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## Surveying the site

**Goldsby mayor** Glenn Berglan (center) shows Representative Tom Cole (right) damage to the David Jay Perry Airport on Friday as Goldsby Town Administrator Adam Vossen looks on. The damage occurred after an EF-2 tornado tore through the area February 26, damaging hangars and destroying planes as it passed.

# Webb sworn in TO SCHOOL BOARD

Purcell's Board of Education welcomed its newest member, Mary Webb, when she was sworn in for her five-year term Monday night during the group's regular April meeting.

"We are honored to welcome Mary Webb, who begins her term of service," Superintendent Dr. Sheli McAdoo said.

Mary replaces Bill Smith, who served for over a decade on the board.

Mrs. Webb graduated from Wayne High School in 1991. In 1993, after attending The University of Oklahoma, she began working at First United Bank, formerly First American

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## Sworn in

**New school** board member Mary Webb was sworn in for her five-year term by board secretary Jordan Simmons at Monday night's regular April meeting at the administration building.

# Sold out chamber banquet tonight

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Southwind Hills

The annual Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce awards banquet is set for (tonight) Thursday night. Doors open at Southwind Hills in Goldsby at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow.

On the menu is pork tenderloin, potatoes, vegetables and salad.

The event, which is sold

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# OSBI investigation ongoing in Blanchard

## Officer wounded in murder-suicide

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**The Purcell Register**

A domestic disturbance at 7406 N. Council Avenue in Blanchard early Saturday morning resulted in an apparent murder-suicide, according to McClain County Sheriff Landy Offolter.

Blanchard Police received a 911 call from the residence just after 3:30 a.m.

Blanchard Police Officer Mathew Thurston, who is reported to live in Purcell and is a Lexington Firefighter, and two McClain County deputies responded to the address.

Offolter said the officers contacted the occupants of the residence, Konrad and Ash-

ley Pfannenstiel. The sheriff said Konrad discharged a firearm striking Ashley and Thurston.

"The Blanchard Officer and a deputy returned fire," Offolter said.

Offolter said Konrad fled inside the residence.

Officers later found Konrad and Ashley deceased inside the residence.

Thurston, who was transported to OU Medical Center for treatment, is expected to make a full recovery.

Offolter, who was called out around 4:15 a.m., said the OSBI is investigating

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## It's official

**The SSM Health Medical Group** facility located next to PMH was welcomed as a member of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce during a ribbon cutting ceremony last Friday. Purcell physician Bryan Dye and Kevin Lewis, Regional President of SSM Health Medical Group in Oklahoma, had the cutting honors.

# 5 questions with Karen Haley



Karen Haley

*Editor's note: Answering The Purcell Register's five questions this week is Karen Haley, the McClain County Election Board Secretary.*

**Q: What made you interested in serving as the Election Board Secretary?**

**A:** I had been working in the Election Board Office for five years when the Secretary, Marilyn McReynolds, retired in 2013. I loved working with

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# Brush pickup

The City of Purcell has set free limb/brush collection for curbside pickup for the time frame of May 1-26.

Purcell residents living north of Grant Street need to have brush and limbs at the curb by Sunday, April 30.

The city will pick up that debris between Monday, May 1, and Friday, May 5.

Residents living south of Highway 39 need to have brush and limbs at the curb by Sunday, May 7.

The city will pick up that debris between Monday, May 8, and Friday, May 12.

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# Wayne FFA looks to excel under new Ag instructor

**Rebecca Andrews**  
**The Purcell Register**

Drew Hardaway is fresh out of OSU and brings high hopes and expectations with him. Hardaway joined Wayne Schools in January as the new Ag teacher.

The district has struggled with keeping this position filled over the past few years. Hardaway wants the community to know he is fully committed to his position.

"I want the community to know that I am 100 percent in the corner for your kids. I am excited to watch this FFA Chapter grow and see the students become AG-



Drew Hardaway

vocates for agriculture. Everyone in Wayne is ready for a successful FFA Chapter."

Wayne Superintendent Toby Ringwald said he hopes Hardaway, "Brings consistency to our Ag program and through a long career at Wayne will make our FFA program one of the tops in the state."

Hardaway is originally from Battiest, OK. He graduated from OSU and was a student teacher in Stratford before hiring into Wayne. He lives near Stratford now.

"My roots in agriculture run deep," Hardaway reports.

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**Warriors take title**

Washington's slow-pitch softball team won its own tournament last weekend.




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## Ubiquitous grass fires

**Purcell Firefighters** responded to grass fire calls last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This one on Friday morning was at West Jackson and North 8th Avenue. They assisted Wayne with a grass fire on Saturday and responded to another grass fire on 220th on Sunday when approximately 50 acres were burned. Purcell had assistance from Washington Brush trucks and tanker to battle that blaze.

## Affect of 4/20 festivities on teens

Are 4/20 celebrations in states where recreational cannabis is legal influencing teens to use the drug?

Recreational marijuana is illegal in Oklahoma, making 4/20 Day less widely celebrated. However, this does not stop the influence it has on youth.

These celebrations have long moved past counterculture protests to significant commercial showings of the industry. Marijuana companies in states where recreational weed is legal leverage the day as an opportunity to promote the industry and its products, similar to alcohol companies using The Super Bowl.

Social media makes it possi-



Boulay

ble to reach everyone. Celebrities, influencers, and businesses push their products and brands at events like The Cannabis Cup or Hippy Hill. It's hard for teens to avoid the influence of these products.

Parents should be aware of

this growing influence and have constructive conversations with their kids about marijuana and its associated risks.

"Prevention and education are proven effective at any age," said Marcel Gemme of Addicted.org. "The primary purpose is to prevent drug and alcohol use altogether, but it at least provides them with the information they need to make responsible choices."

In Oklahoma, 24 percent of residents aged 12 and older used marijuana in the past year. Among 12 to 17-year-olds, roughly 13 percent had used the

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7 Day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
77° 58°	79° 56°	70° 46°	69° 48°	76° 52°	78° 54°	79° 57°
Sunny	20% T-storms	20% Showers	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy

## Warming trend to continue

Warm weather will continue over the next seven days across the region, with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms by the end of this week. For Thursday, sunny skies can be expected, with afternoon highs in the upper 70s. Afternoon

highs will be approaching 80 degrees for Friday, with a 20% chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. A slight chance of showers will persist into Saturday morning, with highs near 70 degrees. Sunday will be the cooler day

of the weekend, with a high just shy of 70 degrees under sunny skies. Sunshine, along with a few passing clouds will persist heading into the next work week, with temperatures soaring into the mid to upper 70s by the middle of the week.

## OU Engineering hosts learning event for junior high girls

Over 100 middle school girls attended the biannual GLAMS event on March 31 at the University of Oklahoma.

The GLAMS program—Girls Learning and Applying Math and Science—introduces girls to the engineering field through activities led by OU Engineering students.

Inspired by the Star Wars saga, the girls studied six types of engineering: biomedical, mechanical, civil, electrical, computer and engineering physics.

Star Wars themes—Midichlorians and Mitochondria, Under Pressure, The Force: Magnets and Other Attractive Things and Cool Circuits—were used to convey complex engineering

procedures and designs.

In 2011, OU Engineering created the program specifically for middle school girls.

"Students start thinking about their career track as early as middle school. So, middle school is a prime time to engage girls in STEM and engineering as a potential pathway for school and their career," said Dominique Pittenger, Ph.D., director of the college's Women in Engineering program.

"This event lets young women connect with OU Engineering students where they learn what engineers do and where the engineering path can take them. GLAMS is an impactful and useful group in today's society," she said.

Sponsored by OG&E, about 50 OU engineering students worked with the students to boost the number of women studying engineering—currently, OU Engineering passes the national average of female engineering, having 25 percent representation.

Inviting young women to explore STEM fields is a passion for Andrea Dennis, vice president of transmission and distribution operations at OG&E.

"OU GLAMS is a unique opportunity for girls across the state to get hands-on engineering experience, and we hope it

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### GLAMS participants

**Kheanna Martin** (left) and **Tristan Miller**, Purcell Junior High students, explore mechanical and civil engineering concepts at OU GLAMS.

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# NEWS In Brief

## Veteran Breakfast

All veterans, active-duty military, and descendants are invited and encouraged to attend a free breakfast sponsored by Walmart and American Legion Post 301. Breakfast will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, in the American Legion building, 104 E. Broadway, in Lexington.

The American Legion Post 301 monthly meeting will follow at 10 a.m.

## Free Women's Golf Clinic

A free women's golf clinic will be held April 20 and 21 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course in Purcell. For more information call 405-527-5114.

## Roll Off Dumpsters

McClain County District 1 residents only will have roll off dumpsters put in the maintenance yard in Wayne 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.

## Purcell PTO Raising Funds

The Purcell Parent Teacher Organization is currently raising funds for fencing to be erected around the playgrounds at the elementary and intermediate schools.

The annual Fun Run is a fundraiser that will help put money in the coffers for this project.

The Fun Run will be held May 9 at the Bob Haley Track and Field Complex.

## 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.

## Citywide Garage Sale

The City of Purcell's annual Citywide Garage Sale will be held Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29. Email, text or call the chamber office to get your garage sale on the list. Contact the chamber at

405-527-3093 or chamberoffice@theheartofok.com and provide your name, address, dates of sale and a contact phone number.

## 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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## Affect:

drug, according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Parents' small conversations with their kids about marijuana make a big impression. The short and frequent discussions can have a tangible impact on their choices about marijuana, alcohol, and other drugs. Consider some of the following tips:

- Short, frequent conversations rather than one big talk help build strong communication and a trusting relationship.

- It is ok to show disapproval of marijuana use. Make your views and rules clear about the drug. Reinforce why they should avoid it.

- Avoid lecturing, threatening, and using scare tactics; it does not help create good communication.

- Be a reliable source of factual information. Listen to their opinions about marijuana, answer their questions, and provide real-life experience; the conversation goes both ways.

- Help them develop skills to avoid and manage peer pressure.

- Always show genuine concern for their wellness, health, and success.

Teens are more likely to avoid marijuana use altogether when they have a strong, trusting relationship with their parents. These conversations play an integral role in this.

The reality is there are adverse effects associated with teen marijuana use. The teen brain is actively developing

and continues to develop until age 25, making the risk of addiction much greater.

No one is implying that every teen becomes a hardcore drug user after their first use, although THC has addictive properties. A young developing brain is more susceptible to the effects.

4/20 Day continues to grow as a massive commercial

event in many states where recreational marijuana is legal. Parental awareness is essential, and these conversations are a good starting point.

Jody Boulay is a mother of two with a passion for helping others. She currently works as a Community Outreach Coordinator for Addicted.org to help spread awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



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## Retiring board member

After 15 years serving on the Lexington Board of Education Tonya Adams is officially retiring. Superintendent Chad Hall said he personally appreciated her guidance and contributions to the district in its efforts to provide quality opportunities for the community.

# After a decade of waiting, Oklahomans with disabilities still aren't receiving needed care

## Whitney Bryen Oklahoma Watch

Andee Cooper can't take a shower without risking her son's life.

Kannon suffers from a rare disorder that causes daily seizures. He needs constant care, someone to soften his falls and keep him from choking by rolling him onto his side.

At 6-foot-4, he looks like a teenager but thinks and acts like a toddler.

One day last year, Cooper forgot to lock the door. When she got out of the shower, Kannon, 14, was gone. He was roaming their street naked and a neighbor called the police.

"He does not look disabled, so to a group of policemen he looks like a defiant teenager," Cooper said. "That was scary and that's why we have a fence now that goes around the entire front yard."

Cooper found hope in May when lawmakers finally ap-

proved \$32.5 million to clear a 13-year waitlist for help that had grown to more than 5,000 Oklahomans. About 2,000 of them were children.

Since then, fewer than 10 percent have been approved for a Medicaid waiver to fund a range of services for low-income Oklahomans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Like Cooper, many of them are still without care due to the lack of providers — a problem likely to grow with thousands of Oklahomans expected to be approved in the next year.

Last fall, the state approved funding for a home health aide to help Kannon and his mom in their Jenks home for 20 hours per week. But Cooper, a single

mom, is competing for care against other families, and big box stores.

In-home aides can make more money answering phones at Costco even after the state used part of last year's allocation to raise wages. Many have quit for higher pay and less responsibility as the demand for care is spiking.

Since Kannon's waiver was approved in October, the Coopers have had three case managers, who match families with needed services. The new-

est, Cheryl Dever, said she's lost track of how many agencies she has called in search of in-home staff for Kannon. Caregivers trained to work with people with cognitive disabilities like Kannon's are

called habilitation training specialists. They're part of a network of home health workers whose ranks plummeted during the COVID-19 pandemic and haven't recovered.

Demand for in-home care rose as families moved loved ones home from residential facilities vulnerable to the virus. At the same time, children learning from home and fears of becoming sick and infecting patients prompted many caregivers to quit, said Alice Burns, who studied the issue as an associate director at the Kaiser Family Foundation.

A 25 percent pay increase was part of last year's allocation from lawmakers. Oklahoma caregivers are making an average of \$12.50 an hour. A



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## Talking trash

We received an email from a subscriber in Lexington saying neither WDS nor GFL is picking up trash in that community.

The Lexington resident reported he is unable to contact either of the companies and he had heard a rumor that GFL had purchased WDS.

Turns out it is not a rumor after all.

From Allen Cox at GFL: "Yes, GFL purchased WDS on April 1.

"We visited with municipalities they are contracted with last week and informed them," Cox went on to tell Purcell City Manager Dale Bunn.

"It is public knowledge to share now that the deal is closed," Cox said.

Before Bunn tracked down the skinny on Monday I went over to Lexington with camera in hand to take pictures of over-

### Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

flowing dumpsters but could not find one.

There were no dumpsters that we could see that were even full.

Our email buddy was even worried that he had paid for three months of service.

But by the way Allen Cox sounded things should work

out just fine for customers in Lexington and the surrounding area.

jdm

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## Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



## Update from the Capitol

This Thursday, the Senate and House will complete their committee work on bills from the opposite chamber. As of Monday afternoon, we had considered well over half of the House bills sent to us.

Five of my House bills will next go before the full Senate and four more were approved in their first committee and will next be heard by the Appropriations Committee.

One will modify the definition of enabling child abuse to include the willful or malicious harm or threatened harm of a minor or failure to protect from such harm and the act of willfully or maliciously injuring, torturing, or maiming a minor.

Another would prevent providers from charging out-of-network

costs for durable medical equipment prescribed by a beneficiary's physician that isn't readily available within their network.

Education continues to be one of our main focuses this session. However, there's been some misinformation circulating about the Senate's education plan.

We've already passed numerous Senate bills to increase teacher pay, authorize maternity leave, and address a number of other important issues. However, the misinformation is about our amendments to House Bills 1935 and 2775 to mirror the Senate bills in the House.

Here are the facts – the Senate education plan, including our original Senate bills and our approved amendments to these House measures, seeks to invest

more than \$700 million in new funding in our schools, teachers, and students, which is the single largest appropriations increase to education in history.

The Senate, unlike the House, wants to invest \$500 million for teacher pay raises and to substantially increase the State Aid Formula. While the House wants to provide a \$2,500 across-the-board pay raise, the Senate plan would reward all of Oklahoma's public school teachers while recognizing the experience and commitment of those who have chosen to make teaching their life-long career.

Our plan would provide a \$3,000 raise for newer teachers

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## NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

### Storm season is here, time to prepare

**Congressman Tom Cole**

Oklahoma has unfortunately already endured a string of disastrous tornadoes this year. While our communities remain resilient in the recovery process, it is a reminder that we must be ready to face dangerous weather conditions that may come our way.

As we enter storm season, please take the proper steps to plan and prepare.

First, awareness is essential, and by monitoring local weather conditions in your area and staying up to date on any severe storm warnings, you can know when a storm is approaching and when to take shelter.

The best way to increase awareness is to receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service by downloading the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) app which can be found at [fema.gov/mobile-app](http://fema.gov/mobile-app).

In addition to providing timely alerts, the FEMA app also allows you to send notifications to loved ones and locate nearby storm shelters during emergencies. You can

also contact your local county commissioner or mayor to find more details on public storm shelters in your area or visit [Ready.gov/shelter](http://Ready.gov/shelter).

For those who are deaf or hard of hearing, unique alerts are available through the Oklahoma Weather Alert Remote Notification (OK-WARN). These alerts provide warnings regarding severe weather and other emergencies in your area through email, cell phones or pagers.

To activate this potentially life-saving service, visit [oklahoma.gov/oem/programs-and-services/ok-warn.html](http://oklahoma.gov/oem/programs-and-services/ok-warn.html).

To further prepare, you can also create a disaster readiness plan for your household. The plan should include details on where to shelter, an evacuation route, how you will communicate with your household and how you will receive emergency alerts if a disaster were to strike.

For more details on how to build a readiness plan, please visit [Ready.gov/plan](http://Ready.gov/plan). Households with seniors, kids or pets can also visit [Ready.gov/](http://Ready.gov/)

older-adults. [Ready.gov/kids](http://Ready.gov/kids) or [Ready.gov/pets](http://Ready.gov/pets) for additional resources to ensure that every age and member of the family is prepared for a storm.

Next, make sure you have access to a severe weather kit. All emergency kits should include the minimum of a flashlight, water, a first aid kit, a whistle and batteries. With these resources, your household will be better equipped to face any disasters that may come your way.

Financial preparedness is also essential as disasters can be costly. To prepare financially, you should consider creating an emergency savings account and begin saving money that can be used in case of crisis.

It is also a good idea to gather and safeguard all financial and critical household documents, including tax statements and insurance policies. For more financial preparedness tips, visit [Ready.gov/financial-preparedness](http://Ready.gov/financial-preparedness).

Once your household is se-

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## Your Views

### Quick to assist

**Dear Editor:**

On January 2, a surgical incision I had opened, causing another health issue. We live in unincorporated Cleveland County, a few miles east of Lexington, in the Lexington Fire Department service area. It was after 9 p.m. when it occurred, and my wife called 911.

The Lexington Fire Department responded very quickly, and the young men who responded were very professional, gentle and kind. They had the bleeding stopped and a bandage on it before Wadley's could get here, to take me to the hospital.

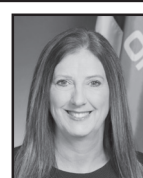
This is to say how much I appreciate them, and let Lexington residents know just how well served they are by the Lexington Fire Department.

Great job, guys, and again I want to express my appreciation to them so much.

**Richard Randolph**  
Lexington

## News from District 42

• Rep. Cindy Roe •



## Updating infant safe haven laws

This week, the Capitol hosted 4-H Day to recognize the important role 4-H plays in encouraging agriculture education and helping students grow into hard-working adults.

A few student 4-H leaders spoke on the House floor about their appreciation for the organization, and many students took the time to visit with their legislators as well. Shelby Lister, a homeschooled student from Stratford, joined me for lunch in honor of 4-H Day. It was wonderful to get to know her and learn more about her interests.

Thursday was our deadline to pass Senate bills through their subcommittees. However, not every bill has to pass through a subcommittee. Only bills that deal with the budget must be approved by a budget subcommittee before moving to the full House Appropriations and Budget Committee, then to the House floor.

On Monday, I presented Senate Bill 1029 to the House Appropriations and Budget Subcommittee on Health. The bill authorizes the trust created by the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to sell certain property. SB1029 received a unanimous vote in the subcommittee and is now eligible to be heard by the full House Appropriations and Budget Committee.

Bills that do not have a fiscal impact typically go through the House committee most relevant to the policy.

On Thursday, I passed Senate Bill 423 through the House Judiciary – Civil Committee.

The bill increases the maxi-

mum amount of transportation costs a person, attorney or licensed child-placing agency desiring to pay living and transportation expenses on behalf of a birth mother is authorized to expend from the current cap of \$1,000 to \$3,500.

SB423 also deals with infant safe haven laws by increasing the age at which a parent may relinquish custody of a child from 30 days old to 60 days old. Oklahoma's current infant safe haven laws allow the parent to anonymously relinquish their infant, up to 30 days old, to state custody at certain safe locations without retaliation or prosecution.

These laws, sometimes referred to as "Baby Moses laws," were first enacted in 1999 to address infant abandonment in unsafe locations, like public restrooms or trash receptacles. Oklahoma's statutes allow the parent to relinquish the child at a police station, fire station, child protective services agency, hospital or other medical facility. The child is then taken into state custody.

It's my hope that by increasing the age to 60 days, we'll see fewer instances of neglect or violence against infants.

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

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

# You have a lot to do

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Tax Day is April 18 this year and it's time for you to get all your numbers together and file your taxes. The average American will file the short form that only has two lines on the form.

The first line asks the question, "How much money did you make in 2022?" The second line says, "Send it to the Internal Revenue Service."

Don't you just love all these tax breaks President Joe Biden is giving us? Once again, this week after paying taxes all year I still get to send President Joe another check. It's never enough.

I hope you are getting some money back but our government needs a lot of money. Billions of dollars for Ukraine, money to pay the new 86,000 IRS agents who will be harassing everyone for more.

China will go to war to take over Taiwan. How much will this cost us as we obviously are going to be involved. Don't look for your taxes to become less. Oh, dear Lord, how much more can we afford?

If you have any money left after April 18 you should make plans for Mother's Day, graduation day, and Memorial Day. This is a lot to think about.

Don't forget mom. I wish my mother were alive so I could take her flowers and buy her dinner. The years pass and we miss our opportunities. Make plans now to celebrate the special moms you may have left.

You may have children or a grandchild graduating this May. Think about how you might mentor and encourage this special person. It's not always about money.

Maybe you could find a way to spend an hour talking and sharing life experiences. Convey love. Brag about their accomplishments. Let them know that you believe they have a great future.

Cast a great dream for them that they can have a great life with some work and focused discipline. Let them know you believe in them. Love goes a long way in shaping the lives of our children, grandchildren, and even our acquaintances.

After this is Memorial Day. Too often we are scrambling the last weekend in May to arrange flowers for the cemetery. Start your plan now. Which graves must be visited and decorated?

Budget what you can spend on flowers. Sometimes you can save money buying the flowers and making your own

grave decoration. The thought is what counts.

You are doing this out of respect and love for what the deceased meant to you and because it's important to remember them.

On this very important day we take the time to remember the soldiers who gave their lives so that we can have the freedom to enjoy all we do in America. They paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Plan on visiting the grave of at least one man or woman who died in service for our country.

You have plenty to do in the weeks ahead. Make a plan, pace yourself and good luck!

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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## Watch:

search of Oklahoma City-area job postings found entry-level positions at Best Buy, Dillard's and Costco starting at \$15 an hour. In order to reach national standards, another 20 percent increase is needed, according to a state report comparing caregiver wages.

Picking up a 180-pound teenager from the floor after a seizure or lifting someone from a wheelchair is physically demanding. Some providers are tasked with feeding or bathing patients. Others are responsible for administering medication. All have another's life in their hands.

Alexis Clampitt spent 2017 caring for an Oklahoma woman in her 20s, who is nonverbal, autistic, blind and has a brain disorder.

"It's not just taking care of someone who is unable to take care of themselves," Clampitt said. "It is taking care of someone who has multiple ways they could die daily and you have to prevent that. And then they want to pay you \$9 an hour and you've got your own family too."

Clampitt said the job required minimal training, which consisted mostly of watching videos. The best training came from the family of the woman she cared for 12 hours a day, four days a week. Clampitt quit after about a year when she could no longer afford childcare.

### How Budget Cuts Fed the Wait List

In the 2000s, an oil bust and a recession resulted in budget shortfalls prompting agencies to strip services from some of the most vulnerable Oklahomans.

Court orders following a 2008 lawsuit alleging the state failed to protect children in state custody led the Department of Human Services to cut elsewhere. One casualty was disability care.

Services for Oklahomans with autism, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, brain injuries and intellectual disabilities faced even deeper cuts when federal contributions, which are determined by state funding, plummeted.

In 2016, the agency threatened to stop funding in-home care for adults. The American Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma sued over the proposed cuts.

The move made national news and rallied distraught families who put pressure on the Department of Human Services. Lawmakers took notice and launched a bipartisan caucus focused on disability services.

In-home services remained and the lawsuit was dismissed.

New waivers relied on attrition leaving nearly 8,000 Oklahomans waiting in 2018 – the longest waitlist in state history.

Yearly allocations of \$1 or \$2 million chipped away at the list until last year when lawmakers appropriated enough money to eliminate the list, according to estimates from the Department of Human Services.

Celebration ensued. A television commercial lauded future promises to serve vulnerable Oklahomans. Agency leaders joined Gov. Kevin Stitt, lawmakers and a family recently approved for services to praise the progress.

Meanwhile, thousands of families remain desperate for help.

The agency sorted the list into groups and in June started processing 340 Oklahomans who've waited the longest. Nearly one-third of them are receiving some services. Another 10 percent have been approved and are searching for care, which includes summer camps, behavioral therapy, job training, group home living and in-home help.



• Whitney Bryen/Oklahoma Watch

## Help for the disabled

**Andee Cooper**, left, leaned in to talk to her son Kannon at their home on March 14, 2023, while her mother, Peggy Cooper, watched. Kannon has a rare disorder that causes him to have daily seizures and cognitive regression, which means Kannon who is 14 thinks and acts more like a toddler, his mom said. Kannon was lethargic most of the morning after having two seizures.

Half of the first group was denied or rejected services. Some didn't qualify, most often because they didn't meet the IQ requirement of 70 or below, said Beth Scrutchins, who oversees state disability services. Others had outdated contact information, no longer needed services or didn't want the hassle of paperwork and assessments, she said. Some have been difficult to find due to outdated contact information. At least four Oklahomans in the first group died while waiting for help.

It is expected that about 40 percent of Oklahomans still waiting will be approved for services, according to a report provided by the agency.

### 'A Different Kind of Care and Peace of Mind'

Some family members are forced to quit their jobs to stay home and care for a loved one while they wait on their waiver or search for care.

Single parents like state Rep. Ellyn Hefner don't have that option. Hefner, D-Oklahoma City, made the push to fund disability services a pillar of her 2022 campaign. Her youngest son, William, 18, has an intellectual disability and life-threatening seizures that require constant supervision but is able to work part-time at an Oklahoma City coffee shop.

After more than a decade of waiting, William was approved for services in January. Hefner knew finding a trained care provider would further delay the help she needed, so she used government assistance to hire one of her son's coworkers, Jared Cooling.

The waivers can be used to pay a family member, neighbor, friend, or church member to provide care.

Days after Hefner's first payment, Cooling saved William's life. William was walking on a treadmill at the gym when he seized, fell and hit his head. Cooling administered rescue medication, proving the importance of support services, Hefner said.

"Before that, because I was working and the waiver wasn't in place, I had volunteers watching my son, just anyone I could find," Hefner said. "But we trained Jared on this and it's just a different kind of care and peace of mind."

Caroline Jarvis of Edmond hired someone who worked at her adult son's former group home. After driving Jonathan to and from work, cooking his meals and making sure he took daily showers, the worker quit in August. Jarvis has struggled to find reliable help ever since.

"The agencies can't provide

the help we need and when we do find one who will work with us, their turnover is so high that we end up constantly teaching new people what to do or in some cases they just don't show up for shifts," Jarvis said. "So as the parents, we end up filling those needs even though we have the waiver."

When she does have help, Jarvis said the waiver allows her son to live independently, work and be part of his Edmond community.

An in-home worker would also expand Kannon Cooper's access to his community. He loves cheering at Jenks Middle School basketball games and donning his Pistol Pete shirt at Oklahoma State University baseball games. Without help, these outings are nearly impossible, his mother said.

Andee Cooper said misunderstandings about people with disabilities and their value perpetuates the workforce shortage.

"Those jobs aren't valued because the people they're caring for aren't valued," she said. "We aren't looking at our most vulnerable, those that don't have a voice at all in the community because their parents are too tired. We don't have the help we need and we're too tired to fight for it."

### TIMELINE: How Oklahoma's Wait For Disability Services Began

- A 1980s lawsuit alleging abuse and neglect at a state-run institution pressured Oklahoma to offer Medicaid waivers for disability services.

- The court shut down the Hissom Memorial Center in Sand Springs and ordered the state to serve people with disabilities in their communities.

- The state started a list of Oklahomans seeking services funded with money formerly allocated to the defunct institution. About 600 former Hissom Center residents were at the top of the list.

- A federal mandate forced the state to offer services to residents with intellectual disabilities living in nursing homes.

- The cost of waivers and court-ordered support for the Hissom residents exceeded the program's budget. The wait for help began.

- Audits of those receiving services in the late 1990s and 2000s found unused funds that supported more waivers reducing the waitlist.

*Oklahoma Watch*, at [oklahomawatch.org](http://oklahomawatch.org), is a non-profit, nonpartisan news organization that covers public-policy issues facing the state.

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## GLAMS:

inspires many of them to pursue a future career in STEM. At OG&E, we believe that bringing more women into STEM careers will further energize the energy industry, and we appreciate our partners at OU for allowing us to sponsor and volunteer at this event," Dennis said.

Attending the daylong activity were Norman Public

Schools' students from Alcott, Irving, Longfellow and Whit-tier middle schools and Purcell Junior High School.

Paul Wollenberg teaches STEM courses through Oklahoma CareerTech. He says this is the third year for Purcell Public Schools to participate in GLAMS and that attendance has doubled in the three years he has been involved.

"GLAMS is an outstanding event that lets our female students realize how many different engineering careers exist and how they can use their skills and interests to build an education path," Wollenberg said. "GLAMS builds their confidence in knowing that they can be successful and lets them know there are many opportunities."

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## Garvin:

who have up to four years of experience; \$4,000 for those who have worked five to nine years; \$5,000 for 10-14 years of experience; and \$6,000 for those who have taught for 15 or more years.

We also included a \$30 million appropriation to create the Rewarding Excellent Educators Grant Program to allow districts to implement qualitative bonus pay plans for eligible teachers and support staff who play a critical role in keeping schools running.

Our Senate bills would also provide eight weeks of paid maternity leave for teachers;

create the Oklahoma Teacher Corps Program to cover the tuition and fees of students who agree to teach for four years in a Title I School; and provide \$500 annual stipends for mentor teachers.

We're also working on a pilot program to provide on-site childcare services for districts, contracted childcare to the district, or stipends for employees to help cover childcare costs. Other efforts include providing funding to reimburse teachers for additional certifications and credentials they get, and paying for schools to undergo risk

and vulnerability assessments to ensure they are as safe as possible.

A lot will happen before the last day of session later in May but I'm hopeful that these important education policies will get approved and sent to the governor's desk.

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

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## Cole:

cure, it is important to prepare your property. Clear any large or loose materials near your home and remove any dead trees, hanging branches or other loose objects near your yard.

If disaster does strike and your property suffers damage, reporting this information can be crucial to the state's recovery efforts as authorities work to assess the level of damage. In the event your property is harmed by severe weather, please report this to state authorities at [damage.ok.gov](http://damage.ok.gov).

Lastly, if severe weather causes your home to lose power, practice caution when using backup power and heat sources. Portable generators and combustion or gas-burning appliances should be used as instructed and not placed inside your home.

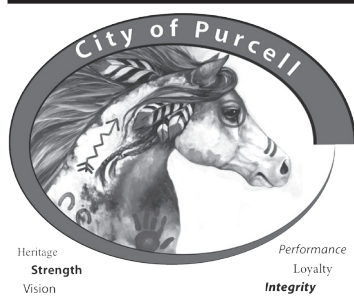
The incorrect use of these appliances could expose you and other members of your household to toxic carbon monoxide. Review information from the Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA) to ensure you are not breathing in harmful fumes at [epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/](http://epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/)

emergencies-and-iaq#safely.

Past disasters in our state serve as a heartbreaking reminder that preparedness is vital to the safety of you and your loved ones, and ultimately

saves lives.

Please develop a severe weather plan for you and your family and follow the necessary steps to ensure your safety in the coming months.



## City of Purcell Employee of the Month

**Louise Zastrow**

**Purcell Animal Shelter**

**Job title:** Supervisor of the Purcell Animal Shelter and Animal Control

**How long have you been employed with the City of Purcell?** Since February 2017.

**Tell us about your family:** Two kids, two grandbabies, lots of fur babies.

**What are some of your hobbies?** Horseback riding and reading.

**Where did you grow up?** Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

**What is the best advice you have ever been given?** Always give 100 percent.

**What is a fun fact about you that many people may not know?** I moved to Oklahoma to retire.



Zastrow

# Society



## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to Nanette Williams, Rhonda Thomas, Brent Lynn, Amy Lynn, Kelly Nemecek, Courtney Boudreaux, Coralee Castle, Ryan Umber, Amber Abney, Phyllis Wagner, Jay R. Orquiz, Everett Gardner, Kerry Wilhoit, Tess Lukens, Jan Harrowa, Concepcion Aguinaga, Daniel Calixto, Michele Jones, Jacquelyn Smith, Jeni Suarez, Ana Franco, Saul G. Ibarra and Rosetta Genson.

A free women's golf clinic will be held April 20 and 21 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The clinic will be held at the Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course in Purcell.

For more information call 405-527-5114.

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.

The City of Purcell's annual Citywide Garage Sale will be held Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29.

Email, text or call the chamber office to get your garage sale on the list.

Contact the chamber at 405-

527-3093 or chamberoffice@theheartofok.com and provide your name, address, dates of sale and a contact phone number.

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.

The crockpot makes easy work of this tasty chicken, a lighter version of the classic pot roast recipe.

**Mississippi Chicken**  
2 pounds chicken breasts or thighs, boneless and skinless  
1-ounce packet au jus mix  
1-ounce packet ranch seasoning  
2 tablespoons butter sliced into pats

6 pepperoncini peppers or sliced banana peppers  
Add the chicken to the slow cooker.

Sprinkle on the au jus mix, and ranch seasoning, then top with butter and pepperoncini.

Cook on low for 3 hours, or on high for 1-1/2 or 2 hours.

Let the chicken rest for 5 minutes, then shred it while it's still warm.

Serve over mashed potatoes, pasta, or rice. To make sandwiches, serve on rolls or toasted buns with provolone cheese.



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### Bike winner

Kayden Klein of Purcell won the 6-8 year-old division of the Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis Easter egg hunt last Saturday.

## MATC Breaking Traditions recipients

Four Mid-America Technology Center students and one teacher were named as 2023 Breaking Traditions Award recipients.

This award is given to outstanding non-traditional students and instructors by the Oklahoma Career and Technical Education Equity Council sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education.

MATC's award recipients are Amanda Cummings, Pre-Engineering teacher; Aura Valenzuela, Lindsay, Automotive Service Technician; Lydia

Moore, Wynnewood, Pre-Engineering; Michael Ozment, Byars/Adult, Business Office Assistant; and Morgan Cline, Lexington, Medium/Heavy Diesel Truck Technician.

This award honors individuals who have chosen specific training programs because of their interests and abilities; those who have not let their gender influence their decisions to pursue non-traditional careers.

MATC faculty and staff congratulate the recipients for leading the way by breaking stereotypical career paths and promoting equity.

## Cleveland County OHCE Make & Take Event

Connie Wollenberg  
FCS Educator

Members of the Cleveland County Oklahoma Home & Community Education (OHCE) will hold a Make & Take Event in Norman on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 with pre-registration by April 25 either by mailing a check to OHCE at the Cleveland County Extension Office, 601 E Robinson, Norman, OK 73071 or dropping off a check at the office by April 25.

Lunch and three workshops will be included in the ticket price.

Participants will enjoy lunch, the chance to win door prizes,

can attend three of the 11 workshops being presented, and Make and Take home three projects with information to make gifts for family or Christmas.

Workshops include projects such as making soap bombs, painted cactus, beaded bracelets, making various ornaments, macrame projects, and many more projects. You won't want to miss this opportunity.

Come spend the day with our leaders, learn how to make some new crafts, and support OHCE as they benefit local students with scholarships from the proceeds of the Make & Take.

## Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens.

The winning ticket was drawn for the king size heated blanket. Congrats go to Donna Holyk, her ticket was the ticket drawn. And the winner did not have to be present, so we did not get a picture.

For the month of March, the food pantry distributed 1075 boxes, serving 3090 people and 898 households. We could not serve our community as we do if not for our volunteers. Our volunteers give up their time and most many hours a month.

We have volunteers who come from not only Dibble but Blanchard, Purcell and as far as Cyril every week to help Dibble and our surrounding communities.

Dessie's Diner served 356 meals to 321 seniors, 34 adults and one child in the month of March.

The menu for the week of April 17:

Monday, April 17—Country breakfast.

Wednesday, April 19—Enchilada casserole.

Friday, April 21—Bob's burgers and french fries.

We are preparing to have a yard sale and are now taking donations of any kind. We are looking toward the middle of May for the yard sale.

We are looking for volunteer CDL drivers to help with our food recovery program. If interested and available, please stop by the center and leave your name and number.

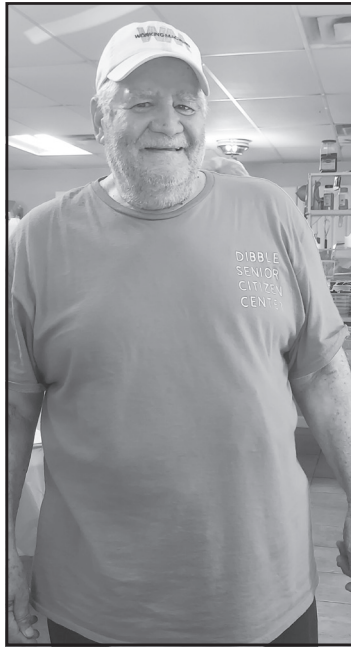
Friday Reminders of pantry hours are as follows:

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



• Photo provided

### Excellent helper

Ignacio Munoz is mostly known as Nacho or Papa around the senior center. He is our go-to guy who is willing to help in any area of the food bank or diner. Ignacio has been volunteering with us for over seven years and has become valuable to our center. He not only is a hard worker but comes 3 days a week without fail. He is a jack-of-all-trades and master of many. We appreciate Nacho very much.

## Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

Everyone over 60 has a standing invitation to come visit the senior center. Enjoy new friends, numerous activities, lunch and a few laughs. Our library has a variety of books to take home and enjoy.

Bingo is every Thursday at 10 a.m. New things to do will be added this spring and summer, depending on interest. We are always open to new ideas from everyone who attends.

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 17-21:

Monday—Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit salad.

Tuesday—Chicken salad on croissant, pickled beets, coleslaw, chocolate cake.

Wednesday—Taco salad, corn, tortilla chips, banana pudding.

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

Friday—Cook's choice.

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.

Lexington United Methodist Church  
631 East Ash Lexington, OK

### Food Pantry

3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

This Month: Saturday, April 15th • 12 pm to 4 PM

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 AM

Sunday School: 10:45 AM

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## Michelle's Destinations

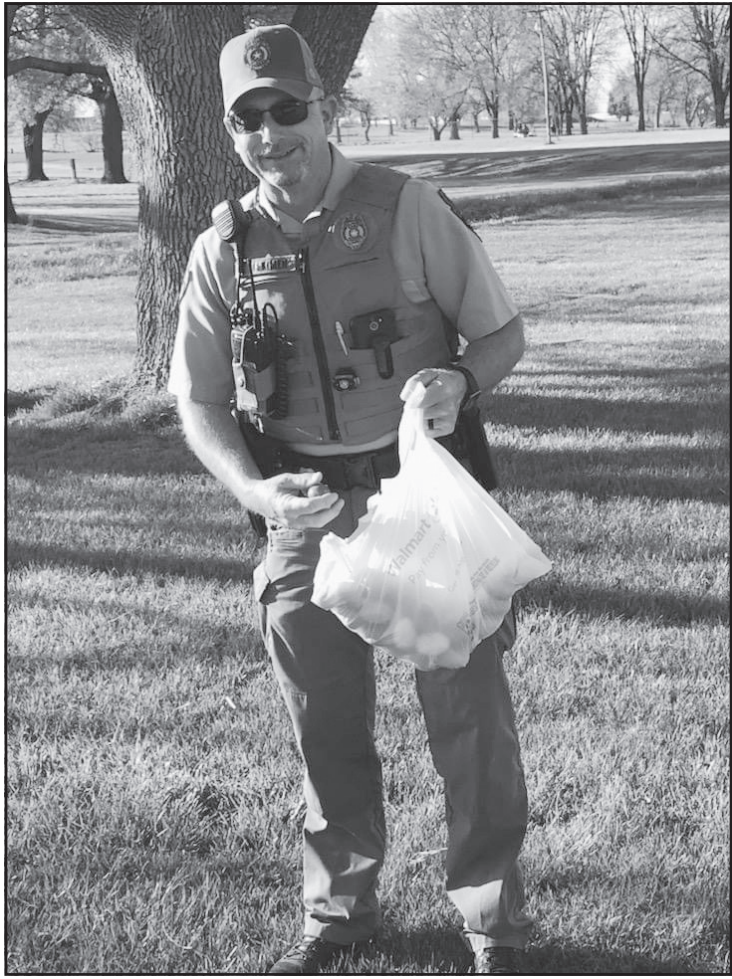
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## Egg hider

**McClain County** Game Warden Brian Meskimen came out Saturday doing his best rendition of the Easter Bunny hiding eggs at the Purcell City Lake for the Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis Easter egg hunt.

# OCA seeking applicants for Cattlemen's Leadership Academy

The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA) is currently seeking applicants for the Cattlemen's Leadership Academy (CLA) program. Twenty applicants will be chosen to be part of CLA, class 30.

Requirements to apply, the application and session dates can be found at [www.okcattlemen.org](http://www.okcattlemen.org). The application deadline is May 10.

"The CLA program develops OCA members, between the ages of 25 and 40, through industry exposure, education and association communication," said Byron Yeoman, OCA President.

CLA consists of a series of four seminars designed to expose participants to leaders from all segments of the industry. The seminars provide participants the opportunity to further explore our business, gain essential information, cultivate leadership skills and network with fellow OCA members.

"The popularity of the program continues gaining momentum," said Yeoman. "The current class that is finishing up has been outstanding just like many other classes. Our CLA program is highly respected across the nation."

"Several states have modeled their young leader programs after OCA's CLA. If you want to be more involved in the OCA, stay up on current industry issues and take a leadership role in charting the course for a successful Oklahoma beef industry in the years ahead; I encourage you to apply today," he concluded.

The CLA program is completely funded by several generous sponsors including: Merck Animal Health, Oklahoma Ag Credit, Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma, Neogen, Oklahoma National Stock-

yards, Noble Research Institute, National Livestock, ABS, Livestock Nutrition Center, Corteva Agriscience, Farm Data Services, Oklahoma Beef Council, Oklahoma Cattlemen's Foundation, Langston's Western Wear, Stuart Farm and Ranch, and Pickens Auctions.

The OCA is the trusted voice of the Oklahoma Cattle Industry. OCA is the only voice that speaks solely for the cattlemen of Oklahoma and represents beef producers in all 77 counties across the state.

The OCA officers, board of directors and membership encourages you to join us in our advocacy efforts to ensure less government intervention, lower taxes and a better bottom line.

For more information about OCA membership, the theft reward program or activities call 405-235-4391 or visit [www.okcattlemen.org](http://www.okcattlemen.org).

Visit us at:

[purcellregister.com](http://purcellregister.com)

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### LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU

#### Week of April 17 MONDAY BREAKFAST

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

#### LUNCH

Steak fingers, potato wedges, steamed broccoli, applesauce, hot roll, milk.

#### TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or breakfast stick, applesauce, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Frito chili pie, steamed carrots, pinto beans, orange smiles, milk.

#### WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or doughnut, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, whole kernel corn, peaches, milk.

#### THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or egg and cheese morning burger, spiced apples, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Cold sandwich, hummus and whole grain chips, baby carrots, apple wedges, milk.

#### FRIDAY

No School.

### PURCELL SCHOOL MENU

#### Week of April 17 MONDAY BREAKFAST

Toast and scrambled eggs or cereal and toast, applesauce, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, baby carrots, peaches, milk.

#### TUESDAY BREAKFAST

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

#### LUNCH

Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, cucumber slices, apples, milk.

#### WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

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

#### LUNCH

Beef nacho bar with beef, chips and queso, Mexican salad, salsa, fruit, milk.

#### THURSDAY BREAKFAST

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

#### LUNCH

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#### LUNCH

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# OMRF receives \$2.6 million to study mutations connected to skin diseases

The National Institutes of Health has awarded the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation \$2.6 million to unravel how mutations in a single gene connect to skin health.

With the five-year grant, OMRF scientist Lorin Olson, Ph.D., will continue his research on a protein signal called platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF), which plays a key role in the body's ability to repair wounds.

But too much PDGF promotes scar tissue formation called fibrosis as well as inflammation, making proper balance key. Olson's research focuses on understanding how PDGF works.

It was previously discovered that mutations in a gene associ-

ated with PDGF — PDGFRB — can lead to a pair of rare skin diseases.

Penttinen syndrome causes skin to age prematurely, while Kosaki overgrowth syndrome causes cells to overproduce, resulting in thick raised scars resembling keloids.

With the new grant, Olson is investigating how PDGFRB variants affect different skin cells and how mutations in one gene can trigger such contrasting disease symptoms.

"Like a circuit breaker sending signals to power appliances in your house, PDGFRB sends multiple downstream signals into the cell," Olson said. "We think these two mutations are causing different changes in the downstream signals."

Fortunately, said Olson, there are already approved medications for the pair of skin disorders connected to PDGF.

"But by understanding the roles of each of the downstream signals, we'll be on the path to identifying new therapies to treat other conditions where PDGF is implicated, such as wound healing, fibrosis and cancer," he said.

"Dr. Olson is an acknowledged expert on PDGF signaling, but these two skin diseases illustrate how much we still need to learn about its impact on human health," said OMRF Vice President of Research Courtney Griffin, Ph.D. "I'm excited to see what his research uncovers."

# LifeShare celebrates Donate Life Month

Each April, LifeShare Oklahoma celebrates Donate Life Month, an observance to focus attention on the need for and importance of organ, eye and tissue donation.

This celebration shares the importance of registering every person's decision to be a donor and honoring the gift of life — recognizing that the generosity of donors makes saving lives through transplantation possible.

LifeShare Oklahoma is the organ procurement organization in Oklahoma responsible for the recovery of organs and tissue for transplant.

More than 114,000 people across the country are currently waiting for lifesaving transplants, and 740 of those are waiting here in Oklahoma. Thousands more wait for

lifesaving and healing tissue transplants.

"In 2022, LifeShare coordinated the recovery of 249 organ donors and 1,106 tissue donors. The work of our team and hospital partners allowed 535 lives to be saved through donation," said Jeffrey Orłowski, President and CEO of LifeShare Network. While Donate Life Month exists as an opportunity to honor our heroic donors and celebrate lives that have been saved, it is also a time to remember that more than 740 Oklahomans still await lifesaving transplants. We hope residents of the state will join us in raising awareness about donation."

This year's Donate Life Month theme was inspired by dragonflies. The dragonfly serves as a symbol of hope,

courage and transformed life — themes repeatedly found within the donation and transplantation journey.

A dragonfly's scurrying flight across water represents the courage Oklahomans have when choosing to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor.

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### Egg hunters

The Easter Bunny caught up with this group of egg hunters at the Purcell City Lake during the Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis Easter egg hunt last Saturday.

## Pandemic disruption and a data error: Why school report cards are so late

**Jennifer Palmer**  
**Oklahoma Watch**

A calculation error created a months-long delay in the 2022 school report cards, which still have not been released to the public.

The error caused some schools to receive inaccurate letter grades late last year. The Oklahoma Department of Education corrected the scores and gave school leaders until Monday to review.

Grades are expected to be public after the review period, but what parents see may not be the corrected version.

In an email to district leaders, the department said it will “honor the original letter grade.”

Some school leaders say they aren’t sure if that means they’ll automatically get the original letter grade or the higher one, and Education Department officials wouldn’t clarify to *Oklahoma Watch*.

Department Press Secretary

Justin Holcomb did not respond to questions sent by email Tuesday. Neither Holcomb nor Superintendent Ryan Walters answered *Oklahoma Watch*’s phone calls.

The error occurred before Walters took office. The De-



partment planned to announce the new grades in December but held off once the mistake was discovered. Individual student test scores were released in September.

“Here we are about to test this

year’s kids, and we still don’t have our A-F grades from last year. They’re kind of irrelevant at this point,” said Rick Cobb, superintendent of Mid-Del Public Schools.

The state’s A-F school grading system has been disrupted multiple times since it was adopted by the Legislature in 2011.

There was a two-year hiatus in 2016 and 2017 while the Department redesigned the system to comply with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

There were no letter grades in 2020 or 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

It’s intended to provide high-quality data to parents and school leaders about how schools are performing in several key areas: academic performance and growth, student absenteeism, English language proficiency, postsecondary opportunities and graduation rates. The U.S. Department of Education requires states to assess schools annually and make the data public.

Under Oklahoma’s system, schools are graded on a bell curve. Five percent of schools receive an A, 25 percent receive a B, 40 percent receive a C, 25 percent receive a D and five percent receive an F. Schools given an F receive extra funding for added resources.

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# OSU AGRICULTURAL News

## Web-based watershed assessment tool is a global resource

**Brielle Prock**  
**Agriculture Communications**

The Oklahoma Water Resources Center has partnered with Texas A&M University and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to improve water quality and quantity assessments and forecasting in the state.

The Oklahoma Hydrologic and Water Quality System (OK-HAWQS) is a web-based tool for anyone to use. Texas A&M and the United States Department of Agriculture developed the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) to assess watersheds of varying sizes.

It allows users to digitally model and simulate past, present and future water quality and quantity problems. The tool also studies how land management is changing and how the use of conservation

practices affects the state’s water resources.

The Spatial Sciences Laboratory at Texas A&M provides technical support for OK-HAWQS, along with continued model and software development.

The Oklahoma Conservation Commission serves as project lead, funding the model’s development and helping gather data from partner agencies.

“OK-HAWQS gives Oklahomans the ability to better assess water quality and quantity and respond to major water problems across the state,” said Abu Mansaray, a researcher at the Oklahoma Water Resources Center.

OK-HAWQS helps researchers save money, time and resources while covering areas where data collection is not feasible.

Researchers can see pre-

dicted changes 10 to 50 years in the future by using OK-HAWQS to model watersheds of interest.

“As a simplified and more efficient way to study watersheds, researchers can set up and conduct modeling in less time with preloaded data in OK-HAWQS,” Mansaray said. “Researchers select a watershed, the parameters and the scenarios to run the model.”

Total Maximum Daily Loads can be developed using OK-HAWQS to determine reductions needed to restore water quality. Although the SWAT model is customized for Oklahoma, researchers outside of the state can also use the technology due to zero cost and open accessibility.

Model simulation only requires a username and password. For those interested, visit [OK.HAWQS](http://OK.HAWQS).

## OMRF awarded \$2.1 million to study heart valve disease

The National Institutes of Health has awarded the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation \$2.1 million to investigate a potential genetic cause of degenerative heart valve disease.

“Like everything else in the body, heart valves degenerate as we age,” said OMRF cardiovascular biologist Sathish Srinivasan, Ph.D., who received the four-year grant. “But some people experience it earlier than others.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart valve disease affects about 2.5 percent of the U.S. population and close to 13 percent of people aged 80 and older. Although medication can treat symptoms, no drugs exist to prevent the disease or repair damaged valves, Srinivasan said.

In the two most common forms of the condition, blood either leaks back into the heart or the valve becomes stiff and narrow, preventing blood from passing through.

Known genetic predisposition explains about one in 10 cases of heart valve disease, Srinivasan said. In those cases, researchers have identified the responsible genetic variants.

He believes that within the remaining 90 percent, a lifestyle factor such as smoking, poor diet or lack of exercise may flip a switch in people with unidentified genetic variants. “We suspect that reaction negatively affects a valve’s ability to repair itself and regenerate tissue during normal wear and tear,” Srinivasan said.

Vascular valves, far smaller

and more plentiful than heart valves, are found in blood vessels and lymphatic vessels. Srinivasan’s lab was the first to observe that the genes that regulate the formation of vascular valves also are found in heart valves.

In his new study, his lab will use research models to determine what happens to heart valves when a gene known to be critical in vascular valves is turned off.

“We expect to find that the absence of this gene causes heart valves to age rapidly,” Srinivasan said. “If our hypothesis is correct, we can focus on how the gene functions and eventually work toward therapies that prevent heart valves from aging prematurely.”

OMRF scientist Lijun Xia, M.D., Ph.D., noted that degenerative heart valve disease can lead to heart failure or even death.

“Our current understanding of the various causes of this condition is incomplete,” said Xia, who leads OMRF’s Cardiovascular Biology Research Program. “Dr. Srinivasan and his team are making substantial headway on one particular cause, with a goal of someday identifying targets for new medications.”

Srinivasan is collaborating with OMRF scientists Jasim Ahamed, Ph.D., Lorin Olson, Ph.D., and researchers at Boston Children’s Hospital and Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City on the study.



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### Toting the calf

Rebecca Andrews holds a calf while riding a horse at an event in Apache recently.

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# OSU EXTENSION News

## Drought conditions increase potential for wheat disease and insects

Gail Ellis  
Agricultural Communications

Wheat harvest is two months away, and some of this year's crop will be affected by not only drought conditions but also disease and insects.

On a recent episode of "SUNUP," the agriculture television show of Oklahoma State University Extension, two specialists discussed the challenges producers could face during the next couple of months.

### Disease

OSU Extension wheat pathologist Meriem Aoun said the burning of wheat leaf tips has been reported within the past couple of weeks due to freeze damage. Drought is still present in western Oklahoma.

Common root rots have been detected in a few wheat samples from western Oklahoma.

"Samples collected in early March from fields near Altus in Jackson County and Garfield County were impacted by common root rots and Fusarium crown root rots. These dryland diseases were severe last year due to the drought,"

Aoun said.

Wheat streak mosaic virus, which caused damage last year in multiple wheat fields, was found in a couple of wheat samples from Stillwater. Severity of wheat streak mosaic has been observed to increase during years of severe drought.

Leaf rust and stripe rust were reported in Texas in March. If fields receive rain, there is potential for these pathogens to develop in late April and May in Oklahoma. Last year, rust diseases were suppressed due to drought.

### Insects

Kris Giles, OSU entomology professor, said fall armyworms invaded some fields a few months ago, but those issues were addressed. Rainfall will alleviate the insect pressures of this year's crop.

"Insects do really well when it's dry," Giles said. "The two main culprits that we would worry about would be aphids, like green bugs and bird cherry-oat aphids, and brown wheat mites. Those are both going to do well during conditions of low moisture, and they both can be concerning."

### Brown wheat mite damage

• Brown wheat mites are too small to see. The distinct characteristic of damage from this mite is similar to damage from a barley yellowdwarf.

• It's indistinguishable from a lot of diseases but more consistent throughout the field

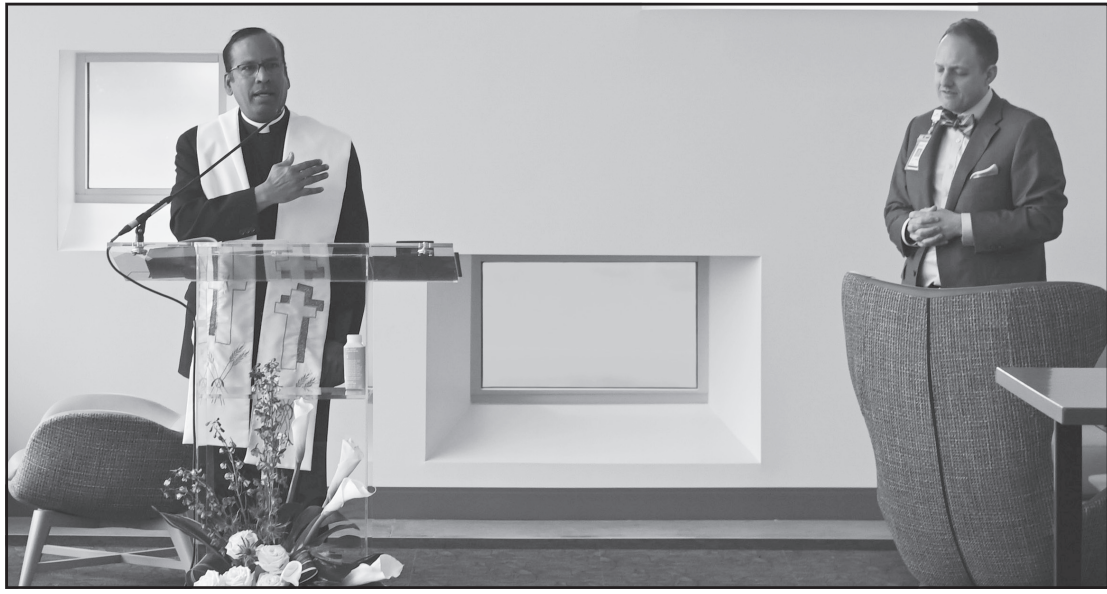
• It appears in the spring and late spring, and with no moisture can cause significant yield loss.

• Insecticides can be used to treat them. Timely application can preserve wheat yields.

Giles said English grain aphid has popped up in some areas, but right now aphid numbers are low around the state.

"Things are looking okay, but we're going to have to monitor fields as the drought continues," he said.

"Aphids are just starting. Normally, they are controlled by natural enemies like parasitic wasps, but the conditions are just a little bit drier than usual, and aphids can really get going. Pay attention to any kind of damage that looks unusual," Giles concluded.



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### Building blessed

Fr. John Peter Swaminathan, Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell, blessed the new medical SSM Health Medical Group facility located next to PMH prior to the ribbon cutting last Friday morning as Kevin Lewis, Regional President of SSM Health Medical Group in Oklahoma, looked on.

## Growing herbs in containers

Melinda Myers  
For The Purcell Register

Keep your favorite herbs within easy reach for cooking and seasoning by growing them in containers. A few pots set by your door and grill or on the patio, deck, or balcony make it easy to include some homegrown flavor.

Start by growing those herbs you like to use for seasoning food and beverages, making pesto, or preserving. Include some with fragrance for a bit of aromatherapy or for your craft projects.

Make sure the plants you select will thrive in the amount of sunlight in the growing space. Most herbs prefer full sun but some like mint, thyme, chives, parsley, and lemon balm will tolerate some shade.

A bit of afternoon shade is welcome to many sun-loving plants growing in hotter regions. Check the plant tag or seed packet for detailed planting information.

You can grow individual plants in their own container. Place these among other pots to create an attractive display. Or mix several different herbs in one larger container to create a herb garden in a single pot. Make sure all the herbs will thrive in the same soil moisture and sunlight.

In general, place three or four plants in a 10-12" pot, four to six in a 14-16" container, and six to eight in a 16 to 20" planter. Adjust this number based on the size of the transplants purchased and the mature size and growth habit of the herb selected.

Use a container with drainage holes to provide proper drainage and reduce the risk of root rot. Terra cotta pots dry quickly and are a good choice for those gardening in wetter regions or who tend to overwater.

Plastic, fiberglass, and glazed

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### Late:

Some administrators say delays and inconsistencies devalue the whole grading system.

"There hasn't been a lot of consistency, which is what you really need," said Shannon Woodson, dean of academics for Moore Public Schools. "If you really want to track a school's growth, much less a student's growth, you need consistent measures and consistent timing. Because when the target moves, it's hard to aim at the target."

Sean McDaniel, superintendent of Oklahoma City Public Schools, said he's been looking forward to celebrating schools whose letter grades improved, but the extended delay has caused some uncertainty.

"State results are an important piece that we need and so we look forward to receiving our final data," he said.

Oklahoma Watch, at [oklahomawatch.org](http://oklahomawatch.org), is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization that covers public-policy issues facing the state.

pots don't dry out as quickly. Self-watering pots have water reservoirs to extend the time between watering.

Use a quality potting mix that provides adequate drainage, as most herbs require well-drained soil. Whether planting seeds or plants, you will want to leave space between the top of the potting mix and the container.

This allows you to water thoroughly without washing the soil out of the pot. Leave a space about half an inch in small planters and an inch or more between the top of the pot and potting mix in larger containers.

Water new plantings and seedlings often enough to keep the soil slightly moist. Gradually reduce frequency and water thoroughly when the top inch of soil is crumbly and dry.

Check containers once a day and more often in extremely hot weather. Water thoroughly as needed.

Reduce watering and increase success by incorporating Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets ([wildvalleyfarms.com](http://wildvalleyfarms.com)) into the planting mix. This sustainable soil amendment reduces watering by up to 25 percent and adds air space for better plant growth.

Harvest a few leaves and

stems as needed throughout the growing season. Regular harvesting encourages more growth for future harvests.

Herbs have the most intense flavor when harvested just before flowering. You can remove even more when large amounts of herbs are needed for preserving and craft projects.

Cut annual herbs back by 50 to 75 percent and perennial herbs by one-third at one time. The plants will recover for future harvests.

Make room for some herb-filled containers to enjoy this summer. They make great additions to outdoor gatherings for you and your guests to enjoy their beauty, fragrance, and flavor.

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### New clinic

Purcell Physician Bryan Dye made brief remarks at the ribbon cutting for the newest SSM Health Medical Group facility located next to Purcell Municipal Hospital as Kevin Lewis, Regional President of SSM Health Medical Group in Oklahoma, looked on. The ribbon cutting was held last Friday.

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## Purple martin on the move

A female purple martin hovers near a tree. Martins are known to gather green leaves as they finish their nests and lay eggs.

# 'Landlords' have fingers crossed for arriving purple martins

By Kelly Bostian

Oklahoma landlords have their fingers crossed for purple martins as the birds return this season for nesting.

Bad weather last year took a toll on the birds in many parts of the state. Oklahomans know these long-distance migrants from their distinctive white bellies with dark upper upper-body that often flock near water and chitter-chatter as they chase flying insects.

Females and first-year males, called sub-adults, are bluish-gray with light gray throats and breasts. Mature males are a distinctive dark purple with a white belly.

Some are more familiar with the birds' autumn behavior. In August, as they leave their nests and flock to fly south to South and Central America, they gather in flocks of tens of thousands. Tulsa Audubon Society hosts an evening "Roost Watch" annually for people to view the gathering of 100,000 or more birds.

Martins are the largest North American swallow species. Barn swallows and cliff swallows are roughly 6 inches long with a wingspan of nearly a foot. Martins are 7.5 to 8.5 inches with wingspans up to 15 or 16.

"Landlord" is the moniker for the people on whom martins depend. While they may nest in a cavity of any kind, the vast majority across the eastern United States nest in a gourd or "barn style" condos erected for the birds by people who love martins. The practice dates back to Native Americans attracting the bug-eaters to their villages with hanging gourds.

Anita Harp, who lives near Keystone Lake, is a champion of Oklahoma landlords with up to 176 nesting spots in her backyard, just about 50 of which are open to nesting birds so far this season, she said.

"The biggest misnomer for martins is that they send "scouts" early to look for nest locations," she said. "Some adults arrive early but they

don't fly back south to bring everyone else. If they move on they probably just stopped by and are continuing north."

It is important to keep martin nest spots closed until the birds arrive so they are not taken over by earlier nesting house sparrows or European starlings.

"I expect a lot more will be coming next week with the south wind," she said. "I hope they have a better year this year."

A nearly two-week period of cold rain just prior to Memorial Day 2022 knocked back flying insects and hit martins at the wrong time last season. The extended cold and lack of food doomed many of the birds.

Harp, who tracks her nests meticulously on spreadsheets, said her colony lost eight adults, 22 chicks, and 480 eggs that failed to hatch.

Later, with drought and heat in July and August birds abandoned nests, she said.

"Sometimes the babies will just jump when it gets too hot, and I've seen the adults just abandon the nest when it's too hard to survive in that heat," she said.

Patience, location, and care are the keys to bringing martins to your home, she said.

She erected her first house in 2005 and it took four years for the first martins to settle in it, she said. Over the past 12 years, she has learned a great deal. Harp regularly offers advice to people on Facebook groups dedicated to purple martins and is active with the national Purple Martin Conservation Association.

She offered a few tips to would-be martin landlords:

- Scout your area for other landlords and see what kinds of houses they use. Martins like the same sort of houses in which they are hatched.

- It's fine to start out with an inexpensive model and upgrade after that. After you establish a colony, then you can mix it up with other house types.

- Prepare your houses with bedding of clean pine needles

before it's time for martins to arrive. Early arrivals need all the help they can get, especially if the weather is like this season, cold and warm, and cold again.

- Keep door openings closed until you see martins scouting around your house, otherwise, sparrows will move in early and the martins will pass it by.

- It can be a good idea to treat nest cavities with a small amount of five percent Sevin dust. Mites can kill newly hatched chicks.

- Protect nests with a predator guard to stop raccoons and netting to stop snakes. Check the netting often so you can remove and relocate the snakes.

- Check nests weekly once the martins start laying eggs to watch for mites or detect other issues. Keep records of what you see. That will help you improve from season to season.

Kelly Bostian is an independent writer working for the Oklahoma Ecology Project, a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to in-depth reporting about environmental issues for Oklahomans.

# Design a deer-resistant garden without the fence

Melinda Myers  
For The Purcell Register

Deer are common visitors to landscapes even in urban and suburban areas. Fencing is the most effective way to protect your plants but is not always practical or desirable.

Your community may have restrictions on fencing, your budget may not support this option, or you prefer not to hide your plantings behind a fence.

Growing a beautiful garden despite the deer is possible but takes planning, persistence, and flexibility. You must be willing to change strategies as needed to minimize deer damage.

Deer dining patterns can vary from one part of your neighborhood to another and from year to year. You have probably reviewed deer-resistant plant lists only to find a few of the plants frequently damaged in your yard included on the list.

No plant is immune from hungry deer, but some are a bit less palatable than others.

Look for plants with these characteristics next time you go plant shopping. Include plants with fuzzy or hairy leaves, those with prickly or thorny stems, thick and leathery leaves, and strong fragrances that deer tend to avoid. Even though this is not one hundred percent, plant selection should be part of your strategy for reducing the risk of damage.

Make note of the plants selected and how the deer responded. It will help as you make future additions to the garden.

There are toxic plants that deer avoid, including daffodils, ferns, false blue indigo, poppies, euphorbias, and bleeding hearts to name a few. Some of these are also toxic to people



and pets so do your research before adding them to the landscape.

Some gardeners find combining the less favored plants with those the deer love helps discourage feeding. Planting strongly scented lavender next to roses or surrounding a garden of deer favorites with thyme can help discourage deer browsing.

Diversifying plantings is also a good strategy for reducing the risk of insects and diseases infecting and destroying gardens filled with just one type of plant.

Look for pathways frequented or used to enter your landscape. Find ways to disrupt their regular routes to keep them moving along past your landscape. A trellis or a few posts covered with vines may be enough to limit access.

Points of access are great places to apply repellents like organic Plantskydd (plantskydd.com). The deer take a whiff and move along before taking a bite out of any plants. The same holds true for those key plants favored by deer. It's rain and snow resistant so you don't need to apply it as often as other repellent products.

Plant a deer-detering hedge. Some gardeners use deer favorites, allowing the deer to munch on these plants as they

continue past your yard. Other gardeners fill the hedge with prickly, smelly, and less desirable plants. Deer will take a bite and move along. Plant these close together to discourage deer from pushing through in search of better-tasting plants.

Design round or square beds with more space in the middle and less perimeter. Long narrow beds allow easy access to all the plants in the garden.

Keep in mind deer are focused on finding food while you have other priorities to consider. You need to be vigilant and persistent, adapting as the deer's eating habits change to be successful.

Your efforts will be rewarded as you grow an attractive garden without the help of a fence.

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**Webb:**

Bank.

Mary and husband, Todd, made their home in Purcell in 1996 and are the owners of Golden Years, a residential home in Konawa for adults with mental disabilities.

Mary and Todd have two sons, Cody and wife Morgan, Brett and fiancé Johnna. They also have four, soon to be five, grandchildren in Lane, Tripp, Baker, Karter and Legend (coming 4/17). Both of Mary's children are Purcell alumni and the three school-aged grandchildren are current students in Purcell Schools.

In her spare time, she loves supporting her grandchildren in their many adventures, spending time with her friends and family, attending various Dragon events and being a Mimi.

"Mary has always been a strong supporter of Purcell Schools and looks forward to serving her community in this capacity," Dr. McAdoo said.

In the mainly routine meeting, board members rehired most of the certified teachers and listed other hirings and personnel matters coming out of executive session.

Amy Stone was hired as a media specialist splitting time

between the high school and junior high.

Chloe Windham was hired as an intermediate school teacher and Elizabeth Scott was hired as an elementary school teacher.

Dr. Sheli McAdoo reported Kelton Clary is moving from the junior high school to the high school and April Trumbo is moving from her role as librarian to a computer broadcasting role taking the place of Scott Wood who has resigned.

The district's utility employee Debbie Frankenberg, "is retiring again," Dr. McAdoo said with a chuckle. "She and Debbie Feroli have been wonderful in helping us when we are in a pinch. We really appreciate them."

In other routine business the board:

- approved fundraisers for football, boys track, high school cheer and girls basketball.

- approved the PACT request for negotiations and named the district's negotiating team.

- made no changes in the district's transfer policy.

- changed their bank account at First United to a business account so they could do more transactions without penalty yet still draw interest.

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**Banquet:**

out, is being sponsored by OEC and OEC Fiber.

At the banquet, the Purcell Citizen of the Year will be announced along with the Giving Time recipients from the City of Purcell and chamber of commerce and the Town of Goldsby Organization of

the Year.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with decision makers from the Heart of Oklahoma businesses and have a night of camaraderie and celebration," Chamber Executive Director Elisabeth Baker said.

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**Haley:**

both Marilyn and Tenna Garrett. I also enjoyed working with the Precinct Officials. The Oklahoma Election System is the best system in the world. There are a million procedures that all come together on Election Day so voters can cast their ballots. It is a fascinating process and I really enjoy it.

**Q: What has changed with the way elections are held since you started as Secretary in 2013?**

A: The biggest change since 2008 has to be the office computers. Believe it or not we did not use personal computers until 2011. Before that we used "Green Screens." They were terminal monitors that had a host computer that did the processing. The change to a Windows based platform was monumental.

**Q: How does the voting system Oklahoma uses stack up to others in the country?**

A: All 77 Counties in Oklahoma use the same auditable and verifiable, paper ballot-based voting system. Oklahoma voting devices cannot be connected to the internet and have built-in security features. Every step of the election process - from the Precinct level to the State level - is protected by an intricate security plan. To learn more about Election Security you go to elections.ok.gov.

**Q: What's the most challenging part of your job?**

A: Finding and keeping good

From page 1A

**OSBI:**

the incident and will provide a report to the district attorney's office once the investigation is completed.

Assisting at the scene were the Oklahoma Highway Patrol,

Precinct Officials to work on Election Day is a tremendous challenge. I spend a lot of time recruiting and training people. McClain County currently has 26 Polling Places and the law requires that there be 3 people at every Polling Place from 6 a.m. to after 7 p.m. on Election Day. When someone calls in sick, I have to start calling to find someone willing to be a substitute. I am very thankful for the Precinct Officials who have shown up and worked faithfully over the past 14 years.

**Q: What's the most satisfying part of the job?**

A: I love the people I work with in the office every day. We work well together to make sure every election held in McClain County is done accurately. There are so many things that have to happen for you to cast your ballot in any election; far too many to list here. When each election is finally certified it is very satisfying to know that my team and I have done our best to make sure voters in McClain County were able to exercise their right to vote. We also have a great group of people outside of the office who help us. The McClain County Sheriff's Office provides security and manual labor sometimes. The McClain County 4-H Kids help us tremendously on Election night by carrying in all of the election supplies brought in by the Precinct Officials.

the Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Department, the Grady County Sheriff's Department, Newcastle Police and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI).

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**FFA:**

He explained he grew up helping his family run a cattle and poultry operation while being involved in FFA himself.

"If you eat, you are involved in agriculture," he said.

It is clear Hardaway has a passion for teaching students the importance of representing all aspects of agriculture in a positive light.

His goals include shaping leaders who advocate for agriculture and share their passion with others.

"FFA members in Oklahoma perform at a high level in competitions," the new teacher said.

He plans to bring the Wayne FFA Chapter up to the level of other Oklahoma chapters.

Hardaway says there is a lot of potential with the students at Wayne. He plans to provide them with education and opportunities so they may rise to their potential.

"I am ready to put in the hours to get these kids ready for success," he confirmed.

The Ag Communications and Conduct of Chapter Meetings Teams are two particular areas he plans to emphasize.

There is a lot of negativity directed towards farming and ranching today. Hardaway says these teams teach students how to effectively communicate the truth about farming and ranching.

"Misinformation plays on emotion, not facts," he said.

He hopes students learn to share the truth about agriculture through, "Information and cold hard facts."

Hardaway hopes to help students find a healthy balance between their time commitments to family, school, sports, FFA, and other activities they may have. He understands the pressure young people face today and wants his students

to enjoy their time in FFA, not just power through it.

Superintendent Ringwald said, "Mr. Hardaway has brought passion and excitement into our FFA program. He actively promotes the leadership aspect of FFA and is tirelessly working with students to help them achieve all they can."

Hardaway wants students to know that there is something for every area of interest in FFA and that there are opportunities for all students to be involved.

He has the support of his fiancé, Reagan Glass who will graduate from OSU in May with a degree in Ag Communications.

Hardaway said he plans to start a small cow/calf operation soon.

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**Brush:**

Purcell residents living east of Green Ave. between Grant and Highway 39 need to have brush and limbs at the curb by Sunday, May 14.

The city will pick up that debris between Monday, May 15, and Friday, May 19.

Purcell residents living west of Green Ave. between Grant Street and Highway 39 need to have brush and limbs at the curb by Sunday, May 21.

The city will pick up that debris between Monday, May 22, and Friday, May 26.

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## Wayne gets 11-0 win

Districts are out and Wayne will be in Velma next Thursday

**Emily Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Bulldogs got an 11-0 win over Springer Monday night to move their overall record to 14-6.

“We took care of business and did what we were supposed to do against Springer,” head coach Shane Collins said.

Ty Kemp threw a no-hitter, going four innings and striking out six.

Wayne had 10 hits in the win.

Last week they were in

Kaleb Madden was on the bump and once again, he did great for Wayne, throwing 65% strikes.

He struck out six, allowed 7 runs on 10 hits and walked two.

### Rush Springs

In their second pool play game, Wayne jumped out on top scoring three runs in the first inning.

They added one each in the second and third innings before the Redskins got on the board in the third with four runs.

“We took care of business and did what we were supposed to against Springer.”

— **Shane Collins, head coach**

Elmore City for the ECP Invitational.

They split their pool play games, a 7-4 loss to Wynnewood and a 13-5 win over Rush Springs.

Despite making it to the third place game, Wayne forfeited on Saturday due to Friday night’s Prom.

### Wynnewood

The Savages pushed three runs across, striking first. Wayne took a 4-3 lead after scoring two runs in the bottom of both the first and second innings. But, that’s all she wrote for Wayne.

“We hit the ball well and we were better on the base paths, but errors killed us,” Collins said.

The Bulldogs finished the game with seven hits. Rhett Kennedy and Wyatt Webster had two each.

The Bulldogs added five more runs in the fifth inning. Ben Fischer singled, Aiden Beck was hit by a pitch and Madden doubled to help push runs across the plate.

Wayne finished with 14 hits and 13 RBIs. Rhett Kennedy was 3-5 at the plate while Madden was 2-4. Lane Jones was 3-3 with an RBI.

Wayne had a third round with Wynnewood on Tuesday night. And are scheduled to host Dibble on Monday.

### Districts

Wayne will be in Velma next Thursday with the Comets and Empire.

Game one is Wayne vs. Empire at 12 p.m. The Bulldogs will play Velma right after.

Velma is 13-3 on the season and ranked #20 in Class A. Empire has a 5-11 record.

## Tournament champions

Washington defeated three of the top-ranked 6A teams

**John Denny Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

The Washington softball team went undefeated en route to claiming the championship of their own tournament Thursday and Friday.

They went 7-0 in the Washington Invitational Tournament and outscored their opponents 101 to 36.

Washington picked up seven wins over the two-day tournament.

Washington head coach Tylor Lampkin credited his team’s offensive production for the tournament win.

“We finally hit the ball really well,” he said. “We strung together some hits and I felt like we didn’t leave runners on base. It was timely hitting.”

### Latta

The Warriors opened with

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### Champions

The Washington slow-pitch softball team claimed the championship at their own tournament Saturday evening after they defeated Class 6A No. 1 Mustang 23-13. They outscored their opponents 101 to 36 in the tournament.

## Warriors runners-up at Jones

Team bears down on remaining District schedule

**John Denny Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

Washington took second place in the competitive Bo Duren Tournament at Jones.

They defeated Oklahoma Christina school (10-2) and Heritage Hall (9-5) before falling 6-1 against Silo.

“It was three good days of baseball,” Washington head coach Jeff Kulbeth said.

### OCS

Washington opened the tournament against OCS and starting pitcher Jackson Hill.

“He had the tightest slider we’ve seen all year,” Kulbeth said.

Cam Bates was 2-3 with a walk and plated a couple of runs. He doubled on both hits.

Jake Wells had three ribbies.

Tristin Babbitt struck out seven batters and only allowed one walk.

Jonathon Montoya came on in relief and struck out two batters in the final inning.

### Heritage Hall

Washington defeated the Chargers in the second game of the tournament.

Heritage Hall threw lefty Julius Ejike-Charles, who is a Tulane University commitment. He struck out 10 batters.

Despite facing quality pitching Washington still got production from the lineup.

Dax McCaskill had two RBIs and Marlon Moore was 2-5.

Nate Roberts and Kade Norman both doubled.

Norman got the start on the bump and

Owen Andrews came on in relief.

### Silo

Washington fell 6-1 to the Rebels in the finals.

With multiple Districts series looming in the week ahead Kulbeth set up his pitching for the next week.

Freshmen Kale Brakefield and Liam Keltner answered the call on the mound.

“That’s what the District schedule does sometimes,” Kulbeth said. “We knew Lindsay would be ready to go Monday.”

Silo, the defending Class 2A champion, threw Oklahoma State commit Tyler Proctor.

Washington wasn’t able to piece much together offensively.

Please see **Warriors**, page 4B

## Dragons hosting 34th Heart

Finish runners-up in Newcastle Wood Bat Tournament

**John D. Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

Purcell’s Dragons are hosting the 34th annual Heart of Oklahoma baseball Tournament starting today (Thursday) and running through Friday.

The championship game is slated for 4 p.m. Saturday.

In addition to the Dragons, this year’s field includes Newcastle, Destiny Christian, Asher, Pauls Valley, CCS, Lexington and Little Axe.

The Dragons open the first round at 12:30 p.m. against Little Axe.

A complete bracket can be found in this week’s **Purcell Register**.

“This will be a competitive tournament,” head coach Cole Sharp said.

“There are good teams in it. Every game will be exciting and I’m looking forward to our tournament starting Thursday.”

Monday Purcell erupted for seven big runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to erase a 4-3 deficit and went on to run-rule Holdenville at home, 14-4.

Boston Knowles was a beast at the plate and a thief on the base paths.

The sophomore was a perfect 4-4 with his bat and swiped four bases.

As a team Purcell stole 11 bases with Cole Smedley stealing three and Jett Tyler, two.

Also recording steals in the game were Drew Kimbrell and Zach Idlett, who

pocketed the pitching victory, striking out seven in six innings of work.

Tyler went 3-3 at the plate with a pair of RBIs.

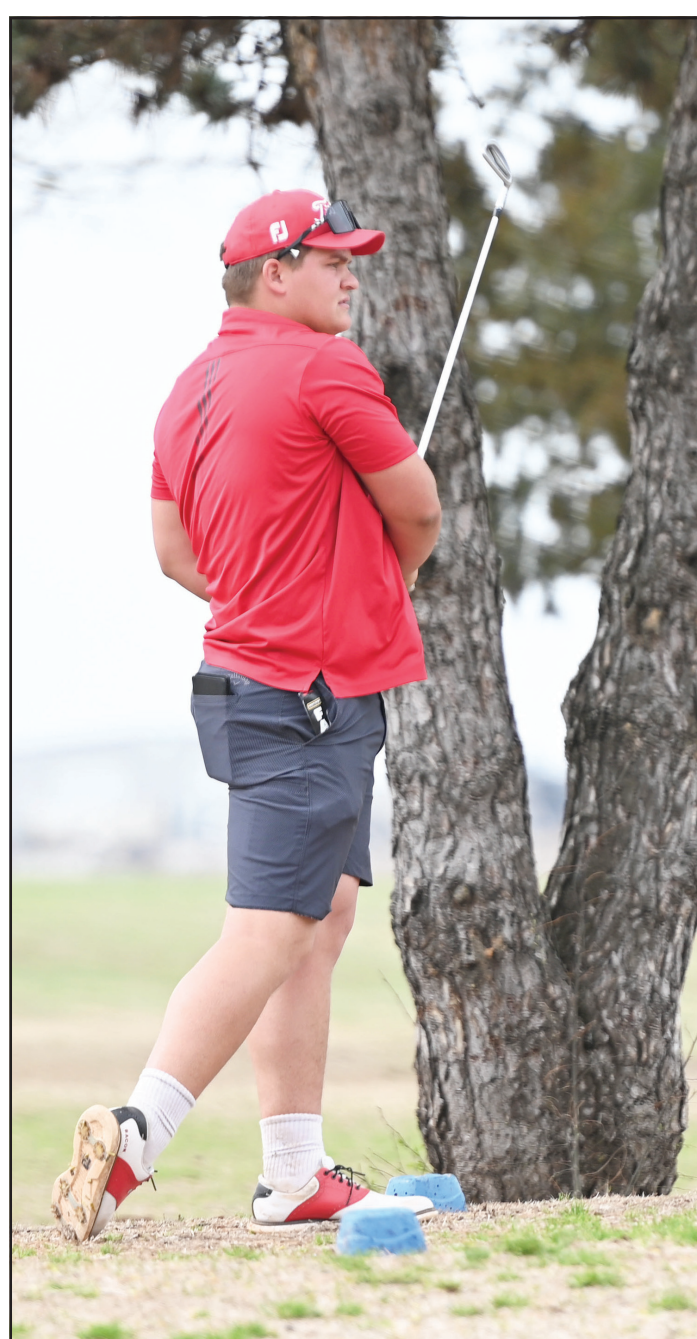
Smedley was 2-2 with two RBIs and Idlett went 2-3 with three RBIs.

Smedley, Knowles and Bryce Blair all had doubles in the rout.

As a team, the Dragons pounded out 13 hits.

“From the second inning on we scored in every inning and we like to see that as an offensive production. Scoring in every inning puts pressure on the op-

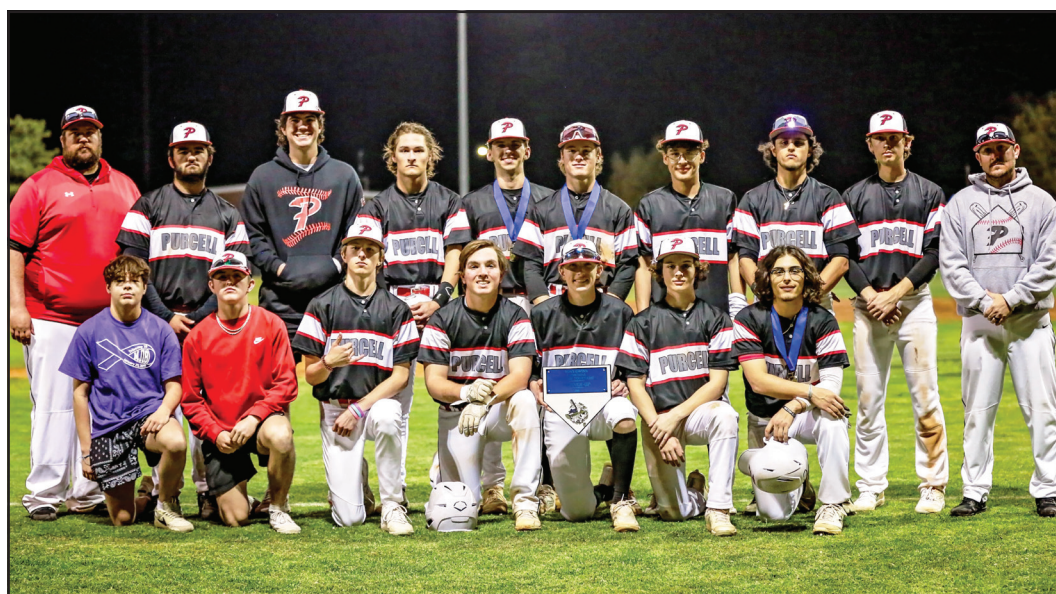
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John Denny Montgomery • The Purcell Register

### The stare

Purcell senior Brendon Bacon watches intently as his ball flies towards No. 10 green at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course. Bacon shot 86 and made All-Conference.



Stephanie Knowles  
For The Purcell Register

### Runners-up

The Purcell baseball team went 2-1 and took runners-up honors at the Newcastle Wood Bat Tournament over the weekend.

# PHS notches win over North 14-11 in extra innings

Sarah Jones' Dragons neatly tucked an extra-inning road victory at Norman North Monday.

Purcell persevered for a 14-11 victory in nine innings.

The Timberwolves actually out-hit the Dragons 21-14.

"But we kept their hits to singles and got some really big outs and a couple double plays," Jones said.

"Kyleigh Wells led us going 4-4 at the plate with 4 RBI's," the coach reported.

Mac McKay went 2-4 with 3 RBI's while Ella Resendiz popped a couple of hits with an RBI.

Hannah Whitaker (1 RBI), Anika Raper (1 RBI), Kyleigh Green (1 RBI), Kailynn Helton, KK Eck (2 RBI's) and Kelly Anderson all had hits as well.

"We also got to play a JV game Monday for the first time so a lot of girls had some extra at-bats, which was really needed," Jones said.

"Isa Walker and Aubrey Elmore tried it out on the mound and did well. Our confidence is coming around and that is what we need going into the playoffs," the coach confirmed.

Purcell found the sledding tough in the Washington Tournament last weekend.

"We had a rough go in the Washington Invitational," Jones said after her club lost to Dibble, Mustang, Silo and Plainview.

"Our defense struggled and when things were finally going our way, we couldn't keep it together. Our bats are coming around, though, and we are hitting the best that we have all season," she concluded.

Purcell was scheduled to play at Blanchard Tuesday and play on the road Friday in the Dale Festival.

Districts will be held at Sulphur next Wednesday with Sulphur and Byng.



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## Locked in

Lexington freshman Brodie Anderson waits for the ball during the Washington Invitational Softball Tournament. The Bulldogs begin the District tournament Thursday, April 20 in Hobart.

# Districts on deck

Lexington is in Hobart next Thursday with Bearcats, Minco

**Emily Montgomery**  
**The Purcell Register**

The Lady 'Dawgs fell to Class 4A #2 Prague Monday, 17-6.

"We just were not efficient at the plate. We had bases loaded twice but no runs scored," head coach Monty Ervin said.

Lexington finished the game with 12 hits with Brodie Anderson leading the way with three. Izzy Pack, Abby Sample and Lexie Torres had two each.

Despite three homeruns in the game, the Lady Bulldogs couldn't pull out the win.

Anderson and Sample each

had a long ball in the fourth innings. Kielely Givens hit it out in the fifth.

### Washington tournament

Last week, Lexington was in the Washington tournament. They were a host site for pool play games with Southmoore, Lindsay and Cache on Thursday.

They went 1-2 in pool play, losing 16-6 to Southmoore, winning 9-7 over Lindsay and losing 17-4 to Cache.

They picked up an 11-10 win over a good Davis team, according to Ervin, but lost to Dibble, 7-4, to end their tournament play.

"We're hitting over .400 as a team, but not getting that key hit when we need it," Ervin said.

Despite an up and down tournament, Ervin is pleased with his team.

"We're really young and we have to continue to learn to win. We played with some tough teams, but we couldn't respond when we needed to."

Ervin said he continues to see improvement. He mentioned Baylee Rillema.

"Baylee is stronger physically and mentally and she's done well, despite being moved to a few positions that she has little comfort playing," Ervin said.

He also mentioned junior Abby Sample.

"Abby has pulled her load all season. She's come around leaps and bounds."

The Lady 'Dawgs have Little Axe today (Thursday) then Blanchard on Monday for senior night.

They will be at Norman North next Tuesday for double header to conclude the regular season.

### Districts

Lexington will be in Hobart next Thursday for Districts with the Bearcats and Minco.

The Bulldogs will play Minco at noon.

"Our nucleus is right on track to go make some noise in Districts. If we can go together and put it all together, we'll walk into Regionals."

Lexington was beat out of Districts last year by Colera.



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## Sure out

Purcell freshman Rosie Smith makes an out at first base after catching the ball from Cora Vasquez during the Dragons' game against Mustang. Purcell fell 13-4.



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## Tracking it

Lexington senior Izzy Pack attempts to catch a softball near the wall during the Bulldogs' game against Cache. Lexington was defeated 17-5.

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# Final grind

The schedule is winding down with Districts on the horizon

**Emily Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

The Lexington Bulldogs dropped a 23-2 loss to District foe Heritage Hall on Monday night.

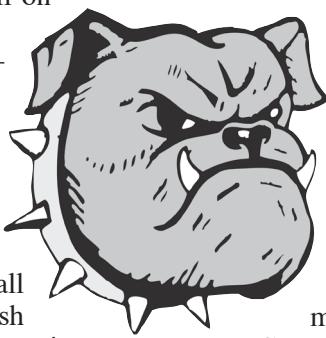
Buddy Cormany's hit in the second inning was a bright spot for Lex.

They were scheduled to be at Heritage Hall on Tuesday to finish out the two-game series.

Last week, Lexington lost both games in a doubleheader with Bethel, 25-6 and 14-0.

It took a bevy of pitchers to get through those two games.

Drew Dierking had a home-run and a single in the first game. And, Colby Haynes' double in the second inning of



game two was a positive.

On Friday they picked up a 14-3 win over Little Axe, but lost to the OKC Knights, 14-6.

The 'Dawgs had 13 hits in the win over the Indians. Zeke Faulkenberry, Skylar Rollins, Ryan Johnson, Cormany and Dierking and Dax Beason all had multiple hits.

Cormany also had four RBIs. Rollins had three.

Johnson was on the mound for Lexington. He went the distance and gave up three runs on three hits and struck out nine.

Lexington is in the Heart of Oklahoma Tournament in Purcell starting Thursday. They will play CCS at 3 p.m.

From page 1B

# Heart:

posing team," head coach Cole Scott said.

"We took care of business and got a key district win," the coach continued. "We have to keep this momentum going into the next two weeks, especially down the stretch here getting ready for the playoffs."

Last week the Dragons went .500 dropping a 12-10 contest to Heritage Hall and fell to Newcastle, 8-4 in the championship contest of the Newcastle Wood Bat Tournament.

But the Dragons shut out CCS 2-0 and topped Clinton, 12-4 in the tournament to reach the title game.

Boston Knowles paced the Dragon offense against Clinton going 2-2 with two RBIs. He walked once and stole a base.

Smedley, Idlett and Kimbrell had the other three Purcell hits. Smedley drove in a pair of base runners.

Deaken Dobbins pitched a complete game holding the Red Tomatoes to two hits.

"I like Deaken's competitive nature on the mound. I was pleased with the effort from all our kids. We had kids diving for balls and you can't coach effort that is within the kids doing that and that is what a coach loves to see from his kids," the coach said.

In the victory over CCS to begin the tournament Knowles went the distance scattering three hits over the course of the seven inning affair.

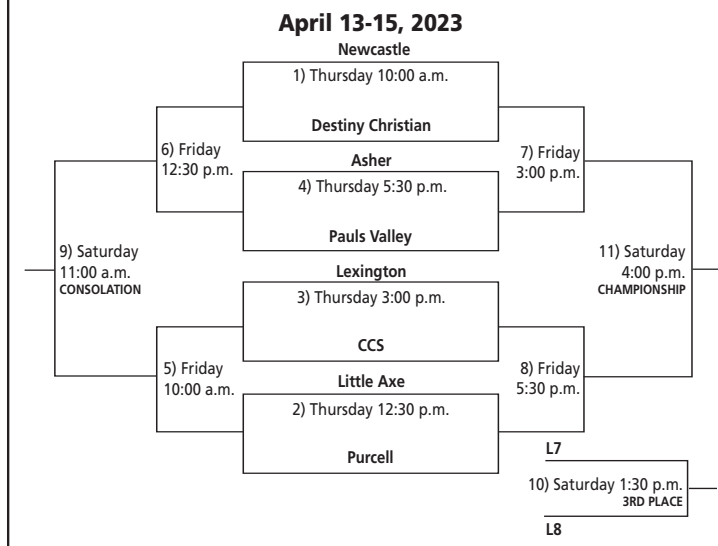
Parker Page had the only Dragon hit in the game.

"Boston is pitching well for us and he continued that against CCS," Sharp said. "He attacked the zone all day and put pressure on the CCS hitters all game. He came after them and competed. He was locked in all game. He only had 88 pitches through seven complete innings," the coach said.

Cole said he averaged 12.5 pitches per inning which is really good.

"Usually the average is 16-18," Sharp said. "He had quick

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innings all day. Our bats were quiet most of the day only getting one hit which came from Parker Page. I was proud of the way our kids came out against CCS and we played a complete defensive game. That is what we have to have all the time."

Page took the loss on the mound against Newcastle when once again the Dragon sticks were relatively silent. Logan Roberts came in relief for three

innings. "Give Newcastle pitchers credit they did a good job keeping us off balance," Sharp said. "We did have a little rally in the third when we scored two runs."

"I was very pleased with our bench and kids in being involved and having good energy throughout the game as well as the fans who came and supported us. It was a playoff type atmosphere with the energy we

brought. We have to continue to bring that same energy through the remainder of the year," Sharp said.

Purcell trimmed their errors from eight in the first Heritage Hall loss to only three in the second but the result was the same, a 12-10 Heritage Hall victory.

The Dragons pounded out eight hits with Knowles and Roberts leading the way with two hits each.

One of Knowles' hits was a triple. He paced the squad with three RBIs. Sharp also got hits from Idlett, Smedley and Carter Goldston. Designated hitter Bryce Blair had a two RBI single. Idlett, Smedley, Page and Goldston all had RBIs in the game.

Purcell was scheduled to travel to Holdenville on Tuesday before hosting the Heart later in the week.

**Dragon notes:** Purcell notched three players on the Newcastle All-Tournament team including **Logan Roberts**, **Boston Knowles** and **Parker Page**.

Purcell is scheduled to play host to Bethel next Monday and travel to Bethel on Tuesday.

# Final stretch before Districts

Wayne is in Stratford with Mangum next week

**Emily Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

Monday night Nikki Herrin and her Lady Bulldogs were in Ada and they picked up a 15-13 win over the 5A Cougars.

"The girls showed a lot of fight. Ada kept pushing back, but the girls kept fighting and putting more runs on the board," Herrin said.

Wayne got on board first, scoring two in the top of the first, three in the top of the second and two more in the top of the third.

Ada answered with five runs in the bottom of the third.

Wayne's bats were hot and they added six more runs through the next three innings.

Ada made things interesting and tied it up 13-all going into the seventh inning.

Faith Brazell hit a solo home-run to pull ahead. Another run scored to give Wayne the 15-13 lead and eventual win.

The Lady Bulldogs had 20 hits including three homeruns. Brazell had her swat in the seventh. Kaylee Madden had a grand slam in the fourth and another long ball in the sixth.

Madden had a team-high seven ribbies.

"We had a good hitting day. We were glad to have runners on base when we hit our homeruns," Herrin said.

Last week, Wayne got a 12-0 win over Crooked Oak

on Thursday.

They had nine hits in the win from nine different players. Alyssa Hobson, Emily Woody, Allison Ryan, Zoe Overley, Lily Whitaker, Jordynn Debaets, Ava Stottlemire, Madden and Brazell each had a hit.

Madden and Ryan's hits were homeruns.

Last Tuesday, Wayne dropped a 5-0 loss to Lexington.

"We were hitting the ball, but it was right to them most of the time. Lexington was hitting the gaps better than us in that game," Herrin said.

Wayne finished the game with six hits. Two from Ryan and one each from Woody, Madden, Brazell and Brysten Shephard.

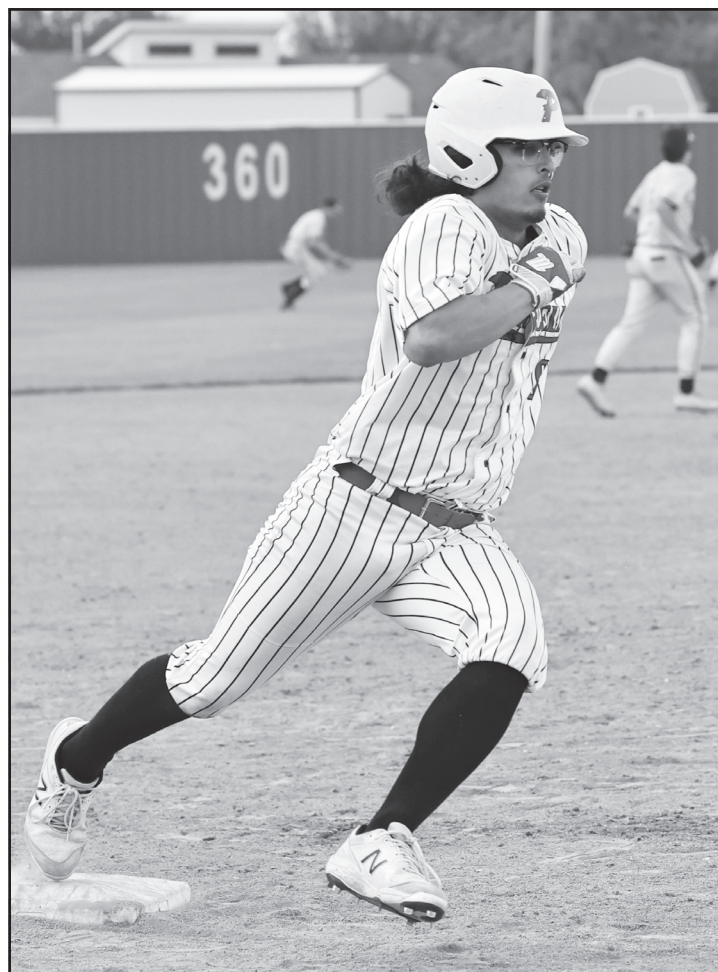
The rest of the week is packed for the Lady Bulldogs.

Tuesday night they were scheduled to host Lindsay. Then they travel to Allen on Thursday for a three-way with Allen and Byng.

Friday is a doubleheader with Konawa.

Monday and Tuesday's games are up in the air. Herrin is looking for replacement games for Stratford and Central for Monday and Tuesday.

District pairings are out and the Lady Bulldogs will be in Stratford along with Mangum. Wayne plays at 1 p.m. against Mangum. The loser of game one will play Stratford after.



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## Headed for home

**Purcell senior** Logan Roberts scores a run in the fourth inning against Holdenville after Cole Smedley drove him in. The Dragons defeated the Wolverines 14-4.



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## Down and ready

**Wayne senior** shortstop Kaylee Madden gets her glove in position to make a play for the Lady Bulldogs. Madden and her team have a double header with Konawa on Friday.



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## No problem

**Washington senior** Skylar Wells fields a fly ball from her second base position during the Washington Invitational Softball Tournament, which the Warriors won.

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## Champs:

an eight-run first inning and didn't take their foot off the gas against Latta.

Washington hit nine home runs in the game.

Elly Allison (2), Addy Larman, Ellie Loveless, Tinley Lucas (2), Emjay Lucas and Maggie Place (2) all went yard. One of Place's was a grand slam.

"We had 56 home runs for the week," Lampkin said. "Some teams hit that many in a season."

### Valliant

Washington beat Valliant 10-0 in the first of two shutouts for the Warriors in the tournament.

"Any time you can shut somebody out in a slow-pitch game that's incredible," Lampkin said.

Washington made multiple double plays in the game.

After a seven-run Warrior first inning the game was not in doubt.

### Davis

Washington made it a short game in the Davis match up, scoring six in the first and 10 in the second for the run rule.

Loveless and Tinley Lucas both homered twice.

### Moore

The Warriors held Class 6A No. 6 Moore to a mere five runs in their Friday match up.

Washington again got off to a fast start, putting up four runs in the first and two more in the second inning.

"We played with a bit of an edge because we knew there were some big schools coming in," Lampkin said. "When we play with that edge it sure makes a difference."

### Southmoore

Washington scored four runs in the sixth inning to seal the

deal against the Class 6A No. 3 Sabercats.

"We held Moore and Southmoore to under five runs," Lampkin said. "We take a lot of pride in that."

### Broken Bow

Washington pounded Class 5A No. 5 18-5.

Seven runs in the first inning and nine in the third overwhelmed the Savages.

Allison, Place, Oliva Palumbo and Abby Wood had home runs.

"Our eight to 10 hole hitters had a really good week," Lampkin said. "Whether in was Addie or Emersyn at catcher, Olivia in the eight hole or Alexis, they were on base and let the power players in the top half of the lineup get them in."

### Mustang

The Warriors defeated Mustang 23-13 in the finals, which looked kind of like a home run derby.

Allison (3), Loveless (2), Palumbo, Place (2), Emjay Lucas and Skylar Wells all homered.

"Overall I'm proud of these guys and we hit our stride offensively," Lampkin said. "It was a really good tournament. Washington is ranked No. 1 in Class 3A and are 29-2."

## Warrior softball

- 4/6 W Latta (4A-#8) 20-9
- 4/6 W Valliant (4A-#7) 10-0
- 4/6 W Davis (4A) 16-0
- 4/7 W Moore (6A-#6) 9-5
- 4/7 W Southmoore (6A-#3) 5-4
- 4/7 W Broken Bow (5A-#5) 18-5
- 4/7 W Mustang (6A-#2) 23-13

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## Warriors:

"Our pitchers got behind in counts and we had a couple base-running errors," Kulbeth said. "When you play guys like Silo they'll put all kinds of pressure on you."

### Lindsay

The Warriors came back Monday and defeated Lindsay 3-1.

Marlon Moore started on the mound and was relieved by Montoya for the final inning.

Wells had a pair of RBIs and Sutton Moore went yard in the second inning.

That's all the offense Washington would need as their defense held Lindsay to one run.

The Warriors will close the season with District series against Lindsay, Comanche and Davis.

"It's that time of year and we have to get geared up and ready to go for playoff time," Kulbeth said.

Washington is 19-3 this season.



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## High and inside

**Washington junior** Marlon Moore avoids an inside pitch against Lindsay Monday afternoon. The Warriors defeated the Leopards 3-1. Moore was hit by a pitch in the game and scored a run.

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## Pick play

**Washington junior** Dax McCaskill waits at first base for the ball from the pitcher during the Warriors' 3-1 win over Lindsay Monday.



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## Making the play

**Purcell sophomore** Eila Resendiz tosses the ball to Hannah Whitaker for an out during the Dragons' game against Dibble. They fell 19-10.

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10:50 a.m. Morning Worship  
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### Sunray Baptist Church

A good number were in the congregation for our Easter service. Melisa Dubbs sang "Forever" for the morning special. Brother John used John 12:20-25 for his sermon telling of Jesus and His last week of ministry. Jesus shared the necessity of the cross. The crucifixion had to take place. He used the illustration of the wheat seed having to die and fall to the ground before bringing much fruit. Jesus was the "first born"

from the dead. His resurrection was necessary. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, there is no salvation. Life without Christ is hopeless. When you come to Christ you lay the "old life" down. We gain a resurrection in Christ. We have a new life. Our children enjoyed their annual Easter egg hunt. There was no evening service. This week our senior adults will travel to Libby's in Goldsby for lunch at 11 a.m. on Friday. The BMAO Mid-year meeting will be Saturday at

Pleasant Hill in Blanchard. This coming Sunday at 5 p.m. we will have a quarterly business meeting, followed by snacks and fellowship. Come to Sunray Baptist Church! There is a place for you to worship, learn, serve, make friends, grow in your faith, experience God's grace and to share in God's work. John Wylie serves as our pastor. We are located at 2223 N. 9th in Purcell. For additional information call 405-527-6808.

### Green Avenue Church of Christ

This past Wednesday we continued our studies in 1 Timothy 5 by finishing up the section dealing with the widows (vv. 1-11). Our plan is to begin this week with verse 17 where Paul begins to lay out some other bits of instruction regarding elders, Timothy's health, bondservants and such like. Sunday morning, our Bible study is examining the issue of human sexuality. The first two Bible principles on that issue were introduced, namely gender (Genesis 1:27) and marriage (Genesis 2:23-25). "The Women at the Cross" was the title of the Sunday morning sermon. Keith Shackelford examined the accounts in the gospels where they detailed the women who attended upon Jesus. By looking at all four gospels we learned there are about eight identified women (and some others which are not). These women

witnessed the event of the crucifixion and some of them went to the tomb, and one of them was the first witness of Jesus' resurrection, namely Mary Magdalene. In addition to learning all we could about the named women, the sermon also discussed the reasons they were in Jerusalem, when they might have learned of Jesus' peril, how they likely felt when they realized He would be crucified and the deep joy of His resurrection. The apostle Paul had many detractors, some of them began to influence the Corinthian church. We saw evidence of this in 2 Corinthians 10-13. The text of 2 Corinthians 13:4 was the basis of the sermon Sunday night: "For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you." This sermon went into the

contextual reasons why some thought Paul was inferior to other apostles, and then showed that the same attitudes were held against Jesus. Then we learned that just as Jesus lived among men in the same weak human flesh, susceptible to pain, sorrow and death - the power of God was on vivid display when He rose from the dead to live forevermore. We learned that Paul's point was paralleling the plight of Jesus with himself and also with those who will live godly, faithful lives. We may appear weak in so many areas, but if we live, if we are strong, it will be from the power of God. We invite you to meet with us for Bible study at 7 p.m. Wednesday night and 9:45 a.m. Sunday and our worship services on Sundays are 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Bible correspondence courses are available, call 405-527-4052.

### Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

April 16, 2023 is the second Sunday of Easter. The Gospel reading, John 20:19-31, takes place in the evening of the day of Jesus' resurrection. Can you imagine how the disciples must have felt? Within the preceding week, several incredibly difficult events occurred. When Jesus died, the disciples were in despair. How could the man they followed and believed to be the Messiah have died? Then three days after he died, they see the risen Jesus. Certainly, they were joyful but maybe they were a bit embarrassed by their earlier thoughts that Jesus had died just like other human beings. Perhaps they did not believe their own eyes. In any case,

they had gathered in a room with the doors closed. Jesus came and stood before them. He showed them his hands and side. Thomas was not with them at this meeting. When he was told by the others that they had seen the Lord, he basically said he would have to see it to believe it. Poor Thomas. He may be the only disciple to have received a label that has endured twenty centuries: Doubting Thomas. Obviously, no one living today saw Jesus after the resurrection. Nonetheless, we proclaim our belief. Yet there are many areas in our lives when Jesus is present giving us courage and support. Are we like Thomas in fail-

ing to recognize the work of the Lord? Do we ask for a sign from God, receive some sign, and then say, "God, can you give me another sign?" Being doubtful is a good human characteristic. It helps us remember that if something is too good to be true, it probably isn't true. Doubtfulness keeps us from being tricked. After Jesus showed Thomas his wounds, Thomas believed. Jesus then said, "You believe because you have seen but blessed is the person who believes even if he has not seen." St. John's gospel continues saying that there were many

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### Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Good week to all: Welcome to the 'front porch.' With the world's recognition of Easter, I was thinking this week of something we wrote and maybe we shared after our great adventure in Wyoming in 2021. After meeting with an agnostic deep in the midst of Yellowstone that summer of 2021, I have carried with me thoughts of the tragedy of that philosophy. It is not that the man I met, a Mr. Moffit, does not have my complete respect for the good turns he freely offered on a remote, dangerous trail. Nor can I fault him for his purpose of losing himself, figuratively, not literally, as in my case, out in that wilderness. I am sure he was searching to find the answer to something

that nagged him inside. His scientific education as an Alaskan biologist only allowed him to find God (so he thought) in the vast beauty of nature. Still, he faced the impossibility of finding clarity in the cloudy waters of a vast unknown. Only faith, you see, can clear up the picture and bring a man face-to-face with the greatest truths and facts known to man. You understand. In my contemplations of the tragedy of agnosticism, I remembered a statesman from more than a century ago, the well-known Robert Ingersol, who espoused agnosticism with the vigor of a great orator with a gospel of hope in his hand. That is what deepens the tragedy. But even in Ingersol's generation, men of faith found

his position, one that was closer to the hollowness of atheism than the murky waters of agnosticism, to be less than inviting. At Ingersol's death in 1899, Governor Robert L. Taylor of Tennessee could not refrain but to bury the agnostic's philosophy with him. Looking back at a time he had listened to Ingersol in Washington, he lauded him for the perfection of grace in his gestures, his voice of music, and "his language more beautiful than any I had ever heard from mortal lips." But you could then almost hear him take a deep breath like the powerful dramatic pause in a Churchill speech, as he turned the tables, "Then I saw him dip

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