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## Q & A

**United States** Senator James Lankford answers questions at a town hall meeting Monday as, from left, Renee Barber, Chris Wright and Jay Tate listen.

## Lankford here Monday

### Senator meets with chamber group

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**The Purcell Register**

Oklahoma's senior United States Senator told a gathering of around 30 people at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon that there are several key issues facing the country

that are drawing behind-the-scenes bipartisan support.

The senator struck a positive tone with respect to what's going on in Washington, D.C., despite what many

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## 4TH CELEBRATION on FRIDAY

Fun, food, fireworks & more  
at the Purcell City Lake

From food and fireworks to games and basketball, it's all happening Friday at the Purcell City Lake.

The city's observance will feature food, games and fireworks a full four days before the July 4 holiday.

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## Rolin among those killed

In Texas twister

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**The Purcell Register**

Four people were killed in the EF3 tornado that leveled much of Matador, Texas June 21, but they weren't all from Texas.

Purcell native Randy Rolin had pulled his rig into a

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## Landmark Church members return from Belize mission trip

**ZackWright**  
**The Purcell Register**

Members of Landmark Church returned from their mission trip in Belize this past week after two weeks of work where they helped

build a new church for local villagers.

"Our church actually took two different teams, so each

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• Photos provided

## Helping hands

**Volunteers from** Landmark Church spent a combined two weeks in Belize building a church and sharing the gospel with locals.



• Photos provided

## Patrol Partners

**McClain County** Deputies Damon Slabaugh (left) and Shane McCraw pose with their K-9 partners Ares and Spike.

## Dog's Eye View

Two McClain County K-9s  
enhance safety for residents

**ZackWright**  
**The Purcell Register**

The use of K-9s by the McClain County Sheriff's office has given a pair of deputies unique perspectives on policing with a four-legged

partner.

Ares is a Belgian Malinois raised overseas and trained at Torchlight K-9. Deputy Da-

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## Tropical type storm

Last Friday's deluge dumped 1.5" of rain in the heart of Purcell hiking the season total here for the year to 18.35" compared to Oklahoma City with 18.45"

in the bucket.

The storm mirrored a tropical depression with fierce

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**ZackWright**  
**The Purcell Register**

For the next installment of our summer series, we spoke with Katy Keith, a senior at Purcell High School.

Katy has grown up in Purcell her whole life and plays tennis for the Dragons.

Katy's conversation is below. For those interested in featuring your student in the spotlight, please send a picture of the student with a short description stating why they should be featured to purcellregister@gmail.com.

**Q:** What is one of your fa-



Katy Keith

vorite memories from playing tennis in high school?

**A:** "This last season my

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## July 4 closings announced

**The Purcell Register** will be closed July 4 along with city offices in Purcell, Goldsby, Lexington, Washington and Wayne.

Banks will be closed along

with the McClain County Courthouse, all federal offices and the Purcell Public

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## The Purcell Register

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- **News:** 12 noon, Tuesday
- **Display Ads:** 12 noon, Tuesday
- **Classifieds:** 11 a.m., Tuesday
- **Legal Notices:** 2 p.m., Tuesday

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## Putting a bow on it

**PMH CEO** Chris Wright cut the ribbon Tuesday at the chamber of commerce ribbon cutting for the new roads leading to the hospital at 2301 N. 9th Avenue.

# City of Purcell has new general, emergency alert messaging system

A new messaging system for general and emergency alerts is coming to the City of Purcell.

Purcell’s Emergency Management Director Rachael Huey said, “The new system is an easy-to-use platform that will allow for rapid and timely messaging, especially during a crisis.”

The new messaging system can provide lifesaving emergency information during adverse weather, as well as notify the public about power outages and other service interruptions.

Notifications can be sent by phone, SMS, email, and social media. The system is very flexible and much more precise, meaning that citizens will be less likely to receive unwanted messages.

Once a citizen creates their account, they can add multiple phone numbers, email addresses, and physical addresses on

their account, allowing them to be notified of emergencies or outages at other locations.

To increase the success of the new system, it is very important that information is entered correctly during the initial setup and updated frequently.

**Q: How do I sign up for alerts?**

A: Visit the city’s website at [www.purcellok.gov](http://www.purcellok.gov)

Click “How do I” then “Emergency and Service Notifications”. You will then follow the link to create your account and choose how you would prefer to be contacted. If, in the future, your information changes, simply log back into the portal to update.

**Q: Who can sign up for alerts?**

A: Anyone who lives or works in Purcell is encouraged to register. In addition to residents: visitors, or people with family

in the notification area are also welcome to register.

**Q: How will I know if a phone call, email, or text is coming from the new alert system?**

A: Email messages will come from City of Purcell Alerts <[noreply@genasys.com](mailto:noreply@genasys.com)>

Text messages will come from Sender ID 65513

Phone calls will come from 405-442-0402

Be sure to add this information to your contacts so important messages aren’t flagged as SPAM.

**Q: Will my contact information be shared with others?**

A: No. The information you provide will only be used by the system and local admins to send you alerts. Your contact information will never be shared or sold to an outside entity.

For more information, visit [www.purcellok.gov](http://www.purcellok.gov), or follow us on Facebook.

## Setting it Straight

Information received about the results of the third annual Jimmy Criswell Memorial Car Show were incorrect.

The winner of the Best Truck was the ‘54 Chevy owned by Gordon Lee not Tim Albert.

7 Day forecast from <a href="#">@PurcellRegister</a> @OUNewsCrowd						
Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
102°	79°	99°	74°	90°	69°	87°
70°	90°	70°	87°	68°	88°	71°
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	30% T-storms	30% T-storms	30% T-storms	Partly Cloudy	30% T-storms

# Temps trending lower

We have seen some of the warmest air of the season the past couple of days, but relief is on the way as temperatures will be trending downward over the next seven days, especially as we enter the month of July. Sunshine will continue on

Thursday, with temperatures in the lower 100s. Afternoon highs will drop below 100 degrees by Friday with a few passing clouds. The next chance for an afternoon shower or thunderstorm will start Saturday and carry us through the

weekend into Monday, with high temperatures in the upper 80s to lower 90s. Rain chances will hold off on Tuesday but return once more on Wednesday as afternoon highs struggle to make it out of the upper 80s by the middle part of next week.

# Bulldogs hire new athletic director

Former Westmoore coach Wes Moore excited to bring his talents to Lexington

**Zack Wright**  
**The Purcell Register**

Lexington High School recently welcomed new Athletic Director Wes Moore into town.

Moore graduated from Dickson High School and earned a Bachelor’s degree in Education from Oklahoma State University.

Additionally, Moore holds a Master’s degree in Management from Southern Nazarene University as well as a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership from East Central University.

Moore began his career as a coach and teacher at Norman Public Schools but eventually returned to Dickson due to an illness in the family.

“Most recently, when I stepped back into [coaching], I went to Westmoore as a football and basketball coach, but I finished coaching football and track last year,” Moore said.

Moore has spent 18 years coaching various sports, including football, basketball, baseball, track and cross country. However, this will be his first time as an athletic director.

“After sitting down and talking with the administrative team in the interview, I really looked at it as an opportunity to further my career. It’s a little bit of change, but it’s a change in the direction I’m going,” Moore said.

“Having experience at a very large school, even do-



Wes Moore

ing the leadership academy there, brings a different element,” he added. “The administration team believes that, and I think that is why they selected me.”

Following brief introductions to the coaches and administrators, Moore immediately went to work.

“Usually, you look forward to starting a new job, but it started pretty quickly. So I think at this point, it’s really just waiting to see all the kids participate in athletics and all the smiles on their faces,” he said.

“I’ve been able to go and see our baseball team playing red dirt games, both our boys and girls basketball teams in camp, our cheer teams in practice and there’s a band activity today that I plan on stepping in and seeing,” Moore added.

Due to his responsibilities as a former coach and current athletic director, Moore doesn’t get much time off but enjoys cooking and spending time with his wife.

“I love to cook outside on the grill. Other than that, I’m usually at a gym or ball field watching my students,” he said.

Because managing an athletic department can be challenging and time-consuming, Moore pointed out how important patience and trust will be to ensure Lexington’s student-athletes are getting the best experience possible.

“The big thing is one, taking it one day at a time, and two, believing in my coaching staff,” Moore said.

“I rely heavily on them so that they trust me to do my job, and at the same time, I trust them with all our student-athletes. I think that support system needs to be stronger than anything.”

“Athletics is something that saved me from probably making a lot of bad choices in my life. So if I can step into a role and be an advocate for athletics and make sure I’m a shining light for these kids, that’s what I plan on doing.”



PMH is grateful to have you be a part of our team. Thank you for all that you do!

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

This week we are featuring Jazmin Pittman. She is the Purchasing Coordinator/Administrative Assistant at PMH. She has been with our hospital for almost 1 ½ years and has played a key role in developing our Supply System. One of her most recent accomplishments was creating a system to improve on how departments request supplies and monitoring inventory. Jazmin got involved in healthcare because she wanted to help people. One of the more challenging parts of her job is balancing her time between Administration and Purchasing.

One of Jazmin’s favorite places she has been to is Jamaica. When Jazmin is not working, she is either painting, reading, playing video games or mudding. A fact not everyone knows is that Jazmin’s name means Gift of God.

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## NEWS In Brief

### Early Deadlines

The Purcell Register will have early deadlines for the issue of July 6 because of the July 4 holiday.

All ads, classified ads and news must be in the office by Monday, July 3, at 11 a.m.

The paper will be available Wednesday, July 6, at 2:30 p.m.

### Independance

### Day Celebration

Purcell's Independence Day Celebration will be held Friday, June 30, at the Purcell City Lake.

The celebration will include food trucks, games, a car show and the fireworks show.

For more information contact the Purcell Parks at 405-527-7227 or the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce at 405-527-3093.

### Freedom Weekend

The Washington Fire Department, partnering with the American Legion, will hold a Fourth of July Freedom Weekend Saturday, July 1, starting at 6 p.m.

The event will be held at 103 E. Carter Ave. in Washington and will feature a fish fry, food trucks, fireworks, bouncy houses and yard games.

A raffle for new rifles will also be held and tickets are \$20.

### LRFA

### membership

The annual membership drive for the Lexington Rural Fire Association (LRFA) has begun.

Renewal letters have been sent to all current members. Members should send their annual dues of \$50 to the Association at P.O. Box 942, Lexington, OK 73051-0952 prior to July 1.

Those not currently in LRFA who own, rent, or lease property in the Lexington Rural Fire District may join.

Please contact Stella Bledsoe, secretary, at 405-527-5978 if you need a membership application.

### Freedom

### Celebration

The public is invited to a free God Bless America Freedom Celebration Fellowship Saturday, July 1, at the Rose Hill Pentecostal Church of God, 19251 State Hwy. 39 (10 miles east) of Lexington.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. with prayer, flag salute, singing and food followed by fireworks at dark.

Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and insect repellent.

### Victory VBS

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell will hold Vacation Bible School Tuesday, July 18, through Thursday, July 20, from 9-11 a.m.

All children age four to sixth grade are invited to attend.

The theme for VBS is "The Eucharist."

To register, pick up a form at the church or call the church office at 405-527-3077.

### Knights Golf

### Tournament

The Knights of Columbus will host a four person scramble at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course on Saturday, July 29, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

The \$400 team entry fee includes green fees, cart, range balls and lunch.

Proceeds from the tourna-

ment will go towards Knights community projects.

Contact Bob Bruehl at 405-990-3871 with questions.

### Back 2

### School Bash

The 14th Annual Heart of Oklahoma Back 2 School Bash will be held Saturday, July 29, starting at 5 p.m.

The event will be located at Main Street and 2nd Ave., across from the caboose between McClain Bank and the McClain County Courthouse in downtown Purcell.

There will be various activities, games and lots more.

Seven hundred backpacks with school supplies will be given away.

Everyone is welcome and everything is free.

### Senior Dance

### at Purcell

The Ole Troubadours are back at the Purcell Senior Citizens Center, 228 N. 2nd, every Friday from 7-9 p.m.

Join your friends for fun and dancing!

Admission is \$8 per person and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Proceeds will benefit the Purcell Senior Citizens Center.

### Seventh Grade

### TDAP Shot

All students entering seventh grade at Purcell Junior High must show proof of having the TDAP shot.

For more information call 405-442-0099, ext. 401.

### Museum News

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

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



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### Dance moves

Anabell Tuttle showed off her dance moves teaching young VBS students earlier this week at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

## Voter registration deadline nearing

### For Byars Special Election

Friday, July 14, is the last day to apply for voter registration in order to be eligible to vote in the August 8 Town of Byars Special Election.

That's the word from McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley.

Haley said persons who are United States citizens, residents of Oklahoma and at least 17-1/2 years old are eligible to apply for voter registration. However, you must be at least 18 years old to vote.

Applications must be received by the county election board or postmarked no later than midnight July 14. Applications postmarked after that time will be accepted, but not processed until after the special election.

Applications may also be submitted to any motor vehicle agency that is also an official voter registration agency by the submission deadline.

Applicants will be notified in writing when their application has been processed. Approved voters will receive a Voter Identification Card in the mail. Some may receive a letter that explains the reason or reasons the application was not approved.

Haley said those who do not receive a response within 30 days of submitting their application should contact the election board office immediately.

Voter applications must be approved by the county election board secretary.

Registered voters who have moved to McClain County from a different county or state will need to complete a new Voter Registration Application in order to be eligible for elections in McClain County.

If you have moved within

the county and need to update your address, you may make changes online using the OK Voter Portal at [oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp](http://oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp) or complete a Voter Registration Application.

Applications can be downloaded from the state election board website at [oklahoma.gov/elections](http://oklahoma.gov/elections).

You may also complete a form at your county election board. Most post offices, tag agencies and public libraries have applications available upon request.

The McClain County Election Board is located at 121 N 2nd Avenue and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For questions, please contact the election board at 405-527-3121 or [mcclaincounty@elections.ok.gov](mailto:mcclaincounty@elections.ok.gov).



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### Town Hall

Oklahoma's senior United States Senator, James Lankford, speaks to Ariel Anglin Monday at a town hall meeting in the Chamber of Commerce office.



## NEWS from the City of Purcell

### 70-73 Fireworks

C. It is unlawful to discharge, fire, explode or ignite fireworks at any time in the city.

The City of Purcell may issue a citation in the amount of \$109 if you are caught.

There will be a fireworks display at dusk on Friday, June 30, at the Purcell City Lake along with food trucks and other activities.

The City of Purcell, the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce and private donations are sponsoring the show.

For more information call 405-527-6561.

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# How McGirt has changed Oklahoma in just three years

By Dave Bond

In 2016, in testimony to Congress, Bill Anoatubby, governor of the Chickasaw Nation, stated, “there are no reservations in Oklahoma.”

Gov. Anoatubby verbalized what most Oklahomans living in the 21st Century had always recognized as reality: With few exceptions, the historic tribal reservations in Oklahoma had been disestablished in the 1960s following the Civil War and no longer existed.

We were not New Mexico or the Dakotas or upstate New York. For better or worse, Oklahoma and the Native American tribes within its borders had a different arrangement.

Then, in 2020, McGirt happened.

McGirt v. Oklahoma, a case decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, involved a man named Jimcy McGirt, a member of the Seminole Nation living in Broken Arrow-which, over a century earlier, had been located on the Creek Nation reservation.

In 1997, Mr. McGirt was convicted in state court of raping his wife’s four-year-old granddaughter. He later petitioned that his conviction be tossed because, he claimed, the Creek reservation was never properly disestablished, so Oklahoma

had no jurisdiction over him.

Shockingly, Justice Neil Gorsuch and the Court’s four liberals agreed with Mr. McGirt, overturning his conviction and effectively declaring roughly half of Oklahoma to be-pretstol-an Indian reservation, despite what Gov. Anoatubby and most of Oklahoma’s other four million citizens knew to be true.

Justice Gorsuch said the ruling applied most directly to major crimes-like murder, rape and kidnapping-involving Native Americans within the revived reservation boundaries.

But he also said the ruling could “create conflict around jurisdictional boundaries” regarding whether state and local laws still applied to tribal members-in criminal or civil matters-in the more than 40 Oklahoma counties now constituting “Indian Country.”

Since McGirt, eastern Oklahoma has become a hotbed of uncertainty, as law enforcement, public officials and citizens adapt to the new, Court-imposed reality.

Fortunately, in its decision in Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta last year, the U.S. Supreme Court constrained the damage, clarifying that McGirt applies only to major crimes and nothing else.

And yet...

Despite Castro, some are still attempting to exploit the McGirt reservation boundaries and apply them to taxes and other economic issues.

For instance, Gov. Anoatubby’s Chickasaw Nation, along with the Choctaw and Cherokee nations, filed a brief with the Oklahoma Supreme Court asserting that members of their tribes in McGirt counties shouldn’t have to pay state income taxes.

Some McGirt tribes are openly ignoring state, county and municipal tax laws. Others want to bypass laws on licensing, land use, property rights and mineral rights.

To his credit, Gov. Kevin Stitt is working to focus people on the concept of all Oklahomans living and working under the same set of rules. The Legislature and State Supreme Court have trended the other direction.

Undoubtedly, since the McGirt ruling three years ago, we’ve been in the midst of a key turning point in Oklahoma’s history. We must stay united around the ideas of certainty and fairness for all Oklahomans.

*Bond is vice president for advocacy at the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs (www.ocpathink.org) and a member of the Choctaw Nation.*



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## Dedicated teachers

**VBS instructors** Stephanie Harvey and Holly Schmidt assisted students at Emmanuel Baptist Church earlier this week.

# Is the Titanic worth the risk?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Life is filled with risks. Perhaps you enjoy sky diving, climbing Mount Everest, or swimming with sharks? Each endeavor involves serious risks.

Nothing would be accomplished on this planet without people willing to venture out into the unknown. Space exploration, medical and educational advances would be stymied without an innate spirit to try new things and to boldly go where no man has gone before.

That’s right Star Trek would never have existed without the imagination of Gene Roddenberry.

From Christopher Columbus to the early settlers who forged their way West across America, our world is better. Scientists, engineers, inventors and explorers, who thought outside the box, regardless of the risk, have paved the way for countless others.

Bad things can happen to all of us even though the risk may not seem great. Automobiles, planes and trains are in motion every day. They are standards for transportation.

Yet, there are still car and plane crashes and train wrecks. Human life is lost every day even in our common modes of transportation.

The people aboard the Ti-

tanic in 1912 were riding the most magnificent ship of that era. It was believed by some to be unsinkable. Some of the wealthiest people of that day were on that maiden voyage. Yet, the Titanic was no match for human error and an iceberg.

Of the 2,240 passengers and crew, more than 1,500 people lost their lives in that disaster. Most of them believed they were on a safe and grand vacation. They were, but tragedy occurred.

Last week a small 22-foot submersible known as the Titan owned by OceanGate of Everett, Washington carried five passengers to their death. The cost per passenger was reportedly \$250,000 each for the trip to see the wreckage of the Titanic.

Experts inside and outside of the company had warned of potential dangers and urged the company to undergo a certification process. Twenty-eight people are reported to have made the trip see the Titanic wreckage last year.

Trips have been cancelled and indefinitely postponed due to various issues. There is speculation that the vessel made of carbon fiber was fatigued from previous trips. Tiny cracks not even visible could have existed.

Of course, these people thought they would make it

back. They didn’t pay a quarter of a million dollars to die. They obviously believed they were safe. Even though there had been warnings about the construction of the tiny sub, they moved forward on their adventure.

The best any of us can do is to try to make good decisions and we will still have mishaps. You can’t control what others are doing around you and how their actions might impact you.

There is always a chance of mechanical failure and human error. We live with hope that we will be able to recuperate from whatever might happen. Often “We walk by faith and not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7.

If we don’t live life with some risks, we aren’t living much of a life, if any life at all.

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

Dr. Glenn Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky.

He is the author of 13 books including *Uncommon Sense*, the *Spiritual Chocolate* series, *Grandpa’s Store*, *Minister’s Guidebook insights from a fellow minister*.

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

# OSU EXTENSION News

## Bee hotels boost native bee populations

Trisha Gedon  
Extension Educator

They may not be The Ritz Carlton, The Plaza or even a Holiday Inn, but bee hotels house important guests.

Native bees are among the many different welcome and necessary pollinators in landscapes.

“Native bees are the most important group of about 200,000 species of pollinators,” said David Hillock, Oklahoma State University Extension consumer horticulturist. “They provide an important link to the environment by carrying pollen from one plant to another to ensure the growth of seeds and fruits. Some pollen is carried by the wind, but other pollen can be heavy and requires pollinators to move it. Pollination is responsible for nearly \$20 billion worth of products annually.”

When observing all of the fabulous plants in the landscape, remember the role pollination plays and think about what can be done to help native bees perform their job. Pollinators are also a key element in the agricultural industry, and the world’s food supply would be smaller, less colorful and less nutritious without bees.

To help protect and increase the dwindling population of these pollinators, homeowners can build bee hotels, which are the insect equivalent of a birdhouse.

Also known as bee condos, bee houses or nest blocks, these structures provide nesting spaces for solitary bees or wasps in places where natural habitats may be scarce.

These species make their homes in holes in dead wood, hollow plant stems or other nooks and crannies in the landscape because they don’t excavate their own holes.

“Generally, a hotel provides shelter for its human guests for short stays, but bee hotels provide long-term accom-

modations,” Hillock said. “You can construct a bee hotel using reed or bamboo. Other good materials include hollow stems from plants such as sunflowers, teasel, fennel, brambles, raspberries and elder.”

A bee hotel mimics nesting habitat and provides shelter from weather and predators, said Andrine Shufan, OSU Extension specialist and director of OSU’s Insect Adventure.

“The bee hotel serves a dual purpose,” Shufan said. “First, it provides a place for native bees to lay eggs during the warm season and serves as their home during pollination. Second, it gives the bees a place to overwinter when the seasons change.”

For those who want to build a bee condo or hotel, affix it waist or chest high on a tree, fence or wall near the pollen source. Shufan said bees commute between their habitat and the pollen source multiple times a day, so the closer together they are, the more time bees spend pollinating.

When installing it, choose a sunny spot in the landscape and have the bee hotel face the east so it gets the morning sun but won’t get too hot later in the day.

Tilt the hotel slightly downward so moisture won’t collect inside the tubes. It’s a good idea to cover the front of the bee hotel with screening to keep out predators.

Shufan said bee hotels should be cleaned out during February or March, but timing is important.

“Cleaning them out too soon risks disturbing viable cocoons, while acting too late may disturb newly laid eggs,” she said.

In early spring, place the overwintered hotels or occupied nesting material inside a dark container known as an emergence box. Cut a 3/8-inch hole near the bottom for the bees to crawl out and place it near the original outdoor location.

More information about emergence boxes, management and overall maintenance is available online.

Aside from bee hotels, there are other ways gardeners can help boost the bee population.

“Native bees are five times better pollinators than honey bees, along with wasps and flies, so it’s important to plant native flowers,” Shufan said. “Native flowers are shaped to accommodate the bee’s body, which makes it easy for them to reach the pollen. Although non-native plants are beautiful, they may not provide what bees need.”

Shufan encourages people to research native bees and how humans can help elevate bee populations.

“What you learn, along with your children and grandchildren, can make a difference in the long run,” she said. “Insects have been around for 500 million years. What we do today has a big impact on the future. Limiting the use of insecticides, planting native flowers and providing habitat for native bees has a big impact on our lives.”

Detailed information on building a bee condo is available online.

From page 4A

## Roe:

tax bracket for joint filers from \$2,400 to \$4,600. The bill addresses what is commonly referred to as the “income tax marriage penalty.”

HB1039X eliminates the franchise tax and any associated franchise tax reporting requirements, effective tax year 2024.

There are also three long-term care bills I want to highlight.

SB369 requires an employer to conduct a criminal background check for a nurse aide prior to employment.

An employer is prohibited from hiring or contracting with a person for a nurse aide position if the criminal background check finds that the individual has been convicted of, pled guilty or no contest to, or received a deferred sentence for a felony or misdemeanor for human trafficking or any crime that required registration on the sex offender registry at any time.

HB2824 transfers all employees, powers, functions, and duties of the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators to OSDH. The measure authorizes the Commissioner of Health to determine the qualifications, skills and fitness of any person to serve as a long-term care administrator.

The department is required to give any administrator who has violated the Long-Term Care Administrator Licensing Act an opportunity to participate in an independent informal dispute resolution process. OSDH may contract with an impartial third party or use an impartial panel to make a final determination of a potential violation.

HB2753 requires the Attorney General’s office to maintain a Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation registry to be updated quarterly with names, identifiable information, and case descriptions for individuals

who have been convicted of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

While the Legislature is in our interim period, I’ve been spending my time in House District 42 meeting with constituents and continuing my work as a nurse practitioner in Pauls Valley.

I recently celebrated 40 years as a registered nurse, with 24 of those years being a nurse practitioner. It’s always such a joy to provide care for patients in need, and it’s a joy to serve as your state representative.

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

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

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# Society



## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Hope everyone has a safe and happy July 4th.

Don't forget to enjoy the fireworks celebration at the Purcell City Lake on Friday, June 30.

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A special happy birthday wish to Brady Moakley of Norman.

Brady celebrates his 19th birthday Saturday, July 1.

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**The Purcell Register** will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, for the 4th of July holiday.

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Happy birthday to Jake Harris, Pam Irwin, Leona Mote, Janone McCoy, Katie Wilson Blue, Sarah Dumas, Loretta Farley, Andrea Johnson, Amy Woods, Jeffrey Chaples, Fritz Johnson, Paul Neal Gullion, Megan Summers and Connor Still.

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Purcell's Independence Day Celebration will be held Friday, June 30, at the Purcell City Lake.

The celebration will include food trucks, games, a car show and the fireworks show.

For more information contact the Purcell Parks at 405-527-7227 or the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce at 405-527-3093.

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The Washington Fire Department, partnering with the American Legion, will hold a Fourth of July Freedom Weekend Saturday, July 1, starting at 6 p.m.

The event will be held at 103 E. Carter Ave. in Washington and will feature a fish fry, food trucks, fireworks, bouncy houses and yard games.

A raffle for new rifles will be also be held and tickets are \$20.

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The Purcell Public Library will present "Eat Smart: Nutrition for a Healthy Life" Thursday, July 6, from 5-6 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Eating healthy can be easy and delicious. Join us to learn the art of healthy cooking and eating. The program is designed for adults and registration is required.

In this four week program

participants will be learning to prepare healthy recipes for diabetes and heart health. Come and explore a variety of healthy culinary techniques and skills through interactive demonstration and information.

Discover how small daily actions and nutritional choices can help you eat better and maintain a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.

The programs will be presented by a dietician in English with recipes and food demonstration.

Programming paid by a grant from the PLS Foundation.

Register by calling 405-527-5546 or online at [mcpioneerlibrarysystem.org](http://mcpioneerlibrarysystem.org).

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell will hold Vacation Bible School Tuesday, July 18, through Thursday, July 20, from 9-11 a.m.

All children age four to sixth grade are invited to attend.

The theme for VBS is "The Eucharist."

To register, pick up a form at the church or call the church office at 405-527-3077.

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Here's a perfect casserole to fix for the Fourth of July!

### Firecracker Casserole

2 lbs. lean ground beef  
1 cup chopped onion  
1 tsp. salt  
2 TBL chili powder  
1 tsp. cumin  
2 TBL chopped jalapeno  
1 can ranch style beans, undrained  
1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
8 corn tortillas (broken up into 6 pieces each)  
6 oz. shredded cheddar cheese  
Preheat oven to 350°.

In a medium skillet, brown the beef and then drain.

Add all other ingredients except tortillas and cheese to the beef and stir.

Spray a 13 9 casserole dish.

Tear up tortillas and place them in the bottom of the casserole dish. Add meat mixture and top with shredded cheese.

Bake for 50 minutes or until bubbly.

### Keaton Ross

#### Oklahoma Watch

Oklahoma lobbyists have spent nearly \$380,000 this year on gifts, meals and beverages for state legislators and other elected officials through May, a 42 percent increase over the same period two years ago.

With COVID-19 concerns heightened, advocacy groups scaled back large in-person gatherings during the 2021 legislative session. Expenditure reports filed with the Oklahoma Ethics Commission show that sort of spending has rebounded.

In late April, the Oklahoma Restaurant Association spent \$21,000 to host a dinner reception for legislators at the Embassy Suites hotel.

The Oklahoma Cattleman's Association spent nearly \$3,900 to serve lawmakers and their staff ribeye steak

sandwiches and chips for lunch on May 16. Under current reporting guidelines, lobbyists aren't required to disclose individual recipients if every legislator is invited



to an event.

Geoff Long, executive director of the Oklahoma Society of Professional Advocates, said scarce venue availability and rising inflation coupled to make hosting

large-scale events during the pandemic more difficult. As concerns over the virus wane, lobbyists are again using come-and-go events to converse with lawmakers.

"A big piece of government affairs is really educational. No legislator is going to be an expert on everything," said Long, an attorney who previously worked as general counsel for the Oklahoma Ethics Commission. "They put these events together so you can get multiple legislators together to talk about issues."

Lobbyists have spent more than \$183,000 on gifts, meals and beverages for state legislators, the highest total since 2019. While lobbyists may not spend more than \$500 on gifts and food for an elected official over a calendar year, elected officials aren't capped on how much they can receive.

The average lawmaker took

in \$1,245 in food and gifts during the five-month period or \$18.86 per day the Legislature was in regular session. Twenty-three lawmakers, all Republicans, accepted more than \$2,000 in goods.

Sen. Casey Murdock, R-Felt, was the top recipient, taking in nearly \$4,900 worth of gifts and meals from lobbyists. Murdock, who also received the most goods among legislators during the 2021 and 2022 sessions, said last year that dinners with advocates offer an opportunity for discussions on complex issues but his voting decisions are grounded in the interests of his constituents and the state as a whole.

Just two legislators, Reps. Tom Gann, R-Inola and Rick West, R-Heavener, did not

Please see **Lobbyist**, page 14A

## Newsmakers

### OU announces honor students

The University of Oklahoma has announced students named to its spring 2023 honor roll, a distinction given to those who achieve the highest academic standards.

A total of 8,644 students were named to the spring 2023 honor roll. Of these students, 3,833 were named to the President's Honor Roll for earning an "A" grade in all their courses.

The honor roll recognizes undergraduate students in the academic programs based at OU's Norman campus and at the OU Health Sciences Center. In most colleges, full-time undergraduate students who completed 12 or more letter graded hours with a grade-point average of 4.0 were named to the President's Honor Roll. Students on the Norman campus with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher were included in the Dean's Honor Roll.

Heart of Oklahoma students named to the honor roll include **Samantha L. Ardery, Aubrey E. Cornforth, Emily E. Cornforth, Jaereth A. Crider, Kinley A. Croslin, Eduardo M. Cruz, Natalie H. Dickerson, Abigail R. Escobedo, Gabriela K. Escobedo, Emily A. Harwell, Connor M. Horton, Jill L. Johnson, Kora A. Keith, Sierra L. Levine, Megan L. McCray, Conner W. McElderry, Reece W. Milner, Caylin B. Nimmo, Daniel R. Pintor, Kayla J. Poole, Rachael R. Robbins, Ryan S. Rogez, Cristian Rojo Olguin, Alexandria I. Sackett, Raleigh D. Savage, Makenna L. Scholthauer, Bryce L. Tuck and Natalie A. Williams**, all of Purcell.

Also **Gabrielle L. Bettes, Jonathan T. Chavez, Ryan M. Dicksion, Connor E. Findley, Alexis M. Munoz and Juana I. Ruiz Reyes**, all of Lexington; **Emma G. Dustin** of Byars; **Macie P. Woody** of Wayne.

And **Zoie M. Bates, Jonathan K. Berryhill, Logan K. Fox, Logan B. Hendrix, Kaleb A. Kilcrease, Maci J. Milligan, Jake R. Nelson and Raylee Z. Pogue**, all of Goldsby; and **William J. Cargill, Megan G. Cargill, Jesse L. Clemence, Mackenzie A. Dodson, Kaden DuBois, Blythe K. Graves, Maxwell J. Kadachuk, Hayden J. Keeler, Kathleen S. Kernal, Faith E. Landers, Esmeralda Pacheco, Sunny H. Sanders and Jacob R. Schleff**, all of Washington.

## The Old Purdy Town story at LCHS

The town of Purdy, Oklahoma, was once a thriving community of businesses and a school. It is not far to Purdy from Lindsay seven miles south on SH 76.

In those days, the families enjoyed farming and had a good life. There is a photo in the Murray Lindsay Mansion of men on horseback that is named The Purdy Bunch, so Purdy has history.

The Lindsay Community Historical Society is hosting another storytelling at the Pikes Peak School Museum in Erin Springs.

It is free of charge and donations are appreciated to help with continued operations. Organizers appreciate the

many individuals who helped redo the outside of the building.

Three sisters of the Billingsley family will be sharing their memories of the Old Purdy Town at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 9. Come listen to the stories and memories of Venita George, Bonnie Rinehart, and Nancy Parker. Remembering days of our past helps us to have a closer relationship with our community.

You may call LCHS at 405-919-6146 for more information or directions to the museum which is located across from the Murray Lindsay Mansion.

Any person or organization interested in a tour of these two museums may call LCHS at this number.

## Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens.

The Dibble Senior Citizens will be on the road again. We are traveling to Okarche to Eischen's on Thursday, July 6. We will leave at 10 a.m. We will take the bus and all are welcome to come.

We are working with the McClain County Health Department to schedule their mobile unit to come at lunch for health checks. We will have more information as the day and time are set.

The menu for the week of July 3:

Monday — Hotdogs.

Wednesday — Chicken fried steak.

Friday — Roast.

We would like to invite all to come by some time for lunch, sit a spell and enjoy the fellowship on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 12 noon for a good home cooked meal.

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

**Until next time,  
Dibble Senior Citizens Crew**



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### Flag salute

**Diners saluting** the flag before dinner. Attendees hold the salute every Friday to pay respect to our service members, past and present, and our country.



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# Washington Farm Market opens this Saturday

**AngieSteele**  
**Washington Correspondent**

The Town of Washington is hosting a Farm Market every other Saturday beginning July 1 and will run through September 1. Local farmers will have their products for sale from 10am to 12pm at the corner of Main and Morehead behind Washington Nutrition.

Make sure and stop by to support local!

## Washington Fire Department and American Legion Team Up for Freedom Weekend

Washington’s Volunteer Fire Department and American Legion Post 0310 are teaming up for Freedom Weekend. Plan to bring your family and chairs!

There will be a fish fry, food trucks, raffles, bouncy houses, yard games and fireworks!

The event begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 1, located near the Washington Senior Center.

## Washington High School Class of 1983 Reunion

Save the date! The Washington Warrior Class of 1983 will celebrate their 40 year reunion on July 22 at 6 p.m. at the Trails Golf Course, 3200 South Berry Road, in Norman.

Classes of 1982 and 1984 are also invited to attend. Heavy hors d’oeuvres, sweet treats, water, tea and a cash bar will be available. Please send RSVP’s and pictures you may have to Karen Stacher at KarenStacher@yahoo.com. There will be an invitation with additional information sent out around July 1 with more information once RSVP’s are gathered.

## 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.

The final date for MANNA is 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 June 29-July 7:

Thursday, June 29—White bean chili with chicken, cornbread.

Friday, June 30—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans.

Monday, July 3—Taco salad, tortilla chips, chili beans.

Tuesday, July 4—Closed.

Wednesday, July 5—Smoked sausage, baked beans, corn casserole.

Thursday, July 6—Chicken and noodles, peas/carrots.

Friday, July 7—Pulled pork barbecue, baked potatoes, green beans.

Menu 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



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## Washington FBC Falls Creek 2023

Washington First Baptist Church youth enjoyed a week at Falls Creek last week!



• Photos provided

## Stars of the Week

**Week Three** Washington Performance Course Stars of the Week include Hudson Howard and Major Cantrell, high school; and Jett Stinnett and Bo Nash, junior high.



• Photo provided

## Carnegie Hall performers

**Three Washington** graduates performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 6. They played with the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra under the direction of conductor Jeffrey Grogan. Kate and Evan Boothe were on percussion and Jennie Higdon was on bassoon.

July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 6 and December 11.

## Washington Public Schools Calendar

July 1-9—Dead Period, no use of school buildings or fields.

July 10—Board Meeting -4/5 Library.

August 5—Softball Alumni game.

August 7—MS Fastpitch, home vs. Tuttle.

August 8—HS Fastpitch at Tuttle; MS Fastpitch, at Little Axe

## Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

During the last few years, we have been working to establish a digital system that enables veterans and their surviving

spouses to file a claim for VA benefits. We use this system daily to assist the men and women who have served in the military of the United States of America.

To start our process, login to dkgvf.org to fill out and scan your information into our Intake Q program. By using our digital system, veterans do not have to stand in line to receive our assistance with their VA claims and questions.

Some of the men and women who we assist live in other states or countries. Using our digital system some of them will not need to visit us in person as we can triage them electronically or by phone. We encourage veterans or surviving spouses who we have previously assisted to register in our dkgvf.org system so we will be able to help their surviving spouse when the veteran passes on.

I would like all veterans to tell their spouse and family members what their service-connected disabilities are. When a service-connected disability is listed on a veteran’s Death Certificate as a primary cause of death or a contributing condition the surviving spouse and dependents will be eligible for VA DIC benefits.

Being a volunteer at our Foundation has been one of the most rewarding things that I have ever done. Many of the men and women who we help are senior citizens who are on a fixed income and all of us know how the cost of everything we purchase increased many times more than our retirement checks have increased.

I would like to encourage you to become a part of what we do to improve the lives of the men and women who have served in our military. With our Digital system volunteers can help veterans and their families from home no matter where they live.

We accept the donation of cars and trucks that can be given to veterans or sold to raise funds to help more veterans and their families. As always, we appreciate all donations that can be used to make a difference in the lives of our men and women who have served in the military.

The Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation is honored to have our third annual Helping Heroes Golf Tournament! We are looking for gift basket donations for our raffle and items for our silent auction. The minimum value for gift baskets is \$100. The tournament is Monday, October 9, at 8 a.m. All baskets and silent auction items will need to be received by Friday, September 15.

If you, family, friends, or business are interested in donating a basket, please reach out to our Development Director. If you are interested in sponsoring or playing in the tournament, please message colleen@dkgvf.org your email address.

All of us at our Veterans Foundation are proud to do everything we can to assist the men and women who are serving or have served in the United States Military. We have been making a difference in the lives of veterans and their families for over twenty years. For those of you who would like to join our team, volunteer applications are available on our website.

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veterans and their families. We are open Monday through Friday starting at 9 a.m. Come visit us at 1233 West Lindsay Street in Norman.

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

We are a 501c-3 Non-Profit organization and there is never a charge for the services we provide to veterans and their families. We do accept financial contributions to be used to support veterans and this organization. We also accept donations of wheelchairs and other types of handicap equipment that can be given to other veterans or their families. Other items that we accept are cars, trucks, motorcycles, or items that can be given to veterans or sold to raise funds.

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

To donate to our Foundation, you can do so online at [dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org](http://dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org) or mail a check to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, 1233 West Lindsay, Norman, OK, 73069. You can contact us on our website or by calling 405-550-8806.

## Dale K. Graham, Accredited Claims Agent Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation Washington Correspondent Contact Information

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

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

Angie Steele

No. 467-June 22-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:  
SHARITTA BLANDON,  
Petitioner  
and  
JERON BLANDON,  
Respondent.

Case No. FD-2022-173  
NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that a hearing on Petitioner’s Application for Temporary Order, Motion for Mediation and Motion for Default filed in this matter is set for hearing in the courtroom of the Special Judge, in the McClain County Courthouse, 121 N. 2nd St., Purcell, Oklahoma, on the 26th day of July, 2023, at 10:00 o’clock a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. You are further notified that in case you do not so appear judgment may be rendered against you as follows: for all relief requested in the Application for Temporary Order, Motion for Mediation and Motion for Default and in addition for attorney’s fees and costs of the action as determined by subsequent motion.

You are further notified that if you oppose these Application for Temporary Order, Motion for Mediation and Motion for Default, you must file and serve a brief or a list of authorities in opposition within fifteen (15) days of the service of the pleadings, or the Application for Temporary Order, Motion for Mediation and Motion for Default shall be deemed confessed, per the requirements of Rule 4(e), RULES OF THE DISTRICT COURTS OF OKLAHOMA.

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Attorney for Petitioner

No. 470-June 22-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF ALICE FAYE POWELL,  
Deceased.

Case No. PB-23-45  
ALIAS NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
To the Creditors of Alice Faye Powell, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Alice Faye Powell, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Raymond Powell and Barbara Looman, Co-Personal Representatives, at the law offices of Blevins and Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Co-Personal Representatives, on or before the following presentment date: 15th day of August 2023, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 15 day of June 2023.  
/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.  
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# Class of 2023 Practical Nursing students graduate from MATC



The 2023 Practical Nursing class of Mid-America Technology Center held its graduation ceremony on the evening of June 16 in the Health Careers Center. MATC congratulates these 30 students for their dedication and achievements:

Rylee Andrews, Washington; Carolina Barahona, Pauls Valley; Sheadan Barker, Purcell; Skyer Benefield, Pauls Valley; Ashley Bless, Wayne; Rylee Day, Purcell; Phyllis Deere, Moore.

And Rebecca Galloway, Noble; Morgan Gardner, Pauls Valley; Briana Gonzalez, Pauls Valley; Peggy Hart, Nor-

man; Randa Hatter, Stratford; Cheyanne Hellstern; Purcell; Madison Hickey, Norman.

Also Bethanni Higgins; Elmore City; Lupita, Hurtado-Silva, Pauls Valley; Caleb Hyer, Noble; Colton Ince, Lindsay; Ashley Jobe, Noble; Marissa Jones, Wynnewood; Alyssa Journagan, Pauls Valley; Madison Knapp, Wayne.

And Hannah Maney, Maysville; Eleora Mata, Noble; Jazmine Patterson, Lexington; Ashlee Reich, Blanchard; Chloe Singleton, Maysville; Madelyn Smith, Noble; Lynlee Tortolini, Newcastle; and Katrina Vanmeter, Norman.

These graduates are now eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN exam.

The following students were also recipients of special awards provided by individuals and our clinical partners:

Abiding Home Health Award: Peggy Hart and Katrina Vanmeter.

Alumni Award-Clinical Excellence: Alyssa Journagan.

Grace Living Centers-LTC Award: Bethanni Higgins.

Leslie Hague Award-Perseverance Award: Hannah Maney.

Loving Care In-Home Health Services-Best Overall: Morgan Gardner.

Loving Care In-Home Health Services-Valedictorian Award: Colton Ince.

Mark & Karen Straka-Community Service Award: Rebecca Galloway

Nursing Honor Guard-Award: Cheyanne Hellstern.

Sunset Estates Nursing Home Award: Carolina Barahona, Skyer Benefield, Cheyanne Hellstern, Bethanni Higgins, Lupita Hurtado-Silva, Hannah Maney, Eleora Mata, Chloe Singleton, Lynlee Tortolini and Katrina Vanmeter.

Also recognized at the graduation were National Technical Honor Society members Cheyanne Hellstern and Colton Ince, and Peggy Hart and Chloe Singleton for having perfect attendance.

Mid-America would like to join the PN students in expressing their appreciation to the communities for their generosity and continued support throughout the year.



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## Class of '61

The Purcell High School graduating class of 1961 had multiple members attend last weekend's school reunion. Pictured are, from left, Tommy Underwood, Ray Rhodes, Gary Abrams, Shirley Carr Ellis, Don Boyer, Rick McCurdy and Eddie Tubbs. The group attended 1st through 12th grade together at Purcell.

# Pioneer Library System named a 2023 John Cotton Dana Award winner

Pioneer Library System (PLS) was named a 2023 John Cotton Dana Award winner at this year's American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago.

PLS was recognized for moving beyond traditional library marketing methods to create a targeted mixed media marketing campaign that led to a record-breaking summer of 2022.

The John Cotton Dana (JCD) Awards were presented during an awards ceremony hosted by EBSCO Information Services, held during this year's American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago.

The JCD award is named after John Cotton Dana (1859-1929), the father of the modern library, who is credited with helping transition libraries from reading rooms to community centers. JCD submissions include strategic library communications campaigns from libraries of all types and sizes throughout North America.

In recognition of their achievement, up to eight JCD award winners receive a \$10,000 cash development award from the H.W. Wilson Foundation.

Kelly Sitzman, Director of Marketing & Communications for Pioneer Library System, shares that "our outstanding marketing team turned efforts outward to leverage community partnerships, diversify local media partners and strategically marketed to both existing and future library customers."

The primary objective for Pioneer Library System's Summer Learning Challenge is always to prevent summer learning loss and engage community members of all ages through reading and learning.

Sitzman continues, "Our overhauled marketing strategies led to a record-breaking



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## Award winners

Presenting the 2023 John Cotton Dana Award (from left) was Gregg Dodd, Chair of the JCD Award Committee and Director of Marketing & Communications for Columbus Metropolitan Library. Accepting the award for the Pioneer Library System were Kelly Sitzman, Kevin Mix and Drew Hooper. Not pictured are Diana Ring and Lunden England.

summer, far exceeding registrations and completions dating back even before the pandemic. Reach increased by more than 25 percent, registrations increased by nearly 50 percent, learning goal completions increased by 65 percent. Our new branding, messaging, and marketing approach drew customers to the library, inspired, and made an impact on all ages."

It has been a very good year for Pioneer Library System. It was just this March that PLS took home another top award, 2023 Library of the Year. PLS Executive Director Lisa Wells accepted the award from pre-

senter Tim Miller, Executive Director of Western Plains Library System and current Oklahoma Library Association President.

Founded in 1958, PLS today offers 12 full-access libraries in 10 communities throughout Cleveland, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties, as well as additional access locations in smaller communities and outreach services including Business Services and the PLS Mobile Maker Lab.


For more information about PLS and its services, visit the new pioneerlibrarysystem.org, launched this May.



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## Rotary work day

The Purcell Rotary Club recently completed a work day at the McClain County Museum to clean up the beds and front of the museum. Volunteers included, from back left, Ron Duvall, Bob Gee and Allen Eubanks. On the front are Susan Whitley, Elisabeth Baker, Rebekah Lynam and Melissa Pruitt.



# Classified DEADLINE

for the **July 6** issue is **Monday, July 3 at 11 AM**

*Have a Safe 4th of July Holiday!*

The Purcell Register

No. 495-June 29-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY F. GARDENHIRE, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-21 NOTICE HEARING FINAL AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION, AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given that James Paul Gardenhire, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty F. Gardenhire, Deceased, has filed his Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution, and Discharge of Personal Representative. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 20th day of July 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in the District Courtroom of Judge

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

DATED this 27th day of June 2023.

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

No. 496-June 29-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN MAYS, DECEASED

NO. PB-23-31 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT, BARRING CLAIMS OF CREDITORS, FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, AND FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that Larry Mays, Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia Ann Mays, Deceased, having filed in this Court his Final Account of the administration of said Estate and his Petition for determination of heirship, barring claims of creditors, and for final settlement and distribution of said Estate; the hearing of the same has been fixed

by the Judge of said Court for July 27, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., at the Courtroom of said Court in the County Courthouse at Purcell, in the County and State aforesaid, and all persons interested in said Estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said account should not be settled and allowed, and said Estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

Dated this June 27, 2023.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE Judge of the District Court Arlene M. Randall, OBA #19694 Randall Law, P.C. 1631 East Twin Brook Terrace Post Office Box 692 Mustang, Oklahoma 73064 Telephone: (405) 261-0132 Facsimile: (405) 261-0496 randallaw@cox.net Attorney for Larry Mays, Personal Representative



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# Religion



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## Green thumb

**Sunray Baptist** Church member James Kyzer was doing a bit of gardening at the church last Friday morning.

## Lexington Westside Church of Christ

### Front-Porch Gospel: Four Elite Young Men of God, and Their Faith

Welcome, all, to the ‘front porch.’

Few stories in the Bible compare to that of the three Hebrew children we know as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Its allure is as great today as it was thousands of years ago, its lessons as fresh as the morning dew. We re-visit it here because when we put it into our minds and our hearts it helps us become better people.

These three men – four, with Daniel – are in a most precarious situation. We cannot even imagine enduring the things they did. Old King Nebuchadnezzar comes down hard to Jerusalem in the sixth century B.C. and destroys the city and takes captive thousands of the Israelites and transplants them in the midst of the city of Babylon.

We have heard the name “Babylon” long enough that we know that it is the exact contrast to Jerusalem. Babylon is not the city of God. God does not

claim it as his dwelling place, and the temple of the Lord our God does not reside there. There, certainly, is no Zion in Babylon.

The only positive, I suppose, we can say about Babylon is that the Israelite people are treated well, generally, and allowed to carry on their lives normally. In fact, some people become so used to living there and so entrenched in that new life that they do not want to leave after seventy years when the Persian king allows them freedom to go home.

Right there is a lesson, from the very start, that we want to take and think on: We should never allow Babylon to keep us away from Zion. Our hearts are forever with Zion, regardless of what men do to us or to whatever far country they exile us. We never are quite at home in that far country. Even exiled on Patmos, remember, John is “in the spirit on the Lord’s Day.” When our faith is strong, we

are never far away from being in the right spirit.

Of all the captives to Babylon, the king chooses these four Israelite boys to enroll in a special school there in Babylon. It is the Princeton or Yale of Babylon. Only the best of the best of this great city can enroll in school. The Bible describes these students as those who are “well-favored” as the KJV has it, speaking, apparently of the physical attributes of the boys.

These are “youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had the ability for serving in the king’s court” – Daniel 1:4.

We know the type. They are like the young man or lady who sat at the table in front of us in the chemistry lab, the one who makes all A’s and is the envy of

Please see **Westside**, page 11A

Gospel music fans from throughout the state gathered at Sunray this past Saturday night to hear the uplifting sounds and gospel message of Sound Street and Lauren Talley at our annual SummerSing.

Those attending enjoyed this special evening of worship, praise and song.

Lauren stayed over and sang special music at our Sunday morning service.

Brother John used Ruth 4:1-10 for his sermon.

He told of the “Redemption of Naomi and Ruth.” Boaz redeemed the land and agreed to marry Ruth.



Lauren Talley

## Sunray Baptist Church

The evening message came from Jude 20. The book of Jude is a warning about apostasy. Those that fall from the Christian faith were never really saved.

The “faith” is the essential doctrines we believe as Christians.

Jude tells us to “build yourselves on your most holy faith.” It is set apart, special and holy. We are to preach and build upon it. We are to set Jesus center stage and edify people based on truth.

This coming Sunday, Brother Dennis Clark will be filling the pulpit. On July 9 at 5 p.m. we

will have a quarterly business meeting at our evening service, followed by a time of snacks and fellowship.

On July 16 we will take a special offering to help with the expense of renovating the exterior of our building.

Join us at Sunray Baptist Church! We have Sunday school classes for all ages. John Wylie is our pastor.

Our morning worship begins at 10:50 a.m., evening service is at 5 p.m.

We are located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell.

For additional information call 405-527-6808.



Sound Street

## Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

July 2, 2023 is the thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. A quick refresher: The Christian Liturgical Year begins with the season of Advent, followed by the season of Christmas, then the first part of Ordinary Time. The next season after that is Lent followed by the season of Easter, and then the second part of Ordinary Time.

Liturgical years are designated A, B, or C, with the

majority of Gospel readings from Matthew, Mark, or Luke, respectively.

Each Sunday has four readings, usually a reading from the Old Testament, followed by one from Psalms, then one from the Epistles, and finally the Gospel.

In the Roman Catholic faith, the priest prepares his homily (like a sermon) from one or more of the readings for that Sunday.

The first reading is from the

second book of Kings, Chapter 4, verses 8-11 and 14-16. Like several other passages in the Bible, this one deals with a married woman who has been unable to conceive and bear a child.

Elisha goes through Shunem from time to time, and this woman urges him to dine with

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# Church

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## Leading the class

**Cheryl King**, with assistance from Madi Lacy, had instructions for their class at Emmanuel Baptist Church’s Vacation Bible School this week.

## Green Avenue Church of Christ

Wednesday evenings we are studying in 2 Timothy. This letter comes near the final days of the apostle’s life as he thinks of how he might encourage the one he considers as his son.

Sunday mornings we have begun a new section of current issues dealing with the Christian’s duties and obligations to civil authority. Come join us for either set of Bible studies!

This past Sunday morning the sermon was titled “A Perfect Heart” and began with a reading of 2 Chronicles 25:2 where we learned king Amaziah did what was right in God’s eyes but he did not do so with a perfect heart.

This sounded sort of ominous and dangerous, so we learned how this specific Hebrew word translated “perfect” was used in the Old Testament and then we looked at the 14 or 15 passages where the Bible speaks of those with either perfect hearts or imperfect ones.

Interestingly, all but one of the references to this appear in the Kings and the Chronicles of the Old Testament, and the other one is about one of these kings.

The story of Naaman the leper was the subject of Sunday evening’s sermon. Keith Shackelford began with a reading of the 2 Kings 5 and then introduced and discussed more of the minor characters in this text: the little servant girl, the king of Syria, Elisha’s servant Gehazi.

He did discuss both Naaman and Elisha, but tried to keep the focus on these others as we learned much about them. The little girl had unwavering faith, the king had deep friendship, and Gehazi’s heart was full of greed.

We invite you to meet with us at 407 Jackson St. for Bible study at 7 p.m. Wednesday night and 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Our worship services on Sundays are 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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

## Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

Music and dance...this Friday from 7-9 p.m. “The Ole Troubadours” Country and Western Dance Band is back at the senior center! Lots of folks came out and enjoyed the music and dancing! Every first, second, third and fifth Friday of the month you all can come from 7 until 9 p.m. to enjoy the music, dancing and refreshments. Entry is \$8 and refreshments will be available to purchase. This event will help support the senior center and provide an evening of entertainment for the community at a reasonable cost. We happily welcome the “Troubadours” back and are looking forward to our future venture with them! Come and enjoy the fun!

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

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

The center garage sale is closed for the next two weeks as we rearrange and renovate. Sorry for any inconvenience. The sale will have new merchandise and a new look when we reopen!

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

It is becoming more important to remember to make your reservation for meals. That can be done weekly or daily, whatever works for you. The rising cost of food and supplies is making it more essential every day for Delta Nutrition to have a count of the meals. Please let them know you will be here or if you won’t. They always want to have plenty of food for all who would like to join us. Thank you for being understanding of their policies. Menu for July 3-6:

Monday — Tuna salad on croissant, pickled beets, macaroni salad, lemon bars.

Tuesday — Closed for the Fourth of July.

Wednesday — Egg, sausage gravy and biscuit, hash browns, sliced tomato, fruit.

Thursday — Ham and beans, potatoes, spinach, cornbread, fruit crisp.

Friday — Barbecue ribette on bun, pea salad, corn cobette, cookies.

One milk per person is served with every meal.

We appreciate everyone who continues to donate and support the senior center. Your donations continue to enhance the lives of our seniors and the operation of our center.

## Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello again everyone. Hope this finds you doing well and feeling fine. Looks like summertime has finally landed on us and bringing stupid hot temperatures with it.

Just remember to stay hydrated, find some shade and take frequent breaks. If you are outside for an extended period of time and notice you are not sweating, call 911, because you are probably having a heatstroke. Please be careful.

The WSCC garage sale will be open this Thursday and Friday, June 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to noon. Please stop in and check out the great stuff and great prices.

Delta Nutrition provides a delicious meal every Monday through Friday, serving promptly at 11:30 a.m. It is more important than ever to make a reservation for your lunch as we will only be providing meals for the number of reservations we have, plus two. To make or cancel a reservation please call the kitchen in Purcell at 405-527-9462 by 8:40 in the morning.

We want to ensure that everyone who wants a meal, gets one. But we also need to make sure we are not preparing too many meals for folks who MAY show up. Making a reservation is the only way to ensure that a meal will be available to you.

Here is the menu for July 3-7:

Monday — Tuna salad on croissant, lettuce and tomato, pickled beets, macaroni salad, lemon bars.

Tuesday — Closed for Independence Day.

Wednesday — Eggs with sausage gravy over biscuits, hash browns, sliced tomatoes, available fruit.

Thursday — Ham and brown beans with sliced onions, oven browned potatoes, spinach, cornbread, fruit crisp.

Friday — Barbecue ribette on a bun, pea salad, corn cobette, snickerdoodle cookies.

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

If you are a senior 60+ and would like some information on how easy it is to qualify for the Delta lunch program, call the office in Purcell at 405-527-9462. I will be happy to provide the information.

Please remember these three things: We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4; reservations are required to receive a meal and the WSCC garage sale will be open this Thursday and Friday.

I appreciate our staff and volunteers who continue to bring the meals to you each week.

I appreciate everyone who continues to support your Wayne Senior Citizens Center.

Until next time...



### City of Purcell Employee of the Month

**Tim Jones**

**Job title:** Parks Maintenance Crew

**How long have you been employed with the City of Purcell?** Two years.

**Tell us about your family:** I’m not married. I have two younger brothers (19 and 14) and I live with my mom in Slaughterville.

**What are some of your hobbies?** Fishing, mudding, volleyball and church.

**Where did you grow up?** Texas.

**What is the best advice you have ever been given?** “You can always do better.”

**What is a fun fact about you that many people may not know?** I know how to play the drums.

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## Westside:

every other young man in the room. We regular chemistry students would look at each other every time the teacher would call his name for the answer – she knew he knew when nobody else did – and after he answered flawlessly with the perfect chemical equation, we’d all look at each other with a bit of envy and shake our heads.

That is the type of student these four young men are -- (They face some envy, too, as we’ll see) -- and they likely possess equal athletic skills to match their intellectual skills.

Not only that, these boys have royal blood flowing in their veins. King Nebuchadnezzar wants “some of the royal family and of the nobles.” These boys have that blood: They can lay claim to having men such as David, Solomon, and Hezekiah in their family tree.

But you know well that they are not in Babylon long until the inevitable happens:

Their faith is put to the test.

Think on this story this week, and maybe consider the question along the way: How do you respond when your faith is put to the test? As for the four Hebrew boys, we’ll find the answer quickly as we get into their story. They pass their tests, for which we are glad. Hope we

do, too!

Have a great week. God bless! P.S. Lord willing, we will consider this great story Lord’s Day morning at 10:30 a.m. at the Westside Church of Christ. Come visit! coachbowen1984@gmail.com, frontporchgospel.com

## Atwoods Ranch and Home Goods launches new payment options

Atwoods Ranch and Home Goods announces the immediate availability of two new options for customers to pay for their purchases.

The Oklahoma-based retailer continues to roll out more customer convenience features amid its ongoing growth as the region’s premier modern-day general store.

“Our shoppers have told us that they want more convenient ways to take home their favorite products, and we believe they should also be rewarded for their loyalty,” says Atwoods President Brian Atwood.

“We pride ourselves on being a family-owned business that combines our best price guarantee and unmatched customer experiences – and now with an expanded choice of today’s most popular and secure financial tools to give our shoppers the flexibility to pay their way,” he said.

The store’s first new payment method is a branded

credit card that allows shoppers to quickly pay and accumulate reward points with every purchase.

Customers can get instant approval for the Atwoods Reward Mastercard®, issued by FNBO, and begin working toward loyalty rewards with their in-person and online transactions.

Atwoods’ second new convenience option is a “buy now, pay later” plan offered in conjunction with Slice® by FNBO. The service lets customers split their purchases into smaller, manageable payments.

A study by the National Retail Federation finds that customers want more flexibility from retailers, like buy now and pay later programs that help them get their goods without breaking the bank.

The Atwoods Mastercard and Slice are available at all locations. Customers may activate the new payment options in-store or online.

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## OLV:

her. After one of these occasions, she tells her husband, “Let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us, he can stay there.”

Later Elisha asks his assistant, Gehazi, if there is something he can do for the woman. Gehazi tells Elisha that the woman has no son, and her husband is getting on in years.

Elisha calls for the woman and tells her by the same time next year, she will have a baby son.

Later in the chapter, it is revealed that she indeed had a son. When the boy was old enough to go into the fields, he complained of a headache. His mother sat with him, and he died in her lap.

She immediately went to the man of God at Mount Carmel. Gehazi, the assistant, greeted her but she was in great anguish over the death of her son. Then Elisha came, made everyone else leave the room, and he

prayed over the dead child. He ministered to the boy, and the boy awoke.

The grace of God gave this woman her son, twice. The Lord is a source of amazement in the lives of those who believe and trust in him. He answers prayers all the time.

Sometimes we get what we ask for but many times, what we receive is greater than we ever dreamed.

Please join us in celebrating the love of Jesus at Our Lady of Victory parish. 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.



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From Beers (domestic & import), to a wide selection of Margaritas and everyone's favorite Piña Colodas

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Sunday 11AM-8PM • CLOSED MONDAY

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405-527-3388**



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**228 N. 2nd Ave, Purcell**  
(Senior Citizens Center)

**SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM**

*Pastor Duane Elmore*



# Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between July 15-21, 2023.

**Traffic**

**Misdemeanors**

- Christie Pabon-McLoed, protective order violation.
- Lena F. Franklin, possession of controlled drug - methamphetamine.
- Taylor G. Cook, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.
- Janet Neill, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.
- Ella M. Morrow, petit larceny.
- Caitlin M. Talbott, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.
- Gilardo Fernandez Hernandez, DUI - aggravated.
- Micah A. Llanusa, petit larceny.
- Cody B. Parsons, protective order violation.
- Sage N. Efird, possession of CDS (marijuana).
- Craig L. Walley, threaten to perform act of violence.
- Rodney L. Harmon, threaten to perform act of violence.
- Timothy Good, domestic abuse in presence of minor child.

**Felonies**

- Jordan T. Lawson, domestic assault and battery by strangulation.
- Denny A. Thurman, indecent exposure.
- Tammie L. Maschino, larceny of automobile, aircraft/other motor vehicle.

**Small Claims**

- Adkins Hill Mobile Home Park vs. Jesse French, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
- Adkins Hill Mobile Home Park vs. Martin Pacheco, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
- Christopher Craft vs. Brandon DeSylva, small claims under \$5000.
- Kaiser Holdings LLC vs. David Haines, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Villas at Lions Court vs. Matthew Freie, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

- Civil**
- Capital One, N.A. vs. Brandon McGuire, civil action \$10,000 or less.
  - Midland Credit Management vs. Rodney Simpson, civil action \$10,000 or less.
  - LVNV Funding LLC vs. Lee McCracken, civil action \$10,000 or less.
  - Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. James K. Jarvis, civil action \$10,000 or less.
  - Credit Corp Solutions Inc. vs. Rachel Hamilton, civil action \$10,000 or less.
  - Midland Credit Management vs. Colton A. Bridges, civil action \$10,000 or less.
  - Oklahoma Tax Commission vs. Sheila Hudson, civil action \$10,000 or less.
  - Vision Bank, N.A. vs. Keith L. Schmidt, civil action \$10,000 or more.
  - Oklahoma Tax Commission vs. Danny Kies, civil action \$10,000 or more.
  - Oklahoma Tax Commission vs. Diane Foster, civil action \$10,000 or more.

- Marriages Filed**
- Chandler S. Clark, 23, and Abigail R. Medrano, 22, both of Blanchard.
  - Kenneth L. Loveless III, 45, and Jaccie T. Lansdale, 33, both of Blanchard.
  - Logan D. Gaither, 19, of Cunningham, Kentucky and Haley E. Landress, 17, of Blanchard.
  - Luke J. Touchstone, 20, of Norman and Celeste K. Johnson, 19, of Wanette.
  - Dylan J. D. Burden, 31, and Jana N. Thomas, 34, both of Purcell.
  - Ethan M. Simpson, 27, of Oklahoma City and Shaelynn N. O. Richards, 25, of Norman.
  - Tyler L. Martin, 26, and Cambry J. Hastings, 26, both of Purcell.
  - Isaac B. Stewart, 22, and Kendra M. Black, 23, both of Lexington.
- Divorces Granted**
- Caylin A. Clanton vs. Walker D. Clanton.

No. 494-June 29-1 Time  
ORDINANCE 2023-009  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDSBY, OKLAHOMA CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT DESIGNATION, AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE TOWN OF GOLDSBY, OKLAHOMA, SO AS TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, TO-WIT:  
A part of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Eight (8) North, Range Three (3) West, McClain County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as Beginning at the NE/ Corner of the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 36, Township Eight (8) North, Range Three (3) West; thence South 330 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 570.12 feet; thence West 219.5 feet; thence North 570.12 feet; thence East 219.5 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.87 acres more or less;  
IN THE R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND TO REMOVE THE SAME FROM THE A-1 AGRICULTURAL-RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT OF SAID TOWN; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF,  
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Goldsby, Oklahoma, adopted Ordinance 2023-009 changing the name of the R-2 Zoning District in the Specific Zoning District Regulations from "LOW DENSITY, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" to "MEDIUM DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL"; and  
WHEREAS, the owners of the hereinafter described property, made application to the Town of Goldsby to have said property rezoned and removed from the A-1 Agricultural-Residential Zoning District and placed in the R-2 Medium Density Single Family Residential District of said Town; and  
WHEREAS, said application has been referred to the Planning Commission of said Town, and said Commission, at public meeting, after public hearing, and upon notice by mail and by publication as by law required, considered said application and recommended that the same should be granted and an ordinance adopted to effect and accomplish said rezoning; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Town of Goldsby, Oklahoma, at public meeting, after public hearing upon notice as by law required, has considered said application and has determined that said application should be granted and an ordinance adopted to effect and accomplish said rezoning;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF GOLDSBY, OKLAHOMA:  
Section 1. The Zoning District Designation, as shown on the Official Zoning District Map of the Town of Goldsby, Oklahoma, is hereby amended and changed so as to place the following described property, to-wit:  
A part of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Eight (8) North, Range Three (3) West, McClain County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as Beginning at the NE/ Corner of the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 36, Township Eight (8) North, Range Three (3) West; thence South 330 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 570.12 feet; thence West 219.5 feet; thence North 570.12 feet; thence East 219.5 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.87 acres more or less.  
in the R-2 Medium Density Single Family Residential Zoning District and to remove the same from the A-1 Agricultural-Residential Zoning District of said town, and said property is hereby rezoned and placed in the R-2 Medium Density Single Family Residential Zoning District.  
Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.  
PASSED, APPROVED AND AD- OPTED this 8th day of June, 2023  
/s/ Michael Herrin  
MAYOR  
ATTEST:  
/s/ Sandra J. Jenkins  
TOWN CLERK  
(Seal)

No. 493-June 29-1 Time  
ORDINANCE 2023-008  
AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT DESIGNATION, AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE TOWN OF GOLDSBY, OKLAHOMA, SO AS TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, TO-WIT:  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:  
A tract of land a part of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Seven (7) North, Range Two (2) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Commencing from the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of said Section 20; Thence S89°58'36"W, along the South line of said NE/4-NE/4, a distance of 74.3 feet, said point also being on the Westerly right of the way line of State Highway 74; Thence along said Westerly right of way, N0°02'37"W a distance of 216.65 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence continuing along said Westerly right of way, N0°02'37"W a distance of 273.91 feet; Thence along a curve to the left having a Radius of 768.50 feet, Arc Length of 8.52 feet, Chord bearing of N01°54'38"W, Chord Distance of 8.52 feet; Thence N89°33'20"W a distance of 772.66 feet; Thence S0°26'40"W a distance of 58.47 feet; Thence S61°45'17"E a distance of 310.78 feet; Thence S54°18'29"E a distance of 136.90 feet; Thence S89°33'30"E a distance of 388.63 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;  
IN THE R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND TO REMOVE THE SAME FROM THE A-1 AGRICULTURAL-RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT OF SAID TOWN.  
WHEREAS, the owner of the hereinafter described property made application to the Town of Goldsby to have said property rezoned and removed from the A-1 Agricultural-Residential Zoning District and placed in the R-1 Low Density Residential Zoning District of said Town; and  
WHEREAS, said application has been referred to the Planning Commission of said Town, and said Commission, at public meeting, after public hearing, and upon notice by mail and by publication as by law required, considered said application and recommended that the same should be granted and an ordinance adopted to effect and accomplish said rezoning; and  
WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Town of Goldsby,



No. 479-June 22-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT DEWAYNE BALL, Deceased.  
CASE NO. PB-2022-133  
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Keri Bole, Personal Representative of the above mentioned estate, having filed a Petition for Order Allowing Final Account, Determination of Heirs, Distribution of Estate and Discharge of Personal Representative, the hearing of the

No. 472-June 22-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF VELMA L. RUSHING, Deceased, and WILLIS A. RUSHING, Deceased.  
Case No. PB-2023-44  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
To the Creditors of Estates of Velma L. Rushing, Deceased, and Willis A. Rushing, Deceased:  
All creditors having claims against Estates of Velma L. Rushing, Deceased, and Willis A. Rushing, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Christopher S. Rushing, at the law office of Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: 15th day of August 2023 or the same will be forever barred.  
DATED this 15th day of June 2023.  
/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.  
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881  
Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731  
George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223  
Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC  
138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565  
Purcell, Oklahoma 73080  
Phone: 405-527-7575  
Fax: 405-527-7574  
Attorney for Personal Representative

Oklahoma, at public meeting, after public hearing upon notice as by law required, has considered said application and has determined that said application should be granted and an ordinance adopted to effect and accomplish said rezoning;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF GOLDSBY, OKLAHOMA:  
Section 1. The Zoning District Designation, as shown on the Official Zoning District Map of the Town of Goldsby, Oklahoma, is hereby amended and changed so as to place the following described property, to-wit:  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:  
A tract of land a part of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Seven (7) North, Range Two (2) West of the Indian Meridian, McClain County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Commencing from the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of said Section 20; Thence S89°58'36"W, along the South line of said NE/4-NE/4, a distance of 74.3 feet, said point also being on the Westerly right of the way line of State Highway 74; Thence along said Westerly right of way, N0°02'37"W a distance of 216.65 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence continuing along said Westerly right of way, N0°02'37"W a distance of 273.91 feet; Thence along a curve to the left having a Radius of 768.50 feet, Arc Length of 8.52 feet, Chord bearing of N01°54'38"W, Chord Distance of 8.52 feet; Thence N89°33'20"W a distance of 772.66 feet; Thence S0°26'40"W a distance of 58.47 feet; Thence S61°45'17"E a distance of 310.78 feet; Thence S54°18'29"E a distance of 136.90 feet; Thence S89°33'30"E a distance of 388.63 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.  
The above-described tract of land contains 3.96 Acres more or less  
in the Low Density Residential Zoning District and to remove the same from the A-1 Agricultural-Residential Zoning District of said Town, and said property is hereby rezoned and placed in the Low Density Residential Zoning District.  
PASSED, APPROVED AND AD- OPTED this 8th day of June, 2023  
/s/ Michael Herrin  
MAYOR  
ATTEST:  
/s/ Sandra J. Jenkins  
TOWN CLERK  
(Seal)

same has been set by the Honorable Charles Gray, for 9:45 o'clock A.M. on the 20th day of July, 2023, at the McClain County Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma and that all persons interested in said estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said accounting should not be allowed, and said estate settled, distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.  
/s/ Charles N. Gray  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
/s/ Shawn D. Hodges  
Hodges Law Firm PLLC  
SHAWN D. HODGES, OBA #19122  
P.O. Box 701  
Newcastle, OK 73065  
(405) 387-3711  
shodgeslaw@gmail.com

No. 492-June 29-1 Time  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
The McClain County Board of Commissioners will be receiving sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., on July 7, 2023 with the opening of bids on July 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. for the bid to purchase (1) 2012 or Newer Standard Cab, 1-Ton Dual Wheel Flatbed for McClain County District # Two.  
Invitation to Bid forms are on file in the McClain County Clerk's

No. 489-June 29-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
In the Matter of the Estate of PAT-SY NELL WELCHEL, deceased.  
Case No. PB-2023-5  
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ORDER WAIVING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF IDENTITY OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES AND FOR DECREE OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
Notice is hereby given that the Petition for Order Waiving Final Account, Determination of Identity of Heirs, Devisees and Legatees and For Decree Of Final Distribution and Discharge Of Personal Representative was filed herein on the 23rd day of June 2023, and that a hearing on said final account and petition has been set

No. 490-June 29-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
In the Matter of the Estates of RICKEY DON HENDERSON, Deceased, and CONNIE LYNN HENDERSON, Deceased.  
Case No. PB-2023-66  
ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION  
Now, on this 23 day of June 2023, a Petition having been filed in this Court praying that Letters of Co-Administration be issued to Grant Alan Malcolm and Jon Alexander Malcolm, that the identity of all heirs-at-law of Rickey Don Henderson and Connie Lynn Henderson be determined for purposes of filing waivers or consents herein as permitted by law, and that the Co-Administrators not be required to make and return to the Court an inventory and appraisal of the state of the decedent;  
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Petition be, and hereby is, set for hearing before this Court at the County Courthouse in Purcell, McClain County, State of Oklahoma,

No. 469-June 22-2 Times  
OKLAHOMA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE  
In accordance with Title 37, Section 522 and Title 37A, Section 2-141 HAS Trade, Inc., 35950 Hwy. 29, Pauls Valley, OK 73075, a corporation, hereby publishes notice of its intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a Retail Beer & Retail Wine License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act: That it intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a Retail Beer & Retail Wine establishment with business premises located at 530 E. Broadway St. in Lexington, Cleveland, Oklahoma under the business name of Hop N Shop #23.  
Dated this 14th day of June, 2023.  
/s/ Amrit Kattel  
Amrit Kattel  
County of Garvin, State of Oklahoma  
Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Amrit Kattel  
to me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.  
/s/ Dana Rennie  
My commission expires November 29, 2026.  
(Seal)

No. 468-June 22-2 Times  
OKLAHOMA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE  
In accordance with Title 37, Section 522 and Title 37A, Section 2-141 HAS Trade, Inc., 35950 Hwy. 29, Pauls Valley, OK 73075, a corporation, hereby publishes notice of its intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a Retail Beer & Retail Wine License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act: That it intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a Retail Beer & Retail Wine establishment with business premises located at 326 W. Broadway St. in Lexington, Cleveland, Oklahoma under the business name of Hop N Shop #22.  
Dated this 14th day of June, 2023.  
/s/ Amrit Kattel  
Amrit Kattel  
County of Garvin, State of Oklahoma  
Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Amrit Kattel  
to me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.  
/s/ Dana Rennie  
My commission expires November 29, 2026.  
(Seal)

Office, 3rd Floor, Room 303, McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma or request to be mailed or emailed. Submit bids to McClain County Clerk, PO Box 629, Purcell, OK 73080.  
The Board has the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
SEAL  
DATE: 6/26/2023  
/s/ Pam Beller  
Pam Beller  
County Clerk

number at this website: www.fcc.gov/asr/applications. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns by filing a "Request for Environmental Review" with the FCC within 30 days of this posting. Instructions for filing requests are contained on the following website: www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. The FCC strongly encourages requests to be filed online; however, written requests may also be sent by mail to the following address: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554  
before the undersigned Judge or to the Judge to which the same has been assigned in the District Courtroom of the McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma, on the 20th day of July 2023 at 9:30 a.m., and all persons interested therein are notified to appear and show cause, if any, why said accounts should not be approved and said petition granted.  
Dated this 23 day of June, 2023.  
Charles N. Gray  
HONORABLE  
CHARLES GRAY  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
/s/ Greg Dixon  
Greg Dixon, OBA #16492  
NICHOLS I DIXON, PLLC  
108 N. 2nd Ave.  
Purcell, OK 73080  
(405) 527-5888  
greg@nicholsdixon.com  
ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

on the 20th day of July 2023 at 9:30 o'clock a.m.  
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that notice of the hearing be given by publication in one issue of a newspaper printed and published in McClain County, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing, and that notice be given by mail to the heirs-at-law at their places of residence, all as required by law.  
CHARLES GRAY  
ASSOCIATE  
DISTRICT JUDGE  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
MCCLAIN COUNTY  
COURT CLERK  
By: Lynda Mauldin  
Deputy Court Clerk  
(Seal)

/s/ Christopher C. Lind  
Christopher C. Lind, OBA #31402  
NICHOLS DIXON, PLLC  
104 East Main Street  
Norman, Oklahoma 73069  
Telephone (405) 579-3739  
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ATTORNEYS FOR CO-PETITIONERS





**LPXL**  
No. 483-June 29- 1 Time  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:  
B.K.R.G.  
DOB: 02/16/2013  
A MINOR CHILD.  
Case No. FA-2022-4  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
TO: Chad Alan Griffith, Father of B.K.R.G., a minor child who was born on the 16th day of February, 2013, at Lakeside Women Hospital, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.  
You are notified that on the 20th day of June, 2023, an Application for Order Determining the Child, B.K.R.G., Eligible for Adoption Without the Consent of the Father and Termination of Parental Rights was filed in McClain County, State of Oklahoma. Said Application is set for hearing on the 31st day of July, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom of Judge Charles Gray in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma.  
The Petitioner has alleged in the Application that said child is eligible for adoption without your consent in that you, Chad Alan Griffith, Father of B.K.R.G., have willfully failed, refused or neglected to contribute to the support of the minor child for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14) months immediately preceding the filing of this Application pursuant to 10 O.S. §7505-4.2(B), you have failed to maintain a substantial and positive relationship with the minor child for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14) months im-

No. 484-June 29-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
In the Matter of the Estates of ELIJAH CLESTO LESLIE, and NORMA SMITH LESLIE, Deceased  
Case No. PB-2023-63  
COMBINED NOTICE  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
UPON PETITION FOR  
JOINT SUMMARY  
ADMINISTRATION OF  
INTESTATE ESTATES,  
APPOINTMENT OF  
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR,  
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS-AT-LAW, APPROVAL OF FINAL  
ACCOUNTING, AND  
DISTRIBUTION AND  
DISCHARGE  
Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estates of ELIJAH CLESTO LESLIE and NORMA SMITH LESLIE, Deceased, that there has been filed in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, a Petition attesting that ELIJAH CLESTO LESLIE a/k/a E.C. LESLIE a/k/a LES LESLIE died intestate on October 9, 1992, and was a resident of Durant, Bryan County, State of Oklahoma, at the time of death; that NORMA SMITH LESLIE f/k/a NORMA BELLE SMITH died intestate on February 14, 2014, and was a resident of Durant, Bryan County, State of Oklahoma, at the time of death; that the Petitioner, MICHAEL LANE NICHOLS, is the grandson of the Decedents and resides in Conway, Arkansas. Petitioner's Petition prays for Summary Administration, admittance of the Estates to probate, that Letters of Special Administration be issued to MICHAEL LANE NICHOLS, for the judicial determination of the identity of the heirs-at-law of ELIJAH CLESTO LESLIE and NORMA SMITH LESLIE, Deceased, approval of the Final Accounting of said Estates, that the Court distribute the Oklahoma Estates pursuant to the laws of intestate succession, and for the Discharge of said MICHAEL LANE NICHOLS.  
The 10th day of August, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. has been appointed as the time for hearing the Petition

No. 482-June 29-1 Time  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY,  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
JAMES HAROLD NICHOLSON, Deceased  
Case No. PB-23-61  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
PETITION FOR ADMISSION  
OF WILL TO PROBATE AND  
FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY,  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND  
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,  
DEVISEES AND LEGATEES  
Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the estate of JAMES HAROLD NICHOLSON, deceased, that on June 20, 2023, CATHRYN A. NICHOLSON produced in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of JAMES HAROLD NICHOLSON, deceased, and also filed in said court her petition, together with a copy of said will praying for the probate of the will and asking

mediately preceding the filing of this Application pursuant to 10 O.S. 7505-4.2(H), and you have abandoned the minor child pursuant to 10 O.S. §7505-4.2(G).

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE PETITION AT THE TIME AND PLACE ABOVE SHOWN WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND PLACE INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE ADOPTION OF YOUR CHILD. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OF THIS PROCEEDING OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS, IN YOUR CHILD'S ADOPTION WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT THEREBY ULTIMATELY TERMINATING YOUR RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

Dated this 20th day of June, 2023.

CHARLES GRAY  
JUDGE OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT  
LINQUE HILTON GILLET, OBA  
#21966  
Danielle K. Dezort, OBA #33498  
10802 Quail Plaza Drive, Suite  
#100  
Oklahoma City, OK 73120  
405-367-8187  
1-800-924-8314 (fax)  
Email: linque.gillett@lhglawofice.com  
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

for Joint Summary Administration of Intestate Estates of ELIJAH CLESTO LESLIE and NORMA SMITH LESLIE, Deceased, judicially determining the identity of the heirs-at-law of said Decedents, approving the Final Accounting, distribution of the Estates pursuant to the laws of intestate succession, and discharge of said Special Administrator, at which hearing all persons interested in the Estates may appear and contest the same.

Notice is further given that persons receiving this Notice must file objections to the Petition at any time before the hearing and send a copy to the Special Administrator c/o TRACY L. BROCK, of PARMAN & EASTERDAY, 13913-B Quail Pointe Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73134, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections to the Petition.

That, 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 and to whom the Estate will be distributed.

Notice is also hereby given that all persons having claims against ELIJAH CLESTO LESLIE or NORMA SMITH LESLIE, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Special Administrator, c/o TRACY L. BROCK, of PARMAN & EASTERDAY, 13913-B Quail Pointe Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73134 on or before the presentment date of July 28, 2023, or the same will be non-suited, void and forever barred.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2023.

CHARLES GRAY  
ASSOCIATE  
DISTRICT JUDGE  
JUDGE OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT  
TRACY L. BROCK, OBA  
#018075  
PARMAN & EASTERDAY  
ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS  
AT LAW  
13913-B Quail Pointe Drive  
Oklahoma City, OK 73134  
Telephone: (405) 843-6100  
Facsimile: (405) 917-7018  
Attorneys for Petitioner

that Letters Testamentary issue to them as personal representative named in the will, and for a judicial determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees of said decedent.

Pursuant to an Order of this court, notice is hereby given that on July 6, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., the petition will be heard at the district courtroom, McClain County courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this June 20, 2023.

/s/Charles Gray  
JUDGE OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT  
James W. Carlton, Jr.; OBA  
#12600  
Garvin Agee Carlton, P.C.  
Attorneys at Law  
P. O. Box 10  
Pauls Valley, OK 73075  
405-238-1000  
Fax: 405-238-1001

No. 480-June 22-2 Times  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Goldsby Water Authority will receive separate sealed bids at Town Hall, located at 100 E. Center Road, Goldsby, Oklahoma, 73093, until 11:00 AM, on Thursday, July 13, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at Town Hall.

Water System Improvements  
I-35 and SH 9  
Project to include constructing approximately 2,600 l.f. of 4"-8" PVC Water Line, and appurtenances.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on Friday, June 30, 2023, at 11:00 am, at Town Hall.

All work shall be performed, and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., and on file in the office of the Goldsby Public Works Authority, located at Town Hall.

The Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

1. Town Hall  
100 E. Center Road  
Goldsby, OK 73651  
(405) 288-6675
2. Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc.

planroom.gsa@gmail.com  
A hard copy set of Plans and Specifications to prospective bidders may be obtained at the office of Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., (405) 321-7232, upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00. An electronic set of plans and specifications is available upon request at no charge.

Each bidder shall accompany his original bid, with a certified or Cashier's Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of his ability to perform the contract bid upon, and that he will enter into a written contract with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials

No. 485-June 29-1 Time  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
(Non-Commercial Disposal or Injection Well)  
OKLAHOMA CORPORATION  
COMMISSION  
Oil and Gas  
Conservation Division  
Jim Thorpe Building  
P. O. BOX 52000  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
73152-2000  
Application No. 2300502301  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers, and takers of oil and gas, and all other interested persons, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma:  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:  
Applicant: Twisted Oak Operating, LLC  
Address: 700 NW 5th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
is requesting that the Commission, pursuant to OCC-OG Rules 165:10-5-5, ROP 165:5-7-27 and ROP 165:5-7-30 administratively authorize the approval of disposal/injection of saltwater into a well

No. 486-June 29-1 Time  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN  
AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
In The Matter of the Estate of GEORGE C. WILLIS, Deceased  
Case No. PB-23-64  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
PETITION FOR PROBATE  
OF WILL, APPOINTMENT  
OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE, AND  
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,  
DEVISEES AND LEGATEES  
Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the estate of George C. Willis that on the 22nd day of June, 2023, there was produced and filed in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of George C. Willis, deceased, dated October 7, 2021, and there was also filed in said Court the Petition of Neil Willis praying that the same be admitted to probate, that Letters Testamentary issue to Neil Willis as Personal Representative of the estate to serve without bond, and that the Court determine the heirs,

No. 488-June 29-3 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
TINKER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Jeffrey S. Spangler,  
Defendant.  
Case No. CJ-2022-209  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
To the above-named Defendant:  
Jeffrey S. Spangler  
WHEREVER FOUND  
You are hereby notified that an action has been filed in the District Court, of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, Case No. CJ-2022-209, styled "Tinker Federal Credit Union, Plaintiff v. Jeffrey S. Spangler, Defendant". The action alleges that Defendant is indebted to Tinker Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$33,151.91 as of December 1, 2022 along with the recovery of a 2017 CHEVROLET

in accordance with said plans and specifications and furnish the required bonds within seven (7) days after the acceptance of his bid.

The deposit will be retained by the Owner as, and for, liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of the Contract and required bonds.

Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a sworn statement in writing that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express or implied, with any other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids, the limiting of the bids or bidders, the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.

A Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and the bidder shall state in the proposal the name and address of the Surety or Sureties who will sign this bond in case the contract is awarded to him. The Maintenance Bond required will guarantee the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by the Owner.

All bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the Bid Opening will be returned.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

as follows:

Well Name: West Goldsby Osborn Unit T-21-1 WIW  
Legal Location: C N/2 NW/4 SE/4, Sec 3, Twpn 7N, Range 3W  
\*NOTE: (Lease name, well number and location of well to nearest 10 acre spot OR footages from section line; top and bottom hole locations are given for a directional or horizontal well)  
Name of Disposal/Injection zone, Osborn  
Depth Top, 9182'  
Depth Bottom, 9272'  
DISPOSAL RATE AND PRESURE: 650  
Bbls/day 1500  
PSI/Surface  
Objections may be filed with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission within fifteen (15) days after the publication of this notice. Objections, if any, should be mailed to Oil and Gas Conservation Division, Pollution Abatement Department, Jim Thorpe Building, P. O. Box 52000, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152-2000

devisees and legatees of George C. Willis, deceased.

Pursuant to an Order of Court made on this date, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 3rd day of August, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. has been appointed as the time for hearing said petition and proving said Will in the Courthouse of McClain County, in Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

WITNESS the hand and seal of this Court this 22nd day of June, 2023.

/s/ Charles Gray  
Judge of the District Court  
Submitted by:  
Darrell G. Ford, OBA #11835  
Darrell G. Ford, A Professional Corporation  
P.O. Box 756  
118 North Second Street,  
Suite C  
Purcell, Oklahoma 73080  
(405) 527-7049  
(405) 527-7256 fax  
Attorney for the Petitioner,  
Neil Willis

SILVERADO VIN: 1GC1KWEY-8HF121416.

You and/or your unknown successors are hereby notified that you have been sued in this action and must answer the Petition filed by Plaintiff on or before September 5, 2023 or the facts contained in said Petition will be taken as true and judgment will be entered in favor of Tinker Federal Credit Union. Issued June 21st, 2023.

KRISTEL GRAY,  
COURT CLERK  
By: /s/ Karen Weltmer  
Deputy Court Clerk

(SEAL)  
Attorney for Plaintiff:  
JEFFERY S. LUDLAM, OBA  
#17822  
HALL & LUDLAM, PLLC  
210 Park Ave, Suite 3001  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
(405) 600-9500 - Telephone  
(405) 600-9550 - Facsimile

**PURCELL REGISTER, Thursday, June 29, 2023**  
No. 487-June 29-3 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
TINKER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Darryl Kivi,  
Defendant.  
Case No. CJ-2023-07  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
To the above-named Defendant:  
Darryl Kivi  
WHEREVER FOUND  
You are hereby notified that an action has been filed in the District Court, of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, Case No. CJ-2023-07, styled "Tinker Federal Credit Union, Plaintiff v. Darryl Kivi, Defendant". The action alleges that Defendant is indebted to Tinker Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$82,751.64 as of January 3, 2023 along with the recovery of a 2020 BROOKESTONE 344FL VIN: 5ZT3BKZB5LA324257 and a 2014 GMCLIGHT DUTY SIERRA 2500 VIN: 1GT125E88EF173277.  
You and/or your unknown successors are hereby notified that you have been sued in this action and must answer the Petition filed by Plaintiff on or before September 5, 2023 or the facts contained in said Petition will be taken as true and judgment will be entered in favor of Tinker Federal Credit Union. Issued June 21st, 2023.  
KRISTEL GRAY,  
COURT CLERK  
By: /s/ Karen Weltmer  
Deputy Court Clerk  
(SEAL)  
Attorney for Plaintiff:  
JEFFERY S. LUDLAM, OBA  
#17822  
HALL & LUDLAM, PLLC  
210 Park Ave, Suite 3001  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
(405) 600-9500 - Telephone  
(405) 600-9550 - Facsimile

No. 471-June 22-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF WILLIAM W. SIMPSON,  
Deceased.

Case No. PB-23-60  
COMBINED NOTICE TO  
CREDITORS AND NOTICE  
OF HEARING FINAL  
ACCOUNT AND PETITION  
FOR DISTRIBUTION  
AND DISCHARGE

To: All persons interest in the Estate of William W. Simpson, Deceased

You are hereby notified that on the 15th day of June, 2023, the Petitioner, Lisa S. Ballard, filed in the District Court of McClain County a Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator.

The Petitioner has alleged that William W. Simpson, Deceased, 3314 Ridgefield St., Irving, TX, 75062, died testate on March 18, 2023, domiciled in and residing in Dallas County, Texas. Filed contemporaneously with the Petition is the Last Will and Testament of the Decedent. Petitioner has asked this Court to admit the Will to probate and for other summary proceedings in this estate pursuant to 58 O.S. 245, et seq.

The names, addresses of the administrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, legatees and devisees of Decedent at the time of his death, so far as known to the Petitioner are:

Lisa S. Ballard, c/o Blevins and Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

Pamela Lynne Lochhead, c/o Blevins and Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

Amy C. Brody, c/o Blevins and Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

The value of the Estate of William S. Simpson is less than \$200,000.00.

In an Order for Combined Notice entered on the 15th day of June, 2023, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and Admission of Will to Probate, the final accounting, and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, and distribution.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having

**STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Advertisement to Contractors  
July 13, 2023 – 10:30 A.M. Bid Opening**

Plans and proposals for this bid opening will be available on June 22, 2023. No bidding proposals will be issued to any Contractor after July 12, 2023 10:30 A.M. The cost for each bidding proposal is \$50.00 + tax. State Standard Specifications may be purchased by contacting ODOT Business Services Center Branch (405) 521-4509. No refunds will be made for bidding documents or specification books purchased.

Sample proposals, preliminary plans, long form and short form notices, order forms, bid tabs and awards, can be accessed on ODOT's Web site: <http://www.okladot.state.ok.us/contracts/index.htm>

Bids must be prepared in accordance with the State Standard Specifications. Unless otherwise specified, bids for all projects must be submitted over the internet to Bid Express (<http://www.bidx.com>) using AASHTOware Project Bids. Instructions for using Bid Express, Project Bids, and the electronic bidding process are available from the Office Engineer Division. When written bids are allowed, sealed proposals may be delivered directly to the Office Engineer Division prior to the scheduled bid opening. For written bids, do not disassemble the bidding proposal in any way.

Any firm bidding a project as a joint venture must complete the "Request for Joint Venture" form, which is posted on the ODOT website, prior to the bid opening.

Unless otherwise specified in the proposal, all bids must be submitted with a proposal guaranty equal to 5% of the bid total.

Questions and comments regarding the July 13, 2023 bid opening will be accepted until June 30, 2023. Please submit your questions through the ODOT pre-bid email address: [ODOT-Prebid.Question@odot.org](mailto:ODOT-Prebid.Question@odot.org). Responses will be posted to the "Pre-bid Questions and Answers" section of the ODOT webpage as they are received. It is recommended that interested contractors visit the "Pre-Bid Questions and Answers" link regularly in order to stay informed of the latest information: <https://www.odot.org/contracts>.

Unless otherwise noted in the proposal, upon award of the contract to the successful bidder, the contract will be completely and correctly executed by the contractor and returned to the Authority within ten (10) working days from the date of award. The Authority will have fourteen (14) working days from the date of award to complete its execution of the contract.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) ensures that no person or groups of persons shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, retaliation or genetic information, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any and all programs, services, or activities administered by ODOT or OTA, their recipients, sub-recipients, and contractors. To request an accommodation please contact the ADA Coordinator at 405-521-4140 or the Oklahoma Relay Service at 1-800-722-0353. If you have any ADA or Title VI questions email [ODOT-ada-titlevi@odot.org](mailto:ODOT-ada-titlevi@odot.org).

Description of work and location of project:

Call Order: 815  
NHPPI-3500-(154)FP I-35 MCCLAIN JP NO. 19314(04)  
NHPPI-3500-(162)FP I-35 MCCLAIN JP NO. 35588(04)  
INTERCHANGE, GRADE, DRAIN, SURFACE, AND BRIDGE  
I-35: AT THE SH-9W INTERCHANGE AND FROM 0.1 MILES SOUTH OF THE CLEVELAND COUNTY LINE, EXTEND SOUTH NEAR GOLDSBY.  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
- By: TIM GATZ, Director.





## Melon mania

**Watermelons**, cantaloupes and vegetables galore were available on South Green Avenue last Friday afternoon.

From page 6A

## Lobbyist:

accept gifts or food from lobbyists. Both staunch fiscal conservatives, Gann and West were the only legislative Republicans to vote against the majority party’s \$12.9 billion budget plan.

West was elected to represent House District 3 in 2016, opted not to run in 2018 and was re-elected in 2020. West said he sometimes attends lobbyist functions but always reimburses organizers for the cost of food and drink.

He said he isn’t critical of fellow legislators who chose to accept a meal or gift but remains concerned that lobbyists have excessive influence over some lawmakers, particularly those with less experience.

“I may make a bad vote down here, most of us do, but my constituents can’t say that you voted for that because you took their money and you’re bought off,” West said. “It’s about freedom to represent my district.”

Six years ago, the Oklahoma Ethics Commission sought new restrictions on when lobbyists may bestow a gift on legislators. A rule change implemented in January 2018 prohibits lobby-

ists from giving legislators or their family presents for annual events such as birthdays and limits gift-giving to major life events like marriage or retirement.

A 2017 Oklahoma Watch investigation found lawmakers often received birthday presents, including golf outings and Oklahoma City Thunder tickets, more than a month removed from their actual birth date.

State law prohibits registered lobbyists from contributing to a lawmaker’s campaign fund while the legislative session is active, but individuals and political action committees remain free to do so. State senate and representative candidate committees received more than \$140,000 in monetary contributions from the onset of this year’s legislative session through March 31, Ethics Commission filings show.

Reports covering the second half of the session are due by the end of July.

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



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• Trevor Brown/Oklahoma Watch file

## Legislative waiting

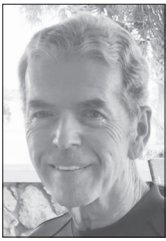
**In this Nov. 8, 2017 file photo**, employees of oil and gas companies waited in the rotunda before the Oklahoma House began meeting to debate and vote on a tax package proposing a hike to the gross production tax.

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# Obituaries

### Ronald “Keith” Smith, D.D.S.

Ronald “Keith” Smith, D.D.S. passed away peacefully on June 11, 2023, after a long battle with dementia and Parkinson’s disease.



Keith was born on November 27, 1951 in Poteau, Oklahoma. He graduated from Wilburton High School in Wilburton, Oklahoma in 1970 and then attended Eastern State College for two years before enrolling in the College of Dentistry at the University of Oklahoma where he graduated in 1978. It was during this time he met, fell in love, and married his wife, Andrea.

Dr. Smith practiced dentistry for 40 years with dental practices in Pawnee, Oklahoma and Blanchard, Oklahoma. He practiced at Joseph Harp Correctional Facility in Lexington, Oklahoma for the last ten years of his career.

He was preceded in death by his parents, P.J. and Norma Smith of Owasso, Oklahoma.

Keith leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Andrea; sons Ryan and Jordan; his daughter-in-law, Paula; and grandsons, Mason and Cade. He also leaves behind a sister, Linda, and her husband, Richard Steed; three brothers, Stanley and his wife, Robin, David and his wife, Becky and Terry and his wife, Gina. He had four nieces, nine nephews, thirteen great-nieces, four great-nephews, one great-great-niece and one great-great-nephew.

Keith’s greatest joy in life was his family, especially time spent with his wife, sons, daughter-in-law and grandsons. His favorite sport was golf, so when he retired, he headed to The Villages, Fla., where there were over 700 holes of golf to play. He spent his final years enjoying life in the sunshine state.

He was always very proud of his sister and brothers and their families and always looked forward to holidays when everyone would get together.

Dr. Smith practiced dentistry but found his joy in the many patients he treated and served over the years. He was known as a man of great character and was someone who always gave back to the communities in which he resided. He was a Rotarian for over 20 years and was honored as a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award due to his contributions to the organization and his community.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Hahn-Cook/Street and Draper & Rose Hill Cemetery, 6600 Broadway Extension, on Friday, June 30, 2023 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made to Alzheimer’s research [www.alzfdn.org](http://www.alzfdn.org) or Parkinson’s research [www.apdaparkinson.org](http://www.apdaparkinson.org).

### Randy Rolin

A Celebration of the Life of Randy Rolin, 59, of Purcell will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2023 at the Purcell First Baptist Church. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. Rolin parked his rig in Heaven on Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

Randell Wayne Rolin was born February 21, 1964 in Purcell, Okla., one of nine children born to Clarence Douglas Rolin and Ila Mae (Cypert) Rolin. The baby of the family, he graduated from Purcell High School with the Dragons Class of 1982.

Randy married his best friend and life partner, Jana Leigh Stapp on November 18, 1989 in Jefferson, Texas. Besides a couple of brief stops in Texas, Purcell was always home. Together, they raised two daughters, Emma and Gracie.

Randy first worked in the oil field for a few years, but his passion was driving a truck. He logged thousands of miles driving cross country throughout the years, and was currently driving for Dave Meeker Auto.

Randy’s greatest joy in life was his family and friends. He was an excellent host, amazing cook, and looked forward to get-togethers. Randy cherished Jana and wore the title “girl dad” like a badge of honor. There isn’t anything he wouldn’t do for his girls.

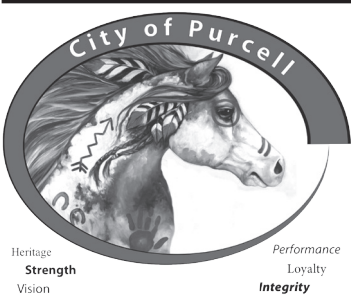
Randy’s smile could light up the room, and he genuinely loved people. He had a unique ability to strike up a conversation, and he made everyone feel welcome. He loved music of all kinds, spending time outdoors, and always stayed true to himself. He was a wonderful husband and father, brother, uncle and a one-of-a-kind friend. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Ila Mae Rolin; infant sister, Rosie Rolin; brothers, Doug, Jim and Jerry Rolin and his mother-in-law, Carol Stapp.

Randy is survived by his wife, Jana Rolin of the home; his pride and joy, daughters, Emma Rolin and Gracie Rolin, both of Purcell; sisters, June Murray of Wayne, Wilma Fielder of Purcell and Alyce Julian and husband, Tony, of Purcell; his brother, Bill Rolin and wife, Lora, of Purcell; father-in-law, Lester Stapp of Purcell; sisters-in-law, Susie Peters and husband, Dean, of Purcell, Sherry Rolin of Purcell and Laverne Rolin of Purcell; several cousins, nieces and nephews and many lifelong friends.

Online condolences may be made at [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com).

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# NEWS

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### Water Usage Tracking System Provided by the City of Purcell

AquaHawk is a web based water use monitoring system. The AquaHawk Alerting Customer Portal is a free service for City of Purcell customers that allows the customer to monitor their own water usage, set, and receive alerts and manage their own account.

AquaHawk allows you to specify an amount of water or an estimated bill amount that you don’t want to exceed. If your water consumption or bill amount has exceeded or is projected to exceed the threshold value, AquaHawk will send you a notification.

AquaHawk is an opt-in program. Customers interested in using the portal must register to create a sign on. After you register, AquaHawk will analyze your water consumption and you will be able to set your own usage alerts (called My Thresholds). AquaHawk does not send automatic alerts; to receive usage alerts, these user-defined thresholds must be set. If your usage indicates a water leak or other issue, you will receive a notification.

To register, visit: [purcok.aquahawk.us](http://purcok.aquahawk.us). The system is easy to use but online help is available.

After you register, you will be able to:

- Receive timely leak alerts: you specify how you want to be contacted. By email, text or telephone. When your consumption indicates abnormally high usage or a leak, they will contact you. AquaHawk helps prevent costly property damage and gives you peace of mind when you’re away from your home.
- Monitor your water usage: See how much water you’re using and an estimate of your bill anytime during the billing cycle.
- Set your Threshold Alerts: Threshold Alerts allow you to specify and amount of water (gallons) or a maximum dollar amount that you don’t want your bill to exceed. If your usage or your bill is trending to, or has exceeded the threshold value, AquaHawk will send you a notification.

• Learn ways to save: Get a better understanding of how you’re using water by performing useful comparisons online. Learn effective ways to reduce water usage and save money!

Please note that Aquahawk is not a real time data display. The data normally updates several times a day but can lag due to environmental factors that can block signals from the meter. Various items such as cars, trash cans, snow, and so forth can temporarily block data transmissions as well.

Historic usage is shown in monthly increments. If you click on the hourly or daily usage for the historic reads, you will see water usage averaged out over that time period because only monthly reads are available. Please remember, AquaHawk is not the City of Purcell’s billing program and it is not used to calculate your monthly bill.

For more information about this program please contact the City of Purcell at 405-527-6561.

### Misty Dawn Hernandez

Misty Dawn Hernandez died unexpectedly June 25, 2023 in Norman, Oklahoma, at the age of 37 years 11 months 20 days. Funeral Service are scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Wadley’s Funeral Chapel, entrusted to the care of Wadley’s Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at [www.wadleysfuneralservice.com](http://www.wadleysfuneralservice.com).

Misty was born July 5, 1985, in Norman, Oklahoma. She was raised in and attended school in Purcell. Misty has worked numerous jobs over her lifetime. She enjoyed garage sales and clothes, cookouts and cooking. Misty loved spending time with friends and family, especially sneaking off with her son and spending time with him.

Her family was extremely important to her and she loved spending time with her nieces, nephews and cousins. Misty never met a stranger, and quickly became friends with anyone she met. Misty loved helping others and doing any and everything. She also enjoyed taking care of Tigger, Cujo and Walter.

Misty was preceded in death by her grandparents; her aunts; and a cousin.

Survivors include her mother, Kim Dobbs and stepfather, Catalino Ruiz Hernandez of Purcell; her biological father, Jose Hernandez of Houston, Texas; her son, Andreas Hernandez of Purcell; her siblings, Valentin Hernandez of Purcell and Cherokee Hernandez of Goldsby; her nieces, Gracia and Milley; her nephew, Leland; her grandparents, Jerry and Betty Lucas of Poteau; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives and friends.

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## 4th:

Food trucks will be serving a variety of cuisine at Chandler Pavilion from 5 to 10 p.m.

There will be deluxe concoctions from Contrabandz Ice Cream Lab, traditional fair food from Carnival Eats & Treats and Oklahoma Kettle Corn.

Cool off with a stop by Mr. Yeti Snow Cones or go international with Vietnamese dishes at Monkey's Food Truck.

Also available will be gourmet loaded tater tots from Some Like It Hot.

With your appetite whetted, it's time for fun and games, also at the Chandler Pavilion.

The lineup of activities will include sand volleyball, beach swimming and fishing.

Yaya's Inflatables will be selling wrist bands to keep the kids jumping all night. Or at least until the fireworks show.

Heck Graphics will be set up for face painting.

There will even be a car show in the parking lot of the Multi-Purpose Center.

Registration will open at 5:30 p.m. Judging will start at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the 50-50 cash prize will be available.

The fireworks show begins at 9:45 p.m.

At 10 p.m., the city's Parks & Recreation Department will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

There will also be a free throw shooting contest.

For more information on the celebration, visit [www.purcellparks.com](http://www.purcellparks.com), email [parks@purcellok.gov](mailto:parks@purcellok.gov) or call 405-527-7227.



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## Remembering those who weren't there

**Purcell High** School alumni remembered those who passed away since the last reunion at a memorial service on Red Hill Saturday. It was part of the PHS reunion weekend, which included a banquet Saturday night.

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## Katy:

tennis partner Karlee Tolle and I went to State and it was such a great experience, especially since we just started playing our freshman year. I'd probably say that because we didn't really have a big tennis program before that... There were maybe four people but this year we have 22, so it was the first time our tennis program really got big."

**Q:** What is something a coach has told you that you've remembered or that has stuck with you?

**A:** "Before every game, my tennis coaches always tell us to just go have fun and do our best no matter if we win or lose. They always just want us to go have fun, and that's very important to me; it puts me at ease before competing."

**Q:** Do you have any strange superstitions that you believe in as an athlete?

**A:** "Not really. I pray before each game and like to listen to music to get ready."

**Q:** A lot of people are inspired by another athlete and may kind of structure their game around how that person plays. Do you model your game around any athlete past or present? If not, who would you say your game is most comparable to?

**A:** "I would probably say my tennis coach Gavin Nation. He has taught me basically everything good about tennis and probably gets me the most competitive because he's very competitive too. He graduated in 2020 and went to State sever-

al times himself, so I definitely think I look up to him."

**Q:** How do you set yourself apart from other student-athletes? What makes your game special or different?

**A:** "Tennis is not really a common sport here. Like I mentioned, we just got it started. I think that's very different from others because nobody really knows what tennis is like. So I really dedicate myself to performing well because the sport is not well-known. I'm trying to stand up for tennis and make it known in Purcell."

**Q:** When you have a bad game or practice, what do you do to take your mind off things or reset from that game? Do you have any hobbies that you lean on away from the field?

**A:** "I really like to hang out with my family and my friends. They keep me distracted if a game goes bad or anything. I read a lot, hang out with my boyfriend, and just kind of stay distracted with my family and friends... They keep me distracted if I do really bad."

**Q:** Obviously, a lot of students look forward to the summer to get away from school. Do you have any plans or are you doing anything this summer? If so, what are they?

**A:** "Last week I actually just got back from a Youth Leadership of Oklahoma organization. It's not really well-known but it is very high-esteemed. I got to graduate as a YLOK student, so that was a great experience for me."

She added, "Next week I'm going to the beach with my family and I am also working all summer. I have two jobs; I work for the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center and I'm a lifeguard at the Pauls Valley waterpark."

**Q:** Do you see yourself pursuing your sport at the next level? If not, what are your plans for the future?

**A:** "I won't be going to college to play tennis because it is a very dedicated sport, you have to really be good at it, and I am, but not really to the extent to go to college. But I do plan on playing tennis just as a hobby after high school because you can play it your entire life. And I'll be going to college to either get a degree in business or education."

**Q:** What advice would you give to your younger self?

**A:** "I would probably tell my younger self it's okay to do what's best for you. I've made hard decisions on sports and didn't want to disappoint anyone, so I would tell my younger self to do whatever you think is best for you and that it's okay because you'll probably be better in the long run."

**Q:** What's one of the biggest challenges you run into as a student athlete?

**A:** "I've always been really hard on myself in sports, so I guess I would say just trying not to be too hard on myself and always just trying to have fun because it is just a game, and you're there to have fun and love what you're doing. So

I would just say relaxing and not getting too hard on myself."

**Q:** When you step onto the field/court/pitch, whatever it may be, what's your biggest motivating factor? What's your why?

**A:** "I just love to compete. I love to win and I love to play tennis, so my biggest motivating factor would be to win. I also play to prove to myself and others that I can do whatever I set my mind to. So by going to State this year, we showed our town that tennis is something that actually needs to be shown, and I think we proved that when we went to State. That's what I would say, I love to win so that's what I set my mind to, and my motivation is to win all the time."

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# Mission:

team was there for a week at a little village called Maya Mopan in Belize where they started building a church,” said the Rev. Justin Blankenship.

“The first week they laid the foundation and the second week we went in and started laying the blocks for the walls,” he explained.

During the afternoons, church members held a kid’s crusade where children from the village could visit different stations with games, music and friendly competitions, allowing them to have fun while learning about the gospel.

“We also did a spa thing with the ladies of the village where they painted their nails and that kind of stuff,” Blankenship added.

However, the main focus of the trip was constructing a church for the village.

“We are connected to a fellowship of churches as a non-denomination. We worked through them and met with our missionary in Belize and asked her what we could do to make a difference down there.

“She told us a church needed to be built there because they’ve outgrown the church they’re in now. It was just a little church with a thatch roof and wooden walls,” Blankenship said.

The church needed \$30,000

for the materials to begin construction in Belize. After raising half the required total, the Heartland Conference donated the remaining \$15,000. “Together, we raised the money to build this church. And the missionary set everything up for us. So when we got there, we were able to spend those two weeks working.

“We got about a third of the way up on three walls, and they came in behind us after we left. We had people working there helping us, and we left material and everything for them to finish, so they’re finishing the church now,” he explained.

With three walls already finished, workers hope to complete the framework by July. However, they must wait until it cools down to finish construction.

“They don’t put roofs on buildings in Belize until the fall because it gets extremely hot out there and the roof is tin, so they have to be careful. I mean, one day, I think the heat index was like 120 while we were there,” Blankenship said.

Despite the heat and hard work, Blankenship hopes that all 34 volunteers left with a revamped perspective on life back home.

“A lot of times we get so

consumed with the stuff in our lives here in America. But being in a place like that, you’re so grateful for all the things you have in your life.

“For instance, they don’t have running water or air conditioning. But just the way that they live life gratefully, the simplicity of their lives, how much they enjoy relationships and others because they’re not consumed with materialistic things.

“And seeing people from another country worship the Lord and all the ministry they do, you just kind of get a bigger understanding of what it means to be a part of God’s Kingdom,” Blankenship stated.

Although they did not complete construction on the church this time around, Blankenship hopes to send members of the church back to Belize to help put the roof on the completed frame.

“We’re hoping to continue to help them with this new relationship that has formed. Because honestly, I feel like we learn from them too. So just a partnership after this, that’s the plan,” Blankenship concluded.

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# Closings:

Library.

Post offices will also be closed on July 4.

All will be reopened on Wednesday.

Deadlines for **The Purcell Register** will be moved up 24 hours. The deadline for news and advertising will be Monday, July 3, at 11 a.m.

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# K-9:

mon Slabaugh and his partner Ares finished their training in May 2022 and went into the field as a certified K-9 unit for the McClain County Sheriff’s Office soon after.

Ares is a dual-purpose patrol dog, meaning he is trained not only to detect the scent of narcotics but also to track and apprehend criminals on the loose. However, he isn’t the only dual-purpose K-9 patrolling McClain County.

Spike is a Belgian Malinois imported from the Netherlands and dually trained in narcotics detection as well as criminal tracking and apprehension by Vohne Liche Kennels.

Spike and his partner Deputy Shane McCraw have been together for two-and-a-half years. The two joined the Sheriff’s Office last December after over a year together at the Lindsay Police Department.

Although each patrol dog requires a unique approach, both officers can agree that their K-9 partners can be a lot of work.

“They’re so hyper and energetic,” Deputy McCraw said. “Every day you have to get them out, whether it’s taking them out on a walk, working obedience, working apprehensions, you have to do something every day with those dogs.

“If not, their skills start to slack, and you can start to see it in your handling abilities,” he added.

Deputy Slabaugh shared a similar sentiment.

“He has specific functions that I have to maintain for him. Every day we do a little bit of obedience, article indication, so I’m always training those skills with him,” he expressed.

“You see normal dogs trained, but not to the caliber that he’s been trained to. And you have to maintain that, or you start having problems,” he said.

One of the challenges that can be hard for K-9 handlers to navigate is dealing with their partner’s playfulness, both at work and home. Because each dog is different, practices and techniques vary depending on the K-9 and the handler.

“With Spike, I can actually take him out into public; he’s very friendly with other humans,” said Deputy McCraw. “When we get home, I just open my car door and he runs around my property. If my neighbors are out, he says hi. If someone’s over, he says hi, so he’s sociable.”

“He’s what we call a push-button dog. If I want him to be nice to people, he’ll be nice to people. If I want him to apprehend somebody, he’ll apprehend somebody,” Deputy McCraw added.

Although some K-9s can be friendly, ultimately, they are trained for their law enforcement patrol duties.

“He’s a working dog that needs to have a job whenever he gets out of the kennel. There has to be an objective for him because if not, that’s when you start to see issues when you don’t give a working dog a job,” said Deputy Slabaugh.

“He’s a dog with a job; he’s not a pet by any means,” he added.

No matter the approach, Ares and Spike are both invaluable resources that help keep their handlers on their toes and McClain County’s residents safe.

“Having Ares and the position that I’m in as a canine handler, it challenges me to be more proactive,” said Deputy Slabaugh. “And in turn, other agencies see that and see our agencies having success and it starts this sort of snowball effect.”

“Due to being a K-9 officer, I have become safer at my job because I see things differently than most officers do due to my training in tactical situations,” said Deputy McCraw.

“I feel like it’s actually made my job easier because I’ve got experience and I know what to do in dangerous situations,” he concluded.

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# Rolin:

truck stop around 4 p.m. after putting in his allotted 11 hours of driving time to take his 10 hours of rest.

Rolin was asleep in his sleeper berth when the twister ripped through the area around 8 p.m. pretty much hitting Rolin’s big rig and trailer carrying a Nissan pickup head-on.

Sgt. Johnny Burris the Public Information Officer (PIO) with the Texas Department of Public Safety (TDPS) said the number of injuries is now up to 15 with the death count remaining at four.

Burris said residents had only four to six minutes of notice before the storm, packing winds of 145-165 m.p.h. according to the National Weather Service, hit.

Good friend and the owner of the trailer, Kevin Andrews, said Rolin sleeps with his truck running and the air conditioner going so he can sleep.

“He probably didn’t have any idea the storm was coming,” Andrews said.

The rig, which was facing south on the north side of Highway 62, ended up on the south side of the highway facing east, Andrews said.

“We know about the storm striking by GPS,” he said.

Andrews said everything was sucked or slung out of the cab.

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# Lankford:

rank and file citizens believe.

“There are some good things happening,” Lankford told the gathering in downtown Purcell.

“For instance, all the FBI agents and Department of Justice people who were making accusations between former President Donald Trump and Russia that they knew were false are now gone,” he said. “There are some good people who are working there.”

Lankford was asked if he was concerned about the FBI and DOJ.

“It’s just like good cops and bad cops,” Lankford explained. “Just because you have a bad cop doesn’t make them all bad.

“I’m concerned about the FBI in D.C. but there are good, frustrated agents in the field around the country who are saying ‘If I did some of the things they are doing I’d be fired’. They are asking why do they do that in D.C.? What we need in Washington is more transparency from the FBI. Are there some bad agents? Yes there are, but there a lot of good ones in the field across the country.”

Lankford said both sides of the isle are now agreeing that fossil fuels are needed, that current immigration laws are a bad thing for the country and both sides agree that flavored vape juice is not a good idea.

Lankford is working with Illinois Democratic Senator Dick Durbin on a bill to not allow flavored vape juice.

“It’s another example of bipartisan support,” he said.

“In the energy area both sides are now saying we are going to need fossil fuels until at least 2050. I’m not against lithium batteries or if people want to drive electric cars. We’ve just got to solve the permitting (for drilling for oil),” the senator said.

Along the lines of immigration, Lankford said both parties are agreeing that it’s not good for the country to allow 2.5 million people into the country every year.

“We don’t know who they are,” Lankford said.

Lankford was asked who the bigger challenge to the United States is between China, North Korea and Russia.

“It’s China by far,” Lankford said firmly. “North Korea and Russia are going to be long term issues based on what they can do. But China by far is the biggest challenge.

“Their regime means to do us harm. They want to hurt us

“I’ve seen trucks torn up from accidents but never have I seen a rig totally destroyed,” he said.

“There was shrapnel everywhere,” Andrews continued. “It was the first time he’d taken his own truck driving for me.”

Andrews estimated the truck had a value of \$80-\$90,000, the trailer another \$25,000 and the Nissan pickup at about \$40,000.

Burris said Rolin was found laying “not too far from the vehicle right off the edge of the roadway.”

“The community lost a tremendous father, friend, husband, a tremendous worker and a tremendous truck driver,” Andrews said.

A complete obituary can be found on page 14A in this week’s **Purcell Register**.

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# Storm:

winds and heavy, heavy rainfall limiting visibility.

The normal for the year-to-date is 18.18”.

This time last year, Purcell had received an even 26” while Oklahoma City was holding at 16.10”.

Additional rain is predicted for Saturday through next Tuesday.

economically, philosophically and militarily. Their regime wants to spread communism around the world,” the senator said.

With respect to the LGBTQ issues Lankford said it is a cultural issue.

“If you disagree, you are evil and the administration wants to get you. What this country needs is kindness and truth. We need respect for individuals and allow everyone to make their own life decisions.

“Christians should be allowed to live their lives of faith and for those who choose the LGBTQ lifestyle should be allowed to live their lives. But they shouldn’t be allowed to impose that on me, my family or a business. We should strike a balance to make sure all folks are heard.

“Washington doesn’t change the country. The country changes Washington,” he said.

With respect to medicare reimbursements to hospitals, a major issue for small hospitals across the country and right here in Purcell, Lankford said the key is managing the cost of health care.

“If we don’t fix this rural hospitals will close across the country,” he said.

Another area where Lankford is working across the isle is with Delaware Democratic Senator Chris Coons.

The two have a bill that would help charitable giving.

As it stands now, the senator said if you itemize your tax return you can right off charitable giving. But if you don’t itemize you can’t right it off.

The duo is trying make it so givers can write it off either way.

Another area Lankford touched on was world currency.

“No one trusts China’s currency,” Lankford said. “The Euro has it’s own challenges. It’s not going to be Bit Con or the Ruble. It’s the U.S. Dollar they trust. But our biggest challenge is that our debt is larger than the GDP.

“If the world does not trade in dollars our debt will greatly accelerate. We would be in trouble,” he confirmed.

Lankford was asked if President Joe Biden, Hunter Biden and Dr. Anthony Fauci will face charges.

Lankford said he doesn’t know.

“You just have to keep the rule of law,” he said. “The truth will come out.”



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