



Warriors go BACK-TO-BACK

Washington sits atop Oklahoma 3A baseball

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Proving they're no flash in the pan, the Washington Warriors went back-to-back

as State Champions Saturday after defeating Cascia Hall 10-7.

They have firmly established themselves as a

program.

Victory Christian

The Warriors opened the State tournament against Victory Christian at Semi-

nole State Junior College on Thursday.

They defeated the Conquerors 2-1 on the strong arm of Marlon Moore.

The junior righty struck out five batters in a complete

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Greg Gaston • double g images

State champions

The Washington Warrior baseball team repeated as Class 3A State champions. They defeated Cascia Hall 10-7 Saturday at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark Saturday to bring home the title.

JoJo Gypsy, small town girl following big league dreams

A 2012 Purcell High School graduate is making her mark in bling.

Jodie Taylor, also known as "JoJo Gypsy" Jodie, has been building a successful jewelry business out of her Pauls Valley home for the

past several years.

Jodie graduated from Stenography School in 2015 and spent the next few years working as a

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Jodie "JoJo Gypsy" Taylor



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2022-2023 Teachers of the Year

Lexington 2022-2023 Teachers of the Year included, from left, Connie Reece, elementary, Kathy Gladden, middle school, Laura George, district winner and Doneta Hayes at the high school.

Sirens sound, more damage in Cole

Area gets very little rain out of super cell

Tornado sirens sounded just after 8 p.m. last Thursday night and sounded off and on for about 30 minutes.

Once again, Cole was hit by the storm that plucked huge trees out of the ground like they were turnips.

One home was destroyed at 260th and Western, McClain County Sheriff Landy Offolter said.

Purcell Fire Chief Greg Cypert, who is one of the spotters said he

was told there were two but he only saw one.

Emergency Management Director Rachael Huey, who is a spotter for Purcell, reported there were several the National Weather Service is assessing.

Another spotter, Offolter, said there were at last two confirmed tornadoes, one just south of New-

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PHS Reunion near

Alumni will gather June 24

The next Purcell High School Alumni Reunion is fast approaching.

Alumni President Pam Ellis-Hobbs, a 1983 PHS graduate, has extended an invitation to all alumni to attend.

Registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon June

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Brush pickup

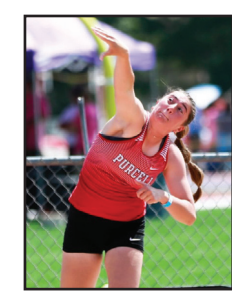
The City of Purcell has set free limb/brush collection for curbside pickup for the time frame of May 1-26.

Purcell residents living west of Green Ave. between Grant Street and SH 39 need to have

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Resendiz State Champ
Sophomore Ella Resendiz topped the field at the shot at the State Track Meet.



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Vintage jacket
PHS Alum Dick Gray pulled a jacket out of his closet and had it framed, telling about days gone by.



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Recently installed

A speed bump was installed last week on the east side of the Purcell Post Office.

Pioneer Library Systems kicks off Summer Learning Challenge

The time is now—the Pioneer Library System invites community members of all ages to have their best summer ever with Summer Learning Challenge 2023!

Seasoned participants will know it as SLC, and that it's a fantastic way to continue learning during the summer months.

Ashley Welke, Director of Community Engagement & Learning at PLS, knows just how crucial this time of year is for students.

"Summer is such an important time! Our goal with SLC is to prevent summer learning

loss and engage community members of all ages in connecting, reading, and learning. Research shows that students who fall behind over the summer are less likely to graduate from high school or go on to college," Welke shared.

SLC is not only for younger students, however. With categories for Early Childhood, Children, Teens, and Adults, this is one summer activity the whole family can enjoy.

Beginning May 1 and running through August 15, SLC encourages participants to log their time spent reading and learning. Once logged, each

minute of learning becomes one point, and that point goes toward a community goal of 11 million points.

Conveniently, learning time also includes attendance at PLS summer programs like Yoga with Alpacas, Extreme Animals, Hula Hooping with Inspyrnal Circus, Spaghetti Eddie concerts, Create & Take Maker events, Superhero Round-Up, among other interactive summer programs offered at the 12 PLS libraries.

Upon meeting the commu-

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Reimagine Pioneer LIBRARY SYSTEM

Waseem Ahmed, Owner of Kebabish Bites

7 Day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
77° 62°	78° 57°	71° 50°	76° 54°	77° 58°	79° 61°	78° 64°
40% T-storms	70% T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	50% T-storms

More storms on the horizon

Thursday and Friday, especially

We've seen some isolated showers and thunderstorms over the last couple of days breaking through intervals of clouds and sun. Those storm chances will persist throughout the remainder of this work week. On Thursday and Friday,

afternoon highs will climb into the upper 70s with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Rain chances decrease heading into this weekend, with mostly sunny skies and temperatures in the low to mid-50s. Clouds will be on the increase heading into

the day on Monday and again on Tuesday, with afternoon highs in the upper 70s. Storm chances return by the middle part of next week, with highs in the upper 70s.

— Hunter Brittingham

Celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month in May

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to come together as a community to shift from stigma associated with mental health issues, raise awareness of resources available for those dealing with mental health issues and to start conversations encouraging those in need to seek support and treatment.

"Mental Health Awareness Month provides an opportunity

for all members of the community to work together to promote mental health awareness throughout Oklahoma," Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Commissioner Carrie Slatton-Hodges said. "Together we can create a culture where mental health is prioritized and resources are readily available for those in need allowing them to live healthy, fulfilling lives."

Each year, nearly 300,000 Oklahomans report having a substance abuse disorder. Additionally, approximately 300 Oklahomans are admitted for urgent care or crisis mental health services. In the past year, 4.1 percent of adults in Oklahoma had serious thoughts of suicide, with one in 10 students reporting attempting suicide in the past 12 months.

Mental illness adversely affects thought processes, relationships, productivity and ability to adapt to change or face adversity. Early identification and treatment can make a profound difference in the successful management of mental illness and inspire recovery. There is safe, effective and lifesaving tools available to those in need.

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) believes Oklahomans deserve to have mental health and addiction services within reach without fear of judgement and shame.

As part of the Mental Health Awareness Month initiative, communities across Oklahoma are partnering with ODMHSAS to promote the 988 Oklahoma Mental Health Lifeline, a free and confidential service that provides immediate support for those experiencing a mental health need, all starting with a simple call or text.

Since its launch, 988 has received an average of more than 3,500 calls and texts per month. "Seeing this many people utilizing 988 to reach out for help in times of need provides hope for the future of our community," Slatton-Hodges continued. "Oklahoma is regarded as an industry innovator and is leading the nation's launch of the 988 Mental Health Lifeline, creating the most comprehensive crisis response continuum in the nation that leverages technology and alternative to law enforcement. This is something we all should

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Support staff

The Support Staff of the Year winners at Lexington are Connie Hickman, left, for the cafeteria and Teresa Ward, Intermediate Title Aide.

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NEWS In Brief

Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting for Phase 2 of the Purcell Lake Trail will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 24.

The lake trail is located at 1400 Chandler Road in Purcell.

Veteran Breakfast

All veterans, active-duty military, and descendants are invited and encouraged to attend a free breakfast sponsored by the local Walmart and American Legion Post 301.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, in the American Legion building located at 104 E. Broadway in Lexington. The American Legion Post 301 monthly meeting will follow at 10 a.m.

The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will also meet for a potluck breakfast at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, prior to placing flags on the graves of veterans at eight local cemeteries for Memorial Day.

The group will move to the Lexington Cemetery at 10 a.m. and anyone wishing to assist can meet them there at the flagpole. Non-veterans are welcome to participate.

Contact Dale Haynes at 405-823-9051 for additional information.

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 at purcellsportshof.com

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

Maysville Alumni Banquet

The Maysville Alumni Association is planning on having another alumni banquet for the first time since 2019.

The banquet will be held June 3, 2023. The banquet is always held on the first Saturday in June.

Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at the Maysville Assembly of God, Highway 19, west of Maysville.

Donations will be accepted at the door. Anyone who graduated from or attended Maysville Public Schools, as well as all current and former staff and teachers, are welcome.

Cole Tornado Benefit Rodeo

A Cole Tornado Benefit Open Rodeo will be held at 7:30 p.m. June 9 and 10 at the Purcell Expo Center.

Events will include mutton bustin, bare back, ranch bronc, calf roping and steer wrestling. Rough stock/mutton bustin call in is June 1 and 2 and may be called to Mike at 405-919-2008.

All proceeds from the gate and concessions will be donated to Cole tornado victims.

Senior Dance at Purcell

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

Admission is \$8 per person and a live band playing country and western music is on hand.

Everyone is welcome to come and join the fun.

For more information call Clayton Lee at 405-901-3197.

Museum News

The McClain County Museum and Historical Society has undergone some changes and the museum is now open for tours.

To schedule a tour contact Jerry Hayes at 405-812-8379.

Memorial Day

The Purcell Register will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

The office will be open at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning and all deadlines will remain the same.

Walk the Trail Day

Bring your kids and family to the Third Annual Purcell's Walk The Trail Day from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3.

The trail, at the Purcell Lake, and is an easy one mile loop that includes beautiful views, things for the kids and a new bathroom facility.

The event is hosted by the City of Purcell Parks and Recreation Department and the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce.



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Boulevard maintenance

Purcell City crews maintain grass and shrubs along Green Avenue on a routine basis.

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be proud to claim.”

Throughout the month of May, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and 988 will share resources and information related to mental health on its website and through social media channels.

The department will also host events, activities and trainings focused on mental health awareness throughout the month.

Promoting mental health awareness and reducing long-held stigmas surrounding mental illness creates a culture of support and empowerment vital to everyone's mental health. If you or someone you know is struggling with a mental health

issue, contact the 988 Oklahoma Mental Health Lifeline through call or text at any time to receive free and confidential support.

For more information on Mental Health Awareness Month and available resources visit <https://988oklahoma.com/>.

Michelle's Destinations

Let's start planning your summer vacation!

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Library:

nity learning goal, PLS will donate books provided by the Pioneer Library System Foundation to children enrolled in WIC programs throughout the PLS service area of Cleveland, McClain and Pottawatomie counties.

If staying sharp, learning new things, and giving back to the community weren't enough, participants can also continue logging points to earn prizes.

Participants complete the SLC upon reaching 1,000 points and can select items from their library's treasure chest at every point badge earned. Those signed up in the Early Childhood, Child, and Teen categories also get a free book at 500 and 1,000 points, thanks to a generous donation provided by the Pioneer Library System Foundation.

For each age category, every 1,000 points logged will earn an entry for the grand prize drawing. Grand prizes at each branch will include SmartMax building sets for Early Childhood, STEAM robot building

kits and Lego Brick building box sets or fort building kits for the Child category, Polaroid camera kits for Teens, and indoor herb gardening kits for the Adult category.

SLC is about much more than prizes, however, librarian Kim Zahller reminds participants.

“The best thing about SLC is the fact that your brain is engaged in one of the healthiest activities one can imagine—an activity that is building sophisticated pathways in the brain, igniting imagination, expanding vocabulary, improving empathy, concentration, and social-

emotional skills!” said Zahller, a 25-year SLC veteran at PLS.

“Not only that, when grown-ups read to children, play games with them, help them with experiments, take them to zoos and museums and parks or learn a new skill with them, it also strengthens bonds and encourages play, which is children's most underrated mode of learning.”

For more information about Pioneer Library System's Summer Learning Challenge and related events, please visit pioneer.beanstack.org and pioneerlibrarysystem.org.



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3D printing

Children learn about 3D printing at a Summer Learning Challenge 2022 library program.

Class of 1963 eyes reunion

The Dragon Class of 1963 will be having a reunion on Saturday, June 10, at the home of Marvin & Linda Thornton, 25294 Kody Lane in Purcell.

Finger foods will be available along with water and tea. Guests are welcome to bring their own alcoholic beverages and their lawn chairs.

Organizers are asking those attending to pay \$20 a person or \$30 a couple to help with expenses.

For more information contact Angie Stephens Wallace at 405-615-8863. If no answer leave a message.

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Ironic twist for recovery centers

It was the April 19 tornado that ripped through Cole and Shawnee that prompted opening of Disaster Recovery Centers.

Here's the email we received just the other day.

"Due to the expected severe weather Thursday, May 11, 2023, both the Pottawatomie and McClain County Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) will be closed. Those locations are:

McClain County
Cole Community Center
26887 Main Street
Blanchard, OK 73010
Hours: 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., seven days a week.
Pottawatomie County

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130 N. Louisa Avenue
Shawnee, OK 74801
Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week
Both DRCs are expected to

reopen Friday, May 12, at 8 a.m.

Oklahoma residents impacted by the severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes from April 19-20 can still apply for assistance by visiting disasterassistance.gov, or call the disaster assistance helpline at 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service. The toll-free telephone lines operate from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT, seven days a week."

Talk about ironic.
Bad weather closing down storm recovery centers.

Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



Update from the Capitol

This week, we celebrate National Police Week to recognize those in our communities who keep us safe, protect us from danger, uphold law and order, and help when emergency strikes—our brave law enforcement men and women.

Monday was also Peace Officers Memorial Day in Oklahoma, and our hearts go out to those families who have lost loved ones in the line of duty.

There is no greater service one can do for their fellow man than to serve and protect, but I can't imagine the horrible pain of losing a loved one who was simply doing their job. We must all do our part to support these families and honor the legacy of our fallen heroes.

Every year, the Legislature works to provide additional resources, training, and other necessary supports to Oklaho-

ma's peace officers. In 2021, the Unified State Law Enforcement Commission was created to share their community's greatest needs with us.

Lack of proper mental health support, needing access to better training at all levels, and improving pay were some of the main reasons given for why our law enforcement agencies struggle with recruitment and retention.

These public servants face dangerous situations on a regular basis and the trauma they're exposed to is unfathomable. Last year, we created the Mental Wellness Division at the state Department of Public Safety to provide mental wellness services and programs to all of Oklahoma's public safety personnel and their families.

The division utilizes public/private partnerships to provide

high quality, proven services, like peer-to-peer mental health programs, which have been shown to have the highest success rate in suicide prevention and addressing other issues, like addiction, depression, and anxiety. I was proud to support this critical reform to show these brave men and women that we'll always have their backs, just as they do ours.

We also boosted pay for our highway patrol troopers, agents at the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) and other public safety agencies. Major investments were made to provide more law enforcement education, training, and academies statewide, and we've also been working to unify training to provide more employment

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Restoring order at the border

Congressman Tom Cole

Chaos is the one word that accurately describes the current situation at the southern border. The present state of affairs that has gone on for more than two years as a direct result of reckless and thoughtless policy decisions by the Biden Administration is endangering lives and U.S. security.

It cannot continue as is. However, last week House Republicans advanced legislation to restore order and alleviate this national security and humanitarian crisis of unprecedented proportions.

The Democrats' open border agenda started with halting border wall construction. That was followed by the reinstatement of catch and release, termination of "Remain in Mexico" and measures that tied the hands of law enforcement.

These thoughtless policy decisions have caused some of the largest waves of illegal border crossings in recorded history, exceeding 5 million since President Biden has been in office, according to Customs and Border Control's (CBP) own numbers. CBP also reports that nearly 1.3 million illegal immigrants have evaded apprehension and escaped into

the U.S.

These numbers only scratch the surface of the grim realities faced. A porous border is anything but kind or compassionate as it empowers drug cartels and human traffickers and allows fentanyl and illicit drugs to flow into our communities. CBP has seized more than 14,000 pounds of fentanyl at the border since President Joe Biden assumed office, enough to kill more than 3 billion people. And it has also become a path utilized by terror suspects to try and sneak into our homeland.

So far in fiscal year 2023 alone, 80 people on the terrorist watch list were caught trying to enter our country unlawfully. With Republicans in control of the House of Representatives, Congress can now act and begin to repair the damage done.

After repeatedly pleading with the Biden Administration and House Democrats to acknowledge the humanitarian and security crisis at the border to no avail, last week, House Republicans passed a critical piece of legislation to secure our border and stop the surge of illegal immigration.

H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act of 2023, is a complete rejection of President Biden's border policies and purposeful

inaction.

H.R. 2 provides the resources and direction necessary to secure the border once and for all. The legislation's important reforms combat fraud and abuse in the asylum process, prevents the catch and release of aliens into American communities and establishes new penalties for visa overstays.

It also immediately resumes construction of the border wall, which President Biden halted on his first day in office, and adds more physical barriers and tactical infrastructure along the border. Additionally, this bill gives our dedicated border patrol agents the resources, equipment and manpower to meet their mission and gain operational control and strengthens current law to protect unaccompanied children from human trafficking.

The measures in the Secure the Border Act of 2023 will go a long way to secure our southern border and end the reign of horror that the cartels are perpetrating against vulnerable populations.

We have a constitutional obligation to secure our border and keep Americans safe, and I was proud to support its passage to help uphold that commitment.

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Your Views



Mental Health Awareness Month: Insurance tips

for navigating mental healthcare

By Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner Glen Mulready

Mental health is just as important as physical health. But, unfortunately, accessing mental health services is often challenging—from the shortage of health providers to the difficulties in understanding your policy terms and benefits.

In addition, there is often the hesitancy to even ask for help due to the stigma that some may associate with mental health. That's why I'd like to remind Oklahomans that all comprehensive major medical insurance plans are required by law to cover mental health and substance abuse services and there are resources to help you navigate this healing journey.

Under Oklahoma law, health insurance companies offering both medical and mental health insurance plans must have equal benefits between both plans. Here are a few insurance tips to help you understand your rights to access mental health services.

Mental Health Coverage Options

The federal parity law generally applies to the following types of health insurance:

- Employer-sponsored health coverage for small groups (under 50 employees) and large groups (over 50 employees).

- Coverage purchased through health insurance exchanges created under the health care reform law, also known as the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

- Medicaid program (Sooner-Care). Requirements may vary. Please contact the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority if you are

unsure how the federal parity law applies to your Medicaid benefits.

Eligibility and Claim Issues

Check your description of plan benefits — it should include information on behavioral health services or coverage for mental health and substance use disorders. If you still aren't sure, contact your insurance company directly or contact us at 800-522-0071.

If your mental health claim is denied, always ask why. Your health plan will have a process to review and appeal denied claims. You or your provider may also file a complaint with us.

Check out the National Alliance on Mental Illness' tips for what to do if your insurance carrier denies your health services.

Additional Resources

For more consumer rights and protection information, visit our Mental Health page at www.oid.ok.gov/mentalhealth. You can also visit the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at <https://www.ok.gov/odmhsas> or call 2-1-1.

Getting mental healthcare can be difficult, but it doesn't have to be. The Oklahoma Insurance Department is here to help and wants to ensure there are no barriers to accessing the care you need.

If you encounter problems with your insurance company as you access mental health services, please contact the Oklahoma Insurance Department at 1-800-522-0071 or visit our website at www.oid.ok.gov.

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It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

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This recipe is perfect as a dip or as a meal!

Crockpot Queso Chicken
3 boneless skinless chicken breasts

1 tbsp. taco seasoning
10 oz. Rotel diced tomatoes and green chilis
8 oz. cream cheese
16 oz. queso cheese

Prepare the liner of the crock pot with a nonstick cooking spray.

Add the chicken breasts to the bottom of the liner.

Top the chicken breasts with taco seasoning. Add the diced cream cheese and the cubed queso and then top with the diced tomatoes and green chilis.

Cover and cook on high for 3 hours or on low for 7 hours. Remove the lid and shred the chicken breasts using two forks. Stir the contents well and serve as desired.

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Birthday boy

Scottie Perry celebrated his birthday with friends at Wendy's May 12. Scottie is 93 years young.

MATC students medal at 2023 State SkillsUSA Conference

Mid-America Technology Center students competed at the annual Oklahoma SkillsUSA Skills Championships and Leadership Conference held in Tulsa.

These students joined others from across Oklahoma to compete in more than 100 contests.

The MATC students who placed on the state level are as follows:

Blanchard: Tristen Fleck, Gold, Engineering Technology Design (team event), Pre-Engineering.

Bridge Creek: Carsyn Roe, Gold, Horticulture, Horticulture Technician; Joshua Kernop, Gold, Web Design & Development (team event), Cyber Security.

Foster: Dusti Grossnicklaus, Gold, Extemporaneous Speaking (postsecondary), Horticulture Technician.

Goldsby: Cadence Harris, Silver, Floral Design (postsecondary), Horticulture Technician.

Lexington: Turner King, Gold, Horticulture (postsecondary), Horticulture Technician.

Lindsay: McKenna Largent, Bronze, Horticulture, Horticulture Technician.

Newcastle: Nicole Aderhold, Gold, Floral Design (postsecondary), Horticulture Technician; Ashlyn Ward, Gold, Engineering Technology Design (team event), Pre-Engineering; Trinity Hulsey, Gold, Web Design & Development (team event), Cyber Security; Noah Dawson, Bronze, Sheet Metal, Residential HVAC Technician.

Noble: Emma Birch, Gold, Customer Service, Horticulture Tech-

nician; Rykelle Harris, Bronze, Cabinet Making (postsecondary), Residential Carpentry.

Pauls Valley: Maisy Lewis, Gold, Barbering, Cosmetologist; Eric Thompson, Silver, Sheet Metal, Residential HVAC Technician.

Purcell: Kylee Field, Gold, Esthetics, Cosmetologist; Avery Miller, Gold, Horticulture, Horticulture Technician; Gabriella Kolsky, Silver, Floral Design, Horticulture Technician.

Washington: Aly Hobbs, Gold, Floral Design, Horticulture Technician.

Wayne: Braden McClendon, Silver, Zero Turning Radius Mower, Building & Property Maintenance.

Wynnewood: Lydia Moore, Gold, Engineering Technology Design (team event), Pre-Engineering.

Emma Birch, Kylee Field, Tristen Fleck, Dusti Grossnicklaus, Maisy Lewis, Lydia Moore and Ashlyn Ward will be competing in their respective contests at the National SkillsUSA Leadership Conference and Championships June 19-23 in Atlanta, Ga.

MATC also has two SkillsUSA Oklahoma State Officers who will be attending this conference. Dusti Grossnicklaus will be running for the position of SkillsUSA College/Postsecondary National Officer, and Tyler Romash, Historian, will be an Oklahoma delegate. SkillsUSA is a national student organization that encourages students to develop career and leadership skills.

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Neill-Wint Center for Neurodiversity celebrates graduates

The University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma's distinguished Neill-Wint Center for Neurodiversity, a comprehensive support program established in 2017



Mainord

that allows students with autism spectrum disorder to pursue a bachelor's degree, recently celebrated four new graduates during the university's 2023 commencement ceremony.

Caitlyn Mainord of Purcell was among the students who earned their degree.

Mainord earned her Bachelor of Arts in multidisciplinary studies.

"Caitlyn is such a beacon of light!" said Dr. Rachel Jones, dean of the school of science and physical education, associate professor of environmental science and biology. "She is determined to do her best and it shows in the quality of work she produces. She is so enthusiastic when it comes to learning anything that can help her reach her goal of managing a farm or ranch.

"She already helps to run her family ranch and has put her education to work for her before she even graduates. In addition to being successful in academics, Caitlyn is famous amongst both faculty and fellow students for her unyielding kindness. She is one of the most caring and considerate people I know," she concluded.

Founded thanks to the generosity of private donors,

including namesakes Philip Wint and his wife Katie, whose maiden name is Neill, the Inasmuch Foundation and Sarkeys Foundation, the Neill-Wint Center for Neurodiversity uses a collaborative model that promotes the development of self-advocacy and independent living skills to encourage strong academic as well as social progress.

Students must meet Science & Arts' general admissions requirements and also apply to the program.

Accepted students are partnered with specially trained faculty advisors as well as peer social coaches who help with prioritization, time management, tutoring and in many other areas.

"Every young person who has gone through this program and completed their bachelor's degree at Science & Arts stands as a testament to how successful students on the autism spectrum can be with the right kind of support," said Cathy Perri, Neill-Wint Center director and special assistant to the president.

"Students in the Neill-Wint Center embody qualities like creativity, curiosity and critical thinking, which are absolutely fundamental to this university's mission, and it has been tremendously fulfilling to watch Caitlyn and the other three students thrive in this atmosphere and achieve everything we knew they were capable of!" Perri concluded.

For more information, contact Perri at 405-574-1293 or cperri@usao.edu.

OMRF receives \$1.8 million to study cause of miscarriage, birth defects

The National Institutes of Health has awarded the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation \$1.8 million to better understand the errors in cell division that lead to miscarriages and certain birth defects, including Down syndrome.

With the five-year grant, Roberto Pezza, Ph.D., hopes to determine what causes these errors in the reproductive cells that comprise eggs and sperm.

In his lab at OMRF, Pezza studies aneuploidy, which occurs when cells have more or less than the usual number of chromosomes.

Chromosomes, found in the nucleus of every cell, contain long strands of DNA. Most people inherit 23 chromosomes from each of their parents. When that number is off by

even one, miscarriage and birth defects often result.

"Currently, there is no way to predict or prevent these errors," said Pezza, who joined OMRF's Cell Cycle and Cancer Biology Research Program in 2009 from the NIH. "These abnormalities cause half of all the miscarriages that occur during the first trimester, and the collective heartbreak that families experience as a result is enormous."

The grant will help him design a new application for existing imaging technology. Pezza hopes this technological advancement will highlight how these errors occur during the formation of eggs and sperm. Ultimately, he hopes it will enable scientists to see where the process goes wrong and develop ways to prevent chromosomal errors.

"This particular research by Dr. Pezza is sort of like understanding how a car works," said Gary Gorbbsky, Ph.D., who leads OMRF's cancer studies. "You can only fix a malfunctioning vehicle if you know how the various parts work together. The same holds true for our cells."

"Dr. Pezza's technology provides a far more sophisticated grasp of the normal function of cells, and it will help us understand how errors occur during cell division," he concluded.



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Most cities have big 2023

Blanchard, Purcell and Norman showed the largest sales/use tax gains over last year with Norman leading the way with a \$1,626,103 gain.

Blanchard's rate went from .04 to .05 helping them top last year's mark. Purcell was up just over \$133,000.

McClain County also showed a hefty gain over May 2022. Statewide the May 2023 figures topped last year by a whopping \$281,185,626 margin.



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New chamber member

Medstar Medical Business Solutions was officially welcomed into the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce in a ribbon cutting ceremony at 227 W. Main last Wednesday afternoon, May 10. John and Pam Hobbs (center) also operate the Lil Dragon Food Pantry.

Summer Feeding Program

Available to students and the community

Purcell Public Schools is pleased to provide students and the community with a Summer Feeding Program again this year.

This program is open to children ages 18 and under. You do not have to be a Purcell PS student to take advantage of the program. Summer Feeding will begin on Monday, May 22, and continue through July 28.

Meals this year must be consumed on site at Purcell Elementary through July and at Purcell High School through June 22.

"We will also provide an option for meal delivery at Southway Mobile Home Park located at 3 Elliot Drive in Purcell each Tuesday, May 23 and 30, June 6, 13, 20 and 27 and July 5 (Wednesday), 11,

18, and 25 from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.," Purcell Superintendent Dr. Sheli McAdoo said.

Anyone is welcome to pick up meals. It is not necessary to be a resident of Southway. These meals will be packaged for five days worth of breakfasts and lunches.

•Purcell Elementary Cafeteria- May 22-July 28 (M-F)
Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11 a.m. -1 p.m.

•Purcell High School Cafeteria- May 22-June 22 (M-F)
Breakfast: 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11 a.m. -1 p.m.

•Southway Mobile Home Park (10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)
3 Elliot Drive in Purcell.

Each Tuesday beginning on May 23-July 25

Please note July 5 is a

Wednesday as pick up day due to the Fourth of July Holiday.

Students who are attending Summer School will be able to eat both breakfast and lunch at the schools and will not be eligible for meal pickup at Southway while Summer School is in session June 5-22.

"I strongly encourage families to take advantage of the Summer Feeding Program. It is great for our students and community as a way to fight childhood hunger," Dr. McAdoo said. "It also benefits the schools. Please plan to take advantage of this opportunity."

The Purcell School District also provides free COVID testing for students, staff and their families.

Call 405-442-0099 to schedule an appointment.

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Lexington	.04	\$56,538.74	\$54,552.98	+\$1,985.76
Lindsay	.04	\$346,480.81	\$306,490.20	+\$39,990.61
Maysville	.04	\$33,030.86	\$32,763.82	+\$267.04
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Purcell	.05	\$828,762.87	\$694,994.76	+\$133,768.11
Slaughterville	.02	\$37,746.33	\$28,403.87	+\$9,342.46
Wanette	.035	\$5,000.72	\$5,457.51	-\$456.79
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Wayne	.035	\$31,951.70	\$25,816.57	+\$6,135.13
McClain County	.005	\$395,678.66	\$351,610.71	+\$44,067.95



Story time at Pikes Peak Sunday, May 21

Another Storytelling is set for Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 2 p.m. in the Pikes Peak School Museum in Erin Springs.

The story of Leonard and Willie Franklin will be told by their daughter Leta Kay Adkisson.

Many may remember the businesses of this family which included Leonard's APCO located on 201 W. Cherokee and

Hair Dressers' Haven located on the corner of Main and East Creek.

Storytelling is hosted by the Lindsay Community Historical Society.

Call 405-919-6146 for more information. Follow LCHS on Facebook at Lindsay Community Historical Society, Murray Lindsay Mansion, and Pikes Peak School Museum.

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Armed:

Range maps, found in *The Field Guide to Oklahoma Amphibians and Reptiles*, sold by the Wildlife Department for \$20, can help readers identify which snakes live where. Of course, the book also offers a wealth of identification tips.

Social media also comes to the rescue via the Oklahoma Snake Identification Network, a Facebook group with expert administrators who identify snakes in photographs as quickly as they can.

Participants in the group often comment on how much they have learned just by watching the posts of others. Most of the photos are of rat snakes, water snakes, king snakes, and hog-nosed snakes. Others commonly seen in the backyard, like tiny rough earth snakes often found while weeding gardens, and garter snakes on the hunt for insects in the grass often make the page.

Copperheads and water

moccasins make plenty of appearances as well as a few rattlesnakes.

Snakes most commonly mistakenly identified as "bad-dies" are the rat snake and the plain-bellied and diamond-back watersnakes.

All are harmless but when threatened will flatten their body including their jaw, which gives them the appearance of the triangular head of a water moccasin.

Watersnakes in particular can be rather pugnacious and strike out, an empty threat that sometimes convinces those unsure of its identity to make that strike the snake's last move.

What the snake experts say in those cases is, if you have to ask, just walk away.

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.



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Snake sighting

Encountered on a front porch, a plain-bellied watersnake flattens itself to look larger and flicks its tongue to test the air. (Oklahoma Ecology Project)

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Obituaries

Dwayne “Andy” Anderson



Dwayne “Andy” Anderson died May 13, 2023, in Norman, Oklahoma, at the age of 79 years 11 months 9 days. Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, May 18, 2023 at the First Baptist Church in Purcell. Interment will follow at Rosedale Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley’s Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made, and service livestreamed at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.

Andy was born June 4, 1943 in Purcell, Oklahoma, to Otis and Alma Ruth (Burden) Anderson. He was raised in Wayne, graduating from Wayne High School in 1961.

That same year, Andy was inducted into the United States Navy, proudly serving two tours in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievements, and was honorably discharged in 1966.

Andy then started his law enforcement career at the Norman Police department, serving as an officer for two years. In 1968, Andy joined the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, serving as a State Trooper, and the last 14 years of his career in McClain County.

Andy married Linda Barger in 1969, and made their home in Wayne, where they raised their family, and where Linda taught school. In 1988, Andy was elected McClain County Sheriff, and served until his retirement in 1998. Andy was an active member of the community, a devout member of the Church of Christ, and was a man of the highest moral character.

Andy was preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Alma Ruth Anderson; his daughter, Amy Wren Unsell; his brother, Gary Anderson; and his nephew, Kent Anderson.

Survivors include his wife Linda; his son, Miles Anderson; his son, Clay Anderson; his grandson, Ace Anderson; his brother, Roger Anderson; and numerous other relatives and friends.

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Joe Billy Cowan



Funeral Services for Joe Billy Cowan, 85, of Wayne were held Friday, May 12, 2023 at the Rosedale Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Hopping Cemetery in Wayne under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Cowan was born between Slaughterville and Noble on June 12, 1937. He lived in the Byars, Peavine area growing up. He went to several different schools in the area. Joe graduated from Byars High School in May of 1957, with the last graduating class of Byars High School.

Joe started working at John Deere in Pauls Valley when he was 12 years old. He helped his family and neighbors farm land in his youth.

Joe married his high school sweetheart, Virginia Ruth Short on June 21, 1958 at Rosedale First Baptist Church. Joe and Virginia had three kids. Donna was born March 13, 1960 in Altus. Billy was born January 14, 1962 in Purcell. Unexpectedly, 16 years later, Jennifer was born September 11, 1978 in Purcell.

Joe worked several jobs in his life, including working for John Deere in Altus, Okla. While working for John Deere, he attended the John Deere school for Mechanic in Moline, Iowa. in the 60s. He drove a truck, hauling aircraft scrap for Purcell Alloys for over 20 years.

Joe was a member of the Rosedale First Baptist Church in Rosedale for many years. He was baptized in the church June 3, 2001.

He retired from York International in 2003. After retiring from York, he rebuilt around 300 Ford 8 and 9N tractors and sent them to California. He later worked on tractors for locals and rebuilt and painted many tractors for friends. Joe was a humble legend in the tractor world to those who knew him. He was a great husband, dad, papa and friend. His greatest accomplishment was his family!

Joe was loved by everyone who knew him. He was the greatest man we ever knew! Joe passed away on May 9, 2023 at the Integris Burn Center in Oklahoma City, after a six-week long battle from being burned.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hiram and Lora Cowan; brother, Jake Cowan; and sisters, Francis Carlin and Louis Mumford.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia of the home; three children, Donna Schoemann and husband, Danny, of Wanette, Billy Cowan and wife, Carol, of Wayne and Jennifer Morgan and husband, Tony, of Byars; nine grandkids; 12 great-grand kids; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many more family and friends.

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

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Alford Hyde

Graveside funeral services for Alford Hyde, 74, of Purcell were held May 15, 2023 at the Washington Cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Hyde died May 10, 2023.

Alford Rex Hyde was born June 23, 1948 in Goldsby, Okla., the eighth of 10 children of Jessie Franklin Hyde and Bessie Alice (Madden) Hyde.

Survivors include his longtime companion, Louetta Candelaria (her children Christine Sweeney and Lawrence Candelaria); his daughters, Kimberly (Mike) Milliser of Yukon and Andrea (Jack) Vickers of Parker, Colo.; sisters, Doyce Foster of Blanchard, Roseanna (Maurice) Horn of Elk City and Mary Horn of Oklahoma City; brothers, Nathan (Joann) Hyde and Curtis (Carolyn) Hyde, both of Washington, Jerry (Linda) Hyde of Purcell and Hustle (Anna) Hyde of Blanchard; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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

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Disaster Recovery Center opens in Cleveland County

FEMA and the State of Oklahoma opened a joint Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Cleveland County May 13 to help survivors affected by the severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes that occurred April 19-20 and May 11.

The new center joins DRCs previously opened in Pottawatomie and McClain Counties.

Survivors can meet face to face with specialists from FEMA, the Small Business Administration (SBA) and state and local agencies to have their questions about disaster assistance answered.

They may also upload any documents needed for their applications at the centers.

The DRC in Noble is open at: Cleveland County 12 Corners Baptist Church 15601 E Etowah Road Noble, OK 73068

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office is closed on Sunday.

You do not have to visit a disaster recovery center to apply for assistance. The fastest and easiest way to apply is by visiting www.disasterassistance.gov.

If it is not possible to apply online, call 800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone lines operate from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT seven days a week. If you use video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.

For the latest information visit fema.gov/disaster/4706. Follow the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at twitter.com/FEMARegion6 or on Facebook at facebook.com/FEMARegion6/.

Newsmakers

Pack inducted into honor society

Madeline Pack of Lexington, a pre-nursing major, was among the 25 new members of the Red and Black Scroll Honor Society at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Red and Black Scroll recognizes outstanding scholarship and service among sophomore students at Northwestern.

Requirements for membership include completion of 40-59 hours of college credit, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, participation in two or more campus organizations or activities, attendance at Northwestern for at least two semesters and non-failure of a college course.

Dancer receives President’s Award

Hallie Dancer of Washington was among the 79 Alma College students recently awarded the President’s Award for the 2022-23 academic year.

Juniors, sophomores and first-year students who have been at Alma College for one year and who attain the highest academic ranks in their classes based on GPA receive the award. Students must be seeking a degree and are eligible if this is their first year in college or transferred to Alma to complete their academic career.

The tradition of the President’s Award was started more than 50 years ago in 1968 by Alma’s ninth President, Robert D. Swanson. Students earning the honor receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement.

Dancer earned a first-year award.

Alma College in Alma, Mich., was founded in 1886, is a four-year residential liberal arts college located in the heart of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula.

Castle awarded scholarship

Coralee Castle of Wayne was among fifteen Oklahoma State University students who were presented with scholarships at the 15th annual Women for OSU Symposium April 27.

Castle, a 2025 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major, received the Sheryl Benbrook Women for OSU Endowed Scholarship.

Each of the recipients demonstrate a strong passion for philanthropy and service, with interests ranging from global health to special needs and more.

SEOSU announces graduates

Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant has announced the students who received their degrees in commencement ceremonies held May 5 and 6.

Heart of Oklahoma students include **Shana L. Hale** of Goldsby and **Cole Ryan Ellis** and **Gracie Rae Sweetman** of Wayne.

UCO graduation May 12-13

The University of Central Oklahoma celebrated the achievements of approximately 1,313 graduates during the Spring 2023 Commencement Ceremonies May 12-13, in Central’s Hamilton Field House.

Heart of Oklahoma students receiving their undergraduate degrees include **Ethan Cale Wayland** of Purcell, BS, Biology; and **Shain Mattison Spaulding** of Washington, BS, Mechanical Engineering.

Receiving a graduate degree will be **Addie Mae Beller** of Washington, MA, Psychology-School Psychology.

USAO holds commencement

The University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma honored more than 165 graduates from the most recent fall, spring and summer terms during the 2023 commencement ceremony held April 29. The ceremony also marked the final event with President John Feaver officiating, as he is set to retire at the end of the calendar year.

Among those students were **Allyssia Lynch**, **Caitlyn Mainord**, **Racheal Webster** and **Chloe Windham** of Purcell.

Lynch earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology; Mainord earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in multidisciplinary studies; Webster earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology; and Windham graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education.

Hannah Blough of Goldsby earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

Chickasaw Nation celebrates new Chikashshanompa’ keyboard on Apple devices

The Chickasaw Nation Chikashshanompa’ (Chickasaw Language) keyboard is now available for iPhone, iPad and Mac with the releases of iOS 16.4, iPadOS 16.4 and macOS Ventura 13.3 operating systems.

“We welcome this collaboration with Apple,” Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. “Our language is critically vital to maintaining our unique cultural identity as Chickasaw people. The Chickasaw keyboard included in this

recent update is a positive step in our efforts to revitalize, and modernize our language.”

This collaborative effort between the Chickasaw Nation Language Preservation Division and Apple continues to bring the Chickasaw language to life.

The Chikashshanompa’ keyboard enables users to type in Chickasaw on their Apple device. The keyboard includes our unique cultural identity as special characters for pitch accent, nasal vowels and the glottal stop character.

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Chickasaw Lighthouse Officer Jared Buckaloo named "Indian Country Law Enforcement Officer of the Year"

Like most police officers, Chickasaw Lighthouse K-9 officer Jared Buckaloo dreamed of being an officer as a child.

While many people hope to serve in law enforcement, the dream rarely includes struggling against an armed suspect in the dark. But that is just the harrowing situation officer Buckaloo found himself in



Buckaloo

near WinStar World Casino on a dark night in July 2022. For his courageous, quick-thinking actions to disable an armed suspect's attack, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) has named Buckaloo the 2023 IACP Indian Country Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Officer Buckaloo was unani-

mously selected by the IACP to receive this year's award.

The award was very unexpected for Buckaloo, who believes he was doing only what the moment required and what his training taught him.

"That evening, I feel I was only doing what was best to protect citizens and my fellow officers," Buckaloo said.

Presented once annually, the award honors officers who demonstrate exceptional valor in service to the people of Indian Country. Officer Buckaloo received the prestigious recognition April 4 at the IACP Indian Country Law Enforcement Section midyear conference in Chandler, Arizona.

Training Continuously

Incidents such as the one officer Buckaloo encountered that night are rare, but they are precisely the type of scenario Lighthouse prepares its officers

to handle, said Chickasaw Lighthouse Assistant Chief of Police Terrance Bush.

"The Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Department prides itself on being a highly trained department. Jared is a member of our SWAT team, which takes that training a step further," Bush said. "The SWAT team spent the week of this incident on the firearms range, practicing how not to be a static target for an offender. This inevitably paid off for Jared in this particular situation."

For officer Buckaloo, continual training and striving to be the best officer possible is a way of life and something that strikes a very personal emotion.

"My father passed in August of 2018," Buckaloo said. "He was a firearms instructor for the Chickasaw Nation, and a lot of what I know goes back to his teachings. Training is

everything for me."

Assistant Chief Bush said Lighthouse trains officers to be the "calm in the chaos" and prepares them to work successfully in high stress situations. For officer Buckaloo, this also means staying physically fit, knowing department policy and thinking quickly.

"I cannot thank Lighthouse leadership enough for allowing us to train as much as we do and for always pushing us to attend better trainings," Buckaloo said. "Being part of the SWAT team has also been such a positive impact on my career. It really helps with decision making in these situations."

Mental Health

Understanding this type of law enforcement event can be traumatic to everyone involved. The Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Department offers many resources to support officers and their families.

"Lighthouse has a qualified mental health professional assigned to the department," Bush said. "Additionally, we employ a peer support system that accompanies an officer immediately following an incident and maintains constant communication to facilitate meetings amongst the mental health professional and the officer should any assistance be needed."

Buckaloo said this support from his family, co-workers and Lighthouse leadership was invaluable.

"It was nonstop support from the second the incident happened and even to this day," Buckaloo said. "My co-workers were always texting,

calling and stopping by my house to visit. It's the support any officer needs and dreams of when this moment comes."

Serving Today

Buckaloo continues to grow his law enforcement career as he serves Chickasaw citizens and businesses in the southern portion of the Chickasaw Nation. A Chickasaw Lighthouse officer since 2020, Buckaloo is assigned to the WinStar Precinct with his K-9 partner Gaucho, a talented German shepherd trained in tracking and narcotics detection.

"Gaucho is special because I'm his first handler and he's my first K-9. We have bonded really well together," said Buckaloo. "If I'm out of my patrol vehicle, Gaucho is up and watching everything I'm doing. If he cannot see me, he

goes nuts when I get back into the car. Gaucho does enjoy naps, but he is always alert and very protective."

As for the next step in his career, Buckaloo looks forward to new challenges and mentoring younger officers joining the department.

"My future goals are to promote to a patrol sergeant and perhaps become a criminal investigator and be part of the U.S. Marshals Task Force," said Buckaloo. "But what I enjoy most with the Chickasaw Nation is being able to serve, give back and teach up-and-coming officers."

"Jared prides himself on being proactive and is never satisfied with mediocrity," Bush said. "Every police department and SWAT team needs someone like Jared on their team."



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Officer of the Year

Chickasaw Lighthouse Officer Jared Buckaloo and K-9 Gaucho.

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Employee Spotlight

Racquel Spencer

This week we are featuring Racquel Spencer. She has been our Registered Nurse in OR/Endo Department since 2015. Racquel has wanted to be a nurse for as long as she can remember. When she was little, she would always be the Barbie nurse so she could take care of all the other Ken and Barbies.

She enjoys her OR crew and the team that they have become. Taking care of patients is a passion of hers and satisfying to her soul. She would like to be the smile that brightens someone's heart.

A favorite place that Racquel likes to travel to is Suriname South America. She has been several times on mission trips, stating "It is so humbling and such a reminder of how grateful I should be for the life God has given me".

A fact you might not know about Racquel is that she leads worship at her church, and loves to sing. She has been told that she is always singing or humming a tune.

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game. “Every inning we handed the baseball to Marlon was good for us,” said Warrior Head Coach Jeff Kulbeth. “Marlon didn’t back down.”

Moore was having himself a day. Not only was he dealing on the pitcher’s mound, he was a terror at the plate as well.

Moore’s home run in the bottom of the third inning tied the game at one apiece.

Later, in the fifth inning, he doubled and knocked in Sutton Moore and the Warriors took the lead for good.

Marlon Moore knocked in the Warriors’ only two runs of the day.

Victory Christian’s lone run came in the first inning.

The defense playing behind Moore was equally impressive. “I loved the way we were playing defensively,” Kulbeth said. “And I can’t say enough about what Kane Springer does behind the plate. He calls every pitch. People don’t understand how big that is.”

Salina

Junior Tristin Babbitt put together another fantastic day on the mound against Salina, striking out eight batters in a complete-game shutout.

“It was an incredible performance on the mound,” Kulbeth said. “He was really good out there.”

In his last three outings, Babbitt shut out Salina, had a no-hitter against Jones and went head-to-head with Class 4A champion Tuttle in a 3-2 loss.

“We were in great shape pitching-wise after the game,” Kulbeth said. “After two outings we got to the finals and had all our pitching, except for two starters.”

Washington started the game with offensive fireworks.

“The Sutton Moore home run was a great way to start the game,” Kulbeth said. “We didn’t know at the time but that was the game winner.”

It was also the final homer in a record breaking year for the Warriors.

They hit 58 home runs this season, which set a school record.

Cascia Hall

The finals against Cascia Hall were played Saturday at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark.

“It was a neat experience for our guys to play at Bricktown,” Kulbeth said. “They had incredible hospitality.”

Kade Norman got the nod on the bump to start the game.

Nate Roberts came on in relief for 3 2/3 innings.

Cam Bates was called on to close the game out in one of the most pressurized moments of the season.

With the bases juiced and Cascia Hall’s four hole batter at the plate Bates entered the game in the sixth inning.

“I had talked to Cam in the fourth or fifth inning and asked him how he felt,” Kulbeth said. “He said ‘I’m ready’ and I looked into his eyes and I already knew what was in his heart. He’d only thrown nine innings all year and he goes out there into the biggest moment he could have gone in to.”

After getting the Warriors out of the jam, Bates would strike

out the side in the final inning.

Offensively, Washington opened the game with a four-run first inning. They followed that up with a seven-run second.

“We started off on fire,” Kulbeth said.

Bates was 2-3 and scored two runs on the day. Marlon Moore went 2-4 and had an RBI.

Jake Wells was 1-3 with a pair of ribbies.

The ball club was dazzling at the plate all season and finished with a .353 team batting average.

Washington will graduate four seniors this year – Kane Springer, Cam Bates, Sutton Moore, Jake Wells and Gage Goode.

“It’s so special going back-to-back and knowing last year was not a fluke,” Kulbeth said. “Sometimes when you win one it’s a one-time deal. Hopefully by us winning back-to-back it shows it’s more than just individuals and there’s more meaning to the program. I’m really thankful for the kids and the staff.”

JoJo:

court reporter in Stephens and Garvin Counties.

With limited advancement opportunities as a stenographer, Jodie wanted more out of her career.

She enjoyed her job in the courthouse but found herself with a lot of downtime during the Covid pandemic.

She used that time to start researching the jewelry business.

Jodie always had an eye for turquoise and would dress up her outfits with beautiful Squash Blossom necklaces and lovely silver bracelets.

Her jewelry was so stunning that attorneys would often try to buy what she was wearing.

She decided to see if she could turn her jewelry hobby into a lucrative side-gig.

Jodie took \$1,000 of her savings to invest in herself and purchased some beautiful turquoise pieces.

“Through the grace of God I spoke with a special Native artisan and I was able to place an order through his people.”

Jodie respects the privacy of her suppliers and chose to not use his name. She hosted a Facebook Live event and sold out almost immediately. She paid herself back her initial investment and started buying more jewelry.

“My business wouldn’t be where it is if I didn’t take risks,” she admitted

That early risk has paid off for Jodie.

“When I started selling jewelry, I realized I could provide myself the kind of lifestyle I wanted on my own.”

Her biggest supporters include her parents, her late Granny, and her fiancé, Wyatt Edwards.

Jodie remembers a conversation she had with Wyatt.

“I said ‘I’m going to go to the Finals and make six figures.’ I did it the first year.”

Getting selected to have a booth at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas is an accomplishment in itself. She not only secured a spot at Cowboy Christmas, but crushed her sales goals as well.

This will be her third year in Vegas for the NFR and her first year at the Texas High School

Rodeo Finals.

It is said that a person has to retire or die for a new vendor to get a booth spot in Abilene. Whatever the circumstances are, JoJo Gypsy will be a fixture at the THSRF for years to come.

Jodie recently had a booth at Calf Fry, a musical festival in Stillwater which she described as “an experience.”

JoJo Gypsy has a full schedule.

She will be in Perry, Ga., for the National Junior High School Rodeo Finals, Gillette Wy., for the National High School Rodeo Finals and in Guthrie for the National Little Britches Rodeo Finals.

Being an entrepreneur is not easy Jodie explained.

“This has been very challenging. I worked by butt off, but anyone can do it.”

Jodie recently spent some time in Oregon refining her silverwork skills to prepare for her next venture-JoJo Silver Company.

She will be handcrafting custom silver jewelry, something the artisans she typically buys from do not do. She is excited to be able to create custom pieces for her customers.

Jodie has a great deal of respect for the Navajo artisans she works with.

JoJo Gypsy will continue to sell the same high quality hand-made pieces she acquires from the Navajo artisans and she will sell her own silverwork under the name JoJo Silver Company.

This separation will differentiate her work from the Native artisans.

You can find JoJo Gypsy on social media to check out her online store.

And coming soon, you will be able to shop in person at her brick and mortar store.

You read it here first that JoJo Gypsy is opening a store and workshop in downtown Pauls Valley.

Construction should be completed soon and doors are scheduled to open mid-June.

Jodie believes that anything is possible if you follow your dreams and work hard.

“If you dream big, the sky is the limit,” she beamed.

Reunion:

24 in the Commons Area at PHS.

A 1:30 p.m. memorial will be held at Red Hill honoring the Dragons who died between the last gathering in 2020 and the present day.

Tickets to the catered dinner by The Barter are \$20. The doors to the Commons Area open at 5:30 p.m.

The newest class of the Purcell Athletic Hall of Fame will also be announced at the

reunion.

There will not be a dance this year, Mrs. Hobbs said.

“Whether you graduated recently or decades ago, we know your time here at Purcell High School has left a lasting

impact on your life and we want to honor and celebrate that,” she said.

“There will be opportunities to catch up with old friends and make new connections,” Mrs. Hobbs said.

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Tornado:

castle near Cole, Washington and Dibble and one between Rosedale and Byars.

Offolter reported no damage in Newcastle.

The town of Noble was not as fortunate with the town taking a direct hit that knocked out power and damaged structures.

There was little to no rain in the storm and no hail fell in Purcell.

Purcell measured a scant .1” of rain from the storm.

But in the days since the tornado out-break, Purcell has done better in the collection of precipitation. On Friday 1.5” was recorded followed by .9” on Saturday and .4” on Sunday.

That brings the year-to-date total here to 13.6”.

So far, 10.91” has been recorded in Oklahoma City at Will Rogers World Airport.

The normal year-to-date total is 11.11”.

This same time last year Purcell had recorded 19.6”.

The damage in Cole was nearly in the same path the April 19 twister roared through.

There was also some roof damage to houses in Goldsby, Offolter said.

Oklahoma City television stations reported there were 11-15 total tornadoes in the state last Thursday night.

Pea-size hail was reported in Purcell around 3 a.m. Saturday.

Additional rain is predicted for Thursday and especially Friday with the chance of some storms.

Brush:

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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STATE TRACK

Winterton is 3x champion

Back-to-back-to-back 300 meter hurdle championships

Janelle Winterton completed the perfect trifecta Saturday in Ardmore winning State in the 300 meter hurdles for the third year in a row.

The Lady Bulldog speedster covered the 300 meters in 44.82.

The Lexington senior also won the State 3A title in the long jump with a 17' 2 3/4" leap.

Winterton won as a sophomore in 46.35 when

she was state runner up in the long jump with a 16'9" effort.

As a junior, she won the hurdles in 45.46, shaving off time every year.

"I didn't even know if she was going to run three weeks ago," head coach Derek Clark said. "She's been battling injury all year.

"I'm so proud of her grit and fight. She's a special kind of athlete," Clark said.



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State champion

Lexington senior Janelle Winterton won State in the 300 meter hurdles for the third year in a row in Ardmore at the State meet. She ran the race in 44.82.

Resendiz wins shot

Fellow sophomore Hannah Whitaker takes second

Purcell Sophomore Ella Resendiz was crowned a State Champion at the meet finishing first in the shot put with a 38' 2" effort.

Her Dragon teammate and fellow sophomore Hannah Whitaker was runner-up in the shot with a heave of 37' 4 3/4".

"Ella surpassed her personal best mark by 1' 1" while Hannah topped her personal record by 2' 8"," head track coach Mandy Clay said.

Resendiz finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 103' 11".

Sophomore Tinley Winters placed 12th in the discus with a throw of 95' 10".

Senior Hayden Ice placed third in the shotput with a distance of 49' 6 1/4".

Sophomore Parker Page was eighth in the shot with a throw of 46' 1 3/4".

Sophomore Erick Suarez finished 12th in the 3200 meter race (11:20) and 13th in the 1600 meters (4:55.47).

Purcell's 4x800 meter relay team of Carlos Pacheco, Ty Jaspersen, Josh Hamilton and Suarez placed 11th with a time of 8:56.72.



• Photo by Stephanie Knowles

Launch it

Purcell sophomore Ella Resendiz claimed gold at the State track meet in Ardmore. She won the championship with a throw of 38'2".

Washington 3A-2 All-District Honors



Cam Bates
Player of the Year



Kane Springer
Def. Player of the Year



Dax McCaskill
1st Base



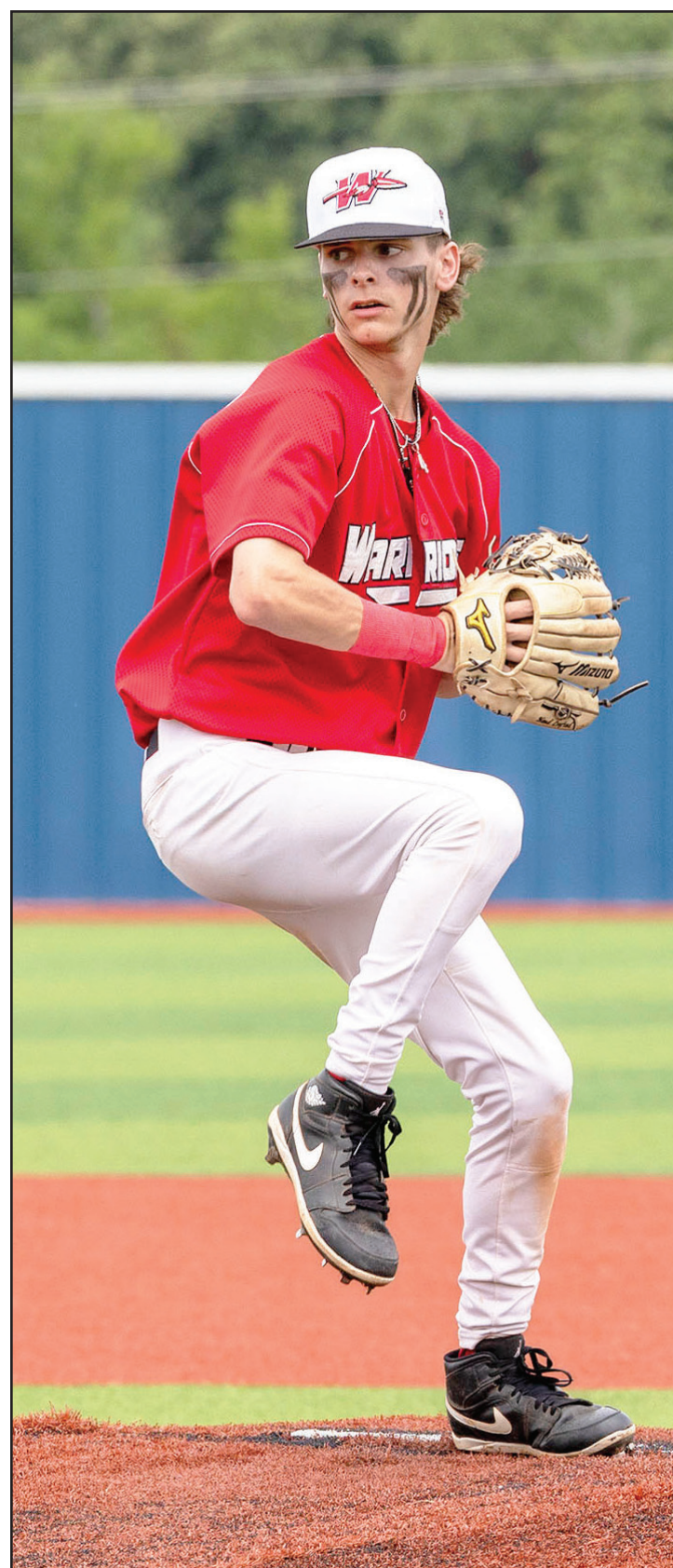
Marlon Moore
2nd Base



Sutton Moore
Outfield



Jake Wells
DH



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Locked in

Washington junior Tristin Babbitt pitched a complete game shutout in the State semifinals against Salina on Friday. The Warriors defeated the Wildcats 3-0 to advance to the State finals, which they won against Cascia Hall. Babbitt had eight strikeouts in the game. Full story on page 1A.

Washington boys, girls both place 9th

Several school records broken at State meet

The Washington Warriors and Lady Warriors track teams both placed ninth out of 64 teams in 3A.

Emersyn Massey broke the school record in the 200, placing third in 25.95.

Rielyn Scheffe broke her own school record in the 300 hurdles, placing third with a time of 46.73. Rielyn also placed third in the 100 hurdles in 16.13.

Grayson Mitchell broke his own school record in the 800, placing sixth with a time of 2:00.85.

The 4x400 girls and boys quartets broke the school record and both placed sixth. The girls legged a 4:13.45 while the boys finished in 3:29.74.

Lady Warrior relay members were Mailalen Armentia, Breanna Lindert,

Rielyn Scheffe and Emersyn Massey.

The boy's foursome was Travis Bolling, Grayson Mitchell, Cooper Alexander and Grant Hager.

Warrior 3200 meter relay team of Grayson Mitchell, David Calvert, Grant Hager and Travis Bolling placed fourth, breaking the school record in 8:29.19.

Emjay Lucas was sixth in shot 35'2.25" and sixth in disc 103' 07".

Baylor Haynes placed fourth in the discus with a 140' 11" effort.

The girls 400 meter relay team of Ashlynn Odom, Ellie Loveless, Olivia Palumbo and Emersyn Massey placed seventh in 51.97.

Ashlynn Odom, Rielyn Scheffe, Delia Snow and Emersyn Massey teamed

in the girls 800 meter relay. They placed eighth in 1:49.21.

The boys 400 meter relay team of Major Cantrell, Cooper Alexander, Travis Bolling, Brayden Arthur finished ninth in 44.03.

Major Cantrell, Cooper Alexander, Travis Bolling and Brayden Arthur teamed for a ninth place finish in 1:33.18.

Tinley Lucas placed ninth in the 100 hurdles in 17.56.

Elly Allison placed 10th in the shot with a 32' 11.5" effort.

Isaiah Tyler was seventh in the 100 hurdles in 16.28.

Hayden Milner was 12th in the shot with a 43' 1/4" effort.

Vintage jacket loaned to PHS

Brings back memories of 60s

In the mid to late 1960s or early 70s, Purcell football and basketball teams traveled to contests in a letterman blazer, slacks and a shirt and tie.

Dick Gray said after the 1970 season, the current coach left and a new coach was hired. The previous coach didn't gather up the jackets from the players and the new coach didn't know they existed.

So, Gray said, all the jackets ended up in the back of closets.

That all changed when the PHS graduate of 1973 recently found his jacket languishing in a little used closet.

He decided to shadow box frame the jacket and loan it to Purcell High School for students and alumni to learn about former school days.

So now it hangs in the high school.



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Heirloom jacket

Dick Gray, alongside his brother Kurt, recently loaned his vintage Purcell Dragons sport coat to Purcell High School to display to the public.

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Washington OHCE Week in May

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

OHCE Week in May: Oklahoma Home and Community Education (OHCE) in McClain County has three chapters, ECHO (Blanchard area), Stealey (Purcell area) and Washington Chapters.

Each of these chapters has participated in a Week of OHCE in the Month of May. While many of the members suffered great losses of their homes and belongings, they like most in the Cole area, the members were there to help others in the communities. Our prayers are for everyone's full recovery from this tragic event.

The Washington Chapter spent three days in the first week of May at the First United Bank of Purcell selling raffle tickets that the benefits go to the McClain County 4-H Chapters. The raffle sales made \$291.

We are still selling tickets up until the McClain County Fair Quilt Raffle Drawing in September. You will be able to purchase Quilt Raffle Tickets from any of the OHCE McClain County Members. At the Fall Fair, the concession stands and the kitchen meals for sale benefit the 4-H.

In the month of April 2023, the Washington Chapter members volunteered over 620 hours of service to our communities. There has been a lot going on in our communities, while we are still recovering from two tornadoes in our county, life celebrations continue.

The Washington School Third Graders participated in the Oklahoma Land Run celebration by creating their annual Land Run Quilt Blocks, where the third graders depict on a Quilt Block their perception of Oklahoma's Historical Land Run. They also celebrated with a dance and celebration.

Karen Olson, Washington Chapter Member and Chair of The Oklahoma Land Run Quilt Project attended this celebration. The Washington OHCE Chapter will later take these children's drawn-on quilt blocks, as they have for decades, and make a quilt out of these third graders quilt blocks. Then later Washington School will auction off the quilts. This year there are five third grade classes who are participating.

Year round the OHCE Chapters are helping the homeless by providing winter clothing, blankets, caps and gloves; lap quilts for those in nursing homes and wheelchair/walker bags to hold their items in transit, sending donations to Children's Hospitals, and making positive bags for those at the Hope Pregnancy Center.

We also recommend paper, plastic, metal, appliance, and styrofoam recycling efforts for the community. In Washington we are collecting your used/outdated eyeglasses that you wish to donate, please take them to the Washington Community Building or give to an OHCE member.

McClain County's Oklahoma Home and Community Educators (OHCE) is proud to announce that Windy Sabin of the Washington OHCE Chapter has acquired her certification as Master Sewing Volunteer. This Program is coordinated by the Oklahoma State University Extension to provide educational opportunities to youth and adults throughout the communities on teaching basic sewing skills. We are all proud of Windy for achieving this as she is a well-trained tailor/seamstress and won First Place in several sewing categories at the 2022 McClain County Fair.

If anyone would like to learn more about these programs please view the OSU Extension website: <https://extension.okstate.edu/programs/>.

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Washington OHCE

Washington Chapter of the OHCE includes members (from left) Darlene Brantley, Burlyn Finch, Sheila Vercher, Karen Olson, Lois Stephens, Charlie Sabin, Windy Sabin, Delores Givens, Lourrinda Renee and Dianne Burnett.



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Doctoral graduates

Dr. Lourrinda Renée was able to be at two of her doctoral student's graduations, Dr. Mohamed Jabor Althani and Dr. Crystal Allen, May 5 in Phoenix, Ariz., at Grand Canyon University. Lourrinda was their Doctoral/Dissertation Content Chair, where she mentors doctoral students in proper writing and researching of their topic for doctoral graduation, ensuring they have properly completed their literature reviews, and completed their research projects.

Fire Service Training Course, Awareness and Hazardous Materials Operations for WMD-HazMat Emergencies 40-hour was successfully completed by Dr. Lourrinda Renée in April and May 2023. Lourrinda has been working in Heavy Industrial Safety for over 20 years and been a HAZMAT supervisor since 2009.

Lourrinda was asked to attend these fire service courses and found a new fire personnel's perspective by learning to fight fires with water and foam, instead of her expertise in cleaning up environmental contaminants and spills. The course taught various spill control tactics, how to best perform absorption/adsorption processes; perform damming, diking, and diversion retention operations; and performed vapor suppression, dispersion, and dilution operations.

Grand Canyon University Doctoral Graduates Students of Dr. Lourrinda Renee

Dr. Lourrinda Renée was able to be at two of her doctoral student's graduations this May 5 in Phoenix, Ariz., at Grand Canyon University. Lourrinda was their Doctoral/Dissertation Content Chair, where she mentors



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Master Sewer

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Lourrinda's two graduates were Dr. Crystal Allen and Dr. Mohamed Jabor Althani.

Dr. Crystal Allen has 26 years of maritime experience with a Bachelor's in Marine Engineering, Chief Engineer of Merchant Vessels, Senior Marine Classification Surveyor and Auditor of Flag State Vessels, Master's of Education and Doctorate of Leadership and Management in Organizational Development. Her current position is Manager of Propulsion Systems for Royal Caribbean and its Brands.

Dr. Allen's dissertation was Seafarers' Descriptions of the Influence of Non-Technical Skills Training Within Maritime Safety, which is one of the first qualitative research projects in this industry. She was able to interview Captain Sandy Yawn, who is renowned Superyacht Captain on Bravo's TV reality hit "Below Deck Mediterranean" who has over 30 years International Maritime Experience.

Dr. Allen stated, "I want to thank my content expert Dr. Lourrinda Renée for being so down-to-earth and my mentor during this process, and I take my hat off to you for the compassion and expertise you have shown me."

Dr. Mohamed Jabor Althani is an expert in many fields of leadership and quality, you may never know where in the world he is literally working. He is a business consultant and the CEO of Growth Consulting and Everything DiSC® Authorized Partner. Dr. Althani's dissertation was The Role of Organizational Commitment, Culture, and Leadership Styles in Faculty Turnover in Qatar Universities.

Dr. Althani stated, "Dr. Renée, I am always grateful for ensuring that I met the requirements of the content of my dissertation. Your comments all through have assisted me in getting the right content and sources for my literature."

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 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 May 18-June 9:
Thursday, May 18—Chicken tetrazzini, broccoli.

Friday, May 19—Steak fritters, mashed potatoes, green beans.

Monday, May 22—Sausage gravy, biscuits, scrambled eggs, hash browns.

Tuesday, May 23—Baked

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Football
2A State Champion (Bi-District, Regional & Area Champions)

Baseball
3A State Champion (District, Bi-District & Regional Champions)

Girls Basketball
3A State Runner Up (District, Regional & Area Champions)

Slow Pitch
5A State Runner Up (District & Regional Champions)

Cheerleading
4A Regional Champion
4A Academic State Champion (Competition & Game Day)

Boys Basketball
District Champions
Regional Runner Up

Cross Country
Girls and Boys teams: State Qualifiers

Boys Powerlifting
5 State Qualifiers

Girls Golf
Team State Qualifiers

Track
Girls-11 State Qualifiers
Boys-10 State Qualifiers

All State
8 athletes (to date!)



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Habitat for Humanity

Two McClain County residents participated in the Oklahoma City Women's Build Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity Event at a home at 416 NW 83rd. Reagan Carrera, a CPA for Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity, and her friend, Dr. Lourrinda Renée, both residents of McClain County, joined the women of the Oklahoma City Police Department and other Women Volunteers across the City to help build Blair and her parents' new home. Upon arrival, the house foundation had been poured and cured. By noon the exterior walls and interior walls, including doorways and window openings, were completed.



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Fire Training

Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training Course, Awareness and Hazardous Materials Operations for WMD-HazMat Emergencies 40-hour was successfully completed by Dr. Lourrinda Renée in April and May 2023.

chicken, vegetables.

Wednesday, May 24—Ground beef stew, corn, cornbread.

Thursday, May 25—Ham, sweet potatoes.

Friday, May 26—Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread.

Monday, May 29—Hotdogs, chips.

Tuesday, May 30—Chicken fritters, peas, carrots.

Wednesday, May 31—Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice.

Thursday, June 1—White bean chili with chicken, cornbread.

Friday, June 2—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans.

Monday, June 5—Taco salad, tortilla chips, chili beans.

Tuesday, June 6—Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans.

Wednesday, June 7—Smoked sausage, baked beans, corn casserole.

Thursday, June 8—Chicken and noodles, peas/carrots.

Friday, June 9—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 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 June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 6 and December 11.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

May 18—Last Day of School; Kindergarten Graduation at W.E.C.

May 20—Washington High

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 6:30 pm Bible Study
 Wednesday services 6:30 pm Awana's & 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



John D. Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Ministering

About four times a year the Union Baptist Association will come to Purcell as a home base to provide ministry to people incarcerated at prisons in the Lexington area.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

May 21, 2023 is the seventh Sunday of Easter. Forty days after the resurrection of Jesus, he ascended to Heaven. That date is always on a Thursday, but the Ascension is celebrated the following Sunday.

In the first reading, Acts 1:1-11, the disciples are with Jesus, and they ask him when he will restore the kingdom to Israel. Jesus tells them it is "not for you to know" the times which the Father has put in his own power. He then tells them they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit and bear witness to all the world about Jesus.

"And when he had said these things, while they looked on, he was raised up: and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they were beholding him going up to heaven, behold

two men stood by them in white garments."

The two men asked them why they were standing around and told them that Jesus would return to them in the same way as they had seen him going.

The emotions the disciples experienced since meeting Jesus were overwhelming. Watching him vanish into the clouds was the culmination. Did they say or at least think, "Now what?" Did they say, "I am going to need a moment to collect myself after that."

No, what they did was spend the rest of their lives witnessing to those in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Most were martyred. Every breath for the rest of their lives was dedicated to spreading the Gospel.

Some could have viewed the Ascension as the end of Jesus on Earth. They would be wrong. The work of disciples continues today, and our task demands that we not stand around staring but spread the good news of the Gospel.

We celebrate the love of Jesus at Our Lady of Victory parish all year long. Our Lady of Victory parish is located at 307 West Jefferson. The church administrative office is located at 501 N. 4th, and it is open weekday mornings, 405-527-3077.

Weekend mass services are Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. (Spanish). Daily masses are Tuesday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon; Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish), and Friday, 9 a.m.

Peace be with you.

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Front-Porch Gospel: It's all right to be a Mama's Baby!

Welcome, friends, to the "front porch."

I know Mother's Day is now past; but, really, every day is Mother's Day, if you think about it. Oh, our wives may not always think so, especially when we call to say we'll be home late because we've got to stop by Mama's to fix her faucet - even though we've had a leaking faucet for a year.

So, the question we want to pose today is this: Is it okay to be a Mama's boy?

For the answer, I'm going to summon the greatest news commentator of all time - Mr. Paul Harvey. If anybody knows, he will. He will tell us not only the story - he'll tell the "rest of the story," too. Here's a summary of his verdict on the matter:

James, he said, was a mama's baby. Even on his deathbed, he asked for a piece of paper, and he leaned up and wrote his mama a letter.

Ted began letters to his

mama with "Darling Beloved Little Motherling"! He was a mama's baby through and through.

Bill's mama believed "Willie" needed constant watching and correcting. She said she didn't believe you could love your children too much. Willie, they say, was a mama's baby his whole life. Talk about a mama's boy! Frank wouldn't even go to school without his mama. And the school was Harvard University!

O! Harry clung to his mama's apron strings all of her 94 years. Harry became pretty successful in his life, but at the end of his mama's days he conducted his urgent business right by her side.

David imitated his mama subconsciously all his life: her laugh, her expressions, her simplest smiles. David became a big army man and once ordered a subordinate to order a Mother's Day card for him to send to his mama.

What about L.B.'s most cherished school paper? It was entitled, "I'd Rather Be Mama's Boy!" And he was.

All of these fellas were mama's boys, and if they were, we can be, too. Oh, you know them all: James Garfield. William Howard Taft. Woodrow Wilson. Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Harry S. Truman. Dwight David Eisenhower. LBJ. All mama's boys! Just like you and me. And, that is the rest of the story.

P.S. Oh, and I will add one more: Remember the gentleman, near death, who turns to his best friend, points to his mother, and says, in essence, "There's your mother. Please take care of her for me." Yes, our Lord Himself was a mama's boy (John 19:27).

Sorry, dear wives, I know it can be hard. But that's not only the rest of the story. It looks as if that's the whole story. coachbowen1984@gmail.com, frontporchgospel.com

Sabin is Master Sewing Volunteer

Connie Wollenberg
Extension FCS Educator

McClain County OSU Extension now has a Master Sewing Volunteer.

Windy Sabin from McClain County was one of 24 volunteers who took part in the inaugural Master Sewing Volunteer (MSV) program April 27-28 held at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds in Norman.

Volunteers from Caddo, Carter, Cleveland, Custer, Kingfisher, Logan, McClain, Payne, Pittsburg, Stephens and Wagoner counties enjoyed learning new ideas and planning for success.

As one volunteer said, "It is more than learning a skill, it's about building up others."

The Master Sewing Volunteers (MSVs) are part of a larger group of Master Family and Consumer Sciences Volunteers who have agreed to work with their county Extension office to provide volunteer assistance in a variety of ways.

MSVs have received additional training from OSU Extension in order to specialize in sewing programs.

In addition to hands-on sewing techniques, the training included how to plan a sewing workshop, how to manage difficult classroom situations, how to teach safety in the sewing room, how to impact your community, and grant-writing.

Sewing Volunteer, Windy Sabin, is trained to lead sewing-related workshops for both youth and adults.

Windy also possesses special talents in design and clothing construction.

She enjoys working with youth and adults, teaching basic construction to detailed methods of sewing.

Windy's talents are a true asset for McClain County, Oklahoma Home Community Education (OHCE) and the McClain County 4-H.

If you are interested in a sewing workshop for your group, please contact the McClain County Extension FCS Educator Connie Wollenberg at 405-527-2174.

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No. 386-May 18-4 Times
SA&I 280 (2020)

NOTICE OF RESALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES
McClain County, State of Oklahoma

Notice is hereby given that, under authority and mandatory requirement of 68 O.S. § 3125-3127, each of the hereinafter described lots, tracts, and parcels of real estate, all situated in McClain County, State of Oklahoma, will be sold at public auction to the highest competitive bidder for cash, provided that for each parcel or tract, the bidder offers a sum equal to or greater than two-thirds of the assessed valuation of such real estate as fixed for the current fiscal year 2022-2023, or the total amount of taxes, ad valorem and special, interest and costs legally due on such property computed to and as of June 12, 2023, whichever is the lesser; said sale to be held at the McClain County Treasurer’s Office, 121 N. 2nd, Rm. 318, Purcell, State of Oklahoma, beginning on the second Monday in June, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and continuing from day to day thereafter between the same hours until said sale has been completed according to law.

It is hereby stated that each of said lots, tracts, and parcels of real estate hereinafter listed, has remained unpaid for a period of more than three years from the date such taxes first became due and payable; that in the schedule below appears under caption indicating Lands (Section, Township, and Range), City or Town, or subdivision thereof, in which located, following each described lot, tract and parcel of real estate, in the order herein set out, the name of the owner as of 2022, the year or years for which taxes have been assessed but remain unpaid, the total amount of all delinquent ad valorem taxes, costs and interest that have accrued thereon and remain legally due and unpaid as of the date of first publication of notice of Resale, the total amount of all delinquent special assessments, costs and interest that since accrued thereon and remain due and unpaid as of the first publication in May, the date of said resale, and the total due. On resale date one and one-half per cent further interest will have accrued.

The above notice applies to the following lots, tracts and parcels, to wit:
Witness my hand this 18 day of May, 2023.

/s/ Teresa Jones
Teresa Jones, County Treasurer
McClain County, Oklahoma

Table with columns: Type Year Tax Penalty Cost Total. Rows include TID: 13639 BECKNEL DOYLE GENE, TID: 4560 BRAWNER RAY DEAN, TID: 17198 CLOUD FRANK E, TID: 17327 DUNN LORENE REVOCABLE TRUST, TID: 5182 FARROW WANDA LIVING TRUST, TID: 18682 MC CURDY W C III & GARY SCOTT.

Table with columns: Type Year Tax Penalty Cost Total. Rows include TID: 17336 HOLMES WILLIAM H & VIRGINIA L, TID: 18567 JONES RONALD L, TID: 18485 NORMAN JUNE C, TID: 3670 OCHOA JOSE, TID: 23638 PACHECO MATTHEW RICKY, TID: 13779 REID SHARON M - TRUSTEE OF THE OAKCREEK.

Table with columns: REAL Total, TID, Description, REAL 2019, REAL 2020, REAL 2021, REAL 2022. Rows include TID: 13130 RISENHOOVER KEVIN R & MICHELLE, TID: 12048 RIVERA JOSE & LUCINA MENDEZ, TID: 8601 RUSSELL JOHNNY E, TID: 18341 SHEA ROBERT J & GLORIA J, TID: 19767 WHITEFIELD CHRISTOPHER & CASEY, TID: 14590 WILLIAMS SEAN & TABATHA, TID: 223 WYNESBERRY BESSIE & WILLA & PAMELA, TID: 7452 ZAFIROPOLOUS ALEXANDER, TID: 382-MAY 18-1 TIME IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

Table with columns: No. 382-May 18-1 Time, Description, County Courthouse in McClain County, in said County and State, has been duly appointed by said Court for hearing said Return, at which time any person interested in said estate may appear and file exceptions, in writing, to said Return and contest the same, and are hereby referred to said Return for further particulars.

Table with columns: No. 376-May 11-2 Times, Description, Representative, at the office of Monte J. Wilson, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 954, Norman, Oklahoma 73070, on or before the following presentation date: July 7, 2023, or the same will be forever barred.

THE PURCELL REGISTER, Thursday, May 18, 2023-7B

No. 373-May 11-4 Times
SPECIAL ELECTION
PROCLAMATION
By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Oklahoma, and the provisions of Ordinance Number 06-23, duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Byars, Oklahoma, on the 1st day of May, 2023, public notice is hereby given that a special election is hereby called, ordered and proclaimed to be held in said Town of Byars, Oklahoma, on the 8th day of August, 2023, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors residing within the corporate limits of the Town of Byars, Oklahoma, the following proposition, to wit:
“Shall a franchise be granted to the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns giving it the right to produce, transmit and distribute electricity within the Town and to sell electricity therein for all purposes for which it may be used, to the Town, its inhabitants and the public generally, and the right to construct, maintain and operate a system of poles, wires, conduits and other facilities and equipment in, upon, across, under and over the streets, alleys, public grounds or ways in the Town for such purposes, for a period of twenty-five (25) years; providing compensation to the Town; in accordance with the terms of Ordinance Number 06-23, passed and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Byars, Oklahoma, on the 1st day of May, 2023?”
FOR THE PROPOSITION - YES
AGAINST THE PROPOSITION - NO
The polls for said election shall be opened at 7:00 a.m. and shall remain open until 7:00 p.m. on said 8th day of August, 2023. The results of said election shall be returned to and canvassed by the County Election Board of the County of McClain, State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the laws of the State of Oklahoma in such cases made and provided. Given under my hand and seal at the Town of Byars, Oklahoma, this 5th day of May, 2023.
Marion D. Cail
Mayor, Town of Byars,
Oklahoma
ATTEST:
Angela Fisher,
Town of Byars Clerk
(SEAL)
“Shall a franchise be granted

No. 381-May 18-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MILDRED NADINE CASSIDAY
a/k/a NADINE CASSIDY a/k/a NADINE CASSIDAY, DECEASED
Case No. PB-23-39
COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND FOR APPROVAL OF FINAL ACCOUNT, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE
TO: THE CREDITORS OF AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MILDRED NADINE CASSIDAY a/k/a NADINE CASSIDY a/k/a NADINE CASSIDAY, DECEASED
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Johnnie Smith of 2776 S Fenton St., Denver, CO 80227, Petitioner of the Estate of Mildred Nadine Cassidy a/k/a Nadine Cassidy a/k/a Nadine Cassidy, Deceased (collectively “Decedent” or the “Estate”) represented by Lacey L. Egbert of Hartsfield & Egbert, PLLC, 764 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Edmond, OK 73003, has petitioned the Court for Summary Administration of the Estate.

Estate of Mildred Nadine Cassidy
a/k/a Nadine Cassidy a/k/a Nadine Cassidy
Petitioner alleges that the Decedent died testate on February 13, 2006, domiciled in Placer County, California. Petitioner alleges the total value of the Estate is less than \$200,000.00. Petitioner further alleges that the names, ages, and last known addresses of the administrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, heirs, legatees, and devisees of Decedent, so far as known to the Petitioner, are as follows:

Table with columns: Name, Relation, Age, Last Known Address. Rows include Johnnie W. Smith, Donald R. Smith, now Deceased, Raymond L. Cassidy, Patricia A. Schrage, Brian L. Jenkins, pre-deceased Decedent, Leslie M. Cassidy a/k/a Leslie M. Jennings a/k/a Leslie M. Jenkins.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Hearing will be held on the 6th day of July, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the District Courthouse in McClain County, in Purcell, Oklahoma, before the Judge of the District Court. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and the Petition for Approval of the Final Account and for Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devises, and Distribution (collectively “Petitions”). The Petition for Approval of the Final Account and Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devises, and Distribution will be filed herein on the or before the 16th day of June, 2023.

Persons receiving this Notice must file any objections they have to the Petitions at any time before the Hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner in care of his attorney or you will be deemed to have waived any objections to the Petitions. If an objection is filed before the hearing, the Court will determine at the Hearing whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the Estate will be distributed. Claims of creditors will be forever barred unless the claim is presented to Lacey L. Egbert, attorney for Petitioner, at the law offices of Hartsfield & Egbert, 764 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Edmond, OK 73003, no more than thirty (30) days following the granting of the order admitting the petition and combined notice.
DATED this 8th day of May, 2023.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
Prepared By:
Lacey L. Egbert, OBA #21165
Ann Richard-Farinha, OBA #20815
Amber McConnell, OBA #35176
Hartsfield & Egbert, PLLC
764 N. Santa Fe Avenue
Edmond, Oklahoma 73003
Telephone: (405) 285-6858
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MCCD holds Outdoor Classroom/Natural Resource Day for local fifth graders

The McClain County Conservation District and the Natural Resource Conservation Service held its annual Outdoor Classroom/Natural Resource Day for Purcell and Wayne fifth graders May 4.

Approximately 150 fifth grade students enjoyed a day of fun and education as they listened to volunteer professionals give informative and interesting presentations on topics which they specialize in.

The sessions included Keith Thomas, Department of Wildlife Fish Lab; Andrew Coffee, Wildlife Conservation Department; Justin McDaniel, Stream

Trailer, OSU Extension Office; Fire Safety, Purcell Fire Department; Emily Ague, Ag in the Classroom; McClain County Sheriffs Department; Travis Jones, NRCS, The Long Haul and Soil Health, OSU Extension.

Patti Christian, District Manager along with volunteer Tricia Staggs helped with the classroom. The day was a big success.

If you are interested in conservation education please feel free to contact our office located at 1721 Hardcastle Blvd., Suite B, Purcell, OK or call 405-527-3160, Ext. 101.



• Photo provided

Explaining erosion

OSU Extension officials using the stream trailer to show students how and why erosion happens and how streams can become polluted during the Outdoor Classroom/Natural Resource Day.



• Photo provided

Fire safety instuction

Purcell Fire Department members talk to fifth grade students about fire safety during the Outdoor Classroom/Natural Resource Day May 4 at the McClain County Expo Center.



• Photo provided

Making butter

Fifth grade students, with the help of Ag in the Classroom members, make butter during the Outdoor Classroom/Natural Resource Day May 4.



• Photo provided

Soil profile

OSU Extension workers show fifth grade students how to make a soil profile with eatable items in a cup they can consume when they are finished with the profile at the Outdoor Classroom/Natural Resource Day held at the McClain County Expo Center May 4.



• Photo provided

Learning about skin and bones

Department of Wildlife teach fifth graders about skins and bones during the Outdoor Classroom/Natural Resource Day.

Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens.

We will be having our monthly board meeting on Friday, May 19, at 11 a.m.

We appreciate the Cole Community Center for donating to the Dibble Senior Citizens Center.

The menu for the week of May 22:

Monday—Country breakfast.

Wednesday—Enchilada casserole.

Friday—Steak and shrimp.

Friday Reminders of pantry hours are as follows:

Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. -11:30 a.m., come in and pick up and Friday from 9-11 a.m., drive-through.

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

God Bless until next time.

Dibble Senior Citizens Crew



• Photo provided

Picking up donations

Roy and Debra Taylor, Clayton Lee and Dale MacAskill picking up donations from Thomas and Jody Seal at the Cole Community Center.

No. 393-May 18-3 Times
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
CASE NO. FD-2023-20
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY,
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Ashley N. Mahurin, Petitioner
and
Dreigh Lee Smiley, Respondent
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
DREIGH LEE SMILEY

YOU, the said Respondent, will take notice that you have been sued in the above-named and numbered cause of action to establish that you are the natural father of B.L.S. born June 8, 2009, and A.B.S. born February 15,

2013, and to establish custody, child support and visitation. You must answer Petitioner's Petition on or before the 15th day of July, 2023, or said Petition will be taken as true and the judgment sought against you by Petition will be rendered against you.

KRISTEL GRAY
Per: Deputy Court Clerk
STEPHEN M. PIKE, OBA # 11151
3715 N. Classen Blvd.
P.O. Box 58236
Oklahoma City, OK 73157-8236
Telephone: (405) 708-2968
Facsimile: (405) 236-8602
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

No. 391-May 18-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
In the Matter of the Estate of RUTH ANN CARPENTER, Deceased
Case No. PB -2022-118
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND FOR DECREE OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Hollis Aaron Carpenter, Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruth Ann Carpenter, Deceased, having filed in this Court a Final Account, and Determination of Heirship and for Decree of Distribution and Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that June 8th, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock A.M. before the Honorable Judge Gray, in the District Courthouse of McClain County, Oklahoma, has been

appointed the time and place for hearing said Petition.
All persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said estate should not be settled and distributed.
DATED May 11th, 2023.
CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

Prepared by:
/s/ Lauren Campbell
BRIAN L. HILL, OBA #20727
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lcampbell@bml.com
Attorneys for Personal Representative



• Photo provided

Pauls Valley Opry

Annie Reed (top), Dana Price (middle), and Haylie Bagwell (bottom) will all be a part of the lineup of great entertainment scheduled for the next Pauls Valley Opry on Saturday, June 3. There's something for everyone! The show is at the Pauls Valley Junior High auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello again everyone. So, are your rain gauges choking from all the water lately? Sure would be nice to have some of the rain we're getting now in July and August. Fingers crossed for the dog days of summer.

Your WSCC garage sale will be open this week on Thursday, May 18, and Friday, May 19, for your shopping convenience. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If we get more heavy rain during those hours, we may not be open as long as we would like. Still lots of great bargains to be found. Come take a look, spend a little money and leave with a lot of good stuff!

Delta Senior Nutrition provides a delicious meal every Monday through Friday to seniors 60+. We serve promptly at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are required to ensure that we prepare enough food for all who want a meal. To make or cancel your reservation or to get information about how to qualify for a meal, please call John at 405-9462 in Purcell or 405-449-3079 in Wayne. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Here is the menu for May 22-26:

Monday—Hamburger steak with brown gravy, baked potato, sour cream, mixed veggies, dinner roll or sliced bread, seasonal fruit.

Tuesday—Chef salad with eggs, turkey, ham, cheese and choice of dressing, pineapple chunks, crackers, Evelyn's cinnamon rolls.

Wednesday—Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, corn, garlic bread, Starburst cake.

Thursday—White beans with ham and sliced onions, oven browned potatoes, spinach/greens, cornbread, golden peach crumble.

Friday—Sliced turkey and cheese on bun, lettuce and tomato, broccoli salad, peaches, ranger cookies.

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

Delta Senior Nutrition will be closed on Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day holiday. Box lunches will be distributed to our dine-in and homebound participants on Friday, May 26.

I appreciate all our volunteers who continue to serve our seniors. And also to everyone for the continuing support of the Wayne Senior Citizens Center.

Until next week...



