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Winning bling

Wayne Red Sox baseball player Ivan Rodriguez displays a championship ring the team recently won.

Living life to the fullest

Despite Autism Ivan Rodriguez learning and playing ball

Rebecca Andrews For The Purcell Register

If you saw 8-year-old Ivan Rodriguez on the ball field, you would not see him differently than any of the other children on the field.

That's just the way his mother, Crystal Bennett likes it.

Ivan was diagnosed with Autism at the age of three. Since then he has proven doctors wrong time and

time again.

Crystal fostered Ivan when he was a newborn. He was born addicted to four different drugs and spent three months in NICU. She adopted him after he turned a year old.

She was told he may never walk or talk. He certainly couldn't learn to read or

Please see **Ivan**, back page

Awards presented at banquet

Live auction raises \$6,800



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Spirit Guardian

Charlie Sherman, life-long resident of Purcell and former bank president, was honored at last week's chamber of commerce banquet as the Giving Time Spirit Guardian recipient. Chamber president Rebekah Lynam and mayor Graham Fishburn made the presentation.

The Heart of Oklahoma's annual awards banquet went off without a hitch last Thursday night at Southwind Hills in Goldsby.

The sold-out crowd dined on pork tenderloin,

potatoes, vegetables and salad.

A live auction raised \$6,800 during the event.

The Goldsby organization that was honored was The Hope Center that helps women with

addiction issues.

Greg Wheat was named the Purcell Citizen of the Year. Wheat, who is recovering from surgery

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89er's Day celebration

Lexington's annual 89er's Day Celebration will be Friday and Saturday.

Saturday's parade begins at 2 p.m.

Registration for Saturday's car show begins at 8 a.m. with the awards presentation at 11.

Please see **89er**, back page

Purcell Animal Shelter donation drive Saturday

The City of Purcell's Community Outreach Committee will be hosting the first annual Animal Shelter Donation Drive.

You can help our local animal shelter by donating time, money, and much needed items. While the shelter budget allows it to provide the basics for the pets that are cared for, additional contributions help organizers go the extra mile to provide the high level of care these animals deserve. There are several ways the public can help.

Donation wish list items include cleaning supplies such as Clorox wipes, bleach, laundry detergent, paper towels; pet food (Fancy Feast Kitten wet food, Friskies shreds wet food, pedigree chopped adult dog wet food); treats; toys;

Please see **Shelter**, back page

Brush pickup

The City of Purcell has set free limb/brush collection for curb-side 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 north 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.

Purcell residents living

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In the rearview mirror

Jim Tyler's long and storied law enforcement career

Rebecca Andrews For The Purcell Register

Jim Tyler began his career in law enforcement when he was discharged from the Navy.

After some time working at an aircraft factory, he settled onto the police force in San Diego, CA for 15 years.

He spent the middle years of his career in Lindsay

Please see **Tyler**, back page



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Retirement reception

When Jim Tyler hung up his badge and weapon, he was honored with a retirement reception at the McClain County Courthouse. Among those on hand for the event, from left, were Sheriff Landy Offolter, Ruth Tyler, Jim and former Sheriff Don Hewett.

Inside

Conference champ

Addy Larman won the individual conference championship.



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Academic State Champions

Purcell's 7th grade brought home the gold.



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The Purcell Register

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Noel Thrasher



Sixth graders Holiday Napier and Adlee Croslin



Purcell Junior High Teacher and Staff and Students of the Month

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

Noel Thrasher - Teacher of the Month

Noel Thrasher is the FAC's teacher. Ms. Thrasher said, "I am looking forward to summer!!"

I hope to have time to travel to fun spots in Oklahoma that I have not yet seen."

Ms. Thrasher's favorites include:

- Hobbies: Thrifting
- Sport: Tennis
- Book: The Bible
- Movie: "Elf"
- Game: Card games (Uno)
- Subject: Personal Development

Fun Fact: I own a small business on the side. It's called The Posh Spot Pop Up! I sell women's clothing and accessories.

Holiday Napier - Sixth Grade Boy of the Month

Holiday is 12 years old and in the sixth grade. He plays football, baseball and basketball. He has two pets and one sibling.

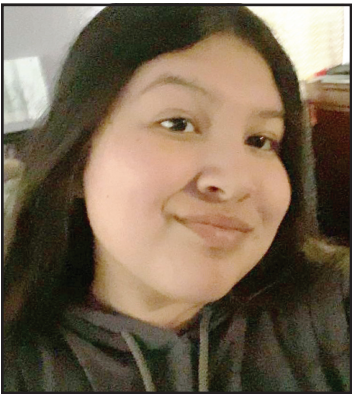
Holiday's favorite movie is "Major Payne," his favorite TV show is "Last Man Standing," his favorite animal is an Australian Shepherd and his favorite food is crawfish.

Holiday likes to hunt and fish because he thinks it's relaxing and fun. He said it's usually not boring, but sometimes it is.

Adlee Croslin - Sixth Grade



Eighth graders Evan Ellenberg and Diana Aguinaga



Seventh graders Jae Swanner and Kylee Beasley



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Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
75° 50°	62° 40°	59° 36°	65° 45°	72° 51°	76° 54°	74° 48°
20% T-storms	20% Showers	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	30% Showers

Cooler temps for the weekend

We've enjoyed temperatures in the 80s over the last few days, but that will come to an end as a cold front will push its way across the region towards the end of this week. There is a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms for Thursday,

with afternoon highs in the mid-70s. Showers will linger into Friday, but temperatures will struggle to make it out of the lower 60s. Saturday will offer even cooler temperatures, with a mix of sun and clouds. We will begin to warm back

up during the latter half of the weekend, with sunshine and a few passing clouds. By the start of the next work week, temperatures will be back in the low to mid-70s across the area, with our next chance at rainfall coming in by midweek.



John D. Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Demolition

Crews have been working to take down the covering over the walkway from the older part of First Baptist Church at 400 W. Main since last Friday.

Spike in sales tax collections

Purcell's sales and use tax jumped over \$140,000 over the same time frame in 2022.

Norman had a hefty increase over 2022 numbers while

Blanchard jumped up over \$107,000 over last year.

Dibble, Wayne and Washington all had sizeable gains in their tax collections over 2022.

Dibble was up nearly \$7,000 while Washington was up just over \$9,000 over last year and Wayne brought in nearly \$14,000 over last April.

APRIL

SALES/USE TAX REPORT

Heart of Oklahoma



CITY	RATE	2023	2022	DIFFERENCE
Blanchard	.04	\$521,304.28	\$413,918.22	+\$107,386.06
Byars	.04	\$3,754.35	\$3,394.62	+\$359.73
Cole	.04	\$7,013.21	\$6,680.57	+\$332.64
Dibble	.05	\$29,650.84	\$22,730.73	+6,920.11
Goldsby	.035	\$176,686.18	\$218,037.36	-41,351.18
Lexington	.04	\$50,159.51	\$54,937.82	-4,778.31
Lindsay	.04	\$327,369.70	\$270,211.06	+\$57,158.64
Maysville	.04	\$25,963.77	\$29,572.95	-\$3,609.18
Newcastle	.04	\$747,119.27	\$735,795.68	+\$11,323.59
Noble	.04	\$226,209.26	\$193,274.15	+\$32,935.11
Norman	.04	\$9,404,369.58	\$8,752,684.30	+\$651,685.28
Paoli	.03	\$7,333.79	\$7,985.74	-\$651.95
Pauls Valley	.045	\$691,104.39	\$655,306.23	+\$35,798.16
Purcell	.05	\$741,279.00	\$597,895.60	+\$143,383.40
Slaughterville	.02	\$35,224.90	\$40,554.51	-\$5,329.61
Wanette	.035	\$4,200.16	\$4,528.96	-\$328.80
Washington	.04	\$35,625.81	\$26,371.16	+\$9,254.65
Wayne	.035	\$35,625.81	\$21,901.11	+\$13,724.70
McClain County	.005	\$327,576.63	\$318,967.42	+\$8609.21

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Waseem Ahmed, Owner of Kebabish Bites

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NEWS In Brief

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.

89ers Day

Talent Show

89ers Day Celebration organizers are looking for talented individuals for the talent show. Any kind of talent! There will be cash prizes for top talent.

Contact Deana Allen at City Hall at 405-527-2623 to get signed up.

Also fun entries are needed for the parade. If you have a car/truck to show off, unicycle, float, etc. line up starts from 1:15 to 1:30 p.m. and the parade is at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. There will also be a pancake breakfast, carnival rides, car show, face painting, vendors, food trucks, live music and entertainment and so much more!

The Celebration is April 21 and 22 in Lexington.

HOF

Nominations

The Purcell Sports Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for the next class.

Another Purcell Dragon Hall of Fame Class will be introduced at the Purcell All-Class School Reunion June 23-24.

Nominations are limited to graduates of 1999 and before.

There is a nomination form and selection criteria purcell-sportshof.com

Nominations can also be made by email at purcelldragonhof@gmail.com.

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.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell will host a Cinco de Mayo Celebration Sunday, April 30, from 12-5 p.m. at the parish hall.

The event will include a taco truck, German brats and other food and lots of fun with a bounce house and games for all ages.

All proceeds go to the Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church renovations.

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.



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Gateway recipient

John Blue, Purcell Parks & Recreation Director, was honored at last week's chamber of commerce banquet as the Giving Time Gateway Guardian recipient. Chamber president Rebekah Lynam and mayor Graham Fishburn made the presentation.

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PJH:

Girl of the Month

Adlee is 12 years old and in the sixth grade. She has many hobbies such as golf, taekwondo and reading. She has two siblings, and they are both boys.

Adlee's favorite movie is "Sandlot," favorite TV show is "Friends," her favorite animal is a sea otter and her favorite food is an avocado.

Adlee really enjoys playing golf and it runs in her family. Her mom, grandpa, cousins and uncle all like to play golf.

Jae Swanner - Seventh Grade Boy of the Month

Jae is 13 years old and in the seventh grade. He and his dad have the same birthday. His half-birthday is on his brother's birthday. That is an interesting fact about him.

His favorite movie is "Ferdinand," favorite TV show is "Outer Banks," his favorite animal is a wolverine and his favorite food is crab.

Jae loves to fish because it is peaceful and fun!

Kylee Beasley - Seventh Grade Girl of the Month

Kylee is 13 years old and in the seventh grade. Her favorite color is mint green. She has a big family and a lot of siblings. She absolutely loves shoes! She also wants to go to college someday.

Kylee's favorite movie is "Hustle" her favorite TV show is "The Summer I Turned Pretty," her favorite animal is a golden retriever and her favorite food is Wingstop wings.

Kylee likes to play basketball, especially with her friends. She said it is fun and makes her want to work harder.

Evan Ellenberg - Eighth

Grade Boy of the Month

Evan is 14 years old and in the eighth grade. He was born in Arkansas. He has lived here for 12 years. He loves all sports, especially basketball. He also likes art.

Evan's favorite movie is "Space Jam", the original with Michael Jordan, favorite TV show is "Stranger Things," favorite animal is an English bulldog and favorite food is Raising Cane's.

Evan loves listening to music. He said it helps to clear his head. He also enjoys basketball.

Diana Aguinaga - Eighth Grade Girl of the Month

Diana is 14 years old and in the eighth grade. She has two older siblings and a dog named Athena. She really likes traveling to Mexico for the holidays. She also loves going to church.

Diana's favorite movie is "Mean Girls," favorite TV show is "The Walking Dead," favorite animal is a goat and favorite food is steak.

Diana's favorite thing to do is go out and hang out with her family. She said they are a lot of fun to be around!

Cole to host telephone town hall

Congressman Tom Cole (OK-04) announced he will host a constituent telephone town hall on Thursday, April 20.

"I am glad to announce that I will be hosting a telephone town hall next week to hear directly from my constituents from the Fourth District," said

Cole. "Between busy district work periods and plenty of legislation recently passed in the House, there is certainly a lot to provide an update on. I look forward to the upcoming discussion."

The call will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20. The dial-in number is (833) 305-

1727.

In addition, to sign up to be called directly or to listen to a live audio webcast of the event, constituents can visit cole.house.gov/telephone-town-halls.

For more information or questions, call Cole's Norman office at 405-329-6500.

SSM Health opens new location, urgent care in Purcell

SSM Health Medical Group is pleased to expand its offerings for residents of Purcell and surrounding areas by opening a new clinic at 999 Hospital Drive in Purcell.

The state-of-the-art medical building offers family medicine and specialty care providers along with new urgent care services. The clinic is located next to the new Purcell Municipal Hospital.

"We are honored to reaffirm our commitment to serving Purcell, the 'Heart of Oklahoma,' and surrounding communities by expanding convenient, high-end services," stated Dr. Kevin L. Lewis, Regional President, SSM Health Medical Group. "This facility is a new, innovative model for outpatient and physician office services not seen before in our community. The SSM Health Medical Group providers and staff are committed to providing a soothing, upscale environment for a wide range of services for the benefit of our patients."

The medical building will house long-standing Purcell



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Standing in

Janelle Wheat stood in for her husband, Greg, who was named the Purcell Citizen of the Year at last week's Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Greg missed the banquet due to surgery. **Purcell Register** Publisher John D. Montgomery made the presentation.



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Congrats to the winners

Congratulations to the chamber of commerce award winners who were honored at last Thursday night's annual banquet.

The winners included The Hope Center in Goldsby, Greg Wheat as the Purcell Citizen of the Year and the Giving Time award winners.

The giving time winners were Charlie Sherman, John Blue, First United Bank and Krysta Matthews.

jdm

The more I hear and learn about Artificial Intelligence (AI) the more I become concerned about it.

A very smart and wise man told me back in the 1960s when computers learn the capability of repairing themselves you had better watch out.

Now it's worse than that. The computers/robots with AI now have the capability of teaching themselves, reasoning and making decisions like humans.

Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

On "60 Minutes" the other night they were talking about just *some* of the capabilities and it's frightening.

Two robots taught themselves how to play soccer; how to score a goal, etc.

One computer had been programmed to "speak" over 150 languages but the one that it spit out was one it taught itself.

A robot learned the game of chess to the extent it had ideas and strategies even the

world's best players had never thought of.

The quote was, "it never sleeps or gets hungry. It just plays chess 24-7."

There is literally no limit to what these machines are capable of.

Is it going to be a good thing or a not so good thing?

The CEO of Google, Sundar Pichai, really didn't have the answer, either.

jdm

Legendary Purcell Dragon Coach Mike Wilson, now of Kingston, recently reached out to us about the next Hall of Fame Class.

The newest Purcell Dragon Hall of Fame will be introduced this year at the PHS reunion.

Wilson said nominations are limited to graduates of 1999 and before.

There is a nomination form and selection criteria at www.purcellsportshof.com or nominations can be made by email at purcelldragonhof@gmail.com.

Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



Update from the Capitol

In 2016, God brought me Matt. Having spent most of his life in the custody of the Department of Human Services, there was a long adjustment period. In fact, I would say we are still adjusting almost eight years later. Through the ups and downs of our relationship with Matt, however, our love for him has never changed.

I met Matt at Camp Lu-Jo KISMIF, where my husband and I serve as dorm mom and dorm dad every summer. It was fitting that he came into my life at Lu-Jo – I grew up attending church camp there and haven't missed many summers since I was in preschool. I was baptized

at camp, as were my siblings. So many of my best childhood memories happened at Lu-Jo and many of my dearest friends came into my life at camp and are still some of my closest friends today. It's a special place for us, so it only made sense that God orchestrated the beginning of our new family, the one that included Matt, there at camp.

On Saturday, I had the honor of being in the crowd to watch the Oklahoma National Guard's Deployment Ceremony at the Paycom Center in Downtown Oklahoma City. These events are always incredibly special for the men and women of the Armed

Forces, as they are prayed over and recognized for the sacrifices they are about to make during their deployment. However, at this event, I watched through a different lens.

Matthew is one of the approximately 1,100 Oklahoma National Guardsmen being deployed to Africa, and Saturday, although my seat was surrounded by high-ranking military officials and elected officials, I was there to honor our boy and his friends. The ceremony took on a different meaning, realizing as he would

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Passing the buck

Congressman Tom Cole

The late, great Democratic President Harry S. Truman once famously placed a sign on his desk which proclaimed, "The Buck Stops Here."

Surely, "Give 'em Hell Harry" is rolling in his grave on the release of the Biden Administration's reports on its disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan in the summer of 2021.

Rather than accepting responsibility for his refusal to heed the advice of his own military appointees and acknowledging that the Afghanistan debacle was an unmitigated disaster, President Biden and his advisors have chosen to pass the buck.

Two weeks ago, the Biden Administration released a report that attempted to shift the blame for its shameful exodus from Afghanistan from the president to the previous administration.

The purpose was a transparent attempt to absolve President Biden of the blame for the consequences of his own catastrophic miscalculations. Those consequences in-

cluded dead American soldiers, stranded American citizens and betrayed Afghan allies as well as an image of weakness that undoubtedly encouraged Vladimir Putin to launch his brutal invasion of Ukraine.

To be clear, while President Trump did plan to remove troops by May of 2021, his plan was contingent on circumstance – meaning specific criteria must be met before moving on.

That year, the Taliban rapidly began gaining territory in the north of Afghanistan. By July, United States troops were ordered to leave Bagram Air Base, our most significant base in providing a deterrence of Taliban incursions, a forward position for staging key assets and providing training to Afghans.

Even if the administration still believed complete withdrawal was appropriate at this time, doing so before a safer, more orderly withdrawal of civilians and important assets – not to mention Afghan partners who risked their and their families lives to help the U.S. military – defies explanation. President Biden's failure to

understand the military realities on the ground, the strength and prowess of the Taliban forces and the contrasting weakness of the Afghan military was key to the quick collapse of stability and our sudden evacuation.

His apparent haste to beat a political deadline, the approaching 20-year mark of the Afghanistan conflict, certainly did not enhance the decision-making process.

President Biden inherited a complicated, dynamic situation, but certainly not one which compelled him to act in the manner he did. There is also no evidence the Biden Administration even tried to engage or consult with its predecessors in a meaningful way on its prior plans to proceed if conditions had been met.

Twenty years of policy and effort obviously bear the mark of multiple administrations and Congresses. However, as Commander in Chief, President Biden cannot point fingers and blame anyone else for this national embarrassment of this ending but himself.

His failure on the international stage has surely and certainly emboldened our enemies.

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The Purcell Register reserves the right to edit any and all letters.

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How to Get Ready for Wildfires

By Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner Glen Mulready

Over the past few weeks, Oklahoma's dry, warm and windy weather contributed to more than 20 wildfires. These fires have burned thousands of acres and destroyed hundreds of homes and buildings across the state, forcing evacuations and impacting hundreds of Oklahomans. Our team recently visited wildfire sites in Logan County to survey damage and help deliver assistance for disaster recovery. Hearing so many heartbreaking stories from victims about their losses was emotional.

Wildfires can start and spread so quickly that you may not have time to think about a response. That's why I'd like to remind Oklahomans to get ready. Being prepared will give you peace of mind and make recovery easier. The best way to limit the damage and recover from this type of devastation is to have a plan before the flames spark. Here's how to get ready:

Avoid Outdoor Burning During a Red Flag Watch/Warning: Practice awareness and avoid outdoor burning when a Red Flag Fire Watch or Warning is in effect. Keep a fire extinguisher handy if you must work outdoors with equipment that gets hot or involves sparks.

Create a Fire-Safe Space: Keep your property free of overgrowth close to the home

that could catch fire. Remove anything flammable within 5 feet of your house. Trim branches hanging over your roof. Remove leaves and other debris from your gutters and roof. Don't forget to check your deck for any material that can catch fire.

Check Your Insurance: Review your homeowners insurance policy to ensure you have enough coverage to rebuild your home if it's destroyed by fire. I also recommend creating a home inventory. This tool will ensure your insurance claim will be settled faster and easier.

Create an Evacuation Plan: If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Choose a route away from the fire hazard and be alert to the speed and direction of fire and smoke changes. Also, learn all roads out of your neighborhood.

I understand filing an insurance claim can be overwhelming, especially during a crisis. Please contact us if you have suffered losses to a wildfire or have insurance-related concerns or questions. We're here to help and want to make sure Oklahomans receive the assistance they need to recover as quickly as possible. Please contact the Oklahoma Insurance Department at 1-800-522-0071 or visit our website at www.oid.ok.gov/after.

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Mickey Mantle's regrets

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

By Joe Guzzardi, Society for American Baseball Research member

ics, Mantle foolishly convinced himself that he could stop whenever he wanted.

But at a charity golf outing for the Harbor Club Children's Christmas Fund near Atlanta, Mantle hit bottom. He drank Bloody Mary's in the morning, and then downed two bottles of wine in the afternoon.

At the card show that evening, Mantle embarrassed himself with his obnoxious, drunken behavior.

In his alcohol-fueled stupors, Mantle often berated autograph seekers, a shock to his fans who cherished his image as a homey, blond-hair, crewcut Oklahoma kid.

Atlanta was an overdue awakening for Mantle. Finally seeking guidance, Mantle approached his son Danny who had been treated at the Betty Ford Center. Three of Mantle's four sons and his wife Merlyn were also alcoholics.

While Mantle deliberated about checking into the Betty Ford Center, his doctor gave him his MRI results: Mickey needed a liver transplant.

Once at Betty Ford, Mantle confronted his uncomfortable truth. Mantle admitted that, as he told *Sports Illustrated*, "he really screwed up," was a lousy

family man, and preferred running around with his baseball buddies. Envisioning his life as a sober, responsible Mantle, Mickey had big plans, but did not live long enough to realize them to the fullest.

His goal was to stay sober, be strong and make amends. At his final press conference, Mantle said to an audience aghast at his wasted-away body: "This is a role model: Don't be like me."

Today, Mantle is remembered mostly for his brilliant baseball achievements: 20 All-Star games, three AL MVP awards including one in his 1956 Triple Crown season, seven World Series championship rings, four AL Home Run crowns, and a first ballot Hall of Fame inductee.

But for the millions of Americans suffering from alcoholism, Mantle's ability to overcome—although too late to save his life—is a bigger triumph than any of his baseball feats.

For more information, go to the National Alcohol Awareness Month website.

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At the library

PLS customers enjoy Yoga with Alpacas at Norman Public Library West.

Pioneer Library System celebrates National Library Week April 23-29

Pioneer Library System invites all community members to reimagine what's possible at their local library this National Library Week, April 23-29.

Most people know about the wealth of stories available at the library, from picture books and hot new titles to audiobooks and eBooks, but there's so much more to the story of modern libraries.

Today's libraries are welcoming spaces that bring communities together for connection, education, and entertainment through maker spaces, book clubs, story time, movie nights, hobby classes, lectures, and more.

PLS, recent winner of the inaugural Oklahoma Library of the Year award, offers an array of programs and services for all ages (like recent fan-favorite event series Yoga with Alpacas), with its key areas of focus including community conversations, early literacy and school readiness, health,

STEAM, and upward mobility.

"I believe what makes PLS special is our active commitment to creating positive experiences for customers," shared Courtney Gerow, Signature Services Coordinator at the Shawnee Public Library. "We are vibrant, community centric, and engaged in creating an environment of curiosity and learning."

Libraries also play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs. PLS supports the citizens of Cleveland, McClain, and Pottawatomie counties with classes, online resources, and options to schedule a librarian for one-on-one assistance with these areas of need.

With ever-expanding ways to connect with the library, reimagining this community institution also means users

no longer must come through the doors of a library to utilize its offerings. For today's busy customer, Pioneer Library System offers its PLS Connect app, digital resources, solar benches, 24 Hour Library locations, book lockers in Newcastle, and more ways to access the library outside of its walls.

Advances in access notwithstanding, PLS continues to welcome all community members to stop by any of its 12 locations during National Library Week to get the full story of what's new at the library.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all varieties across the country each April.

Follow Pioneer Library System on social media and the hashtag #NationalLibraryWeek to join the online celebration. For more information about PLS, visit pioneerlibrarysystem.org.

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Garvin:

step on that plane on Monday, our family has just become a Blue Star family.

Over the past two years, I have heard many individuals in the political arena refer to themselves as patriots. People have hijacked the word patriot to contrast themselves with those who disagree with them politically. After sitting in that chair and watching my child in that uniform, along with over one thousand other men and women, mentally preparing for deployment, I've realized how truly offensive it is for that word to be used in that context.

True patriots are people willing to defend their country against our enemies. True patriots are willing to pay the ultimate price for freedom. True patriots are willing to lay down their life for their friends and spend a year or longer away from their children, spouses, parents, siblings, and friends. True patriots put their lives on the line to ensure no soldier is left behind. Matt is a patriot. His friends are patriots. Our veterans are patriots.

On Saturday, Matt was able to surprise our littles and hug

their necks before leaving for an entire year. On the way back to Oklahoma City, we said everything we wanted to say, just as I'm certain most other soldiers did with their families. Although Matt is headed to a safer place than soldiers before him, the possibilities during deployment are endless. We made peace about our past arguments, we laughed, I cried, and when we parted ways, he let me hold onto him just a little bit longer than usual.

Being a parent is hard. Being a parent to a true patriot is even harder. Although I am excited for him to experience Africa, and although we couldn't be more proud of his willingness to make this sacrifice for his country, watching him walk away Saturday night was incredibly difficult.

Over the next year, I ask you to commit to praying for these men and women, for their coworkers and employers, for their friends and family, for their safety, strength and health. Oklahomans have a lot to be proud of because of our rich history and tradition of excellence when it comes to our

military members. I am proud to support them, proud to pray for them, and now, proud to be a Blue Star mom.

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 or calling (405) 521-5522.

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In addition, new providers Haley Mitchell, APRN, and Autumn Work, APRN, will offer same-day urgent care services daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Society



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Convention attendees

Mother's Entwined of Goldsby members attended the 85th annual Oklahoma Association of Mothers Clubs convention at The Artesian Hotel & Spa in Sulphur. The theme for this year's convention was *Bahama Mama*.

Mother's Entwined Club

The ladies of Mother's Entwined of Goldsby attended the Oklahoma Association of Mothers Clubs annual convention recently in Sulphur, OK. *Bahama Mama* was the theme for the 85th year of the event held at The Artesian Hotel & Spa April 14-15. The festivities included fun with a hypnotist, presentation of awards, and reports from clubs on the community service projects they have conducted during this year. The event ended with the installa-

tion of the state officers during the luncheon for the upcoming year. Mother's Entwined of Goldsby member Kim Croslin was installed as state treasurer. A representative from the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation addressed the group thanking the ladies for the continued support of its work. Women from clubs in Hennessey, Fairview, Ponca City, Canton, Okeene, and Purcell also attended the event.



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Door prize winners

Winners from the April Mother's Entwined of Goldsby meeting were hostess Kim Fox, Kristi Kilcrease, Angie Goldsby, Karla Sitton and co-hostess Tammy Brown.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to Dusty Mathews, Katelyn Dawson, Mike Tolle, Michelle Williams, Klaire Wilhoit, Kristin Davis, Melton Ezell, Tammy Gardner, Amber Zuech Hines, Mike Hoefler, Debra Hooper, Emanuel Ocampo, Hannah Hoefler, Logan McKiddy and Louis Zuech.

A free women's golf clinic will be held today, April 20, and Friday, April 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.

A favorite childhood recipe gets a makeover.

The Best Campfire Beans & Weenies

5 (12 ounces) Johnsonville Stadium Brats (or your favorite cooked brats), cut into 1/4" thick slices

1 medium onion, roughly chopped

1 green bell pepper, roughly chopped

1 clove garlic, peeled & smashed

2—15.5 ounce cans beans, drained (I use Great Northern & Red Beans)

1/2 cup beer (or water)

1/4 cup barbecue sauce

Salt

Ground black pepper

Set a cast-iron pot over high heat on the stove. Add the bratwurst slices and let cook until they begin to brown and some fat is released, stirring

often, 4-5 minutes.

Add the onion, bell peppers, and garlic to the pot and cook until softened and starting to turn golden in spots, 5-7 minutes.

Add the drained beans, beer (or water), barbecue sauce, and a big pinch of salt and pepper; stir to combine. Move it to indirect heat (or lower the heat on a stove) and let it bubble until it has thickened up and the flavors have had time to come together, 10-12 minutes.

Taste and adjust seasoning as needed before serving.

WAYNE SCHOOL MENU Week of April 24 MONDAY BREAKFAST

Yogurt, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH
Burrito, pinto beans, chips, salsa, pear, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST
Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH
Spaghetti, green beans, corn, garlic bread, oranges, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Pancake, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH
Submarine sandwich, chips, pickles, lettuce, tomato, apple, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST
Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH
Pizza, corn, carrots, cookie, milk.

FRIDAY
No School.



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Former Guardian winners

Tina and Jerry Swayze, both former Vision Guardian Award winners, attended last Thursday's Heart of Oklahoma Chamber Banquet at Southwind Hills in Goldsby.

LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU Week of April 24 MONDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or strawberry bagel bar, pears, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH
Chicken nuggets, cheezy potatoes, steamed carrots, biscuit, spiced apples, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST
Cereal or breakfast pizza, orange smiles, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH
Corn dogs, french fries, baked beans, strawberries, milk.

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST
Cereal or egg and cheese muffin, craisins, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH
Fish sticks, french fries, steamed broccoli, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST
Cereal or dutch waffle, spiced apples, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH
Pizza, steamed carrots, English peas, pineapple tidbits, milk.

FRIDAY
No School.

PURCELL SCHOOL MENU Week of April 24 MONDAY BREAKFAST

Waffles with syrup or cereal and toast, applesauce, juice, milk.

LUNCH
Pizza pasta, breadstick, green beans, romaine salad, peaches, milk.

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

LUNCH
Chicken taco, refried beans, chips and salsa, apple, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH
Beef hot dog, french fries, baby carrots, fruit, milk.

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

LUNCH
Barbecue chicken loaded baked potato, dinner roll, romaine salad, peaches, milk.

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

LUNCH
Cheese personal pizza, baby carrots, cucumber slices, apple-sauce, milk.

Stealey OHCE

Stealey OHCE Club held its monthly meeting April 10, 2023 at the McClain County Farm and Home Building in Purcell.

Members present were President Phyllis Horn, Jan Lenard, Bonita Brakefield, Janet Little, Peggy Christian, Velma Little and OSU Educator Connie Wollenberg. Blake Brakefield, a visitor, presented the United States Flag for the group to

salute.

President Phyllis Horn called the meeting to order. Janet Little gave the thought for the day "It's for the Birds."

Jan Lenard gave the treasurer's report and it was approved. The Stealey Group donated \$250 to the Purcell School lunch fund for unpaid balances.

Minutes from the March meeting were read by Secretary Bonita Brakefield and approved.

The group discussed upcoming "OHCE" week in May. It was decided their first place poster "The Run of '89" would be placed on display at the Purcell Library. The poster was designed by Janet Little and Nancy Richardson.

Used postage stamps for Wounded Warriors, greeting cards and recycling project reports were turned in to Bonita Brakefield. Member volunteer hour reports were completed for March and turned in to Peggy Christian.

Follow us on OHCE McClain County Stealey. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 8, at 1 p.m. in the education room at the McClain County Farm and Home Building.

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Companion planting flowers and veggies can boost pollination

Trisha Gedon
Extension Educator

When gardeners plant their vegetable and flower gardens, the edibles and ornamentals typically are located in different places. But planting them in the same bed is beneficial to pollinators.

Casey Hentges, Oklahoma State University Extension associate specialist and host of OSU Agriculture's "Oklahoma Gardening" television show, said that while vegetable plants produce their own flowers that attract pollinators, adding ornamental flowers has a positive impact on pollinator numbers.

"Bees, wasps, moths and butterflies pollinate those flowers that then develop into many of the vegetables we'll eat later in the season," Hentges said. "Direct sowing seeds such as zinnias and cosmos not only will attract more pollinators, but they'll also make your vegetable garden more pleasing to the eye."

Companion planting pollinator-friendly flowers with vegetables is a natural way to help keep the plants healthy and increase yield. This same strategy can be used to ward off pests in the garden.

Adding ornamentals isn't just for aesthetics purposes.

Hentges said plants such as marigolds and nasturtium add color to the vegetable garden and are a tasty addition to a salad.

Marigolds are not only good to eat, but also repel pests such as cabbage worms.

For gardeners who enjoy cut flower arrangements, consider adding in daisies, echinacea and sunflowers with the vegetable plants.

"Another option is to add herbs to your vegetable garden. Gardeners are growing some tasty vegetables, so it makes sense to add in some herbs to flavor them when cooking," Hentges said.

Chives are a great choice be-

cause they're fragrant and add flavor in the kitchen, and they also provide a colorful purple flower later in the season. The fern-like foliage of dill and fennel in the garden is a favorite among butterflies.

Hentges said to check seed packets to make sure the bloom time for the flowers matches up with the bloom time for the vegetable plants.

"Native bees and other pollinators are essential to successful gardening, and pollinator populations are struggling," she said. "Planting flowers in the vegetable garden is good for your plants and helps maintain pollinator populations. It's a win-win for everyone."



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Spiffing up

Purcell Parks & Recreation employees were getting the park ready for the weekend late last week with mowers doing their work.

Oklahoma and Texas seek solution to Red River Waste Dispute

Paul Monies
Oklahoma Watch

A mapping mistake and the rise of an invasive species in Lake Texoma has elevated a boundary dispute between Oklahoma and Texas into a novel question for water and property rights experts.

Unlike the Red River bridge dispute almost a century ago that led to then-Oklahoma Gov. William "Alfalfa Bill" Murray calling out the National Guard, this disagreement will likely end on quieter terms.

The Oklahoma Red River Boundary Commission met Thursday for the first time in years to hear a proposed solution by Texas water authorities over a single pumping station lying a few feet on the Oklahoma side of the Red River in Lake Texoma. Texas officials proposed swapping parts of the border to put the pumping station fully on the Texas side.

Commission members decided to study the issue further and directed University of Oklahoma President Joseph Harroz Jr. to come up with a panel of experts to advise the commission.

House Speaker Charles McCall, R-Atoka, said the issue was multifaceted and any solution would have to be fair to Oklahoma. In most other disputes, compensation might be the preferred solution. But current state law forbids the sale of water to other states.

"We want to make sure nothing pierces the veil of interstate water sales," McCall said in an interview after the meeting.

The border in that area is delineated as the southern vegetation line of the Red River, the 1,360-mile long river that starts in New Mexico and flows into the Mississippi River in Louisiana. But when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers created Lake Texoma as a flood-control lake by damming parts of the river in 1944, that border has become murky at times.

The pumping station, operated by the North Texas Municipal Water District, was completed in 1989 and provides water to Sherman, Denison and 40 other cities in north Texas. It's part of a network of 20 pumping stations operated by the water district that serves 2 million residents.

"The topic before you all today is about a property matter that impacts our ability to have secure and reliable access to our existing water supplies in Lake Texoma," Jenna Covington, executive director and general manager of the North Texas Municipal Water District, told commission members.

The border dispute over the pump station started in August 2009 after zebra mussels were discovered in Lake Texoma. The invasive species led the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to take a closer look at

the boundary. They found the wrong map and survey was used when the pump station was built and the U.S. Corps of Engineers granted an easement to the water district.

Zebra mussels consume large amounts of plankton, putting entire lake or river ecosystems at risk. Boaters can unwittingly



Oklahoma Watch

transport the zebra mussels to other water bodies.

It's illegal under federal law to transport invasive species across state lines, which added another wrinkle to the Lake

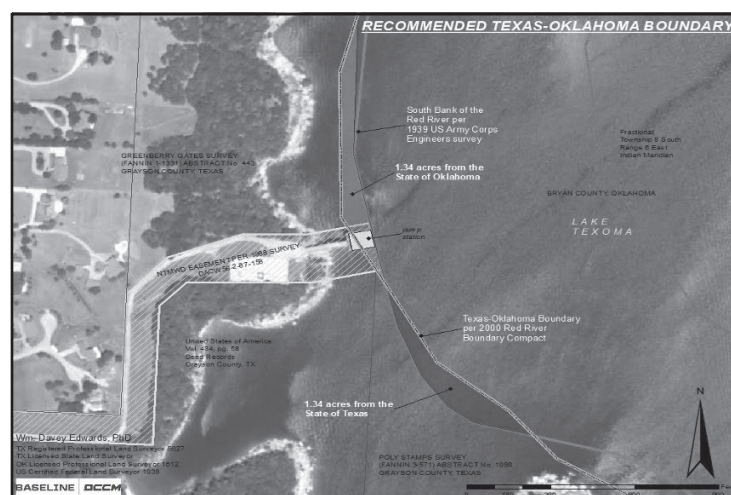
Texoma pump station saga. Congress gave the North Texas Municipal Water District a temporary exemption from the Lacey Act so it could continue pumping water.

"This exemption required full enclosure of the water all the way to our water treatment plant located in Wiley, Texas, where zebra mussels are removed," Covington said.

The water district has continued to pump water from the lake under a 2014 memorandum of understanding between former Govs. Mary Fallin of Oklahoma and Rick Perry of Texas. Both states created Red River Boundary Commissions to find long-term solutions.

The North Texas Municipal Water District is permitted to take up to 197,000 acre feet of water from that pumping station each year, Covington said. The annual volume peaked in 2019 at 122,865 acre feet. That pumping station serves about 219,000 people in North Texas. Covington and Texas water

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• Oklahoma Watch

Help for the disabled

A decades-long quirk in mapmaking and state boundaries is inching toward a solution after Oklahoma's Red River Boundary Commission met for the first time in years.

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Pizza and salad will be provided by the council.

Please plan to join us and be an active voice in the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information call Carolee Maxwell at 405-527-7676 or Angie Wallace at 405-615-8863.

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Women's Caucus

The Women's Caucus was honored to hear from Col. Shelby Dreyer, the Oklahoma Air National Guard Vice Commander of the 137th Special Operations Wing at Will Rogers and Kristi Jordan, the Chief of Strategic Plans, Programs and Readiness Division at Tinker Air Force Base.

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Obituaries

Sanford Lee Mauldin, Jr.

Sanford Lee Mauldin, Jr., departed this world on March 29, 2023, just 17 days after his 69th birthday.

Sanford was the first born to Betty and Sanford Mauldin, Sr., on March 12, 1954, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. As a child, Sanford was reserved, curious, and focused. He quickly took on the responsibilities of ranch life in Wanette and later applied his athleticism to football, basketball, and baseball at Purcell High School.

After graduating in 1972, he went on to acquire his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art from Oklahoma Baptist University, where he met his first wife, Patricia Cook. They later moved to Norman, Oklahoma, and married in 1978. Several years after establishing the photography business, they welcomed Sophia Marie in 1987 and nearly four years later, Ramsey Sanford in 1991, both of whom were his pride and joy.

For decades, Sanford inspired businesses across the region with his creative eye and unbridled talent in the photography world, making marketing photos pop off the page for his diverse clients. From ball caps and floral design to pharmaceuticals and aircraft, Sanford's work was awe-inspiring. The products of his passion, which inspired him to claim that he "never worked a day in his life," were formally recognized through multiple photography awards and recognitions.

Sanford also produced more personal projects, such as publishing the floral design book *Earth Man Spirit* and two cookbooks for the Chickasaw Nation. He also taught annual floral photography workshops in Cannon Beach, Oregon. His studios were filled with lively music and brilliant ingenuity and his personal life was no different.

Sanford was particularly handy, as evidenced in every nook and cranny of his home and yard, leaving no doubt that you were observing the work of an artist. Sanford may have retired from his photography career, but he could still be found at the oddest hour working in his studio.

In 2006, Sanford met a force that shifted his world, Barbara Greenwald. They married in 2008 and created a fulfilling life together. In the summer of 2021, Sanford and Barbara were awarded guardianship of a talented "young grasshopper," Juliet Hanks.

Sanford was a multifaceted and loving "soul man" survived by his wife, Barbara Greenwald-Mauldin of Noble, Okla.; daughter, Sophia and son-in-law Jesse Karr (MI); son, Ramsey and soon to-be daughter-in-law, Katie Keil (WA); brother, Greg Mauldin (TX); sister Brenda Mauldin (IL); bonus granddaughter Juliet Hanks (OK); and countless extended family members, treasured friends, and former clients.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to either Royal Family Kids Camp (Crosspointe Church PO Box 6178 Norman, OK 73070) or the Nature Conservancy (<https://preserve.nature.org/page/81369/donate/1?locale=en-US>).

A celebration of Sanford's life will be held Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 at Crosspointe Church in Norman at 12 p.m.

Avenell Opal Selph

Newborn baby girl Avenell Opal Selph was born April 13, 2023, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Casey Pence and Stephen Selph. After 30 hours, she passed on April 14, 2023.

Avenell was loved from the beginning by her parents, Casey Pence and Stephen Selph; her maternal grandparents, Rebecca Shearer, Christopher Pence and wife, Theresa; her paternal grandparents, Margaret Selph and Jason Hamm, 2nd grandma, Annie Ward, Andrew Selph and Logan; her maternal great-grandparents, Sherry and Steve Pence, Colette and Harry Shearer; her paternal great-grandparents, Larry and Fairy Watkins, Penny and Gary Selph; her maternal aunts and uncles, Dustin Pence, TT Nicole, Alyssa Sexton, Izzy Pence, Elijah Keita; her paternal aunt and uncles, Brooklyn Selph and Trevor Mullins, Nate Selph; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Avenell is predeceased in death by her maternal great-great grandmother, Avenell Moffitt; her maternal great-uncle, Terry Pence; her paternal great-grandparents, Frances and Herb Durbin, Margaret Freeman; and paternal great-uncle, Justin Ward.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at Wadley's Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made, and service livestreamed at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Monarch caterpillars very hungry across Oklahoma

By Kelly Bostian

Some very hungry monarch caterpillars may be struggling to find a bite in Oklahoma these days.

The big, iconic orange and black butterflies listed under the federal Endangered Species Act as "warranted but precluded at this time by higher priority listing actions" and recently listed as endangered on The International Union for Conservation of Nature's "red list," are in a pinch this year in

Oklahoma.

It's not unlike many other years, but the success of the season's first returning monarchs can impact how many will be ready to fly back to Mexico next fall, reports the University of Kansas-based Monarch Watch research project.

Known for the 4,000-mile range the species covers from its wintering grounds in Mexico to northern summer populations at the Canada border, experts point to several challenges for the insects; among them changing weather patterns and habitat loss.

Spring migrators make their way across the Gulf of Mexico to Texas each March and roll into Oklahoma in April. These first returning butterflies, the same butterflies that flew south through here last September and October, return with an urgent need to lay eggs for the next generation before they die. Rare is the egg-laying migrant that survives beyond May 1.

"We're told they didn't stay long enough in Texas to get a lot of egg laying done and we're glad they're laying now in Oklahoma," said Sandy Schwinn, a longtime observer just now stepping down from her role as Oklahoma Conservation Specialist for Monarch Watch. "It was warm and they were just blown into Oklahoma on those crazy high winds."

Schwinn said she spotted her first monarch of the season on April 2, six more the following day, and, on average, about three more a day since then. Reports from watchers across the state reflect that same timeframe.

Priority one for these monarchs is finding "host" milkweed plants, the only food their caterpillars will eat.

"The milkweed has been slow to grow this spring," Schwinn said. "It's been cold and we really could use another dose of rain about now."

The butterflies have been showing Schwinn where wild

milkweeds are growing on her property.

"They scour the fields searching for milkweed and that's how I find it, when they stop to lay eggs," she said.

She has seen "egg dumping" with the female butterflies dropping eight or more eggs on small milkweed shoots. It only takes about four days for a monarch egg to hatch, so the plant doesn't have much time to grow before it's devoured by hungry caterpillars.

This "down south" production phase sets the stage for the summer-long reproductive efforts, according to reports from Monarch Watch founder Chip Taylor.

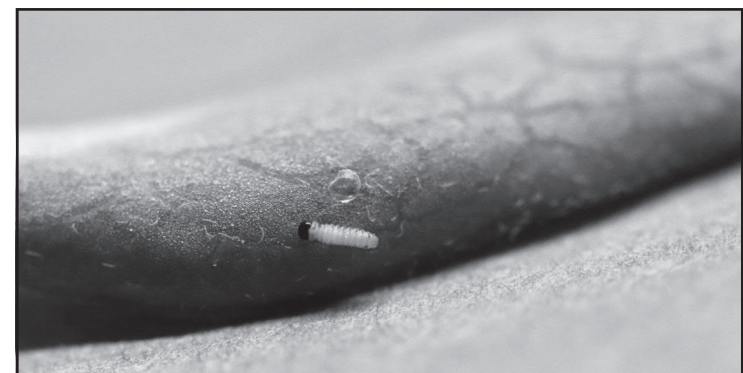
The March and April arrivals give rise to new butterflies in late April and May, which continue the migration north with second and third generations. Fourth and fifth-generation monarchs are the ones that make the return trip to Mexico.

Conditions that allow, or force, the monarchs to move north before the milkweeds have emerged have in past years resulted in population dips, Taylor reported at MonarchWatch.org.

Taylor emphasized that the added pressures of changing weather make habitat improvements and planting native milkweed plants increasingly important, to help balance out what people can't control.

Schwinn said some organic and native-specialty greenhouses across the state offer plants for sale and that Okies For Monarchs, representing a statewide pollinator initiative of multiple groups and agencies, offers multiple resources, including lists of where to buy plants and seeds, at okiesformonarchs.org.

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.



• Photo courtesy of Sandra Schwinn

Newly hatched monarch

The size of a pencil lead, a newly hatched monarch butterfly caterpillar rests next to its first meal, its eggshell, laid on a milkweed leaf by a female that returned to Oklahoma last week.

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Waste:

officials want Oklahoma and Texas to swap equal slivers of their parts of the border to put the pumping station on the Texas side. That would require approval of both states' boundary commissions. It would be an amendment to the 2000 compact governing the Red River boundary. Structuring it that way would not need congressional approval.

"That would negate any effects the boundary currently has on the pump station in such a way as there's no net loss of property between the states so that neither increases or decreases in political power," David Kelly, the North Texas water district's governmental affairs and special projects manager, told the Oklahoma commission.

It would take several years and at least \$50 million to build a new pumping station that is fully on the Texas side of the border, Covington said. That doesn't include ad-

ditional time and other costs to build a pipeline to any new pumping station.

While the Oklahoma Red River Boundary Commission took no action on the Texas proposal on Thursday, Harroz joked that any resolution would have to involve Texas spotting some points in the next OU-Texas football game.

"It's obviously a novel issue. It would make for a terrific question in law school," said Harroz, who previously served as dean of OU's College of Law. "I think on issues this specific around water law, property law, the unique interstate component, the federal component, it would not just be OU. We need to bring outside experts from the private sector as well."

Oklahoma Watch, at oklahomawatch.org, is a non-profit, nonpartisan news organization that covers public-policy issues facing the state.

Ronnie Lynn Pope

We are saddened to announce the passing of Ronnie Lynn Pope. He was born on May 19, 1955, in Purcell, Oklahoma to Delbert G. Pope and Sue Jane Chenoweth Pope, who preceded him in death. He passed in San Diego, California on April 5, 2023, after a prolonged illness.



He is survived by Erica L. Pope; Jackson W.T. Pope; brothers, Gary, Rex and Kevin Pope and other family and friends.

Ronnie served 24 years in the United States Air Force as a Missile and Space System Maintenance Crew Chief, retiring as a Master Sergeant. He completed his USAF career as a START Treaty Inspector at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, traveling to Russia, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine in support of US National security goals for nuclear nonproliferation.

He later worked for the Department of Defense as a civilian in nuclear weapon security under the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program. Ronnie completed numerous trainings in the USAF, including the Senior NCO Academy and worked hard to complete his bachelor's degree in business in night school. He was awarded many medals in addition to the Air Force Achievement Medal, Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

Ronnie spent his childhood primarily in Oklahoma and loved to hunt and fish and ride the trains on the weekend with Nanny and Pa. He was a good marksman and as a missileer, loved a great explosion! He collected coins and loved hot tamales.

Ronnie was a wonderful cook, famous for his ice cream French toast, homemade noodle and chicken soup and fried chicken. He traveled the world through his life, flying over a million miles and particularly loved Germany and Iceland. He adored his children and gave the best presents, loving a big Christmas. Ronnie had a great sense of humor.

Ronnie was a patriot who lived by the motto of "You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him."

A Memorial Service to honor Ronnie's life and military service will be held at Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego, Calif., at 9 a.m. on April 24, 2023.

Onalee "Toni" Taylor

Onalee "Toni" Taylor, a resident of Purcell, Okla., died April 7, 2023 in Lexington, Okla., at the age of 88 years, 5 months and one day.

Toni was born November 6, 1934 in Buffalo, N.Y. In her younger years, Toni's free spirit took her to California and Florida. Toni met her husband, Lyndol Ellis Taylor, and they settled in Oklahoma.

Toni was a trick of all trades, holding careers as a cosmetologist, banker, and a police dispatcher. Toni had a love for dancing. She also enjoyed socializing with her local coffee drinking group.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyndol; parents Forice Sayre and Helen Knowles; and her beloved miniature schnauzers.

William Dan Todd

Funeral services for William Dan Todd, 82, of Purcell will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home.

Mr. Todd died April 13, 2023 at Purcell Municipal Hospital. He was born on June 8, 1940 in Dresden, Tenn., the second of four children of Finis J. Todd and Susan Kathryn (Perry) Todd.

Survivors include his children, Greg Todd and wife, Ashley, of Golden, Colo., and Susie Bridgers and husband, Charlie, of Purcell; three grandchildren and three sisters-in-law, Carolyn Todd of Memphis, Tenn., Maxine Garner of Dresden, Tenn., and Brenda Danner Smith of Jackson, Tenn.

Memorials may be made to the Women's Hope Ministries, c/o Purcell First Baptist Church, 400 W. Main St., Purcell, OK 73080.

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

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Cornerstone recipient

First United Bank President Jason Bean accepted the Giving Time Cornerstone Guardian Award for the bank at last week's chamber of commerce banquet. Making the presentation were chamber president Rebekah Lynam and mayor Graham Fishburn.



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Chamber board

The **2023** Heart of Oklahoma Board of Directors includes, from left, John Sanders, James Bolling, David Childress, Wade Jarlsberg, Jace Woodrow, Melissa Pruitt, Brett Duke, Rebekah Lynam, Morgan McClung, Chris Goldsby and Sherri Sheehy.



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Sunset Estates

The **nursing** home was well represented at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce banquet last Thursday. From left, Brian Gantz, Debbie Gantz, Amy Lehman, Tony Baird and Erin Baird.



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Vision Guardian

Purcell High School teacher Krysta Matthews was honored last week at the chamber of commerce banquet as the Giving Time Vision Guardian recipient. Chamber president Rebekah Lynam and mayor Graham Fishburn made the presentation.



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The **Horineks**, Shane and Lori enjoyed the chamber banquet with Shane winning the coin flipping competition.



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State champions

The Purcell 7th grade academic team won the Class C State Championship in the OJABA State Tournament over the weekend at Dale High School. They defeated Sallisaw with a score of 1070 points. Team members are, from left, Wyatt Downing, Van Williams, Eli Gracey, Brecken Burson, Cole Guinn, Ezra Stell, Kori Doyal and coach Michelle Hall.

State academic champions



The Purcell seventh grade academic team won the OJABA State Academic Team Tournament over the weekend at Dale High School.

They posted a score of 1070 points and defeated Sallisaw to clinch the Class C 6/7 Division title.

“I am so proud of this team and the students who make it up,” said academic team coach Michelle Hall. “They are very diverse in their strengths. Some are strong in math, while others

pick up the slack in geography and history. All of them helped the team and played a part in its success.”

Team members are Wyatt Downing, Van Williams, Eli Gracey, Brecken Burson, Cole Guinn, Ezra Stell and Kori Doyal.

“I appreciate the parents, families, and Ms. Carol Testa (PJH Principal) for their support throughout the year and for being there Saturday when we competed.

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Banquet:

was unable to attend but his wife, Janell, accepted the award on his behalf.

The Spirit Guardian Award went to long-time Purcell banker and life-long resident Charlie Sherman.

The winner of the Cornerstone Guardian Award was First United Bank while the Vision Guardian winner was Purcell High School teacher Krysta Matthews.

Purcell Parks & Recreation Supervisor John Blue was named the Gateway Guardian Award winner.

Past Citizen of the Year winners include 1991 Don Sherman, '92 Betty Sue Allen, '93 Charlie Sherman, '94

Jayne N. Montgomery, '95 Larry Martin, '96 Ron Fishburn, '97 Elaine Butler, '98 Bob Tupper, '99 Pat Mayes, 2000 Trish Weedn, '01 Darrell Ford, '02 Carroll Milner, '03 Perry Nemecek and '04 Peggy Christian,

Also, '05 Charlotte Rentfro, '06 Dr. Rick Schmidt, '07 Joe Ellis, '08 Victor Lohn, '09 Neil (Bill) McElderry, Jr., '10 Susan Tarp, '11 Gene and Peggy Howard, '12 Bill Williams and '13 Matt Howsley.

And, '14 Cody Barton, '15 Alton Drago, '16 Richard Gray, '17 Kerry Wilhoit, '18 Justin Blankenship, '19 Pam and John Hobbs, '20 Jason and Melissa Pruitt and '21 Ted Cox.

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89er:

Entry fee for the car show is \$20. Categories include Best in Show, Original, Unfinished Class, Hot rod, Modern Car, Modern Truck, Best Motorcycle, Classic Car and Classic Truck. For more information contact Charley Givens at 405-708-8386 or Jeff Green at 405-314-0876

There will be a Kiwanis pancake breakfast Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at McCown Park.

There will be the annual carnival both days along with food vendors, an event for the entire family. The carnival will be open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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Ivan:

write. And he would never be able to play sports. Through the loving care of his family and intensive therapy, Ivan defies all the odds and crushes every obstacle before him.

He has been student of the month. He rides horses. He plays baseball. Ivan is no ordinary kid.

Autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. According to the Centers for Disease Control, autism affects an estimated one in 36 children in the United States today.

April is Autism Awareness Month.

Ivan attends regular second grade classes most of the school day. He receives one-on-one help with reading and math through the SPED program at Wayne. His mother is very pleased with how Ivan is treated at school and on the baseball field.

This is his first year playing

ball. Crystal says he loves it and practices all the time.

“He knows that he has to work harder than the other kids,” Crystal said. “He puts in the extra time.”

Crystal adds that the manager of Ivan’s team also has Autism. That first grader is not able to play on the field but he helps the team by keeping the batting order straight and supporting the other players.

Crystal appreciates the coaches of the Little League team.

Crystal said the coaches of the Wayne Red Sox team are wonderful and treat Ivan like all of the other kids.

“The coaches don’t sugar coat his mistakes and that has been great for him,” she confirmed.

Horseback riding has also helped Ivan come out of his shell. Equine therapy is very helpful for a wide range of things including Autism.

Because Autism is a spectrum disorder, each individual has unique strengths and challenges. Some people have

severe limits while others can thrive independently.

Early intervention is the key to improving the quality of life for children diagnosed with Autism.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has many resources for children with Autism and their families.

Right here in McClain County, English and Spanish speaking families have access to support groups, therapy, and many other resources to help children with Autism lead full, vibrant lives.

Crystal began fostering children when she was just 24-years-old. She has fostered over 100 kids to date. She and her husband, Monte, have been married for three years and have seven children. More foster children will be welcomed to their loving home soon.

“Kids with Autism are not their diagnosis,” Crystal said.

She adds that adults with Autism can be excellent employees because of their punctuality and detail focused nature.

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Shelter:

plastic swimming pools; towels and blankets; pet beds; clumping cat litter and Walmart or Tractor Supply gift cards.

Give monetary donations to help the shelter. Cash/check donations can be made directly to the Purcell Animal Welfare Society (PAWS).

Those who are unable to donate, but would love to help, the shelter is always in need of volunteers to provide attention

to our furry friends through play, affection, and daily walks.

According to the Animal Control Supervisor, Louise Zastrow, the shelter provides care for 30 dogs and 25 cats on average daily.

Louise also stated, “The Animal Shelter staff appreciates our community so much. We could not provide this level of care for our animals without the support of our community.

It takes a village!”

This event will be held at the Purcell Police Department on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

On the day of the event, citizens can simply drive up and drop off their donations to a staff member.

Please enter from Grant Street and follow the signs to the donation tent on the southeast corner.

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Tyler:

where he was Temporary Chief of Police for a time and in Blanchard where he was the Chief of Police.

He was also the Under Sheriff in Garvin County. He served his final 15 years in McClain County.

Tyler is a humble man. When asked to share personal successes he said, “Anything I might say about myself sounds like bragging. There was nothing spectacular about it, I just did everyday stuff.”

Throughout his storied 55 year career, Tyler served the communities he worked for very well.

“I enjoyed helping people and putting crooks in jail,” he stated simply.

“He’s only been gone a week and we were already talking about him this morning, McClain County Undersheriff James Goins said. “He was totally dependable, would do anything you ask and give you the shirt off his back.”

“Jim was a pillar of the office,” Goins continued.

Despite the fact that police work has changed dramatically over the years, Tyler encourages young people considering a career in law enforcement to, “Remember you want to help

people. Don’t become bitter and certainly do not lose your sense of humor!”

Tyler has been married to Ruth for 58 years. They have five children, several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, too.

His plans after retirement are, “To do as little as I can get away with!”

Joking aside, Tyler loves fishing and plans to spend time on Lake Texoma and Lake Eufaula. He and Ruth hope to spend some time traveling together as well.

From page 1A

Brush:

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.

There will be no collection of debris left in alleys and any brush put out after the scheduled dates will be invoiced to the resident.

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

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

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Bo Hamilton

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Lady Bulldogs in Stratford

District tournament is today (Thursday) at 1 p.m.

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Lady Bulldogs are in Stratford today for the District tournament with the Bulldogs and Mangum Lady Tigers.

Wayne will play Mangum at 1 p.m. and the loser of game one will play Stratford.

Fletcher.

Head coach Nikki Herrin was pleased with her team's offense in both games.

"We hit well yesterday. Allison had a home run; she's been so steady for us."

She also said that she felt like getting two more wins before starting Districts was

District Tournament at Stratford
Wayne vs. Mangum, Thurs., 1 p.m.
Loser of Gm 1 vs. Stratford, Thurs., TBA

Bray Doyle/Fletcher

Wayne was in Bray Doyle on Monday for a three way with the Lady Donkeys and Fletcher.

The Lady Bulldogs picked up wins in both games. They got a 10-4 win over Bray-Doyle and a 6-4 win over

helpful.

"I'm glad to get two more wins under our belt. It gives us some momentum going to Stratford. But also, if the team shows up like I know

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Teeing off

Purcell freshman Kaylin Vasquez rips a ball for an inside-the-park home run Monday against Latta. Purcell fell 12-9.

Lady 'Dawgs in Hobart today

Districts start with Lexington vs. Minco at noon

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Lexington Lady Bulldogs are in Hobart today (Thursday) for the District tournament. They will play Minco at noon. The loser of

two seniors will rise to the occasion. We're tough and we have a good shot," Ervin said.

According to the coach, Minco has a couple big sticks but he feels good about their chances.

District Tournament at Hobart
Lexington vs. Minco, Thurs., 12 p.m.
Loser of Gm 1 vs. Hobart, Thurs., TBA

game one will play Hobart right after.

"We're a young team and some of these girls will have wide eyes when we get to Hobart. But our juniors and

Hobart will be good. They are athletic and will be a tough test, according to

Please see **Lex**, page 4B

Playoffs start at Washington

Defending slow-pitch softball champions prowling

JohnDennyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington Warrior slow-pitch softball team began the chase to defend their State championship Wednesday.

They hosted Blanchard for a three-game series District tournament.

They were coming off big wins against Class 6A No. 7 Westmoore (11-4), Class 6A No. 1 Mustang (14-4) and 6A No. 8 Deer Creek (12-2).

The Warriors are playing at a high level as the road back to Oklahoma City begins.

"We played a couple of good games," said head coach Tylor Lampkin. "Mustang and Westmoore are really good teams and you always know you're going to have your hands full."

Westmoore
Washington and Westmoore



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Out by a mile

Washington senior Skylar Wells tags out a Westmoore base runner last Thursday during the Warriors' 11-4 win over Class 6A No. 7 Westmoore.

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Bulldogs in Velma

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Head coach Shane Collins and his Bulldogs are in Velma today (Thursday) for Districts with the Comets and the Empire Bulldogs.

Wayne plays Empire at noon, then Velma at 2 p.m.

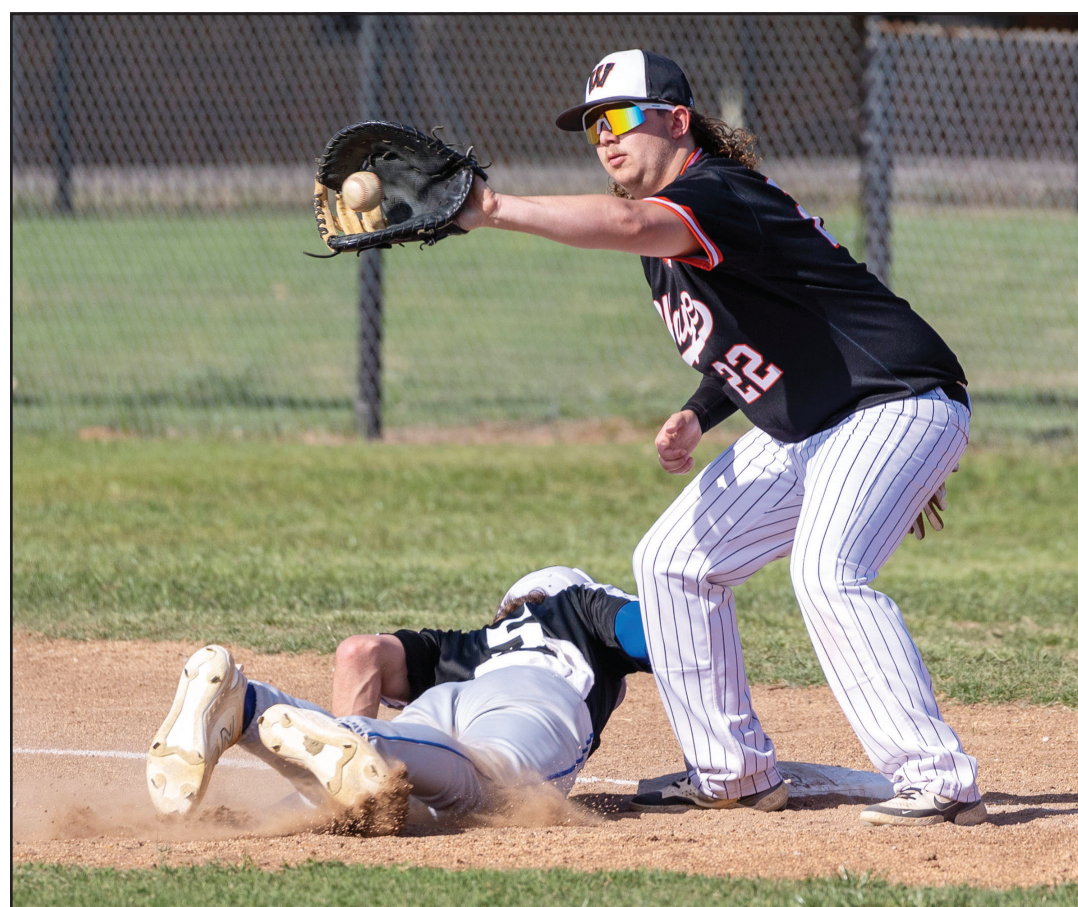
The District winner will move on to Regionals.

According to Collins, Velma is a solid ball team.

"They have three good arms that can throw and have a decent off-speed."

And, Empire has 6-12 record, but two of their wins are over Velma.

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Hold them on

Wayne senior Lane Jones catches the ball as he holds a Dibble runner at first base. Wayne lost to Class 2A No. 12 Dibble 14-5. The Bulldogs are in Velma today for the District tournament.



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Conference champion

Washington sophomore Addy Larman shot 88 and won the individual Conference championship April 10 at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course.

Gearing up for post season

Warrior baseball aims to peak at right time

JohnDennyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

Washington baseball coach Jeff Kulbeth said his team had a "really good outing" Monday as they defeated Comanche 15-0 in a key District game.

"We had a purpose and we swung the bats really well as a whole," the coach confirmed. "We pitched it and played defense and ran the bases well. When you can put all those together you're obviously going to be successful."

The Warriors are looking to peak as they enter the post season in defense of their State title from a year ago.

Comanche
Marlon Moore got the win and pitched the complete game.

He allowed only three hits and two walks while striking

out four batters.

Offensively Moore helped out his own cause with three RBIs in a 2-3 effort at the plate, which included a homer. He also walked once and scored three runs.

Dax McCaskill homered as well and was 2-2 with four RBIs and scored two runs.

Cam Bates continued his solid play at the dish and was 2-3 with an RBI, as well as scoring a run.

Lindsay
Washington roughed up Lindsay 13-3 April 11 in another important District game to seal the sweep of the Leopards.

Bates was 2-3 with three ribbies.

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Regular season home stretch

For Purcell Dragons on diamond

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

As Purcell heads into the final regular season stretch head coach Cole Sharp reports his club needs to pick up the pace at the plate.

"Overall we have to start hitting the ball better down the stretch here to give ourselves a chance to succeed," the coach said.

"We have a busy week having four games this week with three of those district games," Sharp said.

The Dragons were scheduled to play Bethel Monday and

Tuesday and host Ardmore on Thursday for Senior Night.

Purcell will close out the week with a district game Friday with Christian Heritage.

"It is very important for seeding purposes in getting some key wins this week and to advance in the playoffs," Sharp said.

They picked up a district win last Tuesday on the road when they edged Holdenville 12-11 in eight innings.

Purcell jumped out to an 8-4 lead heading in the bottom of the sixth but gave up five runs in the Holdenville half of the

frame.

Purcell pushed across a run in the top of the seventh to force the extra inning. That's when they scored three in the top of the eighth to hold off the Wolverines.

Seven Dragon errors helped the Wolverine cause. Led by Bryce Blair's 3-4 outing, Purcell out-hit Holdenville 11-8. Zach Idlett went 2-5.

Carter Goldston had a two-run double in the contest. He finished with three RBI's and scored twice. Blair had a double and knocked in three base runners. Parker Page tripled in a pair of base runners and reached after getting hit by a pitch. Cole Smedley was hit twice while Goldston and Jett Tyler both were hit by Holdenville pitching.

Deaken got the pitching win. He, Boston Knowles and Drew Kimbrell combined to walk 15 Wolverines in the game. Dobbins stuck out seven.

"I thought Dobbins came in and did a great job in the situation he was in to finish the game," Sharp said. "Parker Page had a clutch two RBI hit in the eighth to take the lead. It was a crazy game. We went into extra's and found a way to get a key district win on the road. We struggled in the field committing so many errors but overcame that and got a win. That is the main thing in district play. It wasn't pretty but we found a way to pull it out."

Purcell opened the Heart of Oklahoma Tournament with a 12-2 run-rule victory over Little Axe.

Idlett led the hitting charts with a 2-3 outing that included



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In safe

Purcell senior Zach Idlett safely slides into third base during the Dragons' 12-2 win over Little Axe in the Heart of Oklahoma Baseball Tournament. Idlett was selected to the All-Tournament team.



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Signing

Malachi Evans officially signed a letter of intent with Ottawa University to play basketball next year. On hand for the signing was his brother, Kobe Freeman and father, Brent Freeman.



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Hero's welcome

Lexington junior Skylar Rollins is congratulated by team mates after homering during the Bulldogs' game against CCS. Lexington fell 7-6.

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Win over Little Axe

Holdenville, North Rock Creek, AmPo on tap for the week

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Lexington Bulldogs were in the Heart of Oklahoma baseball tournament last week and they picked up a 12-7 win over Little Axe in their second game.

The Bulldogs had 13 hits in the win and 12 RBIs. Buddy Cormany batted in three runs and had one hit.

Lexington jumped out in front from the first pitch. They plated nine runs before Little Axe scored their first run in the bottom of the second inning.

And, despite giving up four runs to the Indians in the fourth innng, Lexington hung on for the lopsided win.

The Bulldogs lost 7-6 to CCS in their first game and dropped a 9-8 loss to Pauls Valley to finish out the tournament.

Both losses were heartbreakers.

The score was tied up 6-6 in

the bottom of the sixth inning when CCS hit a solo home run to pull ahead one run.

Lexington was unable to answer in the top of the seventh.

Despite the loss, the top of the Bulldogs' lineup had some good production at the plate, including a two-run home run from Skylar Rollins in the third inning.

Similarly, Lexington held an 8-6 lead going into the bottom of the seventh against Pauls Valley.

The Panthers plated a couple runs to knot the score at eight-all.

Then, Pauls Valley drew a walk to score the winning run.

Lexington finished with nine hits in the game, led by Zeke Faulkenberry, Drew Dierking and Ezra Faulkenberry with two hits each.

On Monday, Lexington dropped their first of two games with Holdenville, 15-3. They were scheduled to be in Holdenville on Tuesday.



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Wayne:

that they can, then we're unbeatable," Herrin said.

Konawa

Last Friday, Wayne was in Konawa for a double header with the Lady Tigers.

Konawa took the first game, 13-11, but Wayne won game two, 31-19.

Through two games, Wayne had 47 hits and 41 RBIs.

Konawajumped out to a 10-0 lead after two innings in their first game of the doubleheader. But, Wayne chipped away, scoring two in the third, five in the fourth, and three more in the sixth.

The Lady Tigers added another run in the bottom of the third and two insurance runs in the sixth.

Wayne's rally fell short of the win.

Emily Woody led the Lady Bulldogs, going 3-4 at the plate. Alyssa Hobson, Kaylee Madden, Faith Brazell, Lily Whitaker and Ava Stottlemire each had two hits.

Madden and Stottlemire also had three RBIs each.

Game two of the double-header finished more like basketball score. Wayne won 31-19.

"We hit really well, but we did not play defense well," Herrin said.

The Lady Bulldogs had Konawa in run-rule territory a couple times, but errors kept them from finishing.

Wayne had 30 hits and 31 RBIs.

Woody and Whitaker each had five hits. Hobson, Madden, Allison Ryan, Jordynn Debaets and Brysten Shephard had three apiece.

Shephard also led her team with seven ribbies.

Stottlemire was in the circle for the win.

Allen/Byng

Last Thursday, Wayne was in Allen for a three way with the Lady Mustangs and Byng.

They dropped both games - an 11-4 loss to Allen and a 15-10 loss to Byng.

Ryan was in the circle for the loss to Allen. She lasted five innings and fanned one batter. Stottlemire came on in relief

for one inning. She also fanned one batter.

Wayne outhit Allen 8-7. Shephard had two hits to lead her team. She also had three RBIs.

Then in their second game, Wayne fell short to Byng, 15-10.

Despite Wayne posting two runs in the first and taking an early lead, the Lady Pirates started their scoring onslaught in the top of the third. They scored three runs to take the lead and they never looked back.

Wayne added two runs in the fourth inning, closing the gap to 5-4.

But, Byng added three in the fifth and four in the sixth. Wayne scored six in the sixth, but it wasn't enough.

Byng added three more and cruised to the win.

Woody led the team with three hits while Madden led the team with four RBIs.

She singled in the first, homered in the third and had a fly out to center to score a run in the fifth.



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Float it

Wayne senior Allison Ryan pitches a ball to home plate for the Bulldogs. Wayne plays in Stratford Thursday (today) against Stratford and Mangum in the District tournament.



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Dust-up

Wayne senior Taylen Bryant plays near second base Monday during the Bulldogs' game against Dibble. Wayne fell 14-5.



Janet Moore • The Purcell Register

Easy does it

Purcell freshman Aubrey Elmore tosses a pitch to home plate Monday against Latta. Purcell lost 12-9.

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Bulldogs:

"Empire is a bit of a wildcard. We don't know much, but they have beaten Velma twice," Collins said.

Dibble

Wayne hosted Dibble on

to a strong start from the top of the lineup.

Wynnewood

Last Tuesday, Wayne posted a 7-1 loss to Wynnewood. It is their third loss to the Savages

Rhett Kennedy doubled in the bottom of the first inning to score a run for Wayne.

The score stayed knotted at one-all until the sixth when the Savages scored six to pull ahead for good.

The Bulldogs finished the game with eight hits. Ty Kemp led the team, going 3-3 at the plate.

Jaxon Dill was on the mound for Wayne. He lasted five and two-thirds innings. He struck out eight batters.

Monday and dropped a 14-5 decision.

"We used the Dibble game to get some guys some time on the mound that they haven't gotten until now. We struggled some, but we also wanted to save some arms for Districts," Collins said.

Braden McClendon threw for the Bulldogs first. According to the coach, he struggled in the first inning, but settled in by the second.

The Bulldogs gave up five runs in the first inning, but got three back in the bottom thanks

this season.

Wynnewood scored a run in the top of the first inning.

District Tournament at Velma

Wayne vs. Empire 12 p.m.

Wayne vs. Velma 2 p.m.

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Dragons:

a double and an RBI.

Logan Roberts, who picked up the victory on the bump, also had a two-hit day going 2-2 with an RBI. Jett Tyler and Kimbrell had the other two Purcell hits.

“Logan did a great job on the mound,” the coach said. “He controlled the strike zone all day only throwing 46 pitches in five innings of work.”

“We played really good defense that game. I was pleased

with the effort overall,” Sharp said.

CCS edged the Dragons in the semifinals, 2-0. Page took the pitching loss going 4 2/3 innings. He was touched for six hits and fanned two.

“I thought Parker pitched a heck of a game,” Sharp said. “Zach Idlett came in relief for the last two innings. CCS is a good baseball team. They are tied for second in their district. Our bats were pretty quiet for the most of the game. We had opportunities and runners on. We just couldn’t come up with timely hits in the situations we were in. Defensively I was proud of the guys competing and limiting the mistakes in the field.”

Idlett, Page, Smedley and Goldston had hits in the contest.

On Saturday the Dragons were held to only two hits, one each by Idlett and Page and lost 5-4 to Asher.

“Boston Knowles got the start and loss,” Sharp said. “Deaken Dobbins and Zach Idlett came in in relief. I thought all the pitchers did a great job in throwing strikes and competing on the mound. We pitched by committee against Asher because we have those district games Monday and Tuesday. We need everybody both days,” the coach confirmed. “Again, our bats were quiet.”

Dragon notes:

Zach Idlett was named to the All-Tournament team in the Heart of Oklahoma Tournament.



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Frame it

Purcell junior Carter Goldston receives a ball behind the plate against Asher during the Heart of Oklahoma Baseball Tournament. Purcell fell 5-4.



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Tracking

Washington senior Ellie Loveless tracks down a pop up from her shortstop position during the Warriors’ 11-4 win over Class 6A No. 7 Westmoore. Washington is 32-3 this season.

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Warriors:

McCaskill was 3-4 with two RBIs.

The Warrior bats have been hot throughout the lineup recently.

“We swing it well nine players deep and we can move runners,” Kulbeth said.

Tristin Babbitt and Jonathen Montoya teamed up on the mound for the win. Babbitt got

the start and lasted four innings, striking out five batters.

“We have a lot of depth in the pitching staff,” Kulbeth said.

“We’ve been able to keep our pitch counts low throughout the season and we hope it pays off and our pitchers aren’t worn out late in the season. We have an arsenal of 18-20 kids I can run

out there.”

The Warriors are 21-4 this season as they ready their focus on post season ball.

“We’re trying to play well at the right time and have the right focus,” Kulbeth said. “Our guys are looking forward to the playoffs.”



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Flame thrower

Washington freshman Jonathen Montoya delivers a pitch to home plate for the Warriors. The defending State champions will begin the defense of their crown next week.

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Playoffs:

remained locked in a tight battle through the first five innings until the Warriors blew the game open with a five-run sixth inning.

Tinley Lucas homered in the first inning, knocking in Abby Wood to put the first runs on the board.

District Tournament at Washington
Game 1 vs. Blanchard, Wed., 2 p.m.
Game 2 vs. Blanchard, Wed., 3 p.m.

The Warriors scored three more runs in the third inning, thanks to the bat of Maggie Place and her three-run homer.

“The wind was blowing in and we still hit a few out,” Lampkin said.

Elly Allison was 4-4 at the plate and had three RBIs in the game and Wood had two herself.

Washington added one more run in the fifth inning before the big sixth inning scoring bonanza.

Mustang

Washington scored at least two runs in each of the first four innings against Mustang to take a commanding early lead in the second half of the double header.

Skylar Wells went off with three homers in the game. She finished the game 3-4 from the dish with six ribbies.

Olivia Palumbo, Tinley Lucas and Allison each homered as well.

“We had a couple of errors that allowed them to get their

runs,” Lampkin said.

Deer Creek

Place homered twice and Wells hit one out too during the Warriors’ win over Deer Creek on Monday.

Place had five RBIs in the game.

Emjay Lucas was 2-3 with a triple and scored twice.

Washington played a clean game in the field with only one error and held Deer Creek to a mere five hits.

Washington was set to host Blanchard Wednesday in the District tournament. It was slated to be a best-of-three series.

The Warriors will find out Regional assignments after all the District games are decided.

The Warriors are 32-3 on the season.

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Lex:

Ervin.

Blanchard

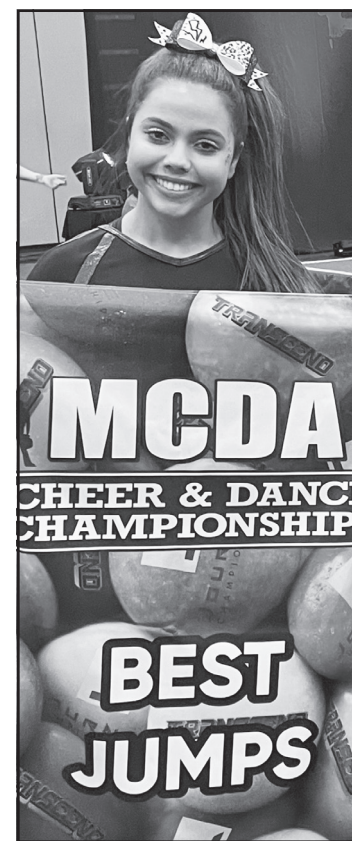
The Lady Bulldogs picked up a 15-5 win over Blanchard on Monday night for Senior night.

“We played well and the top of our lineup is solid. When they come around our offense is pretty good,” head coach Monty Ervin said.

Despite shortstop Brodie Anderson out, Ervin’s team has stepped up to fill her shoes and he believes they will take that extra step to fill in the gap without her.

Little Axe

Last Thursday, Lexington picked up two wins over the



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Award winner

Chloe Cheatwood won an award for Best Jumps at the Springfield, Mo., cheer competition April 8.

Lady Indians, 12-2 and 10-2.

Through two games Lex had 28 hits and 20 RBIs.

Izzy Pack finished both games with six total hits and three ribbies. Abby Sample and Kieley Givens each finished with four hits and five RBIs through both games.

“We hit the ball well and we had some nice defensive plays. We’re solid on defense, even without Brodie, but we miss having her out there,” Ervin said.

The Lady Bulldogs were at Norman North on Tuesday for a doubleheader with the Timberwolves.



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Ball hawks

Lexington softball players Lexie Torres (24), Marisa Northrup (3) and Izzy Pack (6) converge on a ball in the outfield for an out. Lexington travels to Hobart today (Thursday) for the District tournament. Minco will also be in the tournament.



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Third at Conference

The Washington girls golf team finished third at the Conference tournament at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course in Purcell. Pictured are, from left, golf coach TJ Scholz, Arlie Wilson, Paisley Taylor, Neali Beller, Addy Larman and Taylon Elliot. The team shot 415.

Car wash benefit for Larry Cox

AngieSteele
Washington Correspondent

Come out and help us support one of our community's biggest supporters!

As many of you know, Larry Cox is fighting cancer. He and Robyne have helped make sure many in our community never had to fight alone. Let's show them all of our love and support now!

We will have a bucket for gift cards, silent auction items, and cookies for sale!

Title IV Meeting Set for April 26

Washington Public Schools will be having a Title IV Annual Meeting on April 26 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the 4th & 5th Library.

The purpose of the Title IV community meeting is to provide community stakeholders with an overview of the Title VI Grant process at Washington Public Schools. We will discuss the Title VI Grant application process at the meeting and explain expenditure recommendations for the 2023-2024 school year budget.

The meeting is open to residents of Washington Schools.

MANNA

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

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

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

Washington Senior Center

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

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

Menu for April 20-May 12:

Thursday, April 20—Chicken tetrazzini, broccoli.

Friday, April 21—Steak fritters, mashed potatoes, green beans.

Monday, April 24—Sausage gravy, biscuits, scrambled eggs, hash browns.

Tuesday, April 25—Baked chicken, vegetables.

Wednesday, April 26—Ground beef stew, Corn, cornbread.

Thursday, April 27—Ham, sweet potatoes.

Friday, April 28—Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread.

Monday, May 1—Hot dogs, chips.

Tuesday, May 2—Chicken fritters, peas, carrots.

Wednesday, May 3—Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice.

Thursday, May 4—White bean chili with chicken, cornbread.

Friday, May 5—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans.

Monday, May 8—Taco salad, tortilla chips, chili beans.

Tuesday, May 9—Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans.

Wednesday, May 10—Smoked sausage, baked beans, corn casserole.

Thursday, May 11—Chicken and noodles, peas/carrots.

Friday, May 12—Pulled pork barbecue, baked potatoes, green beans.

Menus may change at the discretion of the cook.

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

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

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

Friday Music Jams start at 10 a.m. until? Anyone is welcome



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Senior Cheerleaders

Lady Warrior Softball Seniors will be honored on Monday, April 24, following the 5 p.m. varsity game versus Moore. Seniors include Tinley Lucas, Skylar Wells, Ely Allison, Maggie Place, Ellie Loveless, Abby Wood and Daisy Lampkin.

to sit in and sing or play an instrument.

Washington School Board Meeting Schedule

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

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

Washington Public Schools Calendar

April 20—7th Grade Reading State Testing; JH Baseball, Dibble, home, 5 p.m.; JV2 Baseball Dibble, home, 7 p.m.; HS Track at Pauls Valley (afternoon).

April 21—HS Baseball, Davis, home, 5 p.m.; JH Baseball at Davis, 5 p.m.; 8th Grade Science State Testing.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

Last Monday a veteran who we had helped several years ago brought his daughter to us for help in filing for VA benefits as her veteran husband had taken his own life recently. He had been service-connected for chronic PTSD for the last ten years.

I don't have the answers to what can be done to prevent the countless veterans both men and women from committing suicide. Her husband was not one of the veterans who we have helped at our Foundation. One of the things that we do for veterans is to provide a counselor from the Vet Center each week.

We also encourage veterans to visit with their mental health providers either privately or at the VA. For those of you who know a veteran who is suffering from PTSD or Depression please let them know that help is available for them.

The number of veterans and surviving spouses who are requesting our assistance with their VA claims is continuing to increase. To enable us to process all of them in a timely manner we are looking for a few good men and women who would like to help us to make a difference in the lives of veterans and their families.

Volunteer applications are available on our website at Dale K Graham Veterans Foundation. For those of you who want us to help with your VA claims please log in to www.dkgvf.org to set up an account in our intake system.

We are a free service to all veterans and their families.

We are open Monday through Friday starting at 9 a.m.

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

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

Angie Steele

No. 311-April 13-3 Times Bid Advertisement: Owner: Washington Public Schools Construction Manager: Goldsby Construction

Solicitation For Bidders For: Elementary Demolition & Metal Building Fabrication Solicitation Date: April 13th, 2023.

Bid Date, Time & Place: May 3rd, 2023 Bid Deadline: 2:00pm CDST Place: Sealed Bids Will Be Submitted Online Via Building Connected.

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No. 293-April 6-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA ELEUTERIA RESENDIZ DE OLGUIN, JOSUE ALBERTO OLGUIN RESENDIZ, THOMAS JODY SPARLIN, JIMMIE LOU SPARLIN, TRUSTEE OF THE JIMMIE L. SPARLIN REVOCABLE TRUST, ALMA LOUISE COLLINS, HOLLIE JANEL SPARLIN, MARK SPARLIN, STEVE KLASSEN, VALERIE KLASSEN, ANITA CREAAGER, ZACHARY ALAN KLASSEN and ALLI MARIE KLASSEN, Plaintiffs, vs. ARTHUR DAVID SPARLIN, Deceased, SUE SPARLIN, Deceased, BETTY JO KLASSEN, Deceased, and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of ARTHUR DAVID SPARLIN, Deceased, SUE SPARLIN, Deceased, and BETTY JO KLASSEN, Deceased, Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2022-201 ALIAS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Arthur David Sparlin, Deceased, Sue Sparlin, Deceased, Betty Jo Klassen, and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Arthur David Sparlin, Deceased, Sue Sparlin, Deceased and Betty Jo Klassen

The above-named Defendants will take notice that in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in the above-styled and numbered case, an action has been filed by Eleuteria Resendiz de Olguin, Josue Alberto Olguin Resendiz, Thomas Jody Sparlin, Jimmie Lou Sparlin, Trustee of the Jimmie L. Sparlin Revocable Trust, Alma Louise Collins, Hollie Janel Sparlin, Mark Sparlin, Steve Klassen, Valerie Klassen, Anita Creager, Zachary Alan Klassen, and Alli Marie Klassen, to quiet any right, title, or interest in and to the real property described hereinbelow which you have or may claim to have, and you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiffs on file in said cause on or before May 26, 2023 or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that the

No. 322-April 20-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, v. BRANDON K. BROOKMAN; SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF BRANDON K. BROOKMAN; JOHN DOE, OCCUPANT; AND MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC. Defendant(s).

Case No. CJ-2023-41 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, TO: Brandon K. Brookman and Spouse, if any, of Brandon K. Brookman, if living or if dead, and to said Defendant(s)' unknown successors, if any.

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by Nationstar Mortgage LLC, in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, and that you must answer the Petition on or before June 20, 2023, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you awarding Plaintiff a first lien upon the following described real estate, situated in McClain County, State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION ELEVEN (11), TOWNSHIP SEVEN (7) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF A TRACT OF LAND BEING DESCRIBED IN BOOK 1754, PAGE 81 OF THE MCCLAIN

No. 310-April 13-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In The Matter of the Estate of LOUISE MASTERTSON, Deceased.

Case No. PB-22-160 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE, AND FINAL DISCHARGE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Paige Phillips, personal representative of the Estate of Louise Mastertson, Deceased, having filed in

No. 309-April 13-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOM D. RICE, deceased. Case No. PB-2021-148 NOTICE TO CREDITORS To the Creditors of TOM D. RICE, Deceased: All creditors having claims against TOM D. RICE, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security

Plaintiffs Eleuteria Resendiz de Olguin and Josue Alberto Olguin Resendiz are the owners of, and that said Plaintiffs are the actual owners of the surface of the following described real property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

All of Block 200 of the Townsite of Purcell, according to the recorded plat thereof, EXCEPT that portion of Lots 1 and 8, in Block 200 deeded to the Oklahoma Central Railway Company filed in Book 9 at Page 271;

and that the Plaintiffs Thomas Jody Sparlin, Jimmie Lou Sparlin, Trustee of the Jimmie L. Sparlin Revocable Trust, Alma Louise Collins, Hollie Janel Sparlin, Mark Sparlin, Steve Klassen, Valerie Klassen, Anita Creager, Zachary Alan Klassen, and Alli Marie Klassen, are the owners of, and that said Plaintiffs are the actual owners of the surface of the following described real property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

The West 100 feet of Lots Six (6) and Seven (7), in Block Ninety-five (95), CITY OF PURCELL, according to the Government Survey thereof, less and except the following two tracts: a strip, piece or parcel of land lying in part of Lot 7, Block 95 of the Original Town of Purcell, according to the recorded plat thereof, said parcel of land being described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the SW/corner of said Lot 7; thence N 03°06'36" E along the West line of said Lot 7 a distance of 94.00 feet; thence S 85°34'19" E a distance of 100.03 feet; thence S 03°06'36" W a distance of 91.32 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 7; thence N 87°06'24" W along said South line a distance of 100.00 feet to said point of beginning, containing 0.05 acres, being 2032 square feet, more or less of new right-of-way, the remaining area included in the above description being 0.17 acres, 7234 square feet, of right-of-way occupied by present highway, together with all abutter's rights, including all rights to access from the remaining portion of the Grantor's land onto U.S. Highway Number 77 to be, or which has been, constructed on this property, all bearings contained in this description are based on the Oklahoma State

Plane Coordinate System and are not astronomical bearings. AND a strip, piece or parcel of land lying in the West 100 feet of Lot 7, Block 95, in the Original Townsite of Purcell, in McClain County, Oklahoma. Said parcel of land being further described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the SW corner of said Lot 7, thence East along the South line of said Lot 7 a distance of 100 feet, thence due North a distance of 68.3 feet, thence S 72°29' W a distance of 107.1 feet to a point on the West line of said Lot 7, thence South along said West line a distance of 30.1 feet to point of beginning;

free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances of the Defendants, Arthur David Sparlin, Deceased, Sue Sparlin, Deceased, Betty Jo Klassen and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Arthur David Sparlin, Deceased, Sue Sparlin, Deceased, and Betty Jo Klassen, have no right, title, interest, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, or assessment in or to the said hereinabove described real property, and a Decree quieting and confirming the Plaintiff's respective title and possession thereto as set out above, against said Defendants and their unknown successors, and forever barring and enjoining the Defendants and their unknown successors from any and all right, title, estate, interest or equity of redemption in and to the said lands and premises, or any part thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 31st day of March 2023.

(Seal) McClain County Court Clerk By: CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE

APPROVED: /s/ James B. Blevins, Jr. James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731 George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223

Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC 138 W. Main P. O. Box 1566 Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 PHONE: (405) 527-7575 FAX: (405) 527-7574 Attorney for Plaintiffs

COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDERS OFFICE, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4); THENCE WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, A DISTANCE OF 720.00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT, A DISTANCE OF 605.00 FEET; THENCE EAST A DISTANCE OF 175.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 535.00 FEET; THENCE WEST A DISTANCE OF 360.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH A DISTANCE OF 535.00 FEET; THENCE EAST A DISTANCE OF 360.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A 30 FOOT ROAD ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4); THENCE SOUTH 1290.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST A DISTANCE OF 545.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH A DISTANCE OF 150.0 FEET; THENCE WEST A DISTANCE OF 30.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 150.0 FEET; THENCE WEST A DISTANCE OF 745 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW1/4); THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 14162 263rd Street, Blanchard, OK 73010 for the sum of \$101,441.08, with interest from June 1, 2022, at 4.25 percent per annum, together with a reasonable attorney's fee, \$850.00 for abstracting, advances for taxes, insurance and property preservation, and the costs of this action, and ordering said property sold to satisfy said judgment, and forever barring you and all persons claiming by, through or under you from ever setting up or asserting any right, title, equity or interest in and to said real estate adverse to the right and title of the purchaser at said foreclosure sale, and for such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL, this 10 day of April, 2023.

/s/ Kristel Gray Court Clerk By: Deputy

(Seal) LOGS Legal Group LLP 770 NE 63rd St. Oklahoma City, OK 73105-6431 (405) 848-1819 File No. 23-139062

this Court her Final Account of the administration of said estate and Petition for Order Allowing Final Account, Determination of Heirs, Devisees and Legatees, Distribution of Estate, and Final Discharge, the hearing of the same, which will include a hearing upon various matters requested therein to be taken into consideration by the Court, has been set by the Court of McClain County, Oklahoma the 5th day of May, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in the Courthouse of McClain County, in Purcell, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and

allowed, the heirs of said deceased determined, the estate distributed, and the personal representative discharged.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2023. /s/ Charles Gray Judge of the District Court Submitted by: Darrell G. Ford, OBA #11835 Darrell G. Ford, A Professional Corporation P.O. Box 756 118 North Second Street, Suite C Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 (405) 527-7049 (405) 527-7256 fax Attorney for the Personal Representative, Paige Phillips Cassidy Edwards Personal Representative BY: /s/ Joshua S. Turner Joshua S. Turner, OBA #22321 TTSS LAW 219 East Main Street Norman, Oklahoma 73069 Telephone: (405) 364-8300 Facsimile: (405) 364-7059 josh@ttsblaw.com Attorney for Personal Representative

interest and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Cassidy Edwards, Personal Representative, at the law offices of TTSS LAW, 219 East Main Street, Norman, OK 73069, addressed to Joshua Turner, attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: June 5, 2023, or the same will be forever barred. DATED this 30th day of March, 2023.

Dated this 30th day of March, 2023. Cassidy Edwards Personal Representative BY: /s/ Joshua S. Turner Joshua S. Turner, OBA #22321 TTSS LAW 219 East Main Street Norman, Oklahoma 73069 Telephone: (405) 364-8300 Facsimile: (405) 364-7059 josh@ttsblaw.com Attorney for Personal Representative

Religion

Church Directory

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
405 W. Grant, Purcell
Rev. Bill Crawford
405-820-8184
Sunday
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday
Adult Studies: 7 p.m.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LEXINGTON
Connecting People With God and One Another
Children's Activities - Youth Activities
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School 9:15
Morning Worship 8:15 • 10:15
Rusty Canoy
Pastor 527-6758
900 E. BROADWAY • LEXINGTON

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

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

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

Johnson Road Baptist Church
4 mi. N. of Purcell on I-35
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
11:00 a.m.
405-818-8848

CHRISTIAN LIFE
sunday 10:30AM
www.christianlifeok.com

Lighthouse Worship Center
Rev. Nathan Mullins
405.442.0155
2726 N. 9th, Purcell
Sunday Morning - 10:30 am
Sunday Evening - 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm
www.lwcpurcell.com

Memorial Assembly of God
7th & Monroe, Purcell
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 6:30 p.m.
We Invite You to Worship With Us.
527-2769

LANDMARK CHURCH
Pastor: Justin Blankenship
1106 W. Grant • Purcell
527-3342
Sunday Worship..... 9:15 & 10:55 a.m.
Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church Purcell
Growing In Grace
4th & Main 405-527-3327
www.purcellfbc.org
Come worship with us!
Sundays 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Activities for all ages & child care provided for all services!

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
CORNER OF THIRD & JEFFERSON
Saturday - 5 pm (English)
Sunday - 11 am (English)
1 pm (Español)
Daily Mass
Tues. & Fri. 9 am • Wed. Noon • Thurs. 7 pm (Español)
Parish Office/Oficina: 527-3077
Priest House/Padre Juan Pedro: 527-4242

You Are Always Welcome At
7th & Monroe St.
Church of Christ
Purcell, OK
Sunday 10:30 & 1:30
Wednesday Evening 6:30

Goldsby Church
153 W. Center Road
Goldsby, OK 73093
288-2514
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.

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

9th & Pierce Church of Christ
1207 North 9th
Purcell, OK 73080
405-527-3176
Sunday Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Class 7 p.m.
Search Ministries Sunday 7:30 a.m. Channel 34
www.searchtv.org

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

You are welcome at
Pentecostal Church of God
213 N. Main Street
Lexington, Okla.
Church Service Hours:
Sunday 10 AM & 6 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM
John Coffman 405-765-4002
Ann Coffman 405-765-4002



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Top notch
The Hope Center in Goldsby, founded by Justin Blankenship and his Landmark Church, was named the Goldsby Organization of the Year at last week's chamber banquet. Monica Henry made the presentation.



Sunray Baptist Church
Pam Kyzer sang "Written in Red" for the morning special. Brother John used Proverbs 4:23 for his sermon "Guard Your Heart." The heart is your inner person. It can be pure or perverse. Our inner person must be guarded and protected. If we don't, we will ultimately be doing what is wrong. Our hearts should be open to God and His wisdom and should be closed to the world's desires. We have the power to take bad desires out of us through the power of God. By coming to Christ our heart is made pure. We should close our hearts to the influences of this world. At our evening service, Ephesians 3:1-7 was read and discussed. God gave to Paul a dispensation to bear the Gospel to the Gentiles. They would have an equal standing in Christ. Everything God has to offer is in Jesus. God made provisions for us to give us equal standing with the Jews. We completed our day with a quarterly business meeting followed by fellowship and snacks. The BMA National Meeting will be at Conway, Ark., April 25-27. On April 30, our pastor, John Wylie, will be doing revival services in Lawton. Brother Dennis Clark will be filling our pulpit. We will be observing the Lord's Supper at our evening service that day. You are always welcome at Sunray Baptist Church. Join us for Sunday School, worship and all activities. We are located at 2223 N. 9th in Purcell. For additional information call 405-527-6808.

Green Avenue Church of Christ
We put on hold until this coming week our song class for the month. On Wednesday, April 19, we planned to discuss four more of the songs in our book, get the historical background and the significant spiritual meaning out of each one as best we can. Our Sunday morning Bible study examined the topic of marriage against the current national background issue of human sexuality. Beginning with a reading of Luke 14:15-24, Keith Shackelford presented a lesson on shepherds and feeding. The sermon examined the abstract uses of the word "feed" (like shepherding, teaching, directing, etc.). The parable of Jesus was about a man who put together a great feast. He was intent on feeding someone, and since the first group made excuses as to why they could not come he filled his guest list with many others who could not possibly repay him in-kind. We learned that eating from the Lord's provision means first to accept His invitation to the feast, secondly to feed in His pasture (not someone else's), and finally to be satisfied with the provision of His table. Sunday evening the sermon came from Hebrews 6:9 and was entitled, "Things That Accompany Salvation." The whole sermon was based on the book of Hebrews and its first century setting. We learned of some salvation basics (Heb. 6:1-2) and then of some dire circumstances (Heb. 6:4-8). This lead us to the text verse which says, "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak." It was pointed out that some of the things the author had in mind which accompany salvation were seen in this chapter: (1) the Hebrew Christians' work and labor of love in the ministry to the saints, (2) their faith and patience, and (3) the hope they had in Christ Jesus. 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
Today, April 20, 2023 is the 30th anniversary of Fr. John Peter Swaminathan's ordination into the priesthood. We thank you, Fr. John Peter, for your dedication to Christ and his Church. We are blessed to worship with you. April 23, 2023 is the third Sunday of Easter. The Gospel reading is Luke 24:13-35. Two of Christ's followers were walking toward a village called Emmaus. They were talking about the events of the preceding few days. Jesus started walking beside them but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." Jesus asked what they were discussing. One of the disciples, Cleopas, said, "You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days." (That would be the equivalent of not knowing President Kennedy was killed on November 22, 1963, or that John Glenn circled the earth on February 20, 1962, or that the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City was bombed on April 19, 1995.) Jesus then asked them, "What things?" They explained that Jesus, who showed himself to be a prophet powerful in action and speech, was sentenced to death and was crucified. They had hoped he would be the one to set Israel free. Even more confusing, some of the women from their group had gone to the tomb early in the morning and Jesus' body was gone. The women told the group that angels had told them that Jesus was alive. Then some of the others in the group went to the tomb and found everything just as the women had told them. Jesus called the two foolish because they were so slow to believe all the prophets had said. "Was is not necessary that Christ should suffer before entering into his glory?" Then Jesus started explaining to them how passages throughout scripture were about himself. As they were nearing the village, Jesus made as if to go. The two followers encour-

Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens. The menu for the week of 4/24/23: Monday – Beans & Fried Taters Wednesday – Taco Bar, Friday – Steak & Shrimp. We are grateful for all the donations coming in for the yard sale. We hope to have it outside and be able to enjoy the weather. We are looking toward to the middle of May for the yard sale. All are welcome. 12314 St HWY 39, (405) 344-6789. **God Bless until next time.** **Dibble Senior Citizens Crew**



Enjoying a Wednesday morning with clients coming in to pick up food and conversation.

Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

The Center will be participating in the Purcell Citywide Garage Sale on Thursday, April 28 & Friday, April 29. The address is 228 N. 2nd, Purcell. We have lots of merchandise at great prices. Every sale benefits the Seniors, so please drop by and pay us a visit!

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 10:00 am. 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 10:00 until 1:00 (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. 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.

This menu may change due to availability issues. Thank you for your understanding.

The menu for April 24 through April 28:
 Monday: Beef Casserole, Salad, Tortilla Chips and Cake
 Tuesday: Baked Fish Sandwich, Coleslaw, Potato Casserole and Gelatin
 Wednesday: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Bread and Chocolate Pan Pie
 Thursday: White Beans w/ Ham, Cucumber & Onion Salad, Greens, Cornbread and Lime Delight
 Friday: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Zucchini & Tomatoes, Roll and Fruit

One Milk per person is served with every meal. A huge thank you to all who continue to donate and support the Senior Center. Your donations continue to enhance the lives of our Seniors and the operation of our Center.

Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hey everyone, remember me? Been absent from the Register for the last couple of weeks, but I'm back.

Looks like we have seen the last of the cold weather, so you should be getting all your flowers, plants and veggies in the ground now. We just need some rain.

There will be no garage sale this week or next. We will reopen the first weekend in May with lots of new donations of merchandise. Please look for more information to come.

Delta Nutrition provides delicious and nutritious meals, served promptly at 11:30 every Monday thru Friday. Our attendance is growing so it is important to reserve your meal so we have enough for all those who attend.

Please call the kitchen at 405-527-9462 and speak to one of the cooks or to me. We want to ensure everyone who wants a meal gets one.

If you are new to the area, a senior 60+ and would like to know how to qualify for the Delta lunch program, please call the kitchen in Purcell or 405-449-3079 at the Wayne Center for information.

Here is the menu for April 24-28:
 Monday—South of the border beef casserole, tossed salad, corn, tortilla chips and cook's choice dessert.
 Tuesday—Baked fish sandwich, potato casserole, coleslaw and gelatin with fruit.
 Wednesday—BBQ chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, hot roll or wheat bread and chocolate pan pie.
 Thursday—White beans with ham, greens, cucumber/onion salad, corn bread and lime delight.
 Friday—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, zucchini and tomatoes, sliced bread or roll and available fruit.
 Milk is served with every meal. One milk per person, please. I appreciate my awesome staff and our volunteers for all they do to benefit our seniors.
 Thank you to all who continue to support your Wayne Senior Citizens Center.
 Until next week...

MATC holds induction ceremony for NTHS

The induction ceremony into the National Technical Honor Society was recently held for Mid-America Technology Center's 143 new NTHS members. This celebratory event, held at Purcell First Baptist Church, was attended by a host of family and friends.

Malachi Blaxton, the Wayne High School principal, was the guest speaker for the evening, where his message was about the importance of having integrity as a baseline for every aspect of life.

To be eligible for NTHS membership, students must meet a specific set of criteria. The student must have a 93 or above in their technology program course work each semester, have no more than four absences per semester, perform community service, and be a member of their student organization.

The National Technical Honor Society has a mission to honor student achievement and leadership, promote educational excellence, and enhance career opportunities for technical students. They provide recognition for excellence in technical education and create occupational opportunities for America's top workforce education students.

The NTHS students for 2022-2023 are as follows:

Blanchard: Riley Bond, Automotive Service Technician; Paxton Bradley, Residential HVAC Technician; Ilana Douglas, Health Careers Explorer; Megan Elam, Cosmetologist; Isaac Estep, Pre-Engineering; Tristen Fleck, Pre-Engineering; Braydon Ingram, Automotive Service Technician; Kamdyn McKay, Health Careers Explorer; Jacie Miller, Cosmetologist; Brock Rinken, Pre-Nursing; Tyler Weathers, Automotive Service Technician.

Bridge Creek: Shane Lundy, Emergency Medical Technician; M.J. Moorehead, Automotive Service Technician; Lexy Sweet, Health Careers Explorer.

Byars: Brayden Force, Cyber Security.

Dibble: Joseph Case, Criminal Justice Officer; Carter Chase, Building & Property Maintenance; Irelan Downey, Health Careers Explorer; Dalayah Fuentes, Therapeutic Health Careers; Macey Goines, Medical Office Assistant; Makylie Holman, Cyber Security; Taylor Nixon, Therapeutic Health Careers; Destiny Reed, Cosmetologist; Day-Jamon Wilson, Building & Property Maintenance.

Elmore City: Becca Armstrong, Health Careers Explorer; Rylee Reames, Health Careers Explorer; Ryan Sneed, Criminal Justice Officer.

Foster: Dusti Grossnicklaus, Horticulture Technician.

Lexington: Chloe Cheatwood, Health Careers Explorer; Jarret Cole, Automotive Service Technician; Natalie Diskson, Medical Office Assistant; Tyler Dunlap, Lineworker Technology; Brycen Franks, Pre-Engineering; Destiny Free, Emergency Medical Technician; Kiely Givens, Medical Office Assistant; Adeline Gower, Health Careers Explorer; Emma Gower, Therapeutic Health Careers; Emma Hokett, Therapeutic Health Careers; Emily Kessler, Business Office Assistant; Byron Lydick, Cyber Security; Marissa Northrup, Therapeutic Health Careers; Emily Pierce, Health Careers Explorer; Elena Serrano, Equine Production; Maison Sisney, Pre-Engineering; Baron Steelman, Combination Collision Repair Technician; Jarrett Stone, Pre-Engineering; Daemeon Swales, Pre-Engineering.

Lindsay: Eli Conner, Pre-Engineering; Kaylee Davoult, Health Careers Explorer; Maryann Dudgeon, Cosmetologist; Brehana Galindo-Gaytan, Health Careers Explorer; Colton Ince, Practical Nursing; Jaeden James, Graphic Design; Luke Knapp, Cyber Security; McKenna Largent, Horticulture Technician; Savannah Slater, Cosmetologist; Riley Snow, Health Careers Explorer;

Arisdey Valenciano, Health Careers Explorer; Aura Valenzuela, Automotive Service Technician; Chelse White, Emergency Medical Technician.

Little Axe: Madison Caldwell, Health Careers Explorer; Aaliyah Fuller-Holmes, Cosmetologist; Harley Hall, Horticulture Technician; Hayley Leonard, Computer Aided Drafting & Design; Izabella Woods, Health Careers Explorer.

Newcastle: Nicole Aderhold, Horticulture Technician; Leah Bradley, Cosmetologist; Dale Hodge, Cyber Security; Cheyenne Lind, Computer Aided Drafting & Design; Eden Robles, Automotive Service Technician; Chloe Sheriff, Veterinary Assistant; Kealeigh Singley, Veterinary Assistant; Ashlyn Turner, Health Careers Explorer; Kaleb Zeka, Pre-Engineering.

Noble: Neftali Baquera, Multimedia Assistant; Austin Bond, Therapeutic Health Careers; Kraig Cunningham, Multimedia Assistant; Madeline Davis, Health Careers Explorer; Alidia Hagen, Veterinary Assistant; Juliet Hanks, Veterinary Assistant; Bradley Howell, Lineworker Technology; Kurstin Howell, Health Careers Explorer; Isabel Iniguez-McGoveran, Health Careers Explorer; Jesiah Lucero, Computer Aided Drafting & Design; Reese Roberts, Cyber Security; Rylee Scott, Emergency Medical Technician; Jazmyn Streun, Therapeutic Health Careers; Dominic Strevett, Pre-Engineering; Kyle Thompson, Automotive Service Technician.

Norman: Isaiah Butler, Cyber Security; Westen Oehlhof, Automotive Service Technician.

Pauls Valley: Elijah Barlow, Cyber Security; Taelyn Crowder, Veterinary Assistant; Alyssa Dunn, Computer Aided Drafting & Design; Emili Reyes, Business Office Assistant; Luis Rincon, Veterinary Assistant; Irma Rodriguez, Business Office Assistant; Natasha Rodriguez, Criminal Justice Officer; Arely Rojas, Health Careers Explorer; Robert Sweetman, Criminal Justice Officer; Gabriel Taylor, Lineworker Technology; Monica Tumax-Lopez, Health Careers Explorer; Landin Weilenman, Lineworker Technology.

Purcell: Isaiyana Aleman, Therapeutic Health Careers; Lincoln Eubank, Therapeutic Health Careers; Cristian Giron, Combination Collision Repair Technician; Cheyenne Hellstern; Practical Nursing; Sierra Linker, Graphic Design; Kaylee Morrow, Criminal Justice Officer; Jimena Portillo, Therapeutic Health Careers; Alan Rivera, Criminal Justice Officer; Noria Stell, Therapeutic Health Careers; Jennifer Velasco-Comayagua, Business Office Assistant; Natalie White, Automotive Service Technician.

Stratford: JayLee Angelica, Criminal Justice Officer; Jaxon Bryant, Cyber Security; Launa Raymo, Therapeutic Health Careers; Jerron Stoliby, Cyber Security.

Tuttle: Miradith Larson, Health Careers Explorer.

Washington: Lindsey Aguirre, Business Office Assistant; Kendall Bolser, Cosmetologist; McKenzie Clark, Therapeutic Health Careers; Cody Dennis, Residential HVAC Technician; Ivan Govea, Combination Collision Repair Technician; Aylin Hernandez, Computer Aided Drafting & Design; Hannah Holsey, Health Careers Explorer; Isabella Lee, Medical Office Assistant; Emily Madden, Business Office Assistant; Julisa Montoya, Medical Office Assistant; Maria Montoya, Medical Office Assistant; Kacie Scrivner, Graphic Design; Terry Simpson, Lineworker Technology; Kyle Wade, Health Careers Explorer.

Wayne: Sean Baker, Pre-Engineering; Gracie Harris, Cosmetologist; Kloe Overley, Health Careers Explorer; Gonzalo Perez, Cosmetologist; Adrian Prieto, Combination Collision Repair Technician; Blanca Ramirez, Automotive Service Technician; Sadie Thomas, Health Careers Explorer; Abby Watts, Health Careers Explorer.

Wynnewood: Harlie Corey, Criminal Justice Officer; Gabriel Herring, Cyber Security.



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The Bunn

Kay and Dale Bunn were among the some 300 people attending last Thursday's Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Awards banquet at Southwind Hills.

Lexington United Methodist Church

We were able to help our community this past Saturday by providing food to 56 families. That's approximately 140 people. Thanks be to God!

Our next regular Food Give Away will be Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please let anyone you know who needs food to come on this Saturday.

We also appreciate all of the community people who help with the Food Bank. Some of our volunteers come as far away as Yukon or Elmore City. If you would like to help in this mission, please let Clint Sanders, our Food Bank director know.

There are so many concerns in my heart. One in particular is that of how to give hope back to our young people, or anyone for that matter.

It was pointed out to me when we are in so much emotional pain, we just want to escape that pain. Sometimes we think of ways to escape. But we may not be thinking clearly, realizing that maybe we only need to escape for a while, not permanently. This is especially hard for our young people to understand.

People can get help from our pastors, our family or health professionals. Anyone can feel discouraged or feel useless without giving any indication of despair or misery.

I've been thinking and praying about that a lot. I'm not sure what we can do. Maybe we can talk to people about what is going on in their lives, including their concerns and desires.

The first step may be in really listening to what they need to give to God, even though you may not know how to do that.

It may take talking to others about how they help themselves. We each need to search for our personal getaway.

Just listen to the other person. Ask if a hug would help. Ask what would help them to make their life easier. They may not know either. But LISTEN to them. The person who is hurting is the important focus. If we can, somehow, help someone see they have choices and can do something to survive this situation.

Above all, we need to care for each other, even if we don't know what to do.

Almighty God, you reach into the darkness with hope, truth and light. Stretch out your strong hands, hold and rescue those who are suffering. Let them know we are valued and valuable beings. Let your almighty love move mountains, cross seas, and breathe life into the darkest places.

Help us not to fear the future but to boldly trust that you are in control when our emotions plunge us down and when we are in despair. And times when we can't talk and we don't know what to say, help us to "Be still and know that you are God." Be our comforter, our healer, and bring us your peace. Amen.

Many of us are hurting and may have had hurtful experiences in organized religions, but we can all heal together in God's love and grace. We welcome you into the universal family of God where all are loved. We invite you to the United Methodist Church, whoever you are and whoever you may become.

We worship at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday, followed by coffee, tea, and fellowship. Sunday school starts at approximately 11:00 a.m. Our address is 631 East Ash, just west of Lexington High School. For more information, please call the church at (405) 527-3506 to leave a message, or contact Pastor David Cook directly at (405) 406-6174.

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picture? ('God, I need a new car' instead of 'God, how do I please you?') And, finally, do we sometimes come back to our senses with something commonplace like the breaking of bread? ('This is the body of Christ.')

We celebrate the love of Jesus at Our Lady of Victory parish all year long. Our Lady of Victory parish is located at 307 West Jefferson. The

church administrative office is located at 501 N. 4th, and it is open weekday mornings. You can call the office at 405-527-3077. Weekend mass services are Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. (Spanish). Daily masses are Tuesday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon; Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish), and Friday, 9 a.m. Peace be with you.

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Enjoy the benefits of adding water features to the landscape

Melinda Myers
For The Purcell Register

Boost the beauty and your enjoyment by adding a fountain, birdbath, or other water feature to your balcony, deck, or landscape. This one addition to your outdoor space provides many benefits.

The sound of moving water helps create a sense of peace and relaxation. It is a form of white noise that helps calm the mind and revive your spirit.

It also helps mask noise pollution. Combine water features with strategic screening to create a quiet and private space.

Water is also a great way to attract songbirds and pollinators to your gardens. A birdbath with gently sloping sides allows birds and insects to take a sip without getting all wet.

Or add a few stones to your birdbath to accomplish the same results. Be sure to change the water often as providing fresh water is important for the health of your winged guests.

Bring in even more birds by adding some type of water agitator to your birdbath. Moving water is very appealing and helps attract more birds, especially during spring and fall migration.

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With so many options you are sure to find one that fits the size

and style of your outdoor space. A wall-mounted fountain provides calming sound to patios, porches, and spaces near your home without taking up any valuable floor space.

A small tabletop water garden or fountain can make a nice centerpiece when dining outside or entertaining guests. Then simply move your miniature water feature as needed to maximize your enjoyment.

A natural boulder-turned water fountain is the perfect addition for those with informal or natural spaces. Make it appealing to birds by selecting one with a flat area or small indentation to capture some of the water before it flows over the edge.

Select a garden statue with a built-in water fountain for a different aesthetic. Animals and mystical figures add playfulness to the garden while stately figures fit nicely in more formal settings.

Convert one or several plant pots into a fountain. You'll find lots of ideas and step-by-step directions on the internet. Or purchase one ready to install in the garden. These, like other fountains, recirculate water which reduces water waste.

Freshen up any space in the landscape with one of these water features. As soon as it is in place, you'll enjoy the relaxing sounds of water and the songbirds, butterflies, and others it attracts to your gardens.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*.

Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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and the rules of the Commission. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access to the Jim Thorpe Building may be restricted. The referenced hearing may be conducted via teleconference or videoconference. Before coming to the building for this hearing, please visit the Oklahoma Corporation Commission website at <http://oklahoma.gov/occ> to determine the status of building access. Instructions for participating via teleconference or videoconference are available on the Commission's website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall

contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this application, contact BENJAMIN J. BROWN, OBA #30843, Attorney for Applicant, 1560 East 21st Street, Suite 310, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114, Telephone (918) 779-6047, www.charneybrown.com/faqs, or contact Lori Odom, Landman, Telephone (405) 246-3100.

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Pauls Valley Opry

Mary McDonald (top), Cathy Lake (middle) and Terry Wilson will be among the performers who will be on the stage of the Pauls Valley Opry on May 6. The show is at the Pauls Valley Junior High auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m.

2023-24 Agriculture Youth Council applications available

Applications for the 2023-24 Agriculture Youth Council are now available for Oklahoma high school students entering their senior year in the fall of 2023.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 28.

Members will meet once a month throughout the school year. Activities include visits to Oklahoma agricultural companies and organizations, opportunities to learn about the legislative process, and job shadows with industry professionals.

The Agriculture Youth Council was created in 2019 by Sec. Blayne Arthur to develop future

agricultural leaders by teaching professional skills, exposing members to diverse agriculture operations, and offering short-term job experience in agriculture fields.

High school seniors from all Oklahoma counties are eligible to apply.

Membership in 4-H/FFA is NOT required.

Travel during the tours will be provided, but transportation to and from the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry will be the responsibility of the student.

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