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Hospital road work

Actual work on the new road leading to Purcell Municipal Hospital was underway earlier this week.

Lexington School, educators are POEF award finalists

Lexington Elementary School and two educators will be honored at the Professional Oklahoma Educators Foundation Excellence in Education Awards Banquet April 21 in Oklahoma City.



Johnson Sullivan

The finalists and respective categories include Bridget Johnson, Middle School/Junior High Merit Award Finalist, Gena Sullivan, Non-Certified Support Professional Merit

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Rotary CELEBRATING 100 years

Banquet set for tonight (Thursday) at Southwind Hills

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Purcell's Rotary Club is celebrating an historic occasion this Thursday, March 30.

A banquet will be held at Southwind Hills in Goldsby to commemorate the occasion.

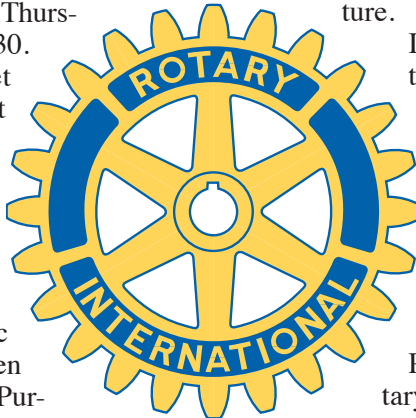
The civic club has been a fixture in Purcell's business community since March 30, 1923 so this week the club

will be celebrating its 100th anniversary.

There's no indication that will change in the future.

It's a history unique to Purcell - and to Rotary's larger worldwide community.

When the Purcell Rotary Club was



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Purcell Teachers of the Year

Paul Wollenberg named top district teacher



Paul Wollenberg



Swift

Fleming



Walkup

Veteran Purcell Public Schools teacher Paul Wollenberg has been named District Teacher of the Year.

He was also named Building Teacher of the Year for the Purcell Junior High School.

Wollenberg is a 25-year educator at Purcell.

He teaches computer science and engineering and technology based courses.

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5 questions with Lauren Tharp

Editor's note: Answering *The Purcell Register's* five questions this week is Lauren Tharp, co-owner of Main Street Vintage.

Q: How did you get into vintage items?

A: My grandmother owned an antique store and would let me help out. I always admired her decorating abilities and



Lauren, Clint and Jack Tharp

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Two accidents cause problems

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol investigated two serious accidents in the Purcell area Monday afternoon and evening.

The first at mile marker

99 in the southbound lanes of Interstate 35 closed the interstate for three hours and

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Chalk talk

Aladdin (Daisy Venegas), right, had a visit with the Vagabonds during the play *Aladdin* last Saturday at the old Purcell Junior High auditorium. From left are Zeppelin Elledge, Lynlee Snow, Kaideson Coughlan, Autumn Leonard, Avie Taylor and Carter Green. The tree in the background is Genesis Long. **(Related photos inside.)**

Former jailer pleads guilty

A former detention officer with the McClain County Jail pleaded guilty to being deliberately indifferent to a substantial risk of serious harm to a pretrial detainee's physical safety, thereby violating the pretrial detainee's

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Storms dump 1.9"

A series of thunderstorms dumped 1.9" of rain on the Heart of Oklahoma Thursday and overnight hiking the total for the year to 8.05".

Comparatively, the area had recorded 7.5" for this

same time last year.

Oklahoma City has recorded 4.9" with the normal year-to-date total sitting at 4.56".

Additional rain is predicted for today (Thursday).

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All Conference

See who made All Conference in basketball.



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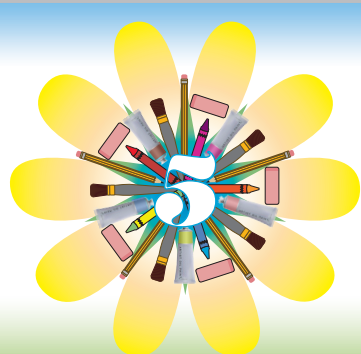
See some of those who attended the chamber of commerce coffee at First Baptist Church last week.



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No cars

Purcell Parks & Recreation employees Jordan Williams and Perry Clingan were touching up new posts recently installed to keep people from driving vehicles on the new walk way at the Purcell City Lake.

Purcell Junior High Teacher and Staff and Students of the Month

Purcell Junior High School recognizes a teacher/staff and six junior high students, a boy and girl from each grade, as Faculty and Students of the Month.

The March faculty and students include:

Hannah Thurston - Support Person of the Month

Hannah Thurston is the eighth grade English teacher.

Mrs. Thurston said, "I absolutely love seeing my students grow in their reading and writing skills. My family is special to me as well, and we are welcoming a new baby to our family this summer!"

Mrs. Thurston's favorites

include:

Hobbies: Playing piano

Sport: Basketball

Book: *Anne of Green Gables*

Movie: "The Sound of Music"

Game: "Scattergories"

Subject: Reading

Fun Fact: Mrs. Thurston grows a garden every year with lots of tasty veggies!

Easton Davis - Sixth Grade Boy of the Month

Easton is in the sixth grade and is 12 years old. He lives in a house of five, with two younger siblings. I have two dogs and two cats.

Easton's favorite movie is "Top Gun 1986," his favorite TV show is "FBI Most Wanted," his favorite animal is German Shepherd dogs and his favorite food is Loco Moco.

Easton likes to play golf and play with his friends. He likes golf because it is fun and it can strengthen your arms.

Tylie Stroud - Sixth Grade Girl of the Month

Tylie is 12 years old and in the sixth grade. She has a younger sister named Ryah. She loves basketball and fishing and hunting is something she loves to do with her dad.

Tylie's favorite movie is "Space Jam 2," favorite TV show is "Family Reunion," her favorite animal is a cat and her favorite food is pizza.

Tylie really enjoys playing basketball. She said it is a lot of fun and it was something that her parents did when they were little too.

Brecken Burson - Seventh Grade Boy of the Month

Brecken is in the seventh grade and is 12 years old. His nickname is "Baconater Burson" because he loves bacon!



Seventh graders Brecken Burson and Rylee Peoples



Eighth graders Diego Munoz and Maria Rodriguez



7 Day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
67° 61°	77° 44°	67° 50°	76° 58°	81° 62°	82° 53°	75° 47°
30% T-storms	30% T-storms	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy

Springtime weather is near

We saw some cooler temperatures at the first part of the week as we round out March, but that will quickly change heading into the next seven days. On Thursday, there is a chance for strong to severe thunderstorms in the evening, with large hail, damaging winds, and isolated tornadoes

all possible with afternoon temperatures hanging on into the upper 60s. On Friday, the storm system will push out of our area, with another chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms and temperatures in the upper 70s. We will dry out this weekend, with a mix of sun and clouds and afternoon

highs in the upper 60s and mid-70s for Saturday and Sunday, respectively. By Monday, we will warm into the lower 80s with sunny skies. Clouds will begin building throughout the week, with temperatures holding onto the mid to upper 70s and lower 80s across the region.

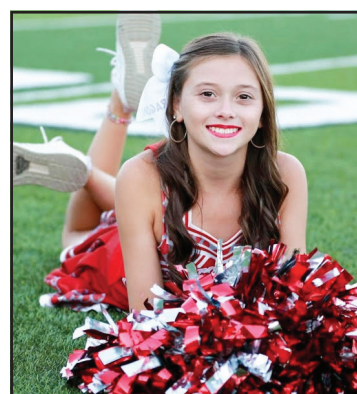
- Hunter Brittingham



Hannah Thurston



Sixth graders Easton Davis and Tylie Stroud



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Bee hive

Honey bees have taken up residence in a hollowed out portion of a tree on Ninth Street across the street from Purcell Elementary.

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ABOUT SCOTT:

- ★ Oklahoma raised
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- ★ Warriors for Freedom, Board Director
- ★ Executive Leader in the Medical Industry

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NEWS In Brief

Washington High School Musical

Washington High School is presenting "Shrek the Musical Jr." Saturday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium.

Kiwanis

Egg Hunt

The Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 8, at the Purcell Lake Weaver Pavilion, 1400 Chandler Road.

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

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

The hunt begins at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

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.

Democrat's

Biennial

Convention

The McClain County Democrat's Biennial Convention will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2.

The convention will be held in the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center, 1400 Chandler Road.

Rep. Andy Fugate will speak on current legislative concerns.

Officers and precinct chairs will be elected.

All registered Democrats in McClain County are encouraged to come.

There will be lots of food and good fellowship.

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.

Call 405-449-3355 for more information.

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.

Support Your

Furry Friends

The City of Purcell is sponsoring a Support Your Furry Friends event Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

You can support the local animal shelter by donating pet food, blankets, towels, pet beds, toys, cat litter (clumping), Clorox wipes, bleach, laundry

detergent or gift cards.

The event will be held at the Purcell Police Department. Citizens should enter the police department from Grant Street and follow the signs to the donation tent at the southeast corner of the parking lot.

Staff will collect all items for donations.

Shredding,

Rx Take Back

The City of Purcell is hosting a shredding and Rx Take Back event Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Purcell Police Department.

Cars should enter the police department parking lot from Grant Street and follow the signs.

All documents must be free of binder clips, must be in cardboard boxes and be limited to five boxes per car. Items not accepted include needles, syringes, liquids, chemicals and inhalers.

For more information call 405-527-4627.

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.



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Mystery chat

The Mysterious One (Mason Moreno) and Aladdin (Daisy Venegas) visited in front of Kamberlee Coughlan, who played a palm tree in the *Aladdin* play Saturday at the old junior high school auditorium.

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PJH:

He is on the academic team and also in TSA.

His favorite movie is "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith," favorite TV show is "Mars" his favorite animal is a monkey and his favorite food is bacon.

Brecken likes to play Fortnite with his friends in his free time. He wants everyone to know to let him know if they want to play duos.

Rylee Peoples - Seventh Grade Girl of the Month

Rylee is in the seventh grade and is 13 years old. She plays basketball on two teams and has played for eight years. She has a twin sister who plays basketball with her. Her best friends are Taygan and Miaca.

Rylee's favorite movie is "Harry Potter and the Goblet

of Fire" her favorite TV show is "Saved by the Bell," her favorite animals are a rhino, raccoon and rabbit and her favorite food is popcorn and Twizzlers.

Rylee likes to play basketball. She also enjoys reading because it is relaxing. She also likes to draw, paint and hang out with her friends.

Diego Munoz - Eighth Grade Boy of the Month

Diego is in the eighth grade and is 14 years old. He moved to the United States when he was 10 years old. He loves to play soccer!

Diego's favorite movie is "Spider Man: No Way Home," favorite TV show is "American Dad," favorite animal is a cobra and favorite food is tacos.

Diego likes to play soccer because it gives players the opportunity to shine. He feels like this is pleasant for anyone.

Maria Rodriguez - Eighth Grade Girl of the Month

Maria is in the eighth grade. She is the youngest in her family. She has a brother and a sister and two cute puppies. She enjoys spending time with her dogs!

Maria's favorite movie is "The Nightmare Before Christmas," favorite TV show is "Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," favorite animal is a penguin and favorite food is chicken tenders.

Maria's favorite thing to do is go to the movies because she likes to see the great visuals of cinema up close!

Wayne School Menu Week of April 3

MONDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast bars, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Corn dogs, tots, fresh broccoli, apples, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Taco, rice, pinto beans, oranges, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

Barbecue sandwich, smiles, pickles, spinach, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Loaded potato, cheese, ham, carrots, blackeyed peas, pudding, milk.

FRIDAY

No School.

Re-Elect Mike Donovan

April 4, 2023

A proven candidate for Lexington City Council

Mike is passionate about progress and accountability, and that has served the city and its citizens well over the last 4 years.

- Has forced the yearly review of the city manager; this was not being done by the previous city council.
- Stopped useless spending of restricted sales tax. This is important for a small city like ours for funding major repairs, and our financial rating to receive grants.
- Worked on flooding issues in town for 4½ years. Pushed to clear out creek, and for another tinhorn on Lewis Road to allow more drainage. Pushed for city to open tinhorns in town that are stopped up.
- Set special fund up on utility bill for the replacement of new sewer and water lines, instead of allowing rate increase to go into general fund to be spent on anything. Brings in approximately \$96,000 a year.
- Pushed to get grants when we can fund them responsibly. Will always be proactive instead of reactive.
- Pushed for code enforcement to enforce commercial property that is not compliant to get in a compliant status.
- Has always pushed for the city to clean up alleys, so that emergency vehicles can get down them when needed. Our safety depends on it.
- Tried to get an emergency storm shelter opened to the public at the school.
- Has and will answer all citizens' calls and try to help them when he can.
- Pays attention to every detail of the financial statements and fought to not allow them to be taken away from us every month.
- Reviews every ordinance to stop needless restrictions on our citizens.

I will always safeguard the restricted sales tax, so that it serves us in the way intended by voter referendum. I have the passion and energy needed for the job; I will not go along to get along. I am not doing this for me but for the city and its citizens. Let's keep up the progress and not go back to where we were for years ago.

Thanks, Mike Donovan

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Happy 100th Purcell Rotary

Congratulations to the Purcell Rotary Club on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

The club was chartered March 30, 1923 and was the first Rotary Club in the world in a city under 3,500 population. At the guidance of Betty Gerhard the club had a big birthday celebration when it turned 90 – which was smart so long-time members like Bill Williams could attend.

He along with names like George Kernek, Ron Fishburn, Mark Wright, Sam Ganster, Corky Anderson, Bob Tupper, David Sparlin, Don Sherman and Lynn Shirley aren't around for the 100th celebration but they are not forgotten.

The list of past presidents, including many of the above named members, is a very distinguished group of Purcell business and civic leaders.

If you've ever used the Rotary Pavilion and playground

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at Purcell City Lake or sat on a bench at the Senior Citizens Center, the lake or the Veteran's Memorial you can thank Rotary.

If you've ever enjoyed looking at the beautiful Bradford Pear trees along Green Avenue you can thank Rotary.

They not only planted the trees but watered the little bug-gers when they were young to withstand the harsh Oklahoma summers.

If you've ever run, jumped or thrown at the Rotary Track Meet you can thank Rotary.

There's no telling how many hot dogs, nacho orders, pieces of pizza, candy bars and drinks Rotarians have served up at that track meet over the years.

And, over the years all the scholarship winners who used that money to further their education, thank you Rotary.

At its zenith the club's roster grew to almost 70 members when it wasn't uncommon to have over 60 members present for lunch at Trinity United Methodist Church.

And speaking of Trinity, Purcell's Rotary Club is known far and wide as having the best food in District 5770.

The Rotary Cooks are famous and sling together outstanding meals week in and week out.

It's been a good ride for the first 100 years. Now on to the next.

NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Counting down to Tax Day

Congressman Tom Cole

The deadline for filing your 2022 taxes with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is less than a month away, and it is critical you file your tax returns on or before Tax Day to avoid late penalties.

As this crucial deadline on April 18 approaches, I wanted to share some suggestions and resources to ensure you are well prepared for a smooth and timely filing process.

First, to avoid unnecessary delays, taxpayers should wait to file until they have received all proper tax documents. By creating an IRS Online Account can help taxpayers securely access information about their federal tax account, including payments, tax records and more. You can create your account at irs.gov/payments/your-online-account.

Filers should be aware of important changes to credits and deductions for tax year 2022

to help file an accurate return by April 18. Since there were no stimulus payments made in 2022, taxpayers should not expect additional payments in their 2023 tax refund.

Additionally, some tax credits return to 2019 levels this tax year. This means that taxpayers will likely receive a smaller federal refund compared to the previous tax year.

Taxpayers should also be aware of their reporting and potential tax obligations on income from the gig economy and service industry, transactions from digital assets and foreign sources or holding certain foreign assets.

Generally, income earned from the gig economy, activity where people earn income providing on-demand work, services or goods, such as selling goods online, driving a car for deliveries or renting out property, is taxable and must be reported to the IRS on tax

returns. The IRS is requiring that calendar year 2022 income reporting threshold of \$600.

Often, this type of income is through a digital platform like an app or website. Those who work in restaurants, salons, hotels and similar service industries often receive tips for the service they provide. Tips are usually taxable income, so it is important to understand details on how to report tips.

Resources on this can be found at irs.gov/newsroom/tax-time-guide-irs-reminder-to-report-all-income-gig-economy-and-service-industry-digital-or-foreign-assets-and-sources.

Next, taxpayers whose Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) was \$73,000 or less this year qualify for the IRS' Free File program which offers a free federal return, guided prepara-

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Bank local: the importance of community banks in Oklahoma

Dear Editor:

Over the past 50 years, banking in Oklahoma has undergone significant changes, with the rise of large banks and industry consolidation.

Despite these changes, small community banks have continued to play an essential role in the state's economy and financial system.

One of Oklahoma's first pioneers in the banking industry, J.W. McNeal, president of Guthrie National Bank in 1889, said it best, "No profession demands a stricter standard of moral integrity than ours. Bankers and Ministers are required to keep the straight and narrow way or lose standing and go out of business."

These words remain as true today as they did 130 years ago. Large banks offer critical financial services to individuals, businesses, and governments, including deposit accounts, loans, credit cards, investment services, and insurance products.

They also support economic growth and job creation by

providing capital to businesses and investing in infrastructure projects.

However, their focus on profits and shareholder returns can sometimes come at the expense of the communities they serve.

In contrast, community banks in Oklahoma have a unique advantage in their local ownership and deep understanding of their community's needs.

They are often more responsive to their customers' needs than larger, national banks and provide essential financial services, including small business loans, to local entrepreneurs. Community banks contribute to the stability of the banking industry by promoting a more diverse and resilient financial system.

They also provide a more personalized approach to customer service, leading to a more customized banking experience.

If you currently bank at a large bank, I challenge you to try calling the bank and asking them to explain their mission statement and strategic goals for the year.

Do they treat you as valuable as their largest borrower or largest depositor?

Would they have time to speak with you if you asked?

If the answer is no, I recommend evaluating your banking relationship. Community banks in Oklahoma are locally owned, stable, and offer valuable relationships that larger banks cannot.

Although technology and times have changed banking over the years, the sense of community remains resilient.

In the 1970s, Oklahoma's banking industry was heavily dominated by small community banks, with over 300 banks, the majority of which were small, locally owned institutions.

In the 1980s, the industry faced significant challenges due to the collapse of the energy industry, leading to a wave of bank failures and consolidations. Many small banks were forced to merge with larger institutions, leading to a decline in the number of community banks in the state.

In the 1990s, the industry

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Your Views

News from District 42

• Rep. Cindy Roe •



Deadline week

We had a very busy week in the House and spent hours on the floor each day considering bills ahead of Thursday's deadline.

In the midst of the excitement, I was glad to host several visitors from House District 42 at the Capitol.

On Tuesday, the Washington Football team and Washington Fast-Pitch Softball team were here and we recognized them on the House floor for their outstanding accomplishments this season. These athletes worked incredibly hard at their sports and their teamwork certainly paid off.

It was especially cool to have aeronautics students from Elmore City-Pernell here on Wednesday, which was AERO Day at the Capitol. This celebration recognizes the importance of the state's aviation and aerospace industry, which produces just under \$44 billion in annual economic activity. The industry is the second largest economic engine in the state and has one of the highest average salaries in Oklahoma.

Fifth and sixth grade students from Maysville were here on Thursday for a field trip, and they enjoyed a tour of the Capitol building and got to watch legislators hold session and pass bills.

Thursday was our third read-

ing deadline, which meant it was our last day to pass House bills off the House floor. We ultimately sent 477 bills to the Senate, and I'm very glad that all of my bills are headed across the Rotunda. They'll now be carried by their Senate authors and presented in committees.

The House will also restart our committee work, and the committee I chair, Public Health, will begin considering Senate bills in the coming weeks.

I'll provide an overview of the Senate bills I'm authoring as they begin passing committee and the House floor. I'm looking forward to the next phase of our session and am excited to get going!

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

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stabilized, and community banks provided critical financial services to their communities. However, the 2008 financial crisis led to further consolidation, with many small banks being acquired by larger institutions or failing.

This trend has continued into the present day, with large banks dominating the industry, but small community banks have persisted, continuing to provide essential financial services to their local communities.

While large banks have their advantages, community banks remain a vital part of Oklahoma's economy and financial system.

They offer a more personalized approach to customer service, support local economic development, donate to local schools and contribute to the stability of the banking industry.

Despite the challenges of consolidation and changing technological trends, community banks continue to serve as a critical component of Okla-

homa's financial ecosystem.

From Hollis to Miami and Idabel to Boise City, I have spoken to the tellers ready to serve you, the loan officers equipped to assist you, and management teams continuously planning to keep your money safe.

I challenge you to find a community bank near you. Build a relationship with the staff where they know your name when you walk in. Where you aren't a number on a spreadsheet.

Small community banks have never added or benefited from the banking crises in America.

The banks with issues now are well over 100 Billion Dollars in size.

Don't lose sight of who has been there for you since the beginning, before Wall Street decided what was best for you. Before Silicon Valley knew better than you.

Banking in Oklahoma is good and ever-ready to meet your needs.

Bank local.

– Clint Duncan

The 'House that Ruth Built' begins the golden age baseball era

By Joe Guzzardi, Society for American Baseball Research member

Opening Day, 1923, a century ago, dawned cloudy and cold. Babe Ruth woke up in his plush Upper West Side Ansonia Hotel apartment and prepared to play the first-ever game in the brand-new edifice that would become known as the "House that Ruth Built."

Always a snappy dresser, Ruth donned his perfectly tailored suit, then around noon, hopped into his Pierce-Arrow automobile to drive to the Bronx. Had the weather been warmer, Ruth would have selected his sporty Stutz Bearcat. A notoriously reckless motorist, Ruth had been involved in numerous minor collisions and rarely held a valid driver's license.

To avoid incidents, the Yankees' owner, Col. Jacob Ruppert, sent police to escort the "Big Bam" safely to the stadium.

Along the way, Ruth stopped to sign a few autographs and invited some kids to join him as he roared along.

The largest baseball crowd ever – 74,000, with 25,000 turned away – witnessed a pre-game ceremony befitting the stadium's grandeur. While New York Gov. Al Smith looked on, John Phillip Sousa led the Seventh Regiment Army Band in full military dress onto the field.

In 1923, Ruth was on a redemption mission, and the new Yankee Stadium, the biggest and most lavish ever built, was the perfect place to carry out his undertaking. Ruth considered his 1922 season a failure.

His performance at the plate, for him a paltry .315 batting average with 35 home runs and 99 RBIs, a sharp drop off from 1921, embarrassed Ruth. Moreover, during the season, Ruth was suspended five times.

Worst of all, Ruth's final 1922 baseball appearance was against the New York Giants in the World Series in which Ruth hit a pathetic .188. Giants' manager John McGraw called every pitch from the bench. Some were slow curves that Ruth swung on, twisting himself into a corkscrew while missing by a mile.

During the off-season, McGraw, a scientific baseball genius, chided Ruth whose style of play – the long ball – he disdained. McGraw called Ruth "the Big Baboon" and incorrectly predicted that the home run fad would soon die out.

The media and fans got on Ruth too. The *New York Sun* labeled Ruth "an exploded phenomenon," and for the first time, Ruth heard boos.

A humbled Ruth vowed to make amends, on and off the field. Over the winter months, Ruth said that liquor never touched his lips. And now the day had come, April 18, against the last place Boston Red Sox, for Ruth to regain respect and admiration from teammates and his millions of fans.

Before the game, Ruth said in the locker room that he would "give a year off his life" to hit a homer in the season opener.

Red Sox starter Howard Ehmke, taking a page out of McGraw's book, tossed junk balls to Ruth, and in the first inning the Bambino flied out.

The third inning, however, was a different story. With two Yankees on base, Ruth deposited a titanic homer ten rows back in the right-field bleachers. Ruth's blast made the score 4-0, a lead the Yankees never relinquished.

As the season unfolded, Ruth and the Yankees dominated. The Yankees won the American League pennant by 16 games over the Cleveland Indians. Ruth hit .393, 41 homers, and unanimously won the Most

Valuable Player award. Rules at the time prevented any player from winning the MVP more than once.

More, greater redemption awaited Ruth. For the third straight year, the Yankees would meet the Giants in the World Series. In 1921 and 1922, McGraw's pitch calling and inside baseball strategy outsmarted the Yankees.

But, in 1923, the tables turned on McGraw. The Yankees won the series 4-2, Ruth hit .368, three homers, had a .556 on base percentage, and slugged 1.000. A reporter wrote that when one of Ruth's shots, a 450-foot job, returned to earth, "the ball was covered in ice."

In defeat, McGraw was uncharacteristically gracious. He strode over to the winners' locker room to shake hands with everyone – except the

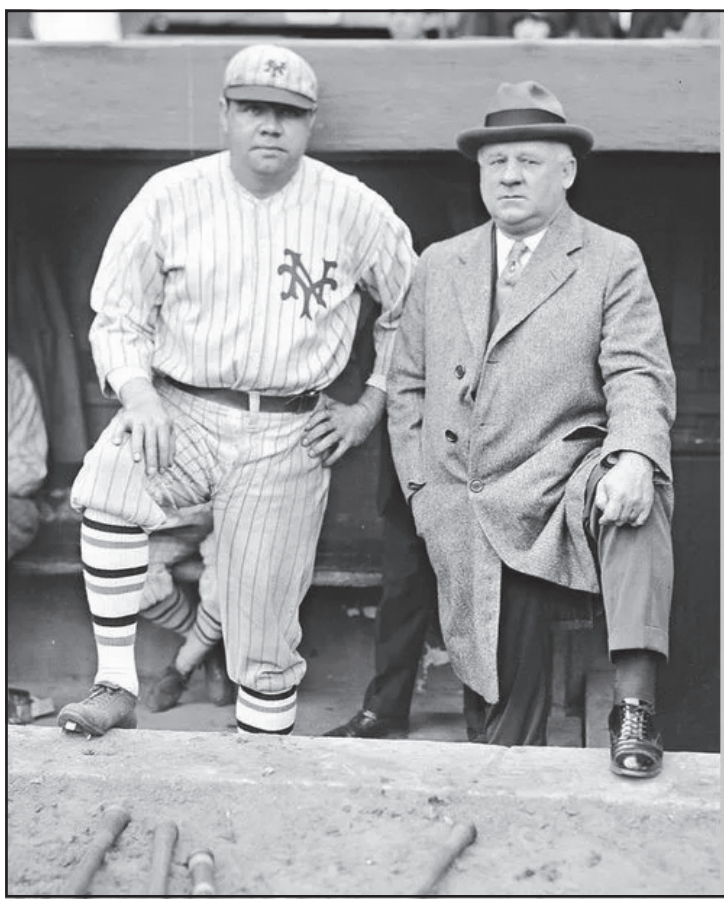
Babe. McGraw preferred to talk about the Giants' hitting star who almost outshone Ruth. Casey Stengel hit .417 with two homers.

Yankee Stadium became a cash cow for Ruppert who reinvested his money in the team's future, a decision that kept the Yankees atop the American League for years to come.

The original Yankee Stadium no longer stands. In 2009, the first game at the new venue took place, and today's Yankee Stadium is rarely referred to as the "House that Ruth Built."

But Ruth, McGraw and Stengel, despite having passed years ago, are still alive in baseball fans' hearts.

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Arch-rivals Babe Ruth and John McGraw

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Cole:

tion and even free tax preparation services for some states.

Free Fillable Forms are also offered to taxpayers whose AGI was \$73,000 or less this year. These are electronic federal tax forms, equivalent to a paper 1040 form. For this option, you should know how to prepare your own tax return using form instructions and IRS publications. If you qualify for these services, visit irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free for more information.

If you are receiving a refund, the best way to check the status of your refund is through the IRS' "Where's My Refund" tool at irs.gov/refunds, or by downloading the IRS2GO application available for Apple and Android products at irs.gov/help/irs2goapp. You can also call the IRS' automated refund hotline at 800-829-1954 to check the status.

While the IRS issues most refunds within a month, it is possible a refund may take

longer. If the IRS needs more information to process a tax return, the agency will contact the taxpayer by mail.

Taxpayers should also consider the time it takes for the banks to post the refund to the taxpayer's account. People waiting for a refund in the mail should plan for extra time. The fastest way to get a refund is by filing electronically and using direct deposit.

Taxpayers who don't have a bank account can find out how to open a bank account at a FDIC-Insured Bank at banks.data.fdic.gov/bankfindsuite/bankfind or the National Credit Union Locator Tool at mapping.nCUA.gov/.

After you submit your tax return, if you are presented with a hefty bill that is difficult to pay, the IRS offers several options to help meet this obligation and avoid additional late penalty fines.

The first option is to request an extension, which you can do at irs.gov/extension, by April

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

An ongoing saga continues to surround Former President Donald Trump and porn star Stormy Daniels. Will it never end?

Trump may or may not be indicted by the time you read this but who knows? Who isn't tired of hearing about an alleged sexual encounter between these two.

Former President Trump has denied the encounter ever occurred but Daniels has said it did occur. Who is telling the truth? Who should we believe? Is there proof of this alleged "affair" or sexual encounter?

Does anyone have a video of the Trump and Daniels encounter? Apparently, Daniels is big on videos for money participating in encounters that most of us really do not want to see.

I'm sure some people do since pornography is an international addictive problem that destroys more lives than we will ever know.

Even if it existed, we certainly do not want to see any such "encounter" between Daniels and Trump. Even. So, how do you prove such an event took place. We are back again to "he said, she said."

President Trump has had his feet to the fire because he is alleged to have paid \$130,000 to Daniels to keep quiet about the "encounter." The problem is unclear.

Is he alleged to have paid the money out of campaign funds raised for his Presidential bid in 2016? Or, is this about being an amount of money beyond the legal campaign donation cap and how could it ever be considered a campaign donation? Does any of it make sense?

Trump and Daniels, hush money doesn't work

As much money as Trump has, would he not have just paid her out of his petty cash fund? If Daniels and Trump had a dispute then how is it illegal to have settled a dispute? People do it every day.

Trump made millions just from his reality television show "The Apprentice" on NBC. I always figured this is one reason NBC hates Trump so much. He made them a lot of money and the show was still making major money when he quit to run for President. Money and greed color everything.

Why don't they just produce the check written to Daniels? Michael Cohen, Trump's former attorney who served time in prison, allegedly gave the money to Daniels and was reimbursed by Trump.

Did he write a check from his personal account? How did Trump reimburse Cohen? Did he go to the bank and get a cashier's check? Just go back and do an audit. How credible is Cohen? Does Cohen know for sure which account the money came from?

Back in 1974 Jerry Springer, (Yes, the TV reality show star) resigned from the Cincinnati City council because he had written two checks to two different prostitutes in Northern, Ky.

The controversy took over his life but he was later re-elected to the city council and even later served as mayor.

In one of his commercials, that I remember seeing, he said, "I made a mistake. I paid a prostitute with a check." He actually wrote two checks. One was for \$50 and the other was for \$25.

He would go on to serve as Cincinnati's mayor from

1977-1978. But wait, he admitted to it and he didn't pay it from campaign or government funds.

Looks like if Trump could get in trouble for paying for an "encounter," then Daniels would be in trouble for prostitution. But wait, she didn't collect money for an alleged encounter with Trump, but she got money to be quiet about the encounter with Trump.

Is this not blackmail? Are there not any consequences for blackmail? Apparently, there is more money to be made from being quiet about "encounters" than actually selling oneself for an "encounter."

She did reportedly receive a handsome book royalty check to talk about her life that attorney Michael Avenatti stole. He is now serving time in prison for defrauding clients and tax evasion.

There is probably more that will be said about this alleged "encounter." This proves it doesn't work to pay porn stars hush money, because, they take the money and still tell everybody.

Visit GlennMollette.com to subscribe, learn about his books and more additional biographical.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of 13 books including *UncommonSense*, the *Spiritual Chocolate* series, *Grandpa's Store*, *Minister's Guidebook insights from a fellow minister*.

His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states.

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Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



Update from the Capitol

It's hard to believe but we've officially made it to the halfway point of this year's session. An additional 100 bills were approved by the full Senate prior to the deadline last Thursday, including a few more of mine. Altogether, 17 of my measures are moving on to the House for further consideration this session.

On Monday, my SB 369 passed overwhelmingly to close a dangerous loophole and keep individuals on the Juvenile Sex Offenders Registry, as well as those convicted of sex trafficking, from working in nursing homes.

Unfortunately, it came to my attention that since those on the juvenile registry are minors,

their records are sealed so future employers can't see them.

We've had a few cases around the state, including one in our Senate district, where these individuals have been employed by a long-term care facility and assaulted someone.

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Society



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

A special happy birthday wish to Eulene Webster of Goldsby!

Eulene celebrates her birthday on Wednesday, April 5.

Happy birthday to Mike Allen, Raychel Kozik, Shalia Ashcraft, Jackie Suchy, Kevin Stone, Jennifer Rogers, Annette C. Belfiore, Selena Chavez, Kenton Gonterman, Yesenia Orta, Antonio Reyes, Suel Sanchez, Lewis Vieux, Scott Lizana, Renato Carrillo, Lily Harris Richardson, Jennifer Smith and Jeff Virgin.

Happy 35th anniversary to Bryan and Jan Dye of Purcell.

Washington High School is presenting "Shrek the Musical Jr." Saturday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium.

The Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 8, at the Purcell Lake Weaver Pavilion, 1400 Chandler Road.

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

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

The hunt begins at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

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.

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 good and quick to prepare slow-cooker recipe.

Slow-Cooker Tex-Mex Chicken

- 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch wide strips
- 1 pkg. taco seasoning mix
- 2 TBL flour
- 1 each green and red pepper, cut into 1-inch wide strips
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1-1/2 cups thick and chunky salsa
- 2 cups hot cooked long-grain white rice
- 1 cup Mexican style cheese

Toss chicken with taco seasoning and flour in slow cooker. Stir in vegetables and salsa; cover with lid.

Cook on low 6 to 8 hours (or on high 3 to 4 hours).

Stir just before serving. Serve over rice topped with cheese.

Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

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

Our center is available for rent on Saturdays for parties, meetings and/or gatherings. For information or to make a reservation, please call Val at 405-527-5070. We do book in advance, so the sooner you make a reservation, the better chance you have for an open Saturday.

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

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

Menu for April 3-7:
 Monday—Beef tacos, ranch beans, lemon pan pie.
 Tuesday—Chicken tetrazini, broccoli, beets, bread, peaches.
 Wednesday—Sloppy joe, potato salad, green beans, cookies.
 Thursday—Brown beans with ham, tomato relish, oven browned potatoes, apple crisp.
 Friday—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, bread, fruit.

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



Happy birthday

Barbara Gunter celebrated her birthday with her friends at the Purcell Senior Center!

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MATC students excel at BPA State Leadership Conference

Students in Kyla Perry's Business Office Assistant program and Carl Walls' Multimedia Specialist program had an impressive number of wins, earning 76 awards and medals at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference held in Tulsa.

MATC students placed in each competition with the following results:

Administrative Support Concepts: Michael Ozment, Adult/Byars, 5th place postsecondary; Bricen Hemesley, Noble, 7th place secondary.

Administrative Support Team: Gracie Hearon, Adult/Blanchard, 2nd place postsecondary; Emily Kessler, Adult/Lexington, 2nd place postsecondary.

Advanced Interview: *Laney Workman, Bridge Creek, 1st place secondary.

Advanced Office Systems & Procedures: Kyleigha Rog, Homeschooled/Elmore City, 2nd place secondary; Jennifer Velasco, Purcell, 6th place secondary.

Advanced Word Processing: Emily Kessler, Adult/Lexington, 2nd place postsecondary; Gracie Hearon, Adult/Blanchard, 6th place postsecondary.

Basic Office Systems & Procedures: Arleth Rocha, Adult/Pauls Valley, 7th place postsecondary.

Digital Communications & Design Concepts: Samuel

Yates, Pauls Valley, 3rd place secondary; Colten Barbee, Adult/Noble, 3rd place postsecondary.

Digital Marketing Concepts: *Bricen Hemesley, Noble, 1st place secondary; Rebecca Lawson, Blanchard, 4th place secondary; Samuel Yates, Pauls Valley, 8th place secondary; Trenton Griggs, Adult/Purcell, 5th place postsecondary; Emily Kessler, Adult/Lexington, 6th place postsecondary.

Digital Media Production: Kendall Edelen, Adult/Washington, 3rd place postsecondary; Kraig Cunningham, Noble, 7th place secondary.

Financial Math & Analysis Concepts: Bricen Hemesley, Noble, 3rd place secondary; Emily Kessler, Adult/Lexington, 3rd place postsecondary.

Fundamentals of Web Design: Neftali Baquera, Adult/Noble, 2nd place postsecondary.

Graphic Design Promotion: Scarlett Fountain, Newcastle, 7th place secondary; Colten Barbee, Adult/Noble, 3rd place postsecondary; Derek Stewart, Adult/Paoli, 8th place postsecondary.

Intermediate Word Processing: Jennifer Velasco, Purcell, 4th place secondary; Sarah Spratt, Adult/Lexington, 7th place postsecondary.

Management, Marketing and

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Community service

Mother's Entwined members volunteering and participating in the Warrior Way 5K were Angie Goldsby, Kristi Kilcrease, Missy Hewett, Tammy Brown, Becky Galyean, Kim Fox, Shawna Farmer and Karla Sitton.

Mother's Entwined Club

The women of Mother's Entwined are busy this spring with community projects.

March 25 club members volunteered and participated in the Warrior Way 5K run in Washington, which benefited a local resident's battle with cancer.

Recently the ladies collected clothing for those in need. They also made financial contributions to A Week of Love at Washington High School,

Road Week at Purcell High School and both school's after proms.

April 22 members will host a corn hole tournament at Libby's Cafe to benefit upcoming community projects. If you would like to sign up a team contact any member for more information.

The group's scholarship applications will be available soon at Purcell and Washington High Schools.

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Bringing home the hardware

Adult students in the Multimedia Production program, Kendall Edelen and Neftali Baquera display MATC's BPA Silver Chapter Award and some of the medals brought home by MATC students!

Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hey everybody, how ya doin'? Kinda nice to have some decent weather for a while. Not quite time to put veggies and flowers in the ground, as we have a chance of some freezing temps in the next 10 days or so. Patience, my friends.

There will be no garage sale this week, but it will return after Easter. I appreciate everyone who stopped by last week.

Delta Senior Nutrition provides a delicious lunch every Monday through Friday, serving promptly at 11:30 a.m. If you are a senior, 60+, and would like to join us here at the

senior center, or you need information about how to qualify for a home-delivered meal, call John at 405-527-9462 in Purcell or 405-449-3079 in Wayne. We would be happy to add you to one of our active rosters.

Here is the menu for April 3-7:

Monday—Two soft beef tacos with shredded cheese, picante sauce, tossed salad, ranch beans, lemon pan pie.

Tuesday—Chicken tetrazzini, broccoli, Harvard beets, sliced bread or roll, peaches.

Wednesday—Sloppy joe burger, potato salad, green

beans, cook's choice of cookies.

Thursday—Pinto beans with ham and sliced onions, tomato spoon relish, oven browned potatoes, cornbread, apple crisp.

Friday—Meatloaf with topping, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, wheat bread or dinner roll, mixed fruit.

Milk is served with every meal. One milk per person, please.

Appreciate all our volunteers and to everyone who continues to support the Wayne Senior Citizens Center.

Until next week...

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MATC:

Human Resources Concepts: Samuel Yates, Adult/Purcell, 2nd place postsecondary; Bricen Hemesley, Noble, 4th place secondary.

Meeting and Event Planning Concepts: Bricen Hemesley, Noble, 4th place secondary.

Promotional Photography – National Showcase Top Ten: Naftali Baquera, Adult/Noble; Colton Barbee, Adult/Noble; Kendall Edelen, Adult/Washington; Trenton Griggs, Adult/Purcell.

Parliamentary Procedure Concepts: Angelica Carrasco, Adult/Lindsay, 3rd place postsecondary; Gracie Hearon, Adult/Blanchard, 4th place postsecondary; Michael Ozment, Adult/Byars, 6th place postsecondary; Emily Kessler, Adult/Lexington, 7th place postsecondary; Kendra Carson, Purcell, 8th place secondary.

Podcast Production (team event): Kraig Cunningham, Noble, 3rd place secondary; Bricen Hemesley, Noble, 3rd place secondary; Zane Stover, Lexington, 3rd place secondary; Samuel Yates, Pauls Valley, 3rd place secondary; Tenton Griggs, Adult/Purcell, 5th place postsecondary; Karah 'Kat' Silk, Adult/Blanchard, 5th place postsecondary.

Project Management Concepts: Gracie Hearson, Adult/Blanchard, 4th place postsecondary; Emily Kessler, Adult/Lexington, 8th place postsecondary.

User Interface Design Using Adobe XD (team event): *Katy Cornforth, Washington, 1st place secondary; *Keira Starns, Purcell, 1st place secondary; *Laney Workman, Bridge Creek, 1st place secondary.

Video Production (team event): Lane Mayhew, Bridge Creek, 5th place secondary; Alanna Miller, Lindsay, 5th place secondary; Jakob Shea, Washington, 5th place secondary; Alexis 'Alex' Speerbrecher, Paoli, 5th place secondary.

Visual Design (team event): Colten Barbee, Adult/Noble, 4th place postsecondary; Greg Meiser, Adult/Blanchard, 4th place postsecondary; Derek Stewart, Adult/Paoli, 4th place postsecondary; Macey Dehart, Paoli, 8th place secondary;

Landen Goldston, Newcastle, 8th place secondary; Madelyn 'Winnie' Hawley, Purcell, 8th place secondary; Cameron Holloway, Lexington, 8th place secondary.

Virtual Branding (team event) – National Top Ten: Neftali Baquera, Adult/Noble, AM Team; Kendall Edelen, Adult/Washington, AM Team; Trenton Griggs, Adult/Purcell, AM Team; Karah 'Kat' Silk, Adult/Blanchard, AM Team; Colton Barbee, Adult/Noble, PM Team; Greg Meiser, Adult/Blanchard, PM Team; Derek Stewart, Adult/Paoli, PM Team.

Website Design (team event): *Neftali Baquera, Adult/Noble, 1st place postsecondary; *Kendall Edelen, Adult/Washington, 1st place postsecondary; Lillian Calixto Ornelas, Purcell, 3rd place secondary;

Scarlett Fountain, Newcastle, 3rd place secondary; Rebecca Lawson, Blanchard, 3rd place secondary.

Mid-America rounded out the awards by being the recipient of the Silver Level Star Chapter Award, and Kyla Perry, Business Office Assistant instructor was named as the Advisor of the Year.

Students Neftali Baquera, Katy Cornforth, Kendall Edelen, Bricen Hemesley, Kiera Starns, and Laney Workman who won first place in their contests will now have the opportunity to compete at the BPA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif., April 26 through 30.

To find out more about these career fields and other services offered at Mid-America Technology Center visit www.matech.edu.



NEWS from the City of Purcell

Regulations for Garage Sales

1. A resident may have one garage sale per calendar quarter. A permit must be obtained from City Hall for each sale. A sale may be held for up to three consecutive days. There are no rain checks.
 2. A garage sale permit fee of \$5 must be paid for each garage sale held.
 3. Your garage sale permit must be displayed at the site designated on the permit.
 4. Garage sale signs may not be placed on the city street right-of-way, on any utility pole or street sign, in the center median, or on any private property without the permission of property owner.
 5. All signs must be removed within 48 hours after the sale.
 6. If you have any questions, call the City of Purcell at 527-6561 daytime from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Senate passes marijuana reforms

The Senate continued their efforts Thursday to improve public safety within the medical marijuana industry.

Sen. Jessica Garvin, R-Duncan, said the bills focus on youth access, medical education, product potency, recalls, and other important issues requested by the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA).

"Medical marijuana was overwhelmingly supported by Oklahoma voters in 2018 but unfortunately numerous safety issues have arisen that must be addressed to ensure these products are prescribed and accessible only for those with true medical needs and conditions," Garvin said.

"These bills will require continuing education for doc-

tors in order to prescribe these products, create guardrails to protect youth, limit dangerous THC levels, and provide additional tools for OMMA to stop illegal activity. These reforms will help better protect legitimate patients and businesses, She said.

The approved bills included:
• SB 437 – directs the Oklahoma Health Care Authority

(OHCA) to create a registry that will be published beginning Jan. 1, 2025, of recommending physicians in compliance with the agency's initial and continuing medical education requirements.

All medical marijuana business employees will also be

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Ribbon cutting

Cyrinda Wadley (with scissors) has hung out her shingle to practice law in Purcell. The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce welcomed her as a new member with a ribbon cutting Tuesday morning at 2202 N. Green Avenue.

OSU EXTENSION *News*

Gardeners, don't be fooled by magic beans

Trisha Gedon
Extension Educator

While Jack may have gotten lucky with the magic beanstalk beans he received when he traded his cow, gardeners may not be so lucky when purchasing seeds for their gardens.

Casey Hentges, host of Oklahoma State University Agriculture's television program "Oklahoma Gardening," has a word of caution for gardeners purchasing seeds this growing season.

"It's the time of year when I love browsing through the dif-

ferent seed catalogs and seeing what new plants are available," Hentges said. "Unfortunately, there are a lot of gimmicks and photoshopped pictures out there that can grab a gardener's attention, but often they're just selling magic beans."

A few years ago, gardeners may have seen rose seeds that claimed to produce a rainbow of vibrant colors on each flower. While roses have been hybridized and do come in some amazing colors, if something looks too good to be true, it probably is.

Consumers may find images of multi-colored roses, but the truth is that petals have been dyed. Dyed roses can be purchased as cut flowers, but gardeners shouldn't expect to grow them in their gardens.

Hentges suggests if there's a plant that grabs a gardener's attention, search the internet to see if other plant nurseries are offering the variety. If it's legitimate, it'll be readily available at multiple vendors.

Please see **Beans**, page 10A

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 16-22, 2023.

Traffic

Johnny E. Quisenberry, taxes due state.
Calvin J. Reed, operator not reasonable and proper.
Calvin J. Reed, no valid driver's license.
Juan F. Castro Cruz, improper display of blue lights.
Juan F. Castro Cruz, violation of special permit.
Clayton L. Baker, overweight - over 10,000.
David C. Basil, speeding, 80/70.
Lashawna M. Marks, speeding, 89/75.
Roy G. Neil, no valid driver's license.
Roy G. Neil, speeding, 100/70.

Misdemeanors

Shellie K. Johnston, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.
Basim Mahmoud, larceny of lost property.
Karen R. Gonzalez, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.
Ashley D. Broadwater, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.
Thelma E. Brown, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.
Brook S. Dely, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.
Brandon Koehler, malicious injury to property - under \$1000.
Luis G. Cruz, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.
Donovan C. Thompson Jr., actual physical control of vehicle while under the influence.
Sean W. Dozier, obstructing an officer.

Felonies

Alejandro Grimaldo, larceny of lost property.
William C. Gatewood III, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.
Heather Y. Dickinson, unlawful

use of display of license or ID.
Shuron M. Nelson, unlawful possession of controlled drug with intent to distribute - fentanyl.
Marisela Cruz-Saldierna, aggravated trafficking in illegal drugs.

Small Claims

McClain Bank vs. J&K Homes Leasing LLC, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. JHBC Enterprise LLC, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Phoenix Nutrition LLC, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Kathy F. Shetley, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Savannah R. Pohlenz, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Jennifer D. Doyon, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Frankie R. Plunkett, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Kylie T. Constant, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Brittney A. Hall, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Kristi D. Austin, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Ethan McDonald, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Christopher R. Higgins, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Denise R. Woolard, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Scott D. Brownrigg, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Dawn D. Latham, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Vincent Holley, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Ginny L. Lail, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Jackson W. Price, small claims under \$5000.
The Estates of Newcastle LP vs. Lori Owens, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Civil

State of OK (Ex Rel) Tax Comm vs. Benjamin Sanders, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Midfirst Bank vs. Adam Westby, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Robert A. Nunez, civil action

\$10,000 or less.
LVNV Funding LLC vs. Jenny Leiviska, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Bank of America NA vs. Victor J. Harrison, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Taufest Rentals, LLC vs. Kyle Smith, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Chase K. Prudhome, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Crosscountry Mortgage LLC vs. Darcy L. Darling, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Donna Crow vs. Leonel Hernandez, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Mickellene Ibarra vs. Michael J. Scrivner, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Aaron W. Clark, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Progressive Direct Insurance Company vs. William R. Keithley, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Midfirst Bank vs. Lisa J. McDaniel, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Discover Bank vs. David L. Gattis, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Pennymac Loan Services, LLC vs. Richard R. Day, civil action \$10,000 or more.
First United Bank and Trust Co vs. James Parshall, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed

Joshua T. Bell, 30, and Candace A. Kirkes, 30, both of Purcell.
Alexander K. Bunting, 22, and Marissa D. Reining, 28, both of Macomb.
Jerrell K. Mure, 30, and Shawna D. Anderson, 33, both of Newcastle.
Rocky A. Munyon, 48, and Jodi L. Idlett, 30, both of Lexington.

Divorces Granted

Kay A. Jones vs. Jack L. Jones.
Mae A. Castle vs. Luke P. Castle.
Kody B. Clouse vs. Austin L. Clouse.
Nicholas E. Nazar vs. Crissandra M. Nazar.
Terrisa L. Elledge vs. Tristan S. Elledge.
Debra L. Cottrell vs. Michael D. Lewis.

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Garvin:

This will ensure that nursing homes are able to access the juvenile registry to complete thorough background checks.

We passed SB 1063 Tuesday to encourage businesses to invest in child care or reimburse their employees for such expenditures. We want to get families back into the workforce, and the high expense for day care is a major barrier we have to address.

This will create the Childcare Receives Investment from Business (CRIB) Act to provide an income tax credit for businesses providing childcare services or creating an on-site childcare facility for tax years 2024-2029.

The credit will be equal to 30 percent of eligible expenses and may be carried forward for up to five years. Small businesses will be allowed an additional credit equal to 10 percent of the credit earned.

The following day, SB 931 received the green light. This will allow pharmacists to order, perform, and interpret tests authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and waived under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improve-

ment Amendments of 1988, as well as to prescribe drug therapy for minor, nonchronic health conditions such as the flu. This would also allow them to dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptives.

Finally, my SB 368 was one of the last bills approved by the Senate on Thursday. There's been some confusion since the overturning of Roe v. Wade last year that Oklahomans might not be able to use oral birth control, intrauterine devices (IUDs) or surgeries, such as having one's tubes tied or a vasectomy, to prevent pregnancy. This simply isn't the case, but to ensure the medical community, businesses and the public know this, we're codifying these protections into statute.

It was a pleasure getting to welcome several special guests to the Senate this past week. On Monday, I introduced OMMA's Senior Policy Analyst and Legislative Liaison, Ashley Crall, and her interns, Haley Velez from OSU and Luke Hackett from OU.

On Tuesday, I welcomed the Leadership Mid-America class, which is made up of leaders and

business professionals from Garvin, McClain, and Cleveland Counties. In its 26th year, this regional leadership program identifies and develops leaders in the communities served by the Mid-America Technology Center.

On Wednesday, I was thrilled to recognize the 3A state champion Washington fast-pitch softball team and the 2A state champion football team.

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

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Pauls Valley Opry

The award-winning entertainer Tanner Young will be performing at the next Pauls Valley Opry show on April 1. The show is at the Pauls Valley Junior High auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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>.

Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens.

Saturday, April 1, we are traveling to Norman for a quick lunch and then to the Medieval Fair. Any senior wishing to come along may do so. We will take the bus leaving at 11 a.m. If needed, we have one scooter available.

Reminder tomorrow Friday, March 31, at 12 noon we will have a guest representative from Oklahoma Legal Aid.

We are very thankful to our very own Kathryn Kicenski who has so graciously taken on the role of writing requests for grants. Because of her efforts this week we received a check from the Continental Resources company. This is not the only one role Kathryn has taken on. She is also our bus driver for our many adventures. We appreciate you Kathryn.

The menu for the week of April 3:

Monday, April 3—Chili Dogs.

Wednesday, April 5—Spaghetti and meatballs.

Friday, April 7—Easter dinner with ham.

We are preparing to have a yard sale and are now taking donations of any kind. If you are spring cleaning and have treasures to find a home we will gladly take them off your hands. We have not set a date for the yard sale yet but will be coming soon.

We are looking for volunteer CDL drivers to help with our food recovery program. It consists of driving our box truck on some Fridays to Purcell and Chickasha to pick up donations. If interested and available, please stop by the center and leave your name and number.

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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Check presentation

Continental Resources Representative Anita Roten presented a donation check to Dibble Senior Citizens President Dale McAskill.

Circus fun

A group of Dibble senior citizens enjoyed a trip to see the Shrine Circus in Oklahoma City.

Tony Brennan seeks your vote



Brennan

Hello, my name is Tony Brennan, I am running for a position on the Washington Public School Board, April 4th, 2023, and I seek your support.

A little bit about me. I retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2017 with the rank Command Chief Master Sergeant after 28 years of service.

I was stationed in Oklahoma from 1992-1999 and then returned to Oklahoma upon my retirement. It is my nature and has been my calling to serve, that is one of the reasons why I am running for the Washington School Board in 2023.

I have an extensive background in training and instruction and have been a certified instructor and evaluator throughout my career teaching, formulating syllabus of instruction and evaluating hundreds of individuals.

During my time in the USAF, I have managed multi-million-dollar projects and budgets. This experience will be invaluable to ensure your tax dollars are spent wisely. I possess an Associate Degree from the Community College of the Air Force in Applied Science and a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Southwestern College in Human Resource Development.

I hold executive certifications in Leadership and Management from the University

of Notre Dame, attended the Center of Creative Leadership and a certified "Green Belt" under Lean Six Sigma practices.

Since arriving in Washington, I have serviced the community in numerous ways.

I have and currently coach youths in baseball, basketball, and football. I volunteer with the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, and I am also the Washington American Legion Post 0310 Commander. I am strong in my faith as a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church in Norman.

I believe it is important to foster a robust and transparent relationship between the School, the Board, Town Leadership, and the people of the community.

With the rapid increasing population Washington is experiencing, I look forward to lobbying for the concerns of parents, strong family values and continued improvement of the district for years to come.

The bottom line and my personal philosophy is; proper education of our children and encouraged involvement extracurricular activities including athletics and the fine arts is paramount to helping our students succeed today, and in the future with whatever path they choose.

A foundation based on a solid education is the bedrock of our society, I will ensure that every measure is taken to provide the proper educational opportunities without political influences.

I would value the opportunity to continue to serve and earn your vote. Thank you!

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Crash course

Looks like some driver tried to open the road all by themselves. Work is scheduled to begin fixing the entrance to Purcell Municipal Hospital and SSN Clinic this week.

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Senate:

required to complete these education requirements.

- SB 440 – directs OMMA to create rules limiting the tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) potency of medical marijuana and related products sold in dispensaries to no more than 1,000 mg of delta-9 THC per package for edible products; 5 mg of delta-8 THC or any other THC isomer or analogue that occurs naturally in cannabis per package for edibles; or an action level of 1.0 parts per million of any THC isomer, THC analogue, or any other cannabinoid that does not occur naturally in cannabis per package of edibles.

The director may impose further THC limits for edibles for patients under 18 and will limit minors' access to THC vape products.

- SB 439 – deals with minor patients under the age of 18. It directs OMMA to issue a list of qualifying medical conditions for minors to obtain a medical marijuana license.

Physicians will be required to conduct in-person exams of all minor license applicants unless the patient is certified as homebound. It also provides that the two recommending physicians required to prescribe medical marijuana for minors may not be located at the same physical address.

Before prescribing medical marijuana, at least one of the doctors must attest that the minor has been under his or her care or referred to by a physician who has cared for the applicant for at least one year, or not less than five years if the patient has only been seen through telemedicine.

- SB 264 – authorizes OMMA to use secret shoppers to find businesses not complying with the state's medical marijuana laws and rules.

- SB 645 – requires that any medical marijuana flower, trim, shake, kief, medical marijuana product, or other flower-based product not defined as a concentrate, sold by licensed

medical marijuana processors and commercial growers to licensed dispensaries be in pre-packaged form weighing at least half of a gram and no more than three ounces. Medical marijuana flowers may be packaged in nonopaque materials.

- SB 813 – authorizes the OMMA to operate a quality assurance lab to conduct compliance testing of medical marijuana businesses.

The bills now move to the House for further consideration. Rep. T.J. Marti, R-Broken Arrow, is the principal House author for them.

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Obituaries

Albert Leroy Morris

Albert Leroy Morris died May 22, 2022, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 83 years 10 months 26 days. A Graveside Memorial Service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, 2023, at the Lexington Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Albert was born June 27, 1938, in Lexington, Oklahoma to Albert and Dolly (Wheeler) Morris. He was raised and attended school in Lexington.

Albert was inducted into the United States Army in 1956, proudly serving until his honorable discharge in 1958.

Albert married Frona Wells in 1964 and were together for a few years. In 1991, he married Verna (Cockrell) Blockcolski in Noble, Oklahoma.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Dolly Morris; his sister, Dorothy Wolf; and his brothers, Roger Morris, Larry Dean Morris and Wayne Morris.

Survivors include his wife, Verna Morris; his stepchildren, Billy Jo Little, Shawna Kelly McCormick and Sheila Marie Myrick; his siblings, Robert Gale Morris and Louise Wyche; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

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Wayne Morris

Wayne Morris died January 12, 2021, in Duncan, Oklahoma at the age of 80 years 7 months 26 days. A Graveside Memorial Service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 1, 2023, at the Lexington Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Wayne was born May 18, 1940, in Lexington, Oklahoma to Albert and Dolly (Wheeler) Morris. He was raised and attended school in Lexington, Oklahoma.

Wayne was inducted in to the United States Army in 1960, proudly serving until his honorable discharge in 1963.

He lived most of his life in Sulphur where he worked at Kraft Foods, then worked in the oilfields until his retirement.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Dolly Morris; his sister, Dorothy Wolf; and his brothers, Roger Morris and Larry Dean Morris; his nieces, Belinda Hector and Shannon Dresser; and his nephews, Larry Dean Morris and Zack Hector.

Survivors include his sister, Louise Wyche; his brother, Robert Morris; his sister-in-law, Verna Morris; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

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Dr. Willard M. Smith

Funeral services for Dr. Willard M. Smith, 97, of Rock Island, Ill., were held March 25, 2023 at Weerts Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell.

Dr. Smith, 97, died March 15, 2023 at Genesis East Medical Center.

Survivors include his daughter, Joyce (Herman) Grubbs of Davenport; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren, one sister, Barbara Thomas and his sister-in-law, Eileen (Dale) Smith.

Memorials may be left to Palmer Chiropractic School Fund or Gideon's Purse.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.weertsfh.com.

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Gary Eddie "Fat Gary" Tate

Graveside Funeral Services for Gary Eddie Tate, "Fat Gary", will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. Gary's life will also be celebrated at the Purcell High School Reunion Weekend, June 23rd and 24th.

Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Gary Eddie Tate, "Fat Gary", a loving husband, father and friend, age 79, of Purcell, Oklahoma passed peacefully BUT unexpectedly with the main cause acute respiratory failure on March 17, 2023, St Patrick's Day. Family and friends were shocked with the

suddenness although his health had started to decline in Feb. 2022, in none other than Monterey-Carmel, Calif.

Fat Gary was born in Richmond, Calif., on Nov. 20, 1943, the older of two children born to Dr. James E. Tate and Virginia Pearl (Price) Tate. At an early age Gary battled as a stutterer and in an effort to help himself overcome, he proudly introduced himself as "Fat Gary." A name he affectionately carried the rest of his life. Think of it as a nickname, not a description.

After going to 13 schools in 12 years, he graduated with the PHS Dragon Class of 1961, who won the state basketball championship. He felt so honored to be a part of that team, after only being here one year, and remained lifelong friends with many of his teammates.

Fat Gary married his high school sweetheart on August 3, 1963. As it looked like being married "60" years was an attainable goal, he became fixated on it. At the time of his passing, they had been married (21,776) days. Apart at the end of the day for no more than 1,500 nights, they only needed 139 days to the exact date. In addition, they dated for 3 years so it more than made up for 139 days short. Only one percent of married couples reach the "60" year Diamond Anniversary.

Once they reached Palliative Care and knowing how badly he wanted 60 years, and with all he had endured during the week, Earla said, "Fat Gary it's August 3rd, 2023, and we are having a party. In one hour, they shared the experience of a lifetime. Not realizing until later she will always have the beautiful memory and no sadness or regret. With the spontaneity of the moment with love from everyone it was PERFECT!! They had their 60th anniversary party. They had always hoped their last trip would be to San Francisco, and it actually was.

Fat Gary treasured family, friends, new and old acquaintances, how you treat others, giving careful thought to your words before you say them, not having to be the center of attention, making someone's day better and even learning to say I'm sorry when you didn't think you were wrong were much more important to him than all of the achievements, accolades and travels that he had. Many of you have life experiences you've shared with him, so you know. Many of you may remember him from Purcell Vision Clinic.

After his passing and all the outpouring of love, Earla didn't want to take a chance of offending someone by not being included, because she could hear Gary say, "EARLA", if she did. It takes a village to raise a child, and it also takes a village to keep the elderly alive. We want to thank our village for the effort.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. James and Virginia Tate.

Gary is survived by his sweetheart, Earla Tate of the home; daughter, Earla Elizabeth 'Liz' Leonard (Richard) of Purcell; sons, James Louis 'Jay' Tate (Carmella) of Purcell and Kristopher Ode "Kris" Tate (Kinsie) of Glendale, Calif.; sister, Dede Page (Ron) of Purcell; five grandchildren, Patrick, Henry, Evelyn 'E.V.', Sam and Gabe, and a host of other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to The Stuttering Foundation, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN, 38111-0749. (901) 761-0343. www.StutteringHelp.org, or the charity of your choice.

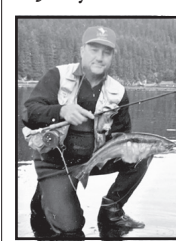
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Gerald W. Shivers, Jr.

Gerald W. Shivers, Jr. of Aurora, Colorado, known as Jerry Shivers to his friends and family, died February 12, 2023 at the age of 81.

Jerry Shivers, son of Retired Army Lt. Col. Gerald Woodrow



Shivers Sr. and Mae Dora Tefertiller Shivers of Norman, Okla., passed away in the Cherry Creek Nursing Center in Aurora, Colorado, from health issues and injuries sustained while a patient in the Medical Center of



Aurora. He is survived by a sister, Dorothy Walos, of Norman, Oklahoma, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

While Jerry was growing up, the family lived in different countries including Germany and in numerous cities in the United States. His father's final military post was in El Paso, Texas. Jerry convinced his folks to allow him to return to Oklahoma. He lived with the Cypert family in Purcell, Oklahoma, to attend Purcell High School "Home of the Dragons" where he was chosen "Football King" in 1960. Jerry was very fond of his cousins and considered Purcell his hometown. He maintained long-term friendships from high school. Jerry studied at the University of Oklahoma in Norman then transferred to the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma, from which he graduated with a degree in business.

After graduation, Jerry worked as a roughneck on offshore drilling rigs in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Later, he moved to Colorado and worked as a Realtor for over 49 years, mostly with Re/Max. Jerry was envied by many as he dated and married the most beautiful women you can imagine (not necessarily at the same time or order). Jerry was an ex-marine and an avid Broncos fan. He was also a premier fly-fisherman throughout Colorado and had fished all over the world. Most importantly, he was a truly great friend and will be missed.

Memorial services were held on March 26, 2023 in the chapel of the Newcomer Funeral Home, 190 Potomac Street, Aurora, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, please submit contributions to the Disabled American Veterans.

From page 8A

Beans:

"If the only vendor is a craft trading site or an independent sales website, it's likely not a legitimate plant," she said. "Also, read the reviews on these questionable sources. If there are comments suggesting the plant colors weren't what the buyer was anticipating, the buyer likely bought seeds based on a picture of photoshopped plants. Check the websites of well-established vendors before spending your money on magic beans."

What can be tricky for gardeners is the fact that plant breeding has advanced, and the gardening industry does have some unusual – yet legitimate – selections available, including cheddar cauliflower, black beauty tomato or glass gem corn.

While they may not look like the traditional white cauliflower, red tomato or yellow corn, a quick internet check will show multiple reputable sources offering these seeds.

Gardening is a big business and continues to grow annually. Hentges said in 2021, more than 18 million households in the country started gardening, and each household spent an average of just over \$500 on garden-related items. That's a lot of money being pumped into the gardening industry.

"Gardeners should have fun and plant things they will enjoy looking at, but I also want them to be informed consumers," she said. "Remember, if it looks too good to be true, it probably is. Don't waste your money on magic beans."

OSU EXTENSION News

Chainsaw safety is vital during storm cleanup

Trisha Gedon
Extension Educator

If there's one thing Oklahomans know about, it's the process of cleaning up after a storm. Some of that cleanup will require the use of a chainsaw for felled trees and other debris.

Ryan Desantis, Oklahoma State University Extension forestry specialist, said it's important to keep chainsaw safety techniques in mind when cleaning up after a storm or doing any other type of chainsaw work.

There are several types of chainsaws on the market, including gas-powered, electric and battery-powered.

"No matter what type of saw a person is operating, safety is important. A battery-powered saw is just as powerful as a gas-powered saw," Desantis said. "One of the biggest safety concerns when operating a saw is kickback. The operator should wear a helmet with a visor to help

protect their head. Also, position your body in a way that if kickback occurs, the saw won't hit your body."

Kickback occurs when the rotating chain hits a solid object or the chain is pinched in a cut. This can force the saw backward, resulting in serious injury. To prevent kickback, keep the saw moving at a fast speed when entering or leaving a cut. Also, keep the chain properly sharpened.

Other safety operating tips include:

- Make sure the chain brake is on.
- Keep both hands on the saw.

If using a gas-powered saw, start it on the ground.

The following protective clothing is encouraged:

- Chainsaw pants.
- Long sleeves and gloves made from Kevlar, woven nylon or other similar material.
- Eye protection such as goggles or safety glasses with

wrap-around lenses.

- Earplugs to muffle the loud engine noise.
- Steel-toed boots.

"In storm-damaged areas, there likely will be debris on the ground, which can be a tripping hazard," Desantis said. "Considering the tripping hazard, it is important to keep the chain brake on whenever not actively cutting, especially when moving amongst debris."



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Chamber chat

Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce members Rebekah Lynam, Melissa Pruitt and Morgan McClung had time to catch up at the chamber of commerce coffee last week at Purcell's First Baptist Church.

PURCELL SCHOOL MENU

Week of April 3
MONDAY
BREAKFAST

Toast and sausage patty or cereal and toast, applesauce, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, green beans, romaine salad, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Muffin or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Beef burrito bowl with beef, queso, rice and beans, chips and salsa, apple, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

Pulled pork, dinner roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, romaine salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Cinnamon toast and yogurt or cereal and toast, apple, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Cheeseburger, french fries, cucumber slices, peach slices, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Cinnamon roll or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Pepperoni pizza, baby carrots, marinara sauce, apple-sauce, milk.

School Menus

LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU

Week of April 3
MONDAY
BREAKFAST

Cereal or biscuit and gravy, raisins, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken nuggets, cheezy potatoes, English peas, biscuit, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or breakfast burrito, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Nachos with cheese sauce, whole kernel corn, pinto beans, salsa, orange smiles, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or ham and cheese muffin, spiced apples, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Spaghetti with meat sauce, steamed broccoli, steamed carrots, mixed fruit, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or dutch waffle, craisins, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Baked potato with pulled pork, pickles, breadstick, apple wedges, milk.

FRIDAY

No School.

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PLEASE GO VOTE for the FUTURE OF GOLDSBY!

Statton, McReynolds, Weaver Town of Goldsby - City Council Election Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Please make every effort to VOTE for **Scott Statton (Ward 3), Russ McReynolds, (Ward 1), and Vanessa Weaver (Ward 5)**. All three are military veterans, who have no agenda other than serving the Goldsby community with the same dedication they served our entire country while in the Armed Forces!

Your VOTE will make a difference! This is why:

An open letter to Goldsby residents:

My family has lived in and around Goldsby for five generations.

Our roots here are deep. As deep as those of the trees on my extended family's multi-generation gardening business, Marcum's Nursery.

My parents, Leroy and Laquawana Marcum, have been active participants and supporters of this community for as long as I can remember.

Sixty-four years ago, in fact, I had my own first experience - helping my Grandmother Clay Hopkins organize the Annual Town of Goldsby Box Supper Auction Fundraiser.

It was hosted by the Goldsby Extension Group, including my Grandmother, along with Nora Belle Adkins, Mrs. Walter Goldsby, Myrtle Chastain, Topsy Goldsby and Mrs. Honneycut. It was held at the old Goldsby School across from Libby's (the former Miller store). It was great fun and raised a lot of money in that day and time!

I say this to stress how the many generations of the Goldsby Community were in absolute commitment to

bettering Goldsby.

Our town is at a crossroads in leadership, with many rezoning, planning, infrastructure and other issues on the table that will impact all areas and all residents. In short, the leaders we select at this critical juncture of Goldsby's history will make or break the success of our small town.

Some history about the issues we are facing:

In the early 2000s, while the Chickasaw Nation was

Now, we fast forward to 2018. The Town of Goldsby was in the middle of the Jelly Stone RV Park Fiasco.

This endeavor was designed to benefit a handful of Goldsby residents and little to no consideration was given to the negative impact on the North Goldsby residents. Thanks to the leadership of Russ McReynolds and past board members, this endeavor was voted down.

We need leaders who will embrace the growth of OUR town, where businesses can thrive on a walkable Main Street. Goldsby is very blessed to have two multi-generation f a m i l y - o w n e d businesses, Marcum's Nursery and Libby's, as main cogs of a town filled with pride and attractions for travelers across the state. It's time to build

on those long-term successes. If elected, Scott Statton, Russ McReynolds and Vanessa Weaver will continue to make every effort to rebuild our relations with the Chickasaw Nation, provide opportunities for future generations and work for the betterment of the entire Goldsby Community.



Home Extension Group
Nora Belle Adkins, Unknown, Mrs. Walter Goldsby, Unknown, Clay Hopkins, Myrtle Chastain, Topsy Goldsby, Mrs. Honneycut

working to build Riverwind Casino, Goldsby leadership were opposed to the idea of growth.

For example, had they made a different decision and had the vision to see the possibilities, the Town of Goldsby would have benefited GREATLY with water and sewer.

PLEASE GO VOTE.

Respectfully,

Melody Marcum

Bachelor of Science, Public Administration and Pre-Law, Oklahoma City University
Master of Human Relations - University of Oklahoma

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Tharp:

dreamed of having a shop of my own someday.

Q: How long have you been buying/selling/collecting?

A: My husband has been in the industry for over a decade! I joined him in the business in 2017. It's something we enjoy doing together.

Q: What's the favorite piece you've owned?

A: Once we had an 1800's

Victorian pink velvet settee that I wanted to keep forever! We had it for a total of three days before we found the perfect buyer!

Q: What's it like dealing in vintage wears for your job and not just a hobby?

A: Every day is an adventure! When we go out "pickin'" we never know what we're going to find or

what cool place we'll discover. Having our own store is a dream come true. We're enjoying the ride & truly appreciate all of the support we've received so far!

Q: What is the most gratifying part of your job?

A: The most gratifying part of my job is seeing our handpicked items bring back memories for our customers!



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Double fatality

Two people were killed in this horrific two vehicle accident on I-35 Monday afternoon at mile marker 99.

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Accidents:

37 minutes and has apparently claimed two lives.

The accident was reported at 4:41 p.m.

The OHP has not released any details about the accident but multiple sources have confirmed to **The Purcell Register** that two people were killed in the crossover crash.

The second crash occurred at 6:09 p.m. at SH 74 and Horse

Avenue resulting in a multi-vehicle accident.

A 32-year-old female from Maysville was mediflighted to OU Medical Center with head, leg and arm injuries. She was admitted in fair condition, according to the OHP.

Investigating Troopers Stout, Harmon and Byrne said a 2021 Hyundai SUV driven by Hailey Masterson, 22, of Okla-

homa City was eastbound on 74 when her vehicle stopped in the lane of traffic.

A 2018 Ford Edge driven by Courtney Herrington, 25 of Purcell, was eastbound behind a 2022 Ford F250 pickup driven by Billy DeSpain, 38 of Georgetown, TX.

Troopers reported the pickup swerved left to avoid striking the SUV and hit a 2008 Chevy Avalanche head-on.

The Avalanche driver's name has not been released since next of kin have not been notified. That person is the one who was mediflighted.

Herrington was transported to Purcell Municipal Hospital by Wadley's EMS and was treated and released.

Masterson, DeSpain and a passenger in the Herrington vehicle all were not injured in the accident.

Also assisting at the accident scene were Purcell Police, McClain County Sheriff's Department and Purcell Firefighters.

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Rotary:

chartered in March 1923, it gained instant notoriety as the first Rotary Club in the world in a city with under 3,500 population.

Efforts to establish a Rotary Club actually began one year earlier. The initial attempt to charter a local Rotary Club failed because Rotary International considered Purcell too small for a club to succeed here.

It took determination, perseverance and 100 percent attendance - a second charter attempt was also turned down

- before Rotary International relented.

Rotary's ranks opened to women in 1987.

Unchanged through the

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decades is the Rotary's determination to improve quality of life through a variety of service projects.

Indeed, service locally and around the globe is the Rotary

mission. It's stated in the Rotary motto - "Service Above Self."

Community projects address such issues as violence, drug abuse, youth AIDS, hunger, the environment and illiteracy.

One of the main goals for Rotary International is the eradication of polio and cases are now confined to Afghanistan and Pakistan. There hasn't been a polio case in the United States since 1979.

The Purcell Rotary Club meets Wednesdays at Trinity United Methodist Church. Meetings are non-partisan.

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TotY:

Active in STEM, he is also the TSA sponsor and works with students in robotics competitions.

Zoe Swift was named Purcell High School Teacher of the Year. She is a special education

teacher and helped start a "life skills" elective class at the high school.

Amanda Fleming was named Intermediate Teacher of the Year.

She is a special education

teacher and has been with the district since 2004.

Aimee Walkup is the Elementary Teacher of the Year.

She is in her 16th year of teaching and teaches kindergarten.

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POEF:

Award Finalist and Lexington Elementary School as a school character award finalist.

The Excellence in Education Awards Banquet is an evening dedicated to recognizing and rewarding Oklahoma educators who demonstrate a commitment to their students in teaching strength of character and excellence in the school or classroom.

Award finalists must go through a rigorous application and evaluation process.

From page 1A

Guilty:

constitutional civil rights.

According to court documents and admissions, on April 21, 2019, Kyle Tecumseh, 25, was involved with moving a pretrial detainee, B.B., into a jail cell with a senior United Aryan Brotherhood (UAB) gang member whom Tecumseh knew was angry at and posed a danger to B.B.

Thereafter, Tecumseh allowed another detention officer to move several more UAB gang members into the cell with B.B. and the senior UAB gang member.

The UAB gang members

then physically attacked B.B., as Tecumseh knew was likely to occur.

"As a detention officer, this defendant had a duty to ensure the civil rights of pretrial detainees under his care and custody were protected," said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

"Instead, the defendant abused his power and authority by allowing a pretrial detainee to be put in a situation where he faced a substantial risk of physical harm.

"The defendant is now being held accountable for his actions and the Justice Department will continue to ensure that corrections officials are held responsible when they violate the civil rights of detainees and inmates under their care, custody and control," Clarke said. "Criminal conduct by any detention staff member erodes public trust and unfairly compromises the reputation of all corrections officials who honorably serve," said U.S. Attorney Robert J. Troester for the Western District of Oklahoma. "The guilty plea demonstrates our continuing commitment to protect all Oklahomans, including those in custody. I commend the prosecutors and law enforcement officials for their efforts here," Troester

ary, middle school/junior high, high school, special education, non-certified support professional, educational specialist, administrator and a character award category for teachers and schools.

One winner from each category will be announced at the banquet.

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said.

"There is never a reason for a detention officer to resort to violating an inmate's civil rights. The FBI understands that working in a correctional institution is stressful and dangerous work, and the vast majority of the men and women working in these institutions do their jobs honorably on a daily basis," said Special Agent in Charge Edward J. Gray of the FBI Oklahoma City Field Office.

"When an officer violates the rights of detainees in their care, it erodes public trust in these important positions and damages the reputation of the hard-working officers who continue to serve," Gray continued.

Tecumseh faces a maximum sentence of 12 months imprisonment and a \$100,000 fine. In addition, according to court documents, Tecumseh agreed to never again seek employment in any law enforcement capacity and to pay the victim any owed restitution.

Sentencing will be set by the court in approximately 90 days.

The Oklahoma City FBI Field Office investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Julia E. Barry for the Western District of Oklahoma and Trial Attorney Laura Gilson of the Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section are prosecuting the case.

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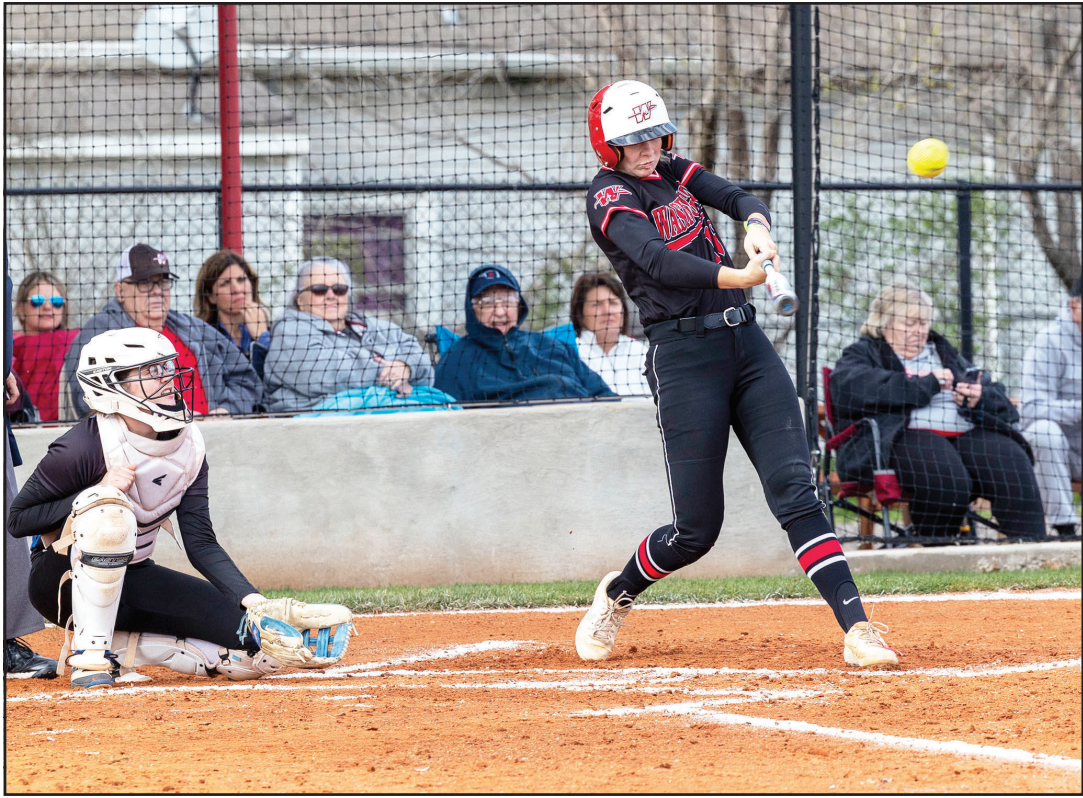
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Get a rip

Washington senior Tinley Lucas sends a pitch into the outfield for a standup double during the Warriors' 6-3 win over Harrah Monday.

Going beast mode

Washington softball Claims Beast of the East tournament

JohnDennyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington slow-pitch softball team was a perfect 5-0 and claimed the Beast of the East softball tournament in Stonewall over the weekend.

They defeated Ada (13-0),

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Three more Bulldog wins

Wayne gets by Mill Creek, Achille and Rush Springs

EmilyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Bulldogs picked up a 7-4 win over Rush Springs on Monday night, moving their season record to 9-3.

Jaxon Dill was on the mound and picked up the win. He went six and two thirds innings and had 11 strike outs.

"Jaxon threw for us and he did a great job," head coach Shane Collins said.

The Bulldogs scored seven runs on nine hits. Rush Springs had 12 hits.

"This was our best game at the plate, hitting-wise. The guys all kept their composure

and played great," Collins said.

Last week, Wayne was supposed to be in the Thackerville tournament. They got their

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two pool play games in, a 3-1 win over Mill Creek and a 4-2 win over Achille, but that's all she wrote.

Wet field conditions forced the cancelation of the remain-

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Racking up wins

Washington looking for rhythm on the diamond

JohnDennyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

Washington has won five games in a row since returning from their Spring Break road trip to Gulf Shores, Ala. and the Gulf Coast Classic.

They picked up wins over Am-Po (8-0), Marietta (14-3 and 17-0), Jones (10-4) and Frederick (12-1).

While the Warriors are putting up a lot of runs, head coach Jeff Kulbeth says his team hasn't yet found their groove. "We're not playing as clean

as we were earlier in the season," he said. "It probably has a little bit to do with the weather and not getting into a

Starting pitcher Tristin Babbitt struck out five batters on the way to Washington's shutout game.

Marietta

Washington outscored the Indians 31-3 in two games.

Bates went the distance in a three inning game in the second contest. He threw a no-hitter with eight Ks.

Kane Springer went 3-3 from the plate and had two ribbies.

Dax McCaskill and Sutton Moore both homered. McCaskill had four RBIs.

Please see **Wash**, page 4B

I'm excited for the expectations ahead of us this season.

— **Jeff Kulbeth, head coach**

rhythm, but we haven't gotten into a consistent mode yet." **Am-Po**

Cam Bates had a home run and Mayson Thomas was 2-2 while scoring a pair of runs.

Dragons beat Blanchard, 5-3

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell out-hit Blanchard on Monday and posted a 5-3 victory over the Lions.

Ella Resendiz led the offense going 3-3 with Mac McKay and Lili Del Toro both getting two hits in three trips to the plate.

Payci Constant and Kaylin Vasquez each had a hit. As a team, the Dragons out-hit the Lions 9-7.

"We started off the game with a couple errors but settled in nicely," head coach

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See the ball

Purcell sophomore Ella Resendiz tees off on a ball for a double during the Dragons' 5-3 win over Blanchard Monday. Resendiz was 3-3 in the game.

11-2 win over Guymon

Purcell picks up district win at Lexington on Monday

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Led by freshman Deaken Dobbins, Purcell's Dragons knocked off the Guymon Tigers in the Chickasha Baseball Tournament Saturday, 11-2.

Dobbins got the start and the victory on the mound, tossing five innings, striking out six and scattering five hits.

He helped his own cause at the plate going 2-4 with a pair of RBIs and scored

and sophomore Tucker Bloodworth both had hits with Bloodworth knocking in a run.

The Dragons broke open a 2-2 contest blowing up for nine runs in the top of the seventh.

"Deaken did a great job on the mound. He controlled the strike zone all day," head coach Cole Sharp said.

Smedley may have had the defensive play of the game throwing out a base runner from left field to keep

Deaken did a great job on the mound. He controlled the strike zone all day.

— **Cole Sharp, head coach**

three times as the game's leading hitter.

Sophomore Parker Page relieved Dobbins and fanned one Tiger in an inning of work. He had a double and scored a run in the victory.

Freshman Bryce Blair spanked an RBI single and reached base by getting hit by a pitch, which drove in a run. Sophomore Boston Knowles knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Junior Cole Smedley

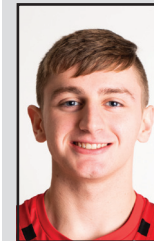
the game knotted at two. "That was a big momentum switch in the game," Sharp said.

"Overall, I was proud of our kids for coming out in the seventh and finishing them off. Our bats were slow the majority of the game and finally got hot in the seventh."

Purcell opened the tour-

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Canadian Valley All-Conference



Hayden Hicks
 First Team



Cash Andrews
 Second Team

Canadian Valley All-Conference



Kenna Esparza
 Second Team

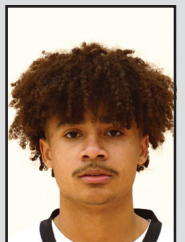
Canadian Valley All-Conference



Malachi Evans
 First Team



Hayden Ice
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Kobe Freeman
 Second Team

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Breanna Lindert
 MVP



Rielyn Scheffe
 First Team



Preslee Johnson
 First Team



Kelby Beller
 Second Team



Kyndall Wells
 Second Team

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Track team

The Purcell junior and high school track teams were visited by three accomplished throwers last Wednesday. Tucker Smith – a freshman at OU, Maggie Bookout – the No. 2 high school thrower in the country and an OU track and field commit and Ralford Mullings – a sophomore at Arkansas – all spoke to the athletes about warm-up routines and gave the group a demonstration.



• Photo provided

MSC signee

Lexie Owens, seated middle, has signed a letter of intent to be on the rodeo team at Murray State College in Tishomingo. The senior at Wayne High School is flanked by her parents, Julie and Tom Owens, and is joined by Murray State Rodeo Coach Todd Smith at the signing.



• Photo provided

Tournament champions

The Purcell Junior High baseball team won the Chase Hunt Memorial Baseball Tournament in Pauls Valley on Saturday. It was the second consecutive year the Dragons have won the tournament. Team members are Jeremiah Henderson, Preston Kane, Kyeston Martin, Collin Wilbur, Liam Cummings, Cannan Haynes, Carter Thomas, Cooper Selman, Kash Knowles, Cash Cook, Bryson Perkins, Drew Blair, Jae Swanner, Jaxon Spor, Jaxon Bradshaw, Taizen Hernandez, Robert Benedict, Brody Anderson and Wyatt Downing. Their coaches are Aaron Spencer and Camden Patterson

Two home games on tap

Varnum and Wynnewood come to Wayne today and Friday

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Lady Bulldogs were in Maud early this week for their conference tournament.

They picked up an 8-0 win over Konawa, but fell 11-9 to Maud. That loss moved them to the loser's bracket where they played Stratford at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, after our press deadline.

Their record stands at 5-5
Konawa

Senior Allison Ryan was perfect in the circle for Wayne. She

pitched a six inning shut out, allowing just four hits.

The Lady Bulldogs were on the board first in the bottom of the third inning. They plated four runs. They added three more in the fifth and one in the sixth to pick up the 8-0 win.

Emily Woody was the leader at the plate. She went 2-2 with two hits. Ryan had three ribbies.

Maud

In a closely matched game, Wayne came up short in an 11-9 loss to Maud.

The Lady Bulldogs scored two runs in the first inning.

But, Maud answered with four runs in the second. They added seven more through the next two innings.

Wayne staged a comeback, plating seven runs of their own in the final two innings, but they could not get over the hump.

That loss set up a game with Stratford in the loser's bracket on Tuesday.

Luther and CCS

Despite rain cancellations left and right last week, Wayne

Please see **Rain outs**, page 3B

Lady 'Dawgs have 3-2 record

Spring weather wreaking havoc on schedule

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Last Tuesday the Lady 'Dawgs picked up a dominating 13-3 win over Blanchard, but dropped a 12-0 loss to Dale.

It was a tale of two games. "I was told when I got to Lexington that there's a mind set that these kids can't compete when they see the lights or with certain names on the jersey. And, that doesn't fly with me.

I'm competitive and we are here to compete. We can play to put ourselves in a position to win at all times. We can play to that level anytime," head coach Monty Ervin said.

Scheduled games for last week were canceled after Tuesday due to rain, but the Lady 'Dawgs still got in lots of practice time.

"The girls responded well to our talk and we spent a lot of

time working and practicing. They are eager and hungry to learn and work."

Lexington was set to host 5A #3 Tecumseh and 5A #13 Newcastle.

"We have a tough schedule. It won't get easier. But, we can compete and put ourselves in a position to win. We'll see how

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Dibble tourney on tap

8 p.m. game with Demons tonight

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Monday night, Lexington fell behind late in the game to drop a 10-5 decision with the Dragons.

Purcell held a 4-0 lead through four full innings. But, the Bulldogs chipped away, plating two runs in the bottom of the fifth and two more in the bottom of the sixth to tie it up.

Drew Dierking reached base, Ezra Faulkenberry singled and Ty Mixon had a two RBI base hit to tie the game.

But, in the top of the seventh, Purcell got some timely hits to score six runs and win the game.

"I thought we had a chance to roll over and die but the guys battled and we played with more effort and energy than we've had all year," head coach Ryan Blaine said.

Zeke Faulkenberry led his team at the plate, going 3-4 with three hits and an RBI.

Lexington had eight hits in the loss. Mixon, Ezra, Corbin Perry and Dax Beason all had one hit apiece.

Saturday afternoon, Lexington dropped a game with CCS, 5-1.

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"We put ourselves in a hole early and couldn't get a two-out hit. It wasn't our day. Not our best performance," Blaine said.

The Bulldogs had four hits in the loss. Beason had two while Dierking and Colby Haynes each had one.

Blaine said 11 base runners were left stranded.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to be in Purcell on Tuesday night.

They will be in the Dibble tournament starting today (Thursday). They play host Dibble at 8 p.m.

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Rain outs:

added a 9-1 win over Luther and a 12-0 win over CCS on Tuesday. Wayne had 14 hits in the win over Luther. Kaylee Madden led the way with three hits and three RBIs. Woody, Lily Whitaker and Karsen Adams each had two hits. Ryan was in the circle and went all six innings. She gave up one

run on six hits and fanned three batters. Next up was a 12-0 run-rule win over CCS. Once again, the bats were hot as Wayne had 14 hits and 12 RBIs in the win. Brysten Shephard, Faith Brazzell, Woody and Madden had

two hits apiece. Madden and Shephard led the team with two RBIs each. Wayne's game with Dibble on Thursday was canceled, as was the Wayne festival. Weather permitting, Wayne will host Varnum on Thursday and Wynnewood on Friday.

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Lex:

they respond," Ervin said. **Blanchard** Lexington jumped out 5-0 after the first inning over Blanchard. They added four more runs in the third and four in the fourth to get the 13-3 run rule win.

Lexington had 13 hits in the win. "Allie Hollar had a terrific game. She was 3-3 at the plate and had seven RBIs," Ervin said. Kielee Givens was also 3-3 at the plate with two hits. Abby

Sample had three hits and Bay-lee Rillemma had two. **Dale** In a complete turn of events, Lexington had just three hits in a 12-0 loss to Dale. Mackenzie Manuel, Marissa Northrup and Sample each had one.

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Dragons:

Sarah Jones said. "We started finding ways to get on and took advantage of their errors." In the night cap of the two game set, Tecumseh (No. 3 in 5A) pinned a 10-2 loss on the Dragons.

The Savages out-hit the Dragons 4-4. Resendiz got half of Purcell's hits with a 2-3 performance including a home run. Hannah Whitaker and Vasquez had the other two hits for the Dragons.

"We did a really good job of holding them until the fifth and sixth innings," Jones said. "We split the lead in half twice and did a really good job defensively. "We just couldn't find holes and with Tecumseh being a really good team defensively we have to find a way to push one through the infield and find the grass."



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Nice and easy

Purcell junior Kelly Anderson floats the ball to the catcher's glove during the Dragons' 5-3 win over Blanchard on Monday.

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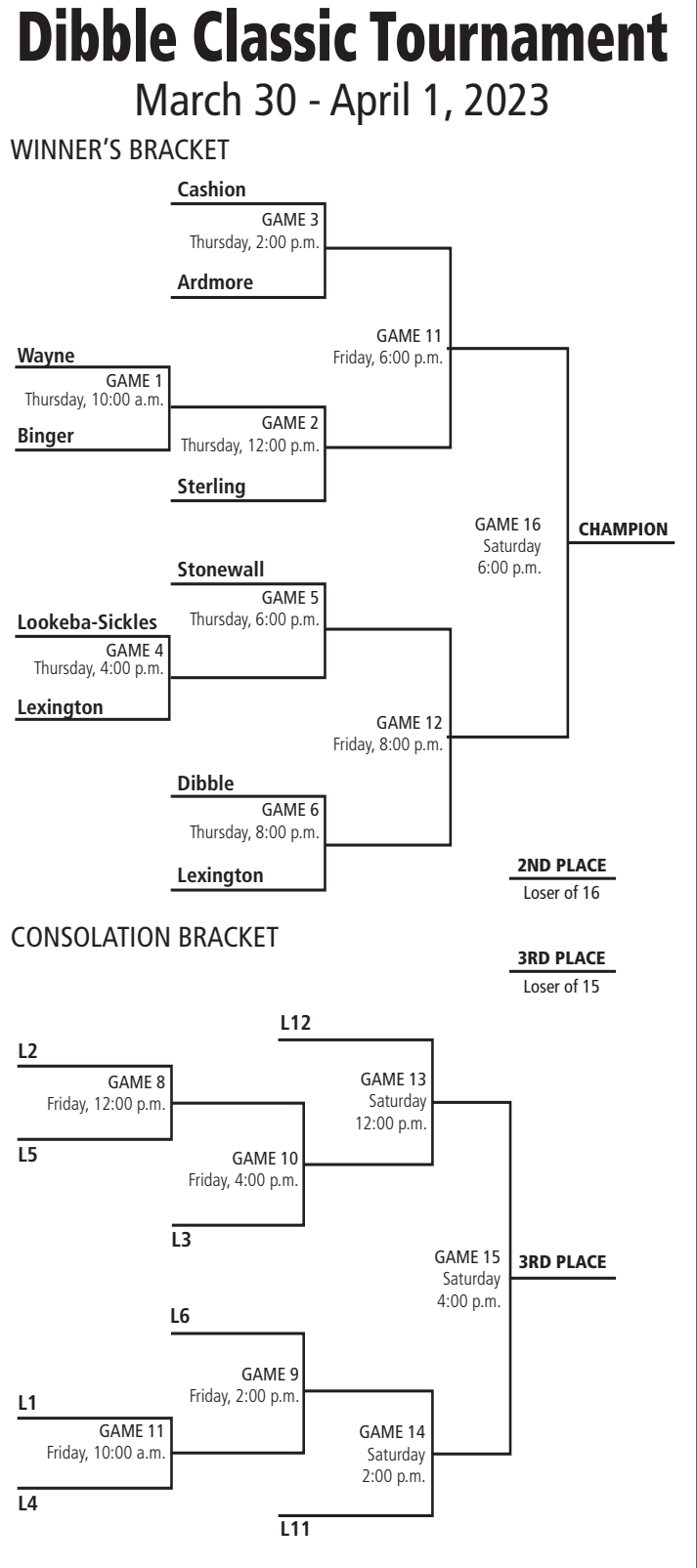
Wayne:

der of the tournament. **Mill Creek** Despite just one hit in the game, Wayne came away with a 3-1 win over Mill Creek. "We didn't hit the ball well, but we did great on the base paths." Seniors Kaleb Madden and Rhett Kennedy each scored a run by stealing home. Madden was also solid in the field, with no errors.

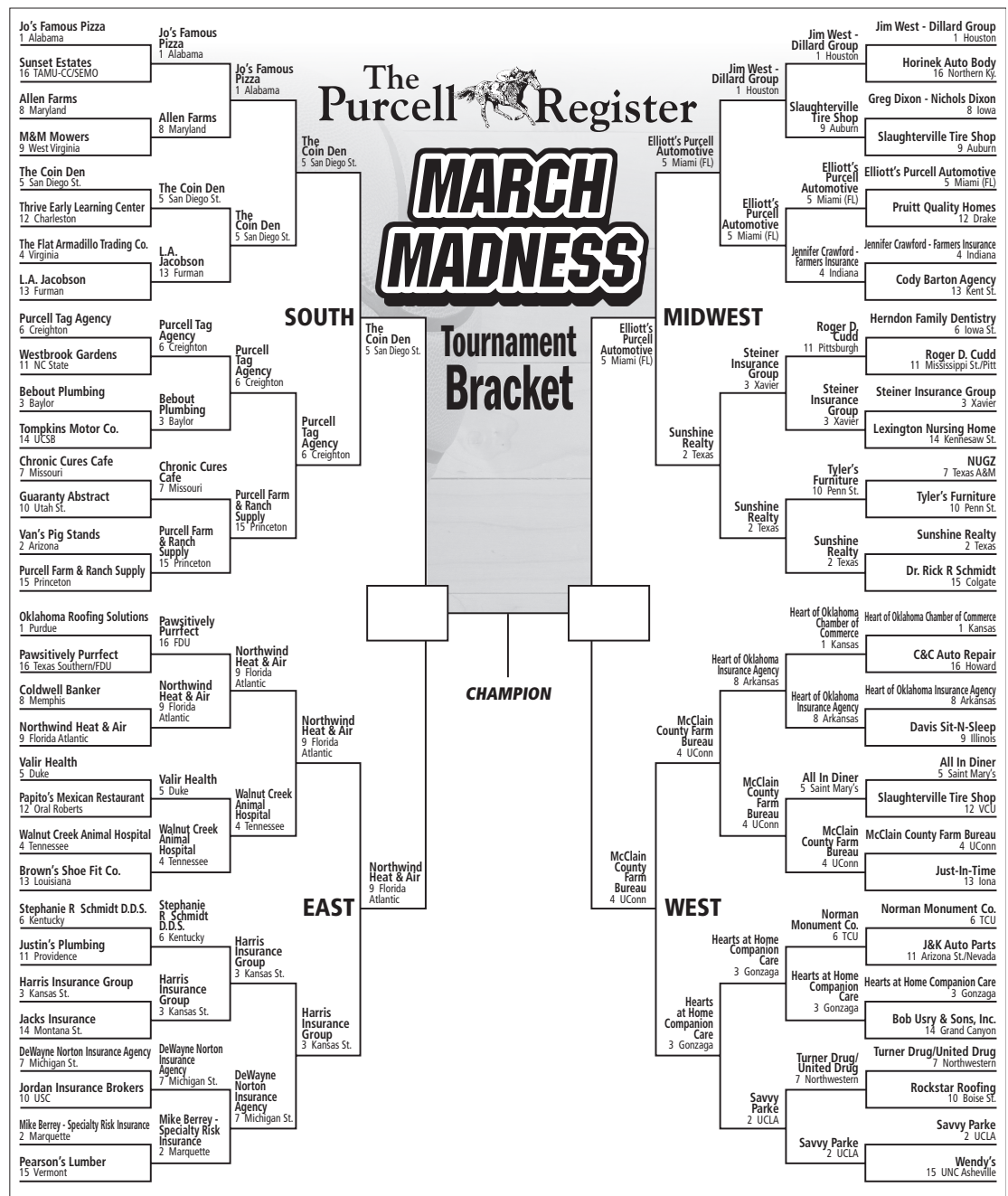
This was our best game at the plate, hitting-wise. The guys all kept their composure and played great.

— Shane Collins, head coach

Achille In a 4-2 win over Achille, Wayne collected six hits and one RBI. Madden, Kennedy, Dill, Webster, Ty Kemp and Braden McClendon each had one hit. Down 2-1 in the bottom of the third, Wyatt Webster hit a double to bring McClendon home. "Wyatt came up big time for us." The Bulldogs were scheduled to be at Alex on Tuesday, but that game was cancelled. They were in Ringling instead. Starting Thursday morning, Wayne is in the Dibble tournament. They play Binger-Oney at 10:50 a.m.



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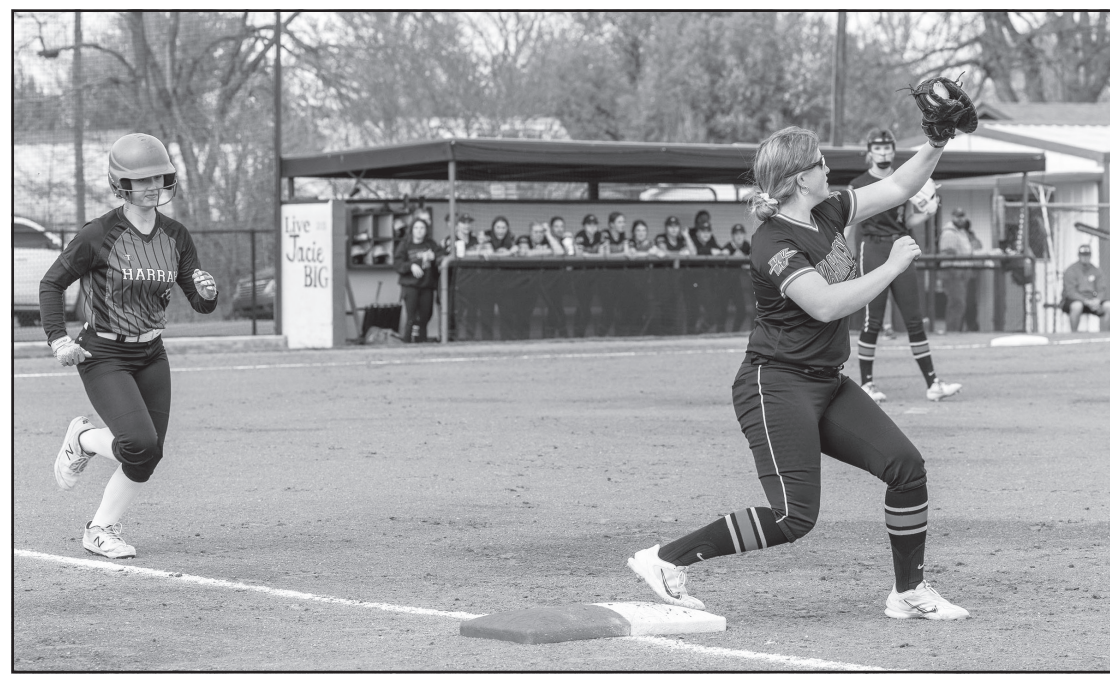
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Not close

Washington senior Maggie Place catches the ball for an out Monday during the Warriors' 6-3 win over Harrah. The Warriors are 12-0 this season.

From page 1B

Beast:

Tupelo (15-5), Caddo (14-5), Buffalo Valley (11-4) and Caddo (14-13).

It was a talented field of highly ranked teams from their respective classes.

"Those teams over there care about their slow-pitch softball," head coach Tylor Lampkin said. "They take a lot of pride in playing slow pitch."

Washington picked up two more wins over Harrah (6-3) and North Rock Creek (15-13)

on Monday. "We played really, really good defense at the tournament," Lampkin said. "We only had a couple errors the whole tournament and I don't know how many double plays we turned on the infield."

The Warriors turned eight double plays.

"Skylar Wells is so special for us on defense," Lampkin said. "She has really fast hands and is just a workhorse."

Lampkin was proud of his team but was especially pleased with his junior varsity team, which also made the trip to Stonewall.

"The JV had a chance to beat a Latta team," he explained. "They had a chance for the win and I was really proud of them."

Washington had a yard party against North Rock Creek with home runs from Emjay Lucas (2), Tinley Lucas, Oliva Palumbo and Maggie Place (3).



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Take

Washington senior Jake Wells takes a pitch for a ball. Wells and the Warriors are 12-1 and play in the Marlow tournament this week.

From page 1B

PHS:

nament with a 7-3 loss at the hands of Chickasha.

Page, Blair and Knowles had Purcell's only hits in the contest.

Zach Idlett went the distance on the bump for the Dragons.

"I thought Zach competed his tail off on the mound," Sharp said. "Chickasha is a good team that came in 12-1 and had just run-ruled Dale. We were right there (with them) through the whole game."

Bridge Creek out-hit the Dragons 8-3 in a 9-0 victory.

Knowles, junior Jett Tyler and freshman Sloan Jackson had the Purcell hits.

Junior Drew Kimbrell got his first start of the season on the mound and took the loss.

"I thought Drew settled in after the first inning and did a good job through the rest

of the game until the fourth," Sharp said.

"They started to time him up and started hitting him. But overall I was pleased with the effort of Drew. Adrian Dominguez came in relief."

"We need to keep the momentum up from the win against Guymon and carry that over this week," the coach said.

Purcell put a district victory in their pocket Monday with a 10-5 victory at Lexington.

Page went the distance on the mound fanning 12 Bulldogs without issuing a single walk.

Page helped his own cause going 3-5 with two RBIs.

Blair, Logan Roberts, Tyler and Goldston all had two hits in the contest. As a team, Purcell had 14 hits on the day.

"I was proud of Parker for not getting flustered when they

got a few hits," Sharp said. "He kept coming at them."

Purcell jumped out to a 4-zip lead only to see the game tied up at four-all in the sixth inning.

The Dragons responded with a six spot in the seventh to ice the game away.

"We have scored nine and six runs the last two games in the last inning to put both teams away. We have to continue that in the future," the coach said.

Sharp liked the way his team hit but said they need to cut down on mistakes in the field.

The 3-5 Dragons were scheduled to host Lexington on Tuesday and host Little Axe on Friday for a double header beginning at 4 p.m.

They will take on Heritage Hall next Monday and Tuesday.



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Getting a hold of one

Purcell junior Cole Smedley rips a double for the Dragons during their game against Newcastle.

From page 1B

Wash:

Sutton Moore homered in the first Marietta game as well.

Jonathen Montoya and Liam Keltner teamed up on the mound for the win.

"We're solid on offense up and down the lineup," Kulbeth said. "Our 1-4 guys don't have to go out and be 3-3 or 4-4 every game. Our short game and run game has been helpful and we're going with that some."

Jones Washington got out to an early 4-1 lead against Jones.

Babbitt, Marlon Moore and Montoya teamed up on the mound for the win.

Kade Norman had two doubles. Bates and Sutton Moore also had doubles.

"We've been pretty solid

defensively but not as sharp on the mound as we were early," Kulbeth said. "We need to be a little more efficient on the mound."

Frederick Washington beat the Bombers 12-1 on Monday.

A seven-run third inning blew the game open for the Warriors.

Norman, in his first outing since Gulf Shores, struck out five batters in 4 1/3 innings. McCaskill and Sutton Moore both homered.

"I'm excited for the expectations ahead of us this season," Kulbeth said.

Washington is 12-1. They travel this week for the Marlow tournament.



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Washington Softball to host Crawfish Boil

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Washington Softball will host their second Annual Crawfish Boil on Friday, April 7, during the Washington Invitational!

Pick up is in the ag barn or stay and eat. \$25 per person. Price includes 2-2.5 pounds of crawfish, shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes, drink and dessert.

Washington Elementary Students of the Week

Congratulations to Washington Elementary Students of the Week Nixon Lewis, Lucy Reagan, Adeline Elliott and Aria Campos. They represent their second-grade classes March 27-31.

Lucy Reagan is in Mrs. Burch's class. Her favorite color is blue. She likes to play Hide and Seek and her favorite sport is football. She likes watching the movie "The Princess Bride" and she loves to eat spaghetti. Lucy enjoys math class at school and she likes to read the Bible.

Mrs. Johnson's class is represented by Adaline Elliott. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite game to play is Roblox. She enjoys eating salad and reading Junie B. Jones books. Adaline enjoys reading class at school and her favorite movie is "Aladdin."

Nixon Lewis represents Mrs. Rea's class. His favorite color is green and his favorite sport is football. He likes to watch the movie "Sonic." Nixon enjoys stations at school, and he loves to eat macaroni and cheese. His favorite book is *Minecraft*.

Aria Campos is in Mrs. Wilkerson's class. Her favorite color is orange and she enjoys playing Roblox. Aria's favorite sport is gymnastics. She likes to watch Harry Potter and eat funnel cake. She enjoys learning math at school.

MANNA

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 April 15, May 6, June 17, and July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Washington Senior Center

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

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

Menu for March 23-31:

Thursday, March 30—Ham, sweet potatoes, corn, hot rolls, cobbler.

Friday, March 31—Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, rice crispy treats.

Menus may change at the discretion of the cook.

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

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

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

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

Washington School Board Meeting Schedule

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

Meetings are scheduled for April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 6 and December 11.



• Photo provided

State Champions Honored

The 2022 Fast-Pitch State Champion Softball Team was invited to the State Capitol last week and enjoyed their visit with Sen. Jessica Garvin.



• Photo provided

Beast of the East Champions

After 12 hours at the ballfield last Saturday, the Lady Warriors are back-to-back Beast of the East Champions!



• Photo by Amber Burch

Students of the Week

Nixon Lewis, Lucy Reagan, Adeline Elliott and Aria Campos represent their second grade classes at Washington Elementary School as Students of the Week for March 27-31.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

March 30—JH Baseball at Lexington, 4:30 p.m.; JH Track, Purcell; HS Slow-Pitch, Roff Tournament; JH Slow-Pitch, Stonewall Tourney; JV2 Baseball EOC Tournament, Choctaw.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

Today we would like to recognize the Black Rifle Coffee Company, one of the local businesses that support our veterans along with our organization's Coffee Bar. Their local store, located at 1909 South Telephone Road in Moore, is a good place for veterans to meet others who have served in the military. We appreciate their support of the veterans and their families in our community.

We are continuing to see more veterans and their families who are facing financial problems due to the increased cost of living that all of us are seeing on a daily basis. Many of them have never filed a claim for VA benefits before having always been able to make ends meet when it came to their budget.

All of our volunteers are working long hours to assist as many veterans and their families as possible. Unfortunately there are more of them needing

our assistance than we can accommodate in a timely manner. The easy answer to this problem would be for more volunteers to join our team, as we now have the ability for them to work from anywhere in the world using our digital Intake system. Please consider helping us to help the men and women who served in the military of our country.

Last week there were eight veterans who were awarded a 100 percent rating for their service-connected disabilities. These veterans will be eligible for the Oklahoma State Tax Benefits along with the VA benefits that are available for those receiving a total disability rating for their service connected disabilities. There were also 14 veterans who were awarded disability ratings from 10-90 percent for their conditions that occurred or were aggravated by their military service.

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

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

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

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

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

contact us on our website or by calling 405-550-8806.

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Washington Correspondent Contact Information

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

My contact information is angiesteel73@gmail.com or 405-413-2471 if you have any news to share, story ideas, or if you have someone you would like to see a feature article about. Send me birthday, anniversary, or personal news you would like to share with our community.

Angie Steele

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No. 278-March 30-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEVIN DEWAYNE FOWLER, Deceased.

No. PB-2022-554
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE
Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of an Order of the District Court of Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma, made on November 7, 2022, in the Matter of the Kevin Dewayne Fowler, Deceased, the undersigned as Administrator of the estate of said deceased will sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash, subject to the confirmation of said court, on or after the 10th day of April, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at 1710 South Boston, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119 in said County of Tulsa, all right title, interest and estate of the said Kevin Dewayne Fowler, Deceased, at the time of his death, and all right, title and interest that the said estate has, by operation of law, or otherwise, acquired in and to all real property, situate in the County of McClain, State of Oklahoma, described as follows, to-wit:

Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE/4 NW/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Nine (9) North, Range Four (4) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of the NE/4 NW/4 of said Section 9; thence S 89°53'53" W along the South line of said NE/4 NW/4 a distance of 281.50 feet; thence N 00°08'47" W a distance of 329.99 feet; thence N 89°54'31" E a distance of 281.50 feet to a point on the East line of said NE/4 NW/4; thence S 00°08'47" E along the East line of said NW/4 a distance of 329.94 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Including a 16.5 feet strip of land off the East side of subject property for a road way easement. Physical Address: 2103 Hill Drive, Newcastle, OK 73065

Terms and conditions: AS IS, SURFACE RIGHTS ONLY

Bids must be in writing and may be left at the office of Michael L. Seymour, Attorney for Administrator, or may be mailed to Nancy E. Fowler, Administrator, at 17087 West 41st Street, Sand Springs, OK 74063.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2023.

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Attorney for Administrator
1710 South Boston
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119
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NANCY E. FOWLER
Administrator
By: Michael L. Seymour
Attorney for Administrator

No. 274-March 30-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of ELVIS WAYNE ROLLINS, Deceased Case No. PB-2022-129 NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR ORDER OF SALE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Sabrina Lynn West, as Personal Representative of the above referenced estate, having filed his Application for Order of Sale of Real Property and Personal Property; and it appearing to the Court from such verified Application, that it is beneficial to the estate and necessary to sell the whole or some portion of the real and personal property described in said Application for the purposes and reasons stated in said Application and as authorized by 58 O.S. § 411, et seq.; and that said Application should be set for hearing not less than ten (10) days or more than four (4) weeks from the entry of this Order.

Notice is hereby given by the Court that all persons interested in this estate appear before the undersigned Judge at his Courtroom in the McClain County Courthouse in Oklahoma, Oklahoma, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., on the 20th day of April, 2023, to show cause, if any they have, why an Order, as prayed for in said Application for Order of Sale of Real Property and Personal Property should not be granted to the Personal Representative to sell said real and personal property of the decedent, at either public or private sale, for the reasons and purposes mentioned in said Application as he shall adjudge to be for the best interests of said estate, and are hereby referred to said Application for further particulars.

Dated: March 15, 2023.
CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

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The Williamsons

Sunray Baptist Church

It was a wonderful weekend of worship, praise and song as several from throughout Oklahoma joined us for Homecoming services helping us celebrate the 76th anniversary of our church's founding.

On Saturday we welcomed Mark Bishop and The Williamsons to minister in song at our Homecoming Sing. Those in attendance enjoyed a good variety of spiritually uplifting Southern Gospel music.

On Sunday, the Gastineaus were our musical guests. Former pastor Dennis Clark brought the morning sermon, "God Said...Therefore" from Hebrews 2:1-4. "Therefore" shows we are accountable for what we just read in the Bible.

Everything we know about God is only because of what He reveals to us. He first revealed His heart and mind through His prophets. However, when God truly wanted to reveal Himself, He took on flesh and came to live among us.

Jesus is the brightness of God's glory, the express image of His person. The words He spoke are reality and have power. Jesus also purged our sins. We are each accountable for what we do with Christ.

Our fellowship hall was full as we enjoyed lunch together following morning worship.



The Gastineaus

Another former pastor, David Pickard, spoke at our afternoon service. His sermon "How to Get Home" was from Genesis 32:22-31. He related the story of Jacob who was returning home with his family from his uncle Laban's and when he wrestled with God.

We are to remember God's Word, our commitments, obey God and face our fears. We need to wrestle with God sometimes - being real with Him and telling our pain, even though He already knows.

God and heaven are more than a destination. Jesus didn't say He came for us to struggle through life until we get home. He wants us to have life abundantly. Our struggles and how we face them are what matters. They mold and make us stronger.

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

April 2, 2023 is the sixth Sunday of Lent and Palm Sunday.

On Friday, March 31, 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 fish fry prepared by the Knights of Columbus served in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m.

Palm Sunday April 1 and 2, 2023: There will be a procession with the palms from the Marian grotto outside church into the church at all masses.

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023: Services on Holy Thursday will be held at 7 p.m. At the end of the Mass there will be the Eucharistic Procession from the main altar to the side altar by Our Lady of Guadalupe statue where we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.

Good Friday, April 7, 2023: The service will start at 7 p.m. instead of the normal 6 p.m. Friday mass. We will have the Liturgy of the Veneration of the Cross followed by Stations of the Cross. The Hispanic Community will have their Stations of the Cross in Spanish at 2:30 p.m.

Easter Schedule: On Saturday April 8, there will not be a 5 p.m. mass. Instead, we

will begin the Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. during which we will be welcoming the seven new members into the church by way of administering the required sacraments on them.

On Easter Sunday, the Masses will be at 11 a.m. in English and at 1 p.m. in Spanish.

Beginning on Palm Sunday, the gospel readings are exceptionally powerful. At every mass all year long, we recite the Nicene Creed. It reflects our beliefs beautifully.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Peace be with you.

Lexington United Methodist Church

Our next regular Food Give Away will be Saturday, April 15, from 12 to 4 p.m.

I read a lot of things on-line and try to concentrate on the positive messages that I find there. Here is one that I found last summer. Like many things online, I don't know who to attribute it to.

"As the world fights to figure everything out, I'll be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, saying 'Good morning,' keeping babies entertained in grocery lines, stopping to talk to someone who is lonely, tipping generously, waving at police, sharing food, giving children a thumbs up, being

patient with sales clerks, smiling at passersby, and buying a stranger a cup of coffee."

"Why? Because I will not stand to live in a world where love is invisible. Join me in showing kindness, understanding, and judging less. Be kind to a stranger, give grace to friends who are having a bad day, be forgiving with yourself."

"If you can't find kindness, BE kindness."
 As many of you do, I receive a lot of catalogs in my "junk mail," as well as many solicitations for donations. I enjoy looking through the catalogs that have t-shirts in them. Quite often I see shirts that I would love to get for others (as well

as myself!).

If I won the lottery, I would probably not keep it for very long. I wouldn't necessarily buy large things for myself or others. Most of us don't need mansions, but there would be many small things that I could give to others to show them I'm thinking of them.

I would give Kathy sea turtles, and Deanna, Marion, Angie and Jaquita something with cats. I'd give Lary beagles and to a number of other friends horses (you know who you are, Cindy, Maysa, Beth and Faith). I would give another friend

Chickasaw artist Vicki Penner dives into turquoise art

Vicki Penner is busy preparing for her second appearance at the Artesian Arts Festival.

Penner, a Chickasaw artist who launched Luckydog Turquoise a few years ago, participated in the annual arts festival for the first time last year.

The response was tremendous.

Not only did she win the top

award in the jewelry category, but art patrons flocked to her booth to check out her unique, wearable creations.

The Artesian Arts Festival was her first art market, and she is grateful it is conducted in her hometown of Sulphur.

"It was fun. Everyone is so friendly, and it is a beautiful setting," Penner said. "I am excited to be a part of it."

Penner's love of turquoise jewelry began when she was in the third grade and found a little turquoise ring on the deck of Wintersmith Pool in Ada, Oklahoma.

Several years later, her granddaughter, Carter Kornegay, visited the Penner home near Mill Creek and brought along her jewelry projects. Carter manages her own jewelry line, CK Turquoise.

Penner enthusiastically embraced the art form, learning the technique from then 14-year-old Carter.

Inspired by the craft and her granddaughter's creativity, she began to create her own jewelry.

"I loved all her stuff, and I kind of dived in," Penner said. "I've always been an artist in some way, and jewelry making is so outside of my box."

When the collection grew, it was suggested she should begin selling her work, and Luckydog was born.

The moniker was inspired by the family's late dog, Lucky, a stray who found his way to the Penner home a few years ago. Penner also considers herself lucky in life.

Despite the name, Penner incorporates a wide range of gemstones in her work, such as White Buffalo stone, yellow jasper and even dinosaur bone.

She says she is still navigating the steep learning curve of working with wire, silver and a soldering torch while creating bracelets, earrings and rings, and she consults with a social media community for advice, as well as her granddaughter, Carter.

A few minor mishaps with a hot torch have happened while creating jewelry, but the finished product is spectacular.

Although Penner did not grow up practicing Chickasaw traditions, she has embraced several traditional art forms such as sewing ribbon skirts, painting, learning the art of beading and basketry, and cooking traditional foods.

Penner's recipes, along with Chickasaw elder JoAnn Ellis, are featured in two Chickasaw cookbooks, "Iimpa'chi" (We're Gonna Eat) and "Iititibaa'imp'a: Let's Eat Together!"

"It keeps me close to my culture," she said.

Penner, a retired teacher, is pleased she can pass her cultural knowledge to her three daughters, Becca, Amanda and Kelly, and her five grandchildren, Cyrus, Carter, Case, Jack and Ella.

She is quick to acknowledge the support from her husband, Harris, who is also a Chickasaw.

"He has always been my biggest cheerleader on my sideline projects," she said.

The Penners, who own and operate the historic Penner Ranch near Mill Creek, celebrated their 44th anniversary in March.

Penner is the great-granddaughter of original enrollees Eben and Maude Ella Rider Brown. Her grandmother is the late Nathamay Brown Smith. Her parents are Joe and Nancy Bradshaw.

The 10th annual Artesian Arts Festival is Saturday, April 22, in Sulphur.



• Photo provided

Art winner

Vicki Penner is shown with a piece of her original jewelry.

OMRF discovery paves way for muscle loss treatment

A paradigm-shifting discovery at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation has opened a new pathway to finding treatments for maintaining and growing muscle mass.

OMRF scientist Aga Borowik, Ph.D., discovered that the nuclei in skeletal muscle cells, called muscle fibers, continue replicating DNA after reaching maturity.

The finding counters a tenet held since 1957, when scientists reported that muscle fibers, once mature, no longer make new genetic material.

"This finding gives us a better understanding of what makes skeletal muscle work," said Borowik, a postdoctoral researcher in the lab of OMRF scientist Benjamin Miller, Ph.D. "It gives us a starting point to develop future therapies for maintaining muscle mass or slowing down atrophy."

Miller, who leads OMRF's Aging and Metabolism Research Program, said the discovery is groundbreaking because "if you have more genetic material, in theory, it should allow your muscle to become bigger."

Most people begin to experience progressive loss of muscle mass and strength in their 30s or 40s. The condition becomes more pronounced after age 65, leaving older people susceptible to falls and difficulty performing daily tasks.

"There's no pill to prevent this," Borowik said. "Regular exercise can slow the process, but we know that isn't realistic for everyone."

Skeletal muscle makes up 60 to 80 percent of body mass and is composed primarily of muscle fibers, which are long, tubular cells. Unlike most other cells, which contain a single nucleus, each muscle fiber has hundreds of "myonuclei," Borowik said.

"Myonuclei act as the control centers of the skeletal muscle cell, but because those cells are so complicated and dynamic, you need a lot of control centers," she said.

Heart muscle is similar to skeletal muscle, and for decades researchers held a similar dogma about the supposed inability of mature heart muscle cells to produce new genetic material.

Borowik said a scientific breakthrough in 2009 changed that understanding, prompting some researchers to begin questioning the dogma concerning muscle fibers.

"Thanks to Dr. Borowik's careful work, we now know this can happen. We need to study whether we can make it happen more often and increase the potential muscle growth," Miller said.

His lab will now try to determine whether this process occurs in all muscle fiber nuclei or just within certain groups.

Legal Notices

No. 271-March 23-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McClain County STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THURMAN D. VAUGHN, Deceased.

Case No. PB-22-147 NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Notice is hereby given that Toni Aguilard, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of Thurman D. Vaughn, Deceased, has filed her Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution and Discharge of Personal Representative. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 13th day of April 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in the District Courtroom of Judge Charles N. Gray, County Courthouse, Purcell,

McClain County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the Account should not be settled and allowed, the Estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED this 20th day of March 2023.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JAMES B. BLEVINS, JR., OBA #881 Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731 George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223 Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565 Purcell, OK 73080 Phone: 405-527-7575 Fax: 405-527-7574 Attorney for Personal Representative

No. 283-March 30-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McClain County STATE OF OKLAHOMA NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Plaintiff,

v. Zachary R. Schuenke, et al., Defendants. Case No. CJ-2022-154 NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION TO CONFIRM SHERIFF'S SALE TO: Defendants Zachary R. Schuenke, Latoya J. Schuenke, and Kyla K. Willing Attorney for State of Oklahoma ex rel., Oklahoma Tax Commission, NCCR LLC TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed herein its Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale in the above-entitled cause. That said Motion to Confirm Sale of the following real property:

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EAST, I.M., MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

Hearing of said Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale will be heard before the Honorable Judge Edwards in the McClain County Courthouse, on the 10 day of May, 2023, at 9 o'clock a.m. You must appear at said time and present any objections to the said sale proceedings or the Motion to Confirm Sale will be sustained and the sale confirmed.

/s/ Bryan P. Cardwell Joseph H. Rogers, III #21541 Bryan P. Cardwell, #33440 Bonial & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 609 South Kelly Avenue, Suite A-2 Edmond, Oklahoma 73003 Phone: (405) 285-8100 Fax: (405) 285-8951

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS A COMMUNICATION TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

No. 281-March 30-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF ROBERT H. FITZGERALD, Deceased,

And, JOSEPHINE F. MARTINO, Deceased,

And, LOUIS CHARLES MURRAY, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2022-158 ORDER AND NOTICE FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR ALLOWING FINAL REPORT, FINAL DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Thomas J. Murray, Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert H. Fitzgerald, deceased, the Estate of Josephine F. Martino, deceased, and the Estate of Louis C. Murray, deceased, filed on the 24th day of March 2023, the Petition for Allowing Final Report, Final Decree of Distribution and Discharge, and the Court finds that said Petition should be set for hearing.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the hearing of said Petition is hereby set on the 20th day of April, 2023, in the McClain County Courthouse, in Purcell, Oklahoma, in Judge Gray's chambers, at 9:30 a.m., when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice thereof be given by publication and mailing a copy of this Notice and Order for Hearing on

Petition to all of the heirs-at-law of Decedent as required by law. CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: /s/ Karen Wiltmer DEPUTY COURT CLERK (Seal)

Prepared by: Jena L. Williams, OBA No. 32452

Dane H. Miller, OBA No. 33975 Fellers Snider Blankenship Bailey & Tippens, P.C. 100 N. Broadway, Suite 1700 Oklahoma City, OK 73102 (405) 232-0621 Attorneys for Personal Representative

No. 256-March 16-3 Times Bid Advertisement: Owner: Wayne Public Schools Construction Manager: Goldsby Construction

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LARGE ESTATE SALE: Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 615 E. Robinson. Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 405-613-6992 for more information. 03/30/1tc

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