the image of God. We aim to live this out in the Methodist Church and our communities. Methodist churches are known for their emphasis on faith and love, following Jesus Christ and his teachings, based on the Bible and the teachings of John Wesley and others.

There are other things that make Methodists different, but one of the most important is that of inclusiveness. Most Methodists teach that Christ died for all of humanity, not just for a limited group. Early Methodists consisted of all levels of society, not only the aristocracy, but the laborers and criminals who were sometimes left outside of organized religion at that time. Everyone is entitled to God’s grace and protection.

This view denies that God has pre-ordained an elect number of people to eternal bliss while others are doomed to hell no matter what they do in life. We believe that there is a God of love at the heart of the universe.

It is difficult to describe all the Methodist beliefs because of its diverse and inclusive nature. The church represents a wide range of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. This often leads to differences in areas like scriptural interpre-

tation and theological formation, although all are based on Biblical teachings.

We are committed to unity while embracing a diversity of beliefs and experiences. Above all, we profess a commitment to sharing God’s love through Jesus Christ.

No matter who you are or where your experiences have led you, you are loved and welcomed into the Methodist Church. Many have had hurtful experiences in organized religions, but we would like to reach out to you in God’s love and welcome you into the universal family of God.

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.

The Lexington United Methodist Church is the community’s church. We are a distinct and diverse community of Christians who come together, united in Spirit, to love all, welcome all, and seek justice for all.

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.

Green Avenue Church of Christ

This past Sunday morning we moved closer to finishing up our Bible study of Money and Finance. We have been taking note of how God would direct our attitude towards money, its uses and abuses and such. This week we looked at several points King Solomon observed in Ecclesiastes 5:8 – 6:2.

On Wednesday evening we pushed our studies in 1 Timothy through the fourth chapter. This coming week, the good Lord willing, we will begin chapter 5. Come study with us!

The Sunday morning and evening lessons were a split. The sermon was titled “It was Profitable for Nothing” which is a phrase from Jeremiah 13 and Isaiah 44.

These two texts, along with Matthew 5:13 which uses a similar phrase, were the basis of the morning sermon. Sunday evening continued looking at this subject by examining many other things that are ‘good for nothings’ like: doctrines of men, treasures of wickedness, lukewarmness, hope without

patience, and many more.

We invite you to meet with us for Bible study at 7 p.m. Wednesday night and 9:45 a.m. Sunday and our worship services on Sundays are 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Bible correspondence courses are available, call 405-527-4052.

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!

Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between March 2-8, 2023.

Traffic
Hector N. Acosta, failure to obey traffic device.
Christopher L. Blair, speeding, 90/80.

Michael A. Hogan, speeding, 100/80.
Trey A. Ashworth, speeding, 85/75.
Tylee N. McKinney, speeding, 75/65.

Jesus Garcia Martinez, overweight on interstate (bridge formula).
Trinity T. Hulsey, failure to devote full attention.

Jonathan A. Gillespie, speeding, 99/75.
Tamara K. Saupitty, speeding, 85/75.

Curtis D. Bacon, overweight on interstate (bridge formula).

Pedro Lantigua Jr., overweight on interstate (bridge formula).
Frank G. Walker, speeding, 85/75.

Misdemeanors
Joseph S. Gonzales, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kelly J. Moses, domestic abuse - assault and battery.

Shayni M. Barb, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.

Isaiah J. Jackson, knowingly receiving or concealing stolen property.

Jasmin Torres-Rodriguez, knowingly receiving or concealing stolen property.

Tyler J. Hayes, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.

Aaron J. Sisemore, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.

Cassandra A. Winders, domestic abuse - assault and battery.

Brad L. Hensarling, protective order violation.

Felonies

Laurie B. Paine, trafficking in illegal drugs (fentanyl).

Tony A. Burley, assault, battery, or assault and battery with a dangerous weapon after felony conviction.

Kendrae D. Nolan, possession of

stolen vehicle.

Shieann J. Pryor, possession of stolen vehicle.

Coltyn D. W. Harrison, eluding/attempting to elude police officer.

Collett A. Boyd, bail jumping.

Small Claims
Payton A. Fremin vs. Mark S. Wrenn, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Civil
LVNV Funding LLC vs. Sharon Sloate, civil action \$10,000 or less.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Jose Hernandez, civil action \$10,000 or less.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Daniel C. Ungurean, civil action \$10,000 or less.

CKS Prime Investments LLC vs. Jeremy L. Smith, civil action \$10,000 or less.

PYOD LLC vs. Nathan A. Harrington, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Danielle R. Neidig vs. Portable Buildings OKC LLC, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Geoffrey Dagley vs. Treeline Homes Company, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Laura Bartimoccia vs. Cason T. L. Whisenhunt, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Philip A. Schovanec vs. Chameleon Painting & Construction, Inc, civil action \$10,000 or more.

PM Property Sales, LLC vs. Kenneth Leonard, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Newrez, LLC vs. Roy O. Jacques, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed

Todd V. Rudisill, 36, of Blanchard and Valerie E. Brooks, 37, of Chickasha.

Bobby D. Rozas, 48, and Shelley S. Wedel-Cragg, 49, both of Newcastle.

Noah D. Riggle, 18, and Katelynn E. Burns, 18, both of Purcell.

Austin B. Williamson, 20, and Destiny L. Honeycutt, 20, both of Lexington.

Divorces Granted

LatreCIA Simpkins-Smith vs. Harold D. Smith.

Kala M. Webb vs. Michael W. Webb.

No. 255-March 16-2 Times
OKLAHOMA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

In accordance with Title 37, Section 522 and Title 37A, Section 2-141 Jimmy Fowler and Tristin Fowler, 214 Ripley St., Byars, OK 74831, Fowler's General Store, LLC, a limited liability company, hereby publishes notice of their intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a Retail Beer License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act: That they intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a Retail Beer establishment with business premises located at 214 Ripley St., in Byars, McClain, Oklahoma under the business name of Fowler's General Store, LLC.

Dated this 13th day of March, 2023.
/s/ Jimmy Fowler
Tristin Fowler
County of McClain, State of Oklahoma
Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Jimmy Fowler and Tristin Fowler to me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.
/s/ Angela Rogers
My commission expires February 6, 2024.
(Seal)

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

No. 248-March 16-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
N THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRED OLEN WELLS, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-13
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All creditors having claims against the Estate of FRED OLEN WELLS, Deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative at the Law Office of

BILL C. LESTER, Attorney at Law, 212 West Main, P.O. Box 1407, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, on or before the following presentment date: May 16, 2023, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Peggy Knippelmier
Peggy Knippelmier,
Personal Representative
BILL C. LESTER
Attorney for Personal Representative
212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407
Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-5623
OBA #5389
blester@lesterlawoffice.com

No. 252-March 16-1 Time
RESOLUTION NO 2023-03
NOTICE OF ELECTION
TOWN of WAYNE, OKLAHOMA
I. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Wayne that for the purpose of electing officers of said Town that:
A nonpartisan general election shall be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The election shall be held FROM 6:00 PM-7:00 PM in the Wayne Multi-Purpose Center, 107 North Shannon, Wayne, OK.
II. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE OFFICERS OF SAID TOWN TO BE ELECTED ARE:
1. NOMINATED BY WARD AND ELECTED AT LARGE.
III. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

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. 257-March 16-1 Time
NOTICE OF REQUEST
FOR BIDS
The Town of Wanette is accepting bids for repairing the roof on the Wanette Volunteer Fire Department Station #1. Repairs will include cleaning and preparation of roof surface and application of an elastomeric roof coating.
Requests to inspect the building must be scheduled. Interested Bidders must submit two (2) copies of their bid. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 pm on March 27, 2023.
Office of the Town Clerk

109 West Main Street
Wanette Oklahoma 74878
Bids submitted must include pricing for labor and materials, scope of work, material specifications, contractor license and W-9. The bid shall represent the total cost to perform all necessary duties to deliver the finished services.
The Town of Wanette reserves the right to reject any or all bids deemed in the best interest of the Town of Wanette. For additional bid information, contact the Clerk at the Wanette Town Hall at (405) 383-2246.

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

No. 253-March 16-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA LEE WILLIAMS, DECEASED.

Case No. PB-2022-101
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE AND DISCHARGE
Melissa VanWyk-Marranca, having on this day presented for settlement and filed in this Court her Final Account of the administration of the Estate of Sandra Lee Williams, Deceased, and having filed with her account a Petition for Distribution of the Estate of Sandra Lee Williams, Deceased, and Discharge as Personal Representative.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 6 day of April, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A.M. of said date in the Courtroom of the undersigned Judge, or the Judge to whom this

cause is assigned on said hearing date, in the County Courthouse in the city of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, has been duly fixed and appointed by the Court for the hearing thereon, at which time and place any person interested may appear, and show cause, if any they have, why said account should not be approved, the heirs of said Decedent should not be determined, the distribution of said Estate should not be made as prayed for, and said Melissa VanWyk-Marranca discharged as Personal Representative.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
CHARLES GRAY
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

Anna L. Self, OBA #14575
P.O. Box 307
Wheatland, Oklahoma 73097
Telephone: (405) 631-5995
Facsimile: (405) 212-5034
Anna@AnnaSelfLaw.com
Attorney for Personal Representative

No. 254-March 16-1 Time
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The McClain County Board of Commissioners will be receiving sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., on March 24th, 2023 with the opening of bids on March 27th, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. for the RE-BID to Purchase (1) Used Medium Duty Rescue Apparatus for the Purcell Fire Department.
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: 3/13/2023
/s/ Pam Beller
Pam Beller
County Clerk

No. 256-March 16-3 Times
Bid Advertisement:
Owner: Wayne Public Schools
Construction Manager: Goldsby
Solicitation For Bidders For: Remodel Projects
Solicitation Date: March 16th, 2023.

Bid Date, Time & Place:
April 5th, 2023
Bid Deadline: 2:00pm CDST
Place: Sealed Bids Will Be Submitted Online Via Building Connected.
Project Contact: Tyler Graves - Tyler@GoldsbyConstruction.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Valuable volunteers

Eddie Cantrell and Vickie Ricks were the first cooks at the Dibble Senior Center when it opened in 2007. Eddie continues to help in the kitchen every week.

Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens.

You never know who will stop by for lunch or just to sit a spell and fellowship but this week we had a very special lady stop by. Mrs. Vickie Ricks stopped by. Mrs. Vickie was the very first cook when the center opened back in 2007.

She and Eddie talked about how back then the center was serving dinner five days a week and it was a big job to cook because they always had a house full. And was all done by volunteering time and energy. We thanked Mrs. Vickie for her servitude and what a seed she planted that was still being harvested to our community today.

On Monday Mr. Charlie brought us some delicious homemade enchiladas. We are so thankful for our community of seniors who not only bring us blessings but will come and fellowship too. Thank you Mr. Charlie, it was a delicious blessing.

Menu for week of March 20:
Monday — Spaghetti and meatballs.
Wednesday — Chicken fried steak with french fries.
Friday — Fried chicken.

As always dinner is served Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 12:00 noon. Come on in, sit a spell, enjoy the fellowship and a home cooked meal.

Our pantry is in need of a refrigerator cooler to store our fresh produce and dairy items. We had one go out this week and is too old to be repaired. Our Pantry Facilitator Carolyn Hendrick, has started a cooler fund.

Friday during lunch she raffled off a jar of mayonnaise and the seniors responded with \$250. She stated this is a start and with our community and with God’s help we will get that cooler. Anyone wishing to donate can mail a donation to PO Box 32, Dibble, OK 73031.

Friday Reminders of pantry hours are as follows:
Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. -11:30 a.m., come in and pick up and Friday from 9-11 a.m., drive through.

All are welcome at the Dibble Senior Citizens Center located at 12314 State Hwy. 39.

God Bless until next time.
Dibble Senior Citizens Crew

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Swain:

childcare system. In 2022, OBHC directly served 283 children through four campus locations across the state.

“I am humbled to answer God’s call to become the president of Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children,” said Dr. Swain. “For the past 120 years the Baptist’s of Oklahoma have been showing and sharing the love of Christ to children in need of hope. I am honored to step into this rich legacy and look forward to the days ahead. I am excited to serve with the committed men and women who serve on the OBHC staff as we strive to empower children and their families to follow Christ.”

Dr. Swain has served Oklahoma’s Baptist community both administratively and on the community church level throughout his life of ministry. Dr. Swain first served as a youth minister in Marlow and Purcell and then served as the Pastor of churches in Medford, Sulphur, Chickasha and Kingfisher before making the transition as Director of Conference Centers for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma in 2010. Since then, he has also served as the Equipping Team Leader and currently as the Associate Executive Director where he leads the Church Relations group that includes the Regional Ministry Partners and

the Affinity Ministry Partners. He also serves as the liaison with the associational leaders of the 40 local associations throughout the state.

The mission of Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children is to demonstrate God’s love by providing hope through empowering children and their families to follow Christ. OBHC is an affiliate of Oklahoma Baptist, which is comprised of 1,700 Oklahoma Southern Baptist churches. OBHC operates on four campuses in Oklahoma through Baptist Children’s Home in Oklahoma City, Boys Ranch Town in Edmond, Baptist Children’s Home in Owasso, Baptist Home for Girls in Madill. OBHC is a leader in caring for the unborn through Hope Pregnancy Ministries in 8 locations throughout Oklahoma. OBHC provides not only for the mother’s physical needs, but also their emotional, educational and spiritual needs.

OBHC does not charge for services, nor accepts government funds. OBHC is funded through the generosity of individuals, businesses as well as gifts from Southern Baptist churches through offerings and the Cooperative Program. OBHC does not discriminate on placement based on race, color, national origin, or religious affiliation.

Newsmakers

Millsap to perform at Cain’s

Be a part of a live audience, public radio show taping Saturday, March 18, at the historic Cain’s Ballroom when Live From Cain’s features critically acclaimed Purcell native **Parker Millsap**.

Tables are sold out, but general admission tickets are available for this seated, all-ages show at Cain’s Ballroom. Drew Winn, owner of Guitar House of Tulsa, is the “spotlight artist” for this special evening of music and conversation.

Millsap burst onto the music scene at a very young age. Now settled in Nashville, he’s only grown in popularity as he’s explored a wider range of genres and material. Millsap, who recently wrapped a series of dates supporting Patty Griffin, will release his sixth studio album, *Wilderness Within You*, May 12.

Taylor named to Honor Roll

Paige Taylor of Washington was named to the Abilene Christian University Fall 2022 Dean’s Honor Roll.

Taylor is a senior majoring in Journalism.

Taylor was among more than 1,500 students named to the Fall 2022 Dean’s Honor Roll.

To qualify for the Dean’s Honor Roll, students must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher.

UCO Fall Honor Roll Students

The University of Central Oklahoma recently announced the students named to the university’s honor rolls, a distinction given to those who achieve the highest academic standards.

Students named to the President’s Honor Roll achieved a “straight-A” or 4.0 GPA.

Students named to the Dean’s Honor Roll achieved a 3.5 GPA or better for the semester and no grade lower than a B.

To be eligible for the President’s or Dean’s lists, students must complete at least 12 hours of on-campus class credit for the semester.

Named to the President’s Honor Roll were **Delaney Grace Beller** of Goldsby; **Isabelle Amara Meyer** of Lexington and **Jessica Ramirez** of Purcell.

Named to the Dean’s Honor Roll were **Morgan Paige Clark** of Lexington, **Carlee J. Dismuke** and **Caleah Oliver**, both of Purcell, and **Carson B. McMahon** of Washington.

G & C, McGowen join AAA

G & C Angus of Byars, Okla., are new members of the American Angus Association®, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The American Angus Association, with nearly 22,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 19 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members.

The programs and services of the Association and its entities — Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Media, Certified Angus Beef LLC and the Angus Foundation — help members advance the beef cattle business by selecting the best animals for their herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.

Cody McGowen of Paoli, Okla., is a new junior member of the American Angus Association®, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with nearly 22,000 active adult and junior members.

Visit NJAA.info for more information about the National Junior Angus Association.

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OLV:

the Pharisees found fault with Jesus because he healed the man on the Sabbath.

The healed man was able to see physically but he could also see spiritually that his healer was Jesus, the Son of man. The Pharisees, who believed the man’s blindness was caused by sin, were physically able to see but they were the ones who were blind spiritually.

In the second reading, Ephesians 5:8-14, Paul writes, “You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; behave as children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and uprightness and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, and take no part in the futile works of darkness.”

Paul’s words still resonate with us today. We need to try to discover what the Lord wants from each of us. Remember to let your light shine before others so they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven (Matthew 5:16).

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Arty Hill (top) and **Jeff Petty** (bottom) are just two of the guests who will appear on the Pauls Valley Opry stage on Saturday, April 1. The show in the Pauls Valley Junior High auditorium begins at 6:30 p.m.

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