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in the **Heart**

This weekend at the fairgrounds

From mutton busting to bare back bronc riding and everything in between, this weekend is the annual Indian Territory Roundup Club Rodeo.

There will be timed events and bull riding each night, starting at 8 p.m. Mutton busting begins at 7 p.m. both nights with belt buckles awaiting the winners.

All mutton busters must be six years old or younger and register on site.

There will also be \$750 dollars added to each event and \$150 added to junior barrels.

Rodeo royalty will also be crowned over the weekend.

"There will be two rodeo royalty contestants, Myah Padilla and Berit McGinley," said rodeo organizer Leslie Padilla. "They have been out selling sponsorships to put on the rodeo and they've sold a lot."

She said organizing the rodeo is a year-round process.

"We put a lot of time and effort into putting this rodeo together and it takes a lot of sponsorships," Padilla said. "Purcell always backs us up a lot and we appreciate that."

There will be a parade in downtown Purcell Saturday at 11 a.m.

There will be food trucks available and a mechanical bull to ride. Admission is \$10 at the gate and \$8 in advance from ITRC Royalty Contestants.

The rodeo is produced by Big Horn Rodeo Co. It all happens at the McClain County Expo and Fairgrounds arena on Hardcastle Blvd.

City to buy **NEW**POLICE UNITS

John D. Montgomery **The Purcell Register**

In its regular July meeting Monday at the Community Room of the Police Service Building the city council voted to purchase three vehicles for the Purcell Police Department.

The council, minus mayor Graham Fishburn

who was absent, voted to purchase three Dodge Durangos as police units from Bob Howard Auto group for \$127,005 and approved the upfitting equipment as specified from Metro Emergency Upfitting in the sum of \$66,006.

The council voted to approve the master plan for the McCurdy Park project and approved putting the splash pad project out for bid.

The board voted to expend \$1,744.95 to increase animal shelter donation expenses from reserve

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Warrant served Purcell PD assists U.S. Marshals

Purcell Police assisted U.S. Marshal's Friday morning to serve an arrest warrant on a suspect in the 1200 block of N. Ninth.

The individual, who is suspected of solicitation of a minor, was located hiding in an

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Sworn in

Sheila Taggart started grooming

dogs alongside her

mother when she

was younger. She learned

the art of grooming during

this time and honed her skills

own grooming business in

Purcell. Twenty-five years

later, she is booked full every

customer as family. Many

customers have been using

her services for many,

has known many of

her canine customers

Not only is she an

but she treats ev-

ery dog and human

many years. She Snip, snip

excellent groomer,

while grooming at Pet Smart for several

In 1998, Sheila

decided to open her

years.

By statute, Oklahoma County Treasurers are sworn in around July 1 for their four year terms. Teresa Jones, assisted by her grandchildren Easton and Swayze Sharp, who were holding the Bible, was sworn in by District Judge Leah Edwards Monday at the McClain County Courthouse.

Pawsitively Purrfect

Perfecting Purcell area pets for 25 years



Brett Duke

Editor's note: Answering The Purcell Register's five questions this week is Brett Duke, AVP/Financial Center Manager at First United Bank in Purcell.

Q: How did you get into

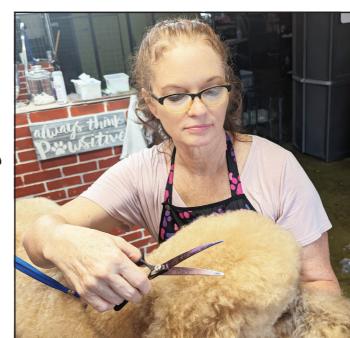
5 questions with

A: I was looking to start a different career path at the time and I noticed a financial institution was hiring. I knew my great grandma was an assistant bank president in North Oklahoma City back in the day so figured I would give it a try. I worked there for a few years until eventually getting hired into First United Bank. I tell everyone who asks banking found me.

Q: What's your favorite part of the job?

A: Developing genuine relationships within the community and helping my

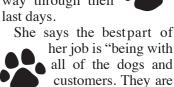
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Sjeila Taggert doing what she does best, grooming pets.

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from the adorable puppy stage all the way through their



Sheila says that the Covid crisis was the most difficult time of her career.

like family."

"Covid was the biggest challenge. It was scary."

Because of the relationship she has with each of her customers and her solid

business model, she was prepared to handle that hard time. She gives ers stating that "Everyone

credit to her custom-

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Honor students

See who made the Lexington School Honor Rolls.



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Reunion time

Washington's Class of 1983 has one set.



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State champions

The Oklahoma Legends won the 10U OK KIDS Baseball State Tournament, going undefeated for the week. Pictured are, from front left, Spencer Thompson, Lane Webb, Levi Haley, Ryder Waitman, Tripp Webb and Cooper Pounds. On the second row, from left, are Ezra Martinez, Karter Stokes, Ethan Mandrell, Masen Balvantin and Kolt Alcorn. On the back row, from left, are Tyler Waitman, Garret Romesburg, Todd Webb, Paul Waitman and Brett Webb.

OSDH WIC seeks public input

The Oklahoma State De- received before August 1,2023. partment of Health's Woman, Infants and Children (WIC) program is asking for input WIC program. from individuals about the tion Program's Operations.

Every month, over 70,000

Oklahomans participate in the

WIC is a federally funded Special Supplemental Nutri- nutrition education and supplemental food program for low Information shared with WIC income, pregnant, breastfeedwill be considered for the State ing and postpartum women, Plan of Program Operations for infants, and children up to 2024. In order for comments five-years-old. Eligibility is to be considered, they must be determined by nutritional risk

and incomes that fall below 185 percent of the poverty level.

"A priority of our program is to make sure those who are pregnant understand the importance of adequate nutrition throughout their pregnancy,' said Christina Windrix, the OSDH WIC Service Director. "Studies have shown that pregnant women who participate in WIC have longer pregnancies which leads to fewer premature births, low-birth weight babies, and even fewer fetal and infant deaths."

The program also offers breastfeeding services and

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Oklahoma delegation speaks on Supreme Court striking down affirmative action

CarolynnFelling Gaylord News

The Supreme Court on Thursday tossed out affirmative action in college admissions, compelling universities to explore alternative methods to foster diverse student popu-

The court's conservative majority reversed the admissions implemented by Harvard and the University of North Carolina- the country's oldest private and public colleges.

The Supreme Court found that Harvard's and North Carolina's affirmative action programs violated the 14th Amendment. The ruling overturned decades of precedent sustained over the years by a small court majority that included justices Republicans had selected.

The two programs "unavoidably negatively employ race" and "involve racial stereotyping" in a manner that violates the Constitution, according to Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., writing for the 6-3 decision.

Universities may still consider how a student's race has affected their life- a subject they may discuss in an application essay. Still, he cautioned colleges not to exploit such concerns as a covert method of racial selection.

"Universities may not simply establish through application essays or other means the regime we hold unlawful today," he wrote.



Protesters materials

The paraphernalia of Asian American protesters left behind outside of the Supreme Court.

The judgment illustrates merit and achievement, not racial and political divisions in the nation on affirmative action and might have far-reaching consequences. The decision might pave the way for challenges to diversity initiatives in the corporate world and require schools and universities nationwide to review their admissions procedures.

Roberts was joined in his opinion by Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Bret Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett.

Multiple members of the Oklahoma delegation weighed in support of the Supreme Court's decision.

"Glad to see the U.S. The Supreme Court struck down affirmative action as unconstitutional," wrote Oklahoma Senator Markwayne Mullin, 'College admissions must be decided on equal standards of

'race-based preferences,"

The decision mentions Oklahoma's initiative against affirmative action nearly six times throughout the sixty-page opinion.

Roberts, saying both the University of California Berkeley and the University of Michigan minority enrollment had increased following implementation of bans on affirmative action, wrote that the admission "experience is largely consistent with other schools that do not consider race as a factor in admissions,' including, for example, the University of Oklahoma's most prestigious campus."

"Today's Supreme Court ruling is a massive win," said Oklahoma representative Josh

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§ 106-405 Junk Vehicle on Private Property Prohibited.

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Don't forget to register your storm shelter on the McClain County website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 527-6561 or 527-4656.



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Trucker tribute

At least 18 big rig operators came to Purcell Friday to pay tribute to their fellow trucker Randy Rolin who was laid to rest after being killed in a Texas tornado June 21. The trucks lined up on Lester Lane and were front-to-back stretching for three blocks.



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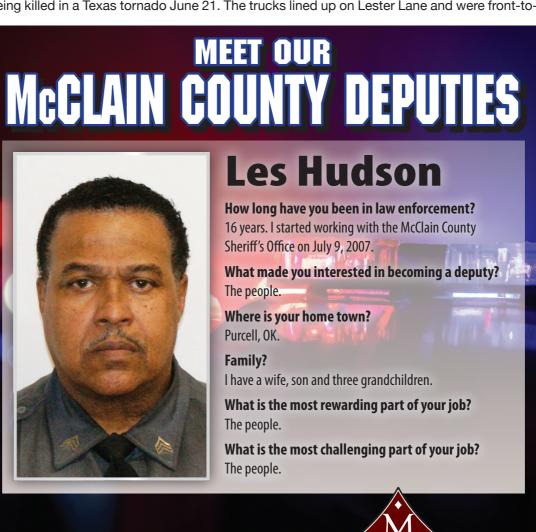
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LRFA membership

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

sent to all current members. Members should send their 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 990-3871 with questions. Rural Fire District may join.

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

Our Lady to Hold VBS

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

sixth grade are invited to attend.

The theme for VBS is "The with school supplies will be Eucharist."

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

Knights Golf Tournament

The Knights of Columbus back at the Purcell Senior will host a four person scramble at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Renewal letters have been Course on Saturday, July 29, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

The \$400 team entry fee annual dues of \$50 to the includes green fees, cart, range balls and lunch.

Proceeds from the tournament will go towards Knights Purcell Senior Citizens Cencommunity projects.

Contact Bob Bruehl at 405-

Back 2 School Bash

The 14th Annual Heart of High must show proof of Oklahoma Back 2 School Bash having the TDAP shot. 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 Tuesday, July 18, through McClain County Courthouse

There will be various activ-All children age four to ies, games and lots more.

given away.

Everyone is welcome and

Senior Dance at Purcell

The Ole Troubadours are 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

Seventh Grade **TDAP Shot**

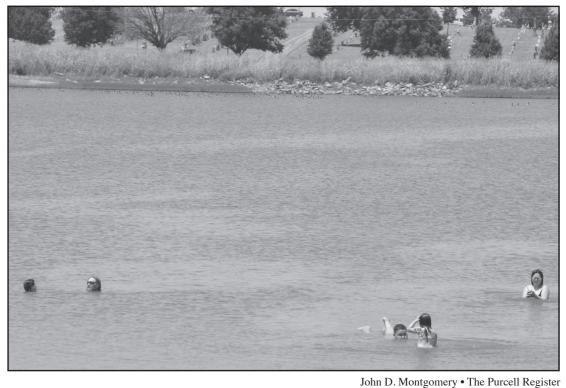
All students entering seventh grade at Purcell Junior

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

To schedule a tour contact Seven hundred backpacks Jerry Hayes at 405-812-



Taking a dip

Several swimmers cooled off a bit from the sweltering summer heat by taking a dip in the Purcell City Lake late last week.

Oklahoma students react to Biden's new loan plan after high court denies first effort

CarolynnFelling

Gavlord News

President Joe Biden pledged that the "fight was not over" after the US Supreme Court rejected his groundbreaking student loan forgiveness plan.

"When you say people, I say power," ... PEOPLE... POWER!," was one of many chants that echoed outside of the Supreme Court on Friday from angry and disappointed protestors.

"I will stop at nothing," said Biden while delivering his remarks at the White house and declaring his decision to find another path forward and execute the "promise" he made to the American people.

"My Administration will continue to work to bring the promise of higher education to every American."

Nearly 500,000 Oklahoman's are among the 40 million people who owe \$400 billion and face student loan debt payments resuming this October. Collectively, Oklahomans owe about \$15 billion, according to WordsRated, an international research group that tracks U.S. student loan debt, making the state the 30th largest student loan debt in the U.S.

The Supreme Court determined that a President cannot make such a tremendous financial decision without congressional approval, which is not likely in the midst of a divided capital.

The President's plans curated chaos and lengthy debate amongst students and alumni across the country, offering some people relief but inflicting fear on others.

Carley Lankford, a recent graduate of the University of Oklahoma, said she feels reassured that she will not have to take on additional financial pressure by paying for higher taxes on top of her own debt.

"Now that I've entered the working world, it would be nice to have less debt, but I don't want anyone else paying for my education," she said. "I think debt is part of 'earning' the

degree, and I want to earn it." However, not everyone agreed with her. Amber Poston, a 22-year-

old senior at the University of Central Oklahoma, says, "it's honestly quite frustrating." Poston is working two jobs in an attempt to pay for her college education. "As a college student, I have

been using loans all throughout college, which I will be paying back for the good majority of my life after I am done with school. If this had passed, it would have taken a huge weight off my shoulders," she said.

Poston says she is "discouraged," and does not think anything will come from

Biden's new plan. "It feels like everything that is supposed to benefit/help people is being denied," she said. However, she hopes that she is among the 14 million to be approved for his new plan.

Oklahoma U.S. Rep. Kevin Hern (R, Tulsa) wrote "Forgiving student loans is not under the jurisdiction of the President of the United States," in a press release.

Senator Marywayne Mullin (R, Westville) also agreed with the court's ruling saying the plan was an "abuse of executive power," and a "cheap" initia-

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Student loan protest

An NAACP member holds paraphernalia outside of the Supreme Court during Friday's protest.

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2023-2024 OPA President Sheila Gay, publisher of the served on the Oklahoma News-Woodward News, took office paper Foundation board for have three children, Chelsea,

Woodward's Gay elected

as president of the Oklahoma several years. Sheila served her J.C. and Ty. They also have

meeting at the

Shawnee. She succeeds Zonelle Gay said. Rainbolt as president and will serve a one-year term.

the **Woodward News** in 1997 as an advertising executive. In in a position of strength. 2001, she became the advertisthe deadly Woodward tornado

A native of Woodward, Gay is extremely active in the comnewspaper, filling in on the editorial side at times.

multiple committees. She also tive in the United Fund.

Gay was a part of the Oklahoma Press elected by Association and to serve as OPA mem- the president. There have meeting were Shauna Belyeu, bers dur- been many before me that ing the an- have shown great leadership nual business in our organization and we president. David Stringer, will continue to do so over the publisher of The Lawton June 9-10 OPA Convention in next year and into the future,"

"The newspaper industry faces big challenges, but we are Gay began her career with up to the task of meeting each year term as immediate past one and going into the future president.

ing manager and was named watchdog over government, the Countywide & Sun, who the seventh publisher of the newspapers are also one of the will fulfill the third year of a Woodward News in March main sources of a community's three-year term, and Ed Choate, of 2012, just a month before history, telling the stories that publisher of **Muskogee Phoe**will last forever. Telling those **nix**, who will fulfill a second stories is a job none of us take and third year of a three-year

In the community, Gay serves munity as well as handling the on the Chamber of Commerce three-year term are Mike Sherday-to-day operations of the board of directors and is president of The Pregnancy Center. She also works with the home-She is also active in the less shelter and in the past has press association, serving on been involved with the Main the board and having chaired Street Organization and is ac-

She and her husband John, Press Asso- country in the Army Reserves. five grandchildren, Kaden, "I am truly honored to be Acelynn, Nova, Dagan and

Also elected at the business general manager of The Eufaula Indian Journal, as vice Constitution, was elected to serve a second one-year term as treasurer.

Rainbolt will serve a one-

Board appointments include "In addition to being a Suzie Campbell, publisher of

> New directors elected to a man, executive editor at Oklahoma Watch, and Brett Wesner, owner of Wesner Publications.

Also on the board is Erin Dyer Thompson, co-publisher and advertising director of the El Reno Tribune.

Tamarisk beetle return expected for Oklahoma

By Kelly Bostian

cused on rivers is asking Oklathat defoliate invasive tamarisk trees, also known as saltcedar.

RiversEdge West is monitoring the possible resumption of a battle between an exotic biological control agent, the tamarisk leaf beetle, and nonnative tamarisk.

Both are Eurasian species. The U.S. Department of Agriculture unleashed the beetles in 13 states between 2001 and 2010 to battle quickly spreading tamarisk, which was introduced in the 1800s to prevent erosion in southwestern states.

According to RiversEdge West biologists, cooperating groups and community

members are reporting new A conservation group fo- and returning populations of tamarisk beetles from the Amahomans to keep an eye out for rgosa River Basin in California small black caterpillars and the to the Gila River in southern yellowish-brown adult beetles Arizona to northern Texas. Western Oklahoma may soon

"I am always searching for people in Oklahoma to keep watch for tamarisk beetles

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Firecracker hazards

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John D.

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Notebook

In the category of are you smarter than a 5th grader can you explain to me why we light sparklers to celebrate the 4th of July and hand them over to knee-high nippers to twirl around?

They burn anywhere from 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit to 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

That's right up there with the brilliant teenage boys who light Black Cats and then throw them.

If you get a short or quick fuse they can go off in your

That makes it hard on your Saturday and Wednesday feel ear drum as well.

jdm

Monday proved to be a very interesting day this week but the State Legislature of with July 4 plastered smack Michigan has passed legisin the middle of the week on Tuesday.

Monday was like, well tentionally using the wrong Monday, and Friday and gender pronoun. Tuesday all rolled into one.

That made Tuesday feel like to the State Senate and if

approved is expected to be signed into law by the their governor.

The punishment is up to \$10,000 and not more than five years in the state penitentiary.

Wow.

jdm

McClain County Treasurer Teresa Jones was sworn in Monday by District Judge Leah Edwards for another four year term.

All the other county officers are sworn in in January but by statute, Oklahoma Treasurers are sworn in around July 1.

"That's because January is one of our busiest times of the year collecting taxes," Jones said.

Teresa was assisted in the swearing in ceremony by grandchildren Swayze and Easton Sharp, who held the Bible for her as Edwards read

jdm

Here to serve you

like Monday all over again.

jdm

You can believe this or not

lation making it a felony to

intimidate someone by in-

The legislation now goes

By Dusty Ricks, Manager/CEO **Rural Electric Cooperative**

"We are here to serve you." phrase countless times. These range of energy topics. For words may sound generic, example, if you are looking but to us -your local electric for ways to save energy, check

erything. to serve our community. Back of your home. in the day, neighbors banded together and formed our Coop for the common good.

In our case, it was the only way the community could home. Understanding how bring electricity to the area your home uses energy can where there was none. In help determine the best ways community thrive.

Our mission-focused heriof cooperatives.

our focus has remained steady on providing reliable energy to our members, today's energy landscape and consumer energy savings. expectations are far different

and new expectations of our determine the best options for we can serve you better.

members.

Serving as your trusted ento help you save energy (and money) and provide advice We have all heard this and information on a broad cooperative - they mean ev- out our website for energysaving tips and ideas to in-Rural Electric was created crease the energy efficiency

ways you can save energy at

give you an unbiased view of Today, we are continuing to the pros and cons. Investing power the community. While in a solar system is a major to fully understand the costs, responsibilities and potential

Unlike a solar company than they were decades ago. with one objective - to sell This is why we are adapting, their products and services

your home. We understand homeowners must undertake ergy advisor means we want their due diligence and we are here to help you through that process.

In a similar vein, we recognize many members are considering electric vehicle options. REC can provide information to our members so you can make informed decisions about EVs. We can provide a candid assessment Consider scheduling a free of residential and business energy audit with one of our charging requirements for all energy experts to identify types of EVs. No matter what our members drive, we want to help you achieve energy savings.

So, the next time you hear doing so, REC helped the to modify energy use and keep REC use the phrase "We are more money in your wallet. here to serve you," we hope If you are considering a youknow we mean it. Service tage is the golden thread rooftop solar installation, is deeply ingrained into who with the times, and in return, we have found additional ways to serve you and provide decision, and it is important more options for you to power your life.

need us. Connect with us online on our website, in person, through the SmartHub app or our social media channels. to keep pace with changing - we will look at the total However you choose to contechnology, evolving needs energy picture and help you nect, please let us know how

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MULREADY SAYS

necessarily reflect the opinion of the newspaper.

Insurance tips after the storm

By Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner Glen Mulready

ing in Tulsa following the severe storms that hit over Father's Day weekend, causing extensive damage, including fallen trees and widespread power outages.

reaching, leading to heat advisories, limited access to essential retail items and gasoline and numerous residents still struggling to cope with the aftermath.

In response to this crisis, I issued an emergency order to help facilitate the recovery process. The order enables insurers to access out-of-state claims adjusters to assist in assessing the damage in Oklahoma and streamlines the claims processing by temporarily waiving local licensing requirements.

I understand that recovering from a storm can be challenging and somewhat woven throughout the history our energy advisors would we are. We continue to evolve confusing when filing a claim for property damage.

Here are a few easy tips. Take care of yourself and your family

We are here whenever you a disaster is your family's health and safety. If the storm destroyed your home, business or personal property, know that cleaning up and repairing the damage can be physically, mentally and financially challenging.

have coverage for debris removal, but only if those trees or branches have caused other covered damage.

Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible

Document all your damages before you clean up. Take photos or videos and make a list. Make necessary repairs to prevent further damage and save all your receipts for postdamage repair and cleanup.

and complete proof of loss to support your claim. When an cation. You can call the Okla- AFTER.

Recovery efforts are ongo- homa Insurance Department (OID) or visit our website to verify his or her licensure. Get any necessary estimates for repairs to determine if it exceeds your deductible.

Contact your insurance The storm has been far- agent to start the claims process as soon as possible.

Report damage and be aware of dishonest contrac-Report damage to damage.

ok.gov or call 2-1-1 even if you do not have insurance. This report helps emergency managers better coordinate recovery efforts and allows our state to potentially qualify for federal assistance.

Also, unfortunately, behind every bad storm is a bad actor. Watch out for people going door-to-door or calling homeowners claiming to be building contractors. These could be scam artists, especially if they ask for financial information or money in advance.

Report suspicious activity to local authorities and the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at 1-866-720-5721. You Your first concern after can also contact the Attorney General's Office at 1-833-681-1895 or ConsumerProtection@oag.ok.gov.

> Talk to your neighbors, friends or your agent for recommendations of reputable contractors.

I want to remind all Oklaho-Most homeowners policies mans that we are here to help. OID has excellent disaster assistance resources and a team dedicated to helping in your time of need.

I encourage anyone affected by the storm to contact us with insurance questions or concerns at 1-800-522-0071. If you feel your claim has not been properly resolved by your insurer or your insurer is not properly handling your claim, you can file a complaint with Work with your adjuster the OID at www.oid.ok.gov/ complaint.

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News from Capitol Hill

Honoring generations of service

Congressman Tom Cole

On this Independence Day, as we celebrate the freedom we are all fortunate to share with our family and loved ones, we also reflect on our 247 year-long history and the immeasurable sacrifice undertaken for freedom to remain. Indeed, it is because of the unwavering dedication and sacrifice of the generations of U.S. service members that we may remain free.

many liberties that many places throughout the world will never know. Although we live in an era of extreme divisiveness, we must remember that no matter what side of the aisle we are on or party affiliation, what brings Fourth of July provides us with

American.

And because of the enduring promise of the pursuit of happiness and striving to become a more perfect union, we remain the country that most people want to come to.

However, the freedom we so cherish is paid for at a high price. From the Revolutionary War to present day, each generation of service members have answered the call to defend liberty and their courage As Americans, we enjoy so and heroism certainly inspires

These remarkable individuals have shouldered the burden of defending our freedoms, often at great personal cost, and we should never forget that. The us together is that we are all an opportunity to unite as a na-

tion and extend our collective gratitude to these individuals who sign up to put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others.

As John Adams once declared, this day would be celebrated by future generations as the "great anniversary festival" with "pomp and parade... games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of the continent to the other.'

As we enjoy and celebrate our nation's independence, let us honor the generations of service of those with valor, and may their legacy continue to inspire those for generations to come.

Happy Fourth of July and God Bless America!

Life coaching is often missing

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

What is next for you? Are you making plans for furthering your education?

Are you interviewing for employment? Are you debating about your career path? What type of occupation will be fulfilling and pay the salary you want to earn?

Possibly you are making plans to get married? You may be wondering about the best strategies for buying a house or saving for retirement.

who are doing what you want

Life coaching and mentoring are sadly missing today. It's missing in our schools, churches and even worse, our

Young people are desperate for the wisdom of senior Americans but most of the time think they know everything.

We all thought we knew everything when we were young. Looking back, we now realize how little we really knew.

Throughout life we are typically stuck with figuring it out by ourselves. We made blame anybody but ourselves. worth more than money could in all 50 states.

However, education is ex- ever buy, are never utilized. pensive. Learning the hard way is never fun. You have heard people say, "Let him figure it out. He'll learn."

This is typically true, but if your grandchild is about to pick up a poisonous snake, would you just stand back and let the child learn? Would you not care enough to snatch the child away from the snake? Of course, you would save your child.

You can't save everybody, but when you can, then why Consider talking to people not do what you hope someone would do for you?

> If you consider yourself a young adult then you need to interview some older people. You need to ask questions about their vocations, businesses, and whatever path they have walked. How did they do what they have done?

> What would they do over? What would they never do again? What would be their advice to you about life in general, money, marriage, faith, church, raising kids and anything else. You might be surprised at what you will learn.

Most older people think no the choice to make our own one wants to hear their opinion a fellow minister. decisions. When we make our and too often it's true. Sadly, own decisions then we can't years of life experiences, weekly in over 600 publications

Every high school and church should have an occasional life coaching day. A day when some of the community sages are invited to sit and field questions from small groups and even talk one on one.

You may not always hear what you want to hear. Sometimes the truth is surprising. Always keep in mind that the truth will set you free.

Proverbs 19:20 says, "Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise."

Keep in mind that advice giving should always be done in love and gentleness.

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

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

He is the author of 13 books including *UncommonSense*, the Spiritual Chocolate series, Grandpa's Store, Minister's Guidebook insights from

His column is published

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Beetle:

recolonize someday, likely moving north from Texas," RiversEdge tamarisk beetle specialist Amanda Stahlke said worked with 70 partners via email.

"It's a big mystery as to why beetles died out in that area and why they haven't recolonized. California and Oregon, and That said, populations seem to east to Idaho, Wyoming and be growing in northern Texas, so I'm actually expecting they may recolonize sooner than later, and it would be great to have folks looking," she said.

Salt cedar is a problem in watersheds because it crowds out native vegetation to create a monoculture in limited riparian habitat along streams of the arid west. The deep-rooted trees are water hogs compared to native species and deposit salt on top of the ground with their deciduous needle-like leaves.

The USDAAnimal and Plant Health Inspection Service tested the beetles as a control measure and found they left native vegetation alone. The beetles were more mobile than expected and spread to the home ranges of the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher.

The birds had turned to tamarisk for nesting habitat as river impoundments and diversion for irrigation reduced native willow and cottonwood habitat in New Mexico, Arizona and eastern California.

It became a case of introducing one artificially introduced species to destroy another but potentially wiping out a native endangered species in the process.

However, the beetles continue to assist with muchneeded tamarisk control across the western U.S. The beetles defoliate and can eventually kill tamarisk, which allows land managers to restore the diverse mix of native vegetation best for soil health and native wildlife.

The beetles also spread to parts of Oklahoma, where tamarisk encroaches on western rivers. Oklahoma is home to a different sub-species of willow flycatcher that has healthy populations. In 2013 the beetles were recorded as far east as Stillwater, on the Cimarron River, according to a RiversEdge ArcGIS map. Most residents were happy to ning Beekeepers Workshop see them.

The beetles died out in many areas years ago, including County Extension Office, 2500

because they are likely to to be returning and biologists after eating all of the tamarisks are turning to citizens to help in an area. track that recovery.

> RiversEdge reports it has since 2007 to document the insects, which now range from Chihuahua, Mexico, north to Kansas.

The larvae, mostly black with a yellow line down each side, are less than a half-inch long but do the most feeding and tree damage. Two to four generations cycle through each summer before adult beetles go into diapause (like hibernation) beneath the trees in winter.

with available tamarisk. Adults environmental issues for Oklawill fly to a new patch or die *homans*.

People who want to help track the beetles can send observations (present or not present) with a unique GPS point and date to tamariskbeetledate@riversedgewest. org. RiversEdge also accepts shape files or Google Earth kmz/kml files, offers an Excel spreadsheet, and, new this year, will curate iNaturalist app observations under the Tamarisk beetles (biocontrol agents) Project.

Kelly Bostian is an independent writer working for the Oklahoma Ecology Project, a 501c3 non-profit dedicated Populations ebb and flow to in-depth reporting about



• Photo courtesy of Roman Jashenko

Beetle larvae

Tamarisk beetle larvae. Photograph by Roman Jashenko, Tethys Scientific Institute, Almaty, Kazakhstan: Photograph from Agricultural Research Service, United States Department

EXTENSION News

Registration open for OSU beekeeping workshop

Gail Ellis

Agricultural Communications

Oklahoma State University Extension will host a Beginon Wednesday, July 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oklahoma Oklahoma, but now they seem NE 63rd in Oklahoma City.

The event will provide basic information on honey production as well as the care and maintenance of bees.

Members of the public are welcome to learn about basic

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financial burden to millions of hard-working taxpayers.

But Biden, undeterred by GOP opposition, said he had directed the Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona to begin a process under the 1965 Higher Education Act to waive or release loans "under Americans eligible for student loan debt relief.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez reminded those who opposed the bill of the President's power, "It is very important to note this SCOTUS ruling does NOT remove Biden's ability to pursue student loan forgiveness."

tive that merely transfers the his administration announced title of Potus. they have already finalized plans for "the most affordable repayment plan ever created." The new plan guarantees that borrowers can take advantage of this option as early as this summer, or prior to their payment deadlines.

certain circumstances," for the capitol included a variety of protestors from different organizations who spoke at the event. Many of them reminded the crowd and media that Biden's inability to keep his promises will impact how tration to act and act quickly, to GaylordNews.net. In a press release, Biden and if he intends to maintain his

D'Aungillique Jackson, a recent graduate of California State University, Fresno, who was among the protesters outside of the high court Friday morning summed up what many said they felt.

"I feel frustrated and I feel The rally outside of the hurt. I feel like the Supreme Court has made a lot of decisions that impact people who look like me and it's terrifying," she said.

Gaylord News is a reporting project of the University of Oklahoma Gaylord Colthey vote in the coming 2024 lege of Journalism and Mass election. Inflicting immense Communication. For more pressure on Biden's adminis- stories by Gaylord News go

Two Oklahoma delegation members want better Ukraine spending plan

BenDackiw

Gaylord News

Two Oklahoma representatives don't want to continue handing a blank check to to spend American taxpayer Ukraine.

And the brief mutiny of the Wagner Private Military Company to Russian President in Eastern Europe.

Tulsa Rep. Kevin Hern, who does not oppose the U.S.

expended.

Hern heads the Republican Study Committee. "I believe that if we're going

money anywhere, we need to have a plan and an exit strategy," said Hern. Hern agrees with what

Vladimar Putin has become Speaker of the House Kevin yet another wrinkle in what has McCarthy (CA-20) has said to become a very costly conflict the Senate in terms of planning how this money going overseas is being spent. "We're not going to spend a

supporting the former Russian single dollar on a supplemental satellite, wants to see an exit plan for Ukraine or any other strategy coupled with a plan foreign incursions until we on how funds being sent are have a plan by the Pentagon and

the White House of what we're going to do with the money, what it's buying and how we're going to exit that theater at some point in the future."

Rep. Josh Brecheen (R-Coalgate) believes that the United States should not be spending as much as they are compared to other countries in NATO.

"It would be like pulling teeth for me to believe we need to continue spending money over there as long as NATO's not upholding their two percent," said Brecheen. "They're required to

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support to expectant and new under five-years-old."

families with young children have the basic nutritional knowledge necessary to assure their children's proper nutrition intake.

monthly prescription of nutritious foods tailored to supplement the dietary needs of participants to ensure good health, growth and development," said Windrix. "The foods are consistency with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and establish dietary recommenda-

The selected foods also rein-

WIC's goal is to make cer- force WIC nutrition education tain that mothers and eligible messages, address emerging public health nutrition related issues, and provide wide appeal

"Our program provides a dependent contract clinics local health services and stratthroughout the state and operates hand in hand with other public health programs to provide referral services to health care and social services.

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OSDH provides technical support and guidance to 68 county health departments in Oklahoma, as well as guidance and consultation to the two independent city-county health of Health, Attention WIC Ser-departments in Oklahoma vice. 123 Robert S. Kerr Ave., City and Tulsa. Learn more at

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Ruling:

Brecheen, "Oklahoma was ahead of the curve when our state banned affirmative action 11 years ago."

In 2012, Oklahoma became one of eight states to outlaw affirmative action in public employment and university admissions. According to Ballotpedia, only some of the 13 public institutions in the state reported using race as an indication for access.

Senator James Lankford for us all." (R-OK) also approved of the

of the law, and today the Supreme Court reaffirmed what we all know to be true of the 14th Amendment," he wrote. "We are the greatest nation on earth; we should not use race to determine who is worthy of attending certain universities and who is not."

dissent in court.

In this case, the dissenting opinions were Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elana Kagan, and Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Nadine Seiler. Sotomayer took the release of Roberts' decision to read her

"Today, this Court stands in the way and rolls back decades of precedent and momentous progress. It holds that race can no longer be used in a limited way in college admissions to achieve such critical benefits," said Sotomayer.

The court's first Black female Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, expressed her disagreement with the ruling in a separate dissent calling it "truly a tragedy

After the decision was announced, President Biden criti-"We are all under equal eyes cized it in a broadcast speech, stating that the nation could not allow it to be "the last word on the subject of affirmative action."

"Discrimination still exists in America," he said, reiteratchange that."

The court's decisions atsides of the argument, including

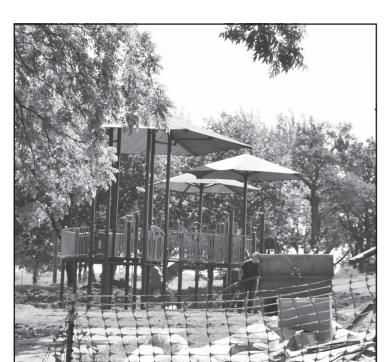
stand affirmative action," said Seiler, carrying a banner that read 'SCOTUS is illegitimate.' "That is willful ignorance, and I'm just done with it."

In the North Carolina case, the vote was 6-3, while in the Harvard case, it was 6-2, after Jackson recused herself. Over the past two decades, the Supreme Court supported college admissions programs that considered race a factor, including as recently as 2016.

However, that was before the inclusion of the three justices appointed by former President Donald Trump on the court. During the arguments held in late October, all six conservative justices raised concerns about the practice, despite its previous ing his previous statement, affirmation in the Supreme "Today's decision does not Court rulings dating back to

Gaylord News is a reporttracted protestors from both ing project of the University of Oklahoma Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass "You can build ocean gates, Communication. For more you can go to Mars and the stories by Gaylord News go moon, but you don't under- to GaylordNews.net.

Society



Gonna' be nice

Purcell Parks and Recreation Director John Blue announced at last week's city council meeting the grand opening of the new playground equipment at the city lake will be August 19.

Cooperation between law enforcement agencies provides recipe for success

decision many thought would create a virtual tsunami of legal difficulties for local law enforcement. Today, reality has a temporary minor ripple.

agreements between the Chickasaw Nation, and area and state law enforcement agencies, mutual cooperation continues to ensure area residents' safety.

In July 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in McGirt state, tribal and federal agenv. Oklahoma that Congress cies are issued Chickasaw had never disestablished the Nation law enforcement com-Muscogee Nation reservation mission cards," Chief Palmer in eastern Oklahoma. In 2021, the Oklahoma Court of Crimi- allow each commissioned nal Appeals also applied that officer the ability to enforce ruling to the Chickasaw Nation. Chickasaw Nation law within These decisions meant that Chickasaw Nation treaty tertribal and federal courts, rather ritory as a Chickasaw Nation than state courts, suddenly Lighthorse officer." became responsible for crimes committed by tribal citizens on reservation land.

In June 2022, a subsequent

Three years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Supreme Court rendered a Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta added to the potential for confusion. It stipulated that non-First Americans committing crimes against First Americans on proven those fears unfounded, tribal land remained the purresulting in nothing more than view of state and federal courts.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Po-Thanks to cross-deputation lice Chief Chris Palmer says cross-deputation agreements helped to eliminate whatever chaos might have resulted from either ruling.

> "Through cross-deputation agreements, municipal, county, said. "These commissions

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police

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It's a Small World

Lucy, Leonard Bryen, Carla Davis, Jeremiah Berger, Noah Ewing, Amy Nemecek, Stephanie Knowles, Debbie Umber, Karlee Tolle, Mary Dawson, Jeff Wells, Erik Gonzalez, Eric Peters, Bruce Moore, Scott Stephens, Pam Beller, Sheri Enox, Alison Wells, Mariela Ocampo, Natalie Still, Sean Michael Braden, John Schmitz, Kenslee McKiddy, Rowan Ardery, Daniel Chavez, Tanner Clouse, Tony DiRienzo, Eduardo Reyes, Erika Romero, Regina Hayes and Kelly Lambdin.

The Purcell Public Library will present "Paleontology: Clues to the Past" Tuesday, July 11, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Step into the shoes of a paleontologist to excavate, identify, and interpret fossils and discover clues to the past, when dinosaurs roamed. The program is designed for children ages 8 to 12 and registration is required.

Join the Sam Noble Museum in discovering the science of paleontology and Oklahoma's prehistoric past through engaging activities and hands-on exploration. Discover what it takes to be a paleontologist through excavating, identifying, and interpreting fossil

This program is a part of our Summer Learning Challenge. Earn prizes, collect badges, and help our community reach 11 million minutes learning by joining the Summer Learning Challenge today!

Register by calling 405-527-5546 or online at mcpioneerlibrarysystem.org.

The Purcell Public Library will present "Forensic Osteolthe library meeting room.

Enter the world of forensic osteology. Learn how to read trauma signatures on human skulls to uncover the story of the injury. Designed for teens 14 to 18. Discretion is advised and registration is required.

Discover different careers within forensic science while learning what information specialists can identify by examining human osteological remains. Join SKELETONS Museum of Osteology to examine different trauma signatures on the human skull and

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Happy birthday to Makayla dentition caused by blunt force Cooper, Houston Hays, Greg trauma, sharp force trauma, and gunshot wounds.

> Learn how you can read these trauma signatures and how to differentiate between healed injuries and those injuries that were sustained at the time of

> Please note that the information covered in the class does include information from real homicides and images of human bone.

> This program is a part of our Summer Learning Challenge. Earn prizes, collect badges, and help our community reach 11 million minutes learning by joining the Summer Learning Challenge today!

Register by calling 405-527-5546 or online at mcpioneerlibrarysystem.org.

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.

I love slow cooker recipes and this one would be perfect for July 4th.

Slow-Cooker Barbecue Beef Brisket

3/4 cup barbecue sauce 1/4 cup flour

1-1/2 lb. small red potatoes (about 10) 3 carrots, peeled, cut length-

wise, then crosswise in half 1 onion, cut lengthwise in half, then sliced crosswise

3 lb. beef brisket

Whisk barbecue sauce and flour until blended.

Place vegetables in slow ate remaining barbecue sauce improve self-esteem. mixture until ready to use.

Remove meat from slow cooker; place on cutting board. Cover; let stand 10 minutes. Meanwhile, use slotted spoon to transfer vegetables to platter.

Whisk remaining (refrigerated) barbecue sauce mixture into juices in slow cooker. Cook, covered, on high 10 minutes or until thickened.

Cut meat across the grain into thin slices. Add to platter with vegetables. Drizzle with sauce.

Preserve the beauty, fragrance and flavor of your garden



MelindaMyers

For The Purcell Register

Enjoy your garden throughout the growing season and beyond. Preserve its beauty, fragrance, and flavor in artwork, crafts, and food.

Cell phones with cameras make it easy to capture the seasonal changes in our gardens and environment. Use a favorite photo as the wallpaper on your computer or phone. Turn them into greeting cards to send or pictures to hang on walls, lifting your spirits on gray winter or rainy days.

Break out the colored pencils, markers, or paints and capture ogy: Human Skulls" Wednes- cooker; top with 1/2 cup bar- the beauty of individual flowers day, July 12, from 2-3 p.m. in becue sauce mixture and meat. or gardens. Creating art, like subtle and unique flavor the Cover with lid. Cook on low 8 gardening, can help elevate to 9 hours. Meanwhile, refriger- your mood, reduce stress, and

> Start a garden journal, if you haven't done so already. It's a great way to capture successes and even failures to help plan next year's garden or changes to the landscape.

> Create your own journal on the computer or in a spiral notebook. A waterproof and smudge-proof option like the Rite in the Rain Waterproof Garden Journal can go with you into the garden.

Preserve some of your favorite flowers and memories with a flower press you make or buy, like an heirloom flower press (gardeners.com).

Just place freshly picked leaves and flowers between pieces of paper in the flower press. Use flowers at their peak of beauty for the best results. Arrange the leaves and petals as desired before pressing, since they dry the way you place them.

Once your flowers are placed in between the paper, close the press and secure the layers. Your dried flowers will be ready in a few weeks.

Speed up the process with the help of your microwave. The Terra Cotta Microwave Flower Press allows you to harvest, press, dry and create all in the same day.

Place the flowers and leaves between the wool felt dividers and secure them inside the terra cotta top and bottom. The wool pads and terra cotta absorb the moisture as the microwave heats for quick drying.

Capture the color, fragrance, and relaxing benefits of laven-

der by filling small sachet bags with flower buds to place in a desk, nightstand, or drawer.

Take this one step further and create lavender wands from 10 to 30 flowering stems and a bit of ribbon. These attractive wands capture the lavender fragrance and make great gifts.

Pickle cucumbers or other vegetables to enjoy throughout the garden season and beyond. You'll find an assortment of pickling crocks on the market but consider elevating your pickles to gourmet status by fermenting them in The Amazing Pickle Barrel made of lightly toasted white oak. You and your guests will enjoy the oak barrel adds.

Keep the flavor of your garden alive all year long. Pick and dry herbs for winter meals and holiday gifts. Gather the herbs into small bundles and secure them with a rubber band. As the stems shrink so does the rubber band.

Use a spring-type clothespin to hang the bundles from a clothesline in a dry, airy place that is out of direct sunlight for drying. Save space and dress up the display with an herb drying rack that holds six bunches of flowers, hot peppers, or garlic.

Keep carrots, beets, and turnips fresh and crisp for months after harvest with proper storage. Most gardeners don't have a root cellar or sufficient room in the refrigerator.

Consider packing them in layers of damp sand or sawdust placed in a root storage bin. Set the bin in a cool dark place and retrieve the vegetables as needed.

Try these and other creative ways to extend your garden enjoyment beyond the end of the growing season.

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

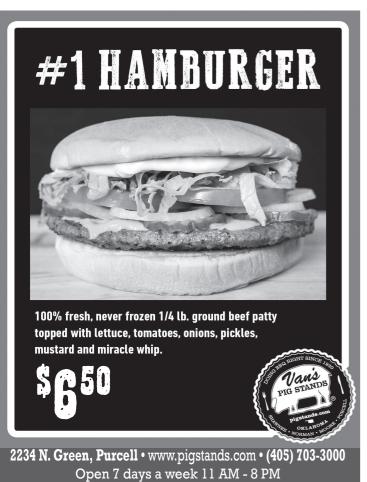
She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" TV and radio program.

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Washington Class of 1983 to hold reunion

AngieSteele

Washington Correspondent green beans, garlic bread.

Save the date! The Washington Warrior Class of 1983 will celebrate their 40 year reunion fritters, peas, carrots. 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, be available.

Please send RSVP's and pictures you may have to Karen Stacher at KarenStacher@ yahoo.com.

Letter from Washington Public School

Families,

As the new school year rapidly approaches, we want to ensure you have all the details you need for the upcoming school year. We are excited to see our students and staff returning to the classroom and look forward to all the hard work and success that the upcoming year will bring.

School starts Tuesday, August 15, and Open House will be taking place on Monday, August 14, from 5-7 p.m. For additional information on the 23-24 school year, click on our for 59 years and below. back-to-school tab located on throughout the summer.

We at Washington Public Schools recognize the collaborative effort it takes to make a successful year. We are eager and excited to work together to support your children and p.m. ensure that everyone has a positive and rewarding 23-24 school year.

Washington School Supply

Washington School's website has back to school information including school supply lists. They have implemented TeacherLists to place all supply lists online for your shopping convenience.

Check the website for updates at wps-isd.com.

MANNA

All sixth grade boys in Washington and surrounding areas Axe. are invited to MANNA. This is a monthly meet-up where Casady. 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**

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 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 July 6-August 4: Thursday, July 6—Chicken and noodles, peas/carrots.

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

Monday, July 10—Hamburg-

ers, cheese slices, oven fries. Tuesday, July 11—King

Ranch chicken, Mexican corn. Wednesday, July 12—Beans. rice, spinach.

tetrazzini, broccoli. Friday, July 14—Steak frit-

ters, mashed potatoes, green being Diabetes type 2. Heart beans.

gravy, biscuits, scrambled eggs, hash browns. Tuesday, July 18—Baked

chicken, vegetables.

beef stew, corn, cornbread. Thursday, July 20—Ham,

sweet potatoes.

Monday, July 24—Hot dogs,

Tuesday, July 25—Chicken

Wednesday, July 26—Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice.

Thursday, July 27—White bean chili with chicken, cornbread. Friday, July 28—Meatloaf,

water, tea and a cash bar will mashed potatoes, gravy, green Monday, July 31—Taco

salad, tortilla chips, chili beans. Tuesday, August 1—Spaghetti with meat sauce, green

beans. Wednesday, August 2— Dear Washington Schools Smoked sausage, baked beans, corn casserole.

> Thursday, August 3—Chicken and noodles, peas and carrots.

> Friday, August 4—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

Friday Music Jams start at 10 our website at wps-isd.com. a.m. until? Anyone is welcome We will update information 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

Meetings are scheduled for 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

August 7—MS Fastpitch, home vs. Tuttle.

August 8-HS Fastpitch at Tuttle; MS Fastpitch, at Little

August 10—HS Fastpitch at

August 11—HS Fastpitch at

Tuttle Festival.

Dale K. Graham Veterans **Foundation**

We hope that all of you were able to enjoy the 4th of July Independence Day Celebration with family and friends. Our small town of Washington's Volunteer Fire Department sponsors a fireworks display along with Did you know that you don't a fish fry each year for all of us in our community. Needless to say, all of us had a great time celebrating Independence Day.

Last week a lot of the veterans helps us to keep meal deliveries and surviving spouses who we going for our seniors who can't represent were approved for VA benefits. With so many of us in our country facing financial difficulties due to the continual increased cost of everything we purchase, the VA compensation payment will help many in our community.

The Pact Act that came into effect Jan. 1, 2023 will give veterans presumptive exposure to Agent Orange in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Guam and Johnson Island. This means that veterans who served in some areas of those locations during the Vietnam era may now be service connected for any of the presumptive conditions associ-

Thursday, July 13—Chicken ated with that chemical. The list has many diseases listed with the most common Conditions, Prostate Cancer, Monday, July 17—Sausage Lung Cancer along with many

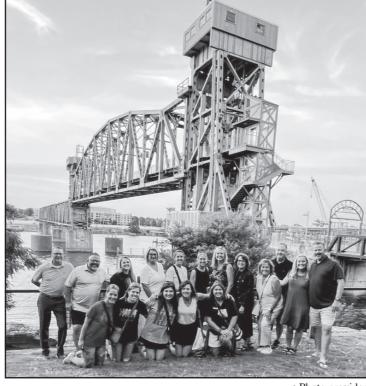
My suggestion to veterans and surviving spouses is to let us see if we can help you receive VA Wednesday, July 19—Ground benefits. I want you to know that our services are free to all.

To start our process, login to dkgvf.org to fill out and scan Friday, July 21—Lasagna, your information into our Intake



Raffle winner

Congratulations to raffle winner Richard Horton! Enjoy the table and chairs. We appreciate all who donated and we sincerely appreciate your generosity.



Teachers attend conference

Washington Public School staff had a fun and engaging few days of learning in Little Rock, Ark., at the SolutionTree PLC conference providing the opportunity to learn, grow, and network as educators.

Q program. By using our digital The tournament is Monday, 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. Usspouses 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 serviceconnected 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.

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.

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system, veterans do not have October 9, at 8 a.m. All baskets and silent auction items will need to be received by Friday, September 15.

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Consistency Week

Wrapped up Consistency Week with @WarriorsWPS with our second annual Washington Warriors Day. These guys absolutely dominate and show up every day and get after it. High school boys recognized were Tanner Olson, Cole Beller and Garrett Riley. Junior high boys recognized were Sam Salledo, Jude Tanguary and Huck Autry.



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Auditor: Oklahoma spent millions of federal dollars incorrectly

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Oklahoma Watch

A private school voucher program funded with federal pandemic relief dollars selected schools for preferential treatment, awarded funds to families not facing financial hardship and then ran out of funds that could have been used by families that were, according to an audit released Tuesday.

Of the \$10 million Gov. Kevin Stitt allocated to the Stay in School program, \$6.5 million didn't align with the program's purpose, which was to help families impacted financially by the pandemic continue to send their children to private school.

Auditors found five private schools were given early access to apply before the program went live. One school received \$6,000 per student and the others collected the full amount of \$6,500 per student, even though the program was supposed to pay families' actual tuition costs and some of those schools don't charge tuition.

The audit examined \$14 billion in federal dollars spent in fiscal year 2021, which includes an influx of pandemic relief aid in the second half of 2020. Auditors found \$29.3 million didn't align with the program's' purpose. The \$6.5 million from Stay in School represents one of the largest.

The audit also found:

- \$12.2 million in CARES Act is questionable because the state couldn't document the payments were made for CO-VID-19 related expenditures;
- \$1.6 million in excessive administrative costs to an Oklahoma City foundation administering the emergency rental assistance program;
- \$1.8 million for the Bridge the Gap Digital Wallet program, mostly spent by participants on items that were not educational.

Federal dollars spent incorrectly could have to be repaid to the federal government.

"If the federal government decides the state must pay back these questioned costs, you and I will end up paying be to blame," Byrd said in a written statement.

Stay in School

A special interest group, Libertas Consulting, selected the five schools given preferential treatment. Though unnamed in the audit, the president of From page 5A Libertas Consulting is Jennifer Carter, who is also the senior advisor for the American Federation for Children in Oklahoma and served as campaign manager and chief of staff for former state Superintendent Janet Barresi.





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Carter was given the authority to choose the direction of the program even though she didn't have a contract with the state.

The audit doesn't identify the schools, but data obtained by Oklahoma Watch in 2021 shows the top five recipients are: Cristo Rey Oklahoma City Catholic High School, (\$780,000); Christian Heritage Academy in Del City (\$591,500); Crossover Prep



Academy in Tulsa (\$526,500); Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School in Oklahoma City (\$403,000); and Bishop Kelley High School in Tulsa (\$323,950). It's unknown if these are the five schools given preferential treatment.

Bridge the Gap Digital

Bridge the Gap provided \$1,500 grants to low-income families to buy educational materials such as computers and books. Some bought smartphones, TVs, video game consoles, Christmas trees and barbeque grills, among other

An investigation by Oklahoma Watch and The Frontier in 2022 revealed misspending, but Byrd's audit said the scope is even larger at \$1.7 million.

Oklahoma contracted with Florida-based ClassWallet to manage Stay in School and Digital Wallet. The state filed a lawsuit against ClassWallet in 2022 but Attorney General Gentner Drummond dismissed the case in January, saying the company isn't in the wrong and the investigation should focus

on "state actors" instead. Asked for Walters' response to the audit, Press Secretary Justin Holcomb said Classthe bill. If that happens, gross Wallet should work with the mismanagement and lack of federal government to recover ers spent last summer vetting compliance and oversight will any misused funds. A spokeswoman for the governor, Kate Vesper, echoed his statement, saying the vendor should be held accountable and the auditor's report supports that.

CARES Act spending

The audit said more than \$11 million in pandemic spending under the 2020 federal CARES Act didn't have supporting documentation or proof that the supplies or equipment had been received.

The governor's office, through its CARES Forward team, directed much of that spending by setting up a scoring matrix for projects in consultation with cabinet secretaries and agency directors.

The audit said its sample of reimbursements to agencies also showed possible overspending of \$101,200 on COVID-19 tests. It also found a duplicate payroll reimbursement to the Department of Veterans Affairs of more than \$594,000 in December 2020.

"Without maintaining project score sheets or having written procedures on how the projects were approved, we are unsure if some projects had been properly reviewed and approved by the steering committee and the governor," the audit said. "In addition, CARES Forward may have reimbursed unallowable costs by not performing an adequate review of the supporting documentation and instead relied on the attestation and reimbursement request for their support."

In response to the finding, the Office of Management and Enterprise Services said it created a Grant Management Office in June 2021 to better track and review federal grant

State agencies received a total of \$850 million in CARES Act funds under that first round of coronavirus relief from the federal government. Because the CARES Act money was spent in multiple state fiscal years, some of that spending has already been flagged by auditors or investigators in previous reports.

The Legislature was largely cut out of directing any of the CARES Act funds in the first phase of the pandemic. That led it to reassert its authority when the federal government sent more than \$1.87 billion in American Rescue Plan Act funds to the state. Lawmakprojects and have now allocated almost all of that money under that federal pandemic relief

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bee and hive care, equipment needs, bee types, hive diseases and health. The workshop will also cover making and selling honey and offer budget guidance on financially managing a beehive operation.

Featured speakers include OSU Extension educators Josh Campbell, J.J. Jones and Olivia Toothman as well as beekeeper Steve Easom.

A \$20 registration fee will cover the cost of lunch. To reserve a spot at the workshop, register through the online form or contact the Oklahoma County Extension office to submit payment information.

The event is sponsored by the Southern Risk Management Education Center.

For more information, contact J.J. Jones at 580-332-7011 or jj.jones@okstate.edu.

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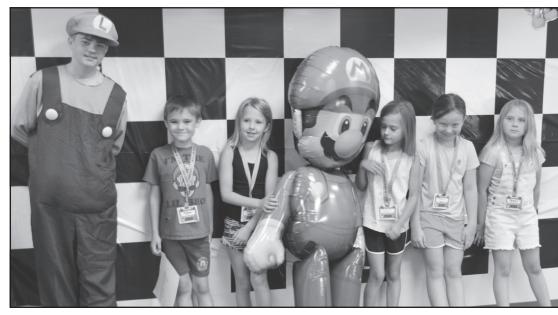
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Brother Dennis Clark brought care of you. the morning message from Ephesians 6:10-14. He said most of today's society does not acknowledge the Bible as the Word of God. The government is of this world. They do not turn to God.

The evening lesson was from Psalm 61. He is the perfect Father and sensitive to our needs. He feels what we feel

Brother John Wylie returns to our pulpit this coming Sunday. We will have our quarterly business meeting at our evening service. Snacks and fellowship will follow.

On July 16 we will be taking a all activities. We need to identify that the special offering to help with the enemy is satan. We need to be expense of exterior work on our right with God. He is calling building. Torres Construction us to stand against our enemy. of Oklahoma City will begin

On July 23, we will be observing the Lord's Supper at our evening service. Sunray will be hold Vacation Bible School and is always right. God takes the week of July 24-28 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. Classes will be available for preschool to sixth grade. Pam Kyzer will be our VBS director.

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Sunday in Ordinary Time. understand." This week's Gospel reading is Matthew 11:25-30.

Jesus made many references to little children such as, "let the little children come to me," and "thank you Father for revealing truths to little children." Little children contrast with learned, clever and authoritative adults.

Little ones are not immediately skeptical of what Jesus has to say. Humbling oneself before Jesus, or anyone for that matter, is difficult for adults.

We might say, "Now Jepressure I am under. I have a

July 9, 2023 is the 14th and on, and you just do not is rest for our souls.

Then Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light."

And then we might say, "Did you not hear me? I do not have time or energy to take your yoke; I am already worn out."

We know from other readings that following Christ is not sus, you just do not know the easy. But if we are yoked with Christ, he shares in our burdens. family, a mortgage, car pay- He does not promise us a life ments, house repairs, and on of ease. What he promises us

The peace we feel when we lay down at night is complete. Yes, our bodies may be tired, but our souls are at peace.

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. The office number is 405-527-3077.

Weekend mass services are Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. (Spanish). There are no daily masses this week.

Peace be with you.

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Front-Porch Gospel: 'Lick that calf again'!

About a decade ago, I heard from the window, she came the great motivational speaker Zig Ziglar tell a memorable story that contained a powerful lesson. He was speaking at of students whom I had taken to hear the iconic speaker.

I'll never forget how Mr. Ziglar owned the stage that day, bouncing around with the vigor of a teenager, telling story after story about his life experiences. This particular story was from when he was a boy after his family had just moved from Alabama to rural Mississippi. One day when he was about 10, his mama told him to go outside and hoe the garden.

He grabbed the hoe and did as he was told, without complaint. After about half an hour, maybe she had been watching him he still protested.

out to inspect his work. He described the sad scene with the classic Zig Ziglar chuckle:

"Iknew the inspection wasn't Dallas' Reunion Arena in front going to go the way I wanted," of several thousand motivation he laughed, "just by the way enthusiasts, including a group my mama was walking on the way out there. Whenever I did a shabby job of something, she'd always put her hands behind her back as she walked; and she'd shake her head the whole way."

Sure enough, that day she threw her hands behind her and was shaking her head before she had taken 10 steps toward the garden. Things did not look up for Zig once she got sight of his work, either. She took one look at the halfway-tilled garden, grimaced, and with a scowl, said, "Son, you've got to lick this calf again."

He knew what it meant, but

"What do you mean, Mama?" "I mean you've got to do this job again. You can do better than that." "But, Mama," Zig protested

again, "most mamas don't make their sons do any better job than this!" "That may be," snapped his mama, "but you're not 'most

mamas' son." With that, she turned and

walked away from the garden just the way she had walked out to it.

For the record, the son of this particular Mississippi mama sweated a good while longer in the garden that day, licking that calf again.

P.S.: By the way, regarding the Lord's work, we might want to see about licking the calf again, too. You understand.

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Our Lady of Victory servers

The altar servers from Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church enjoyed a picnic and trip to the Pauls Valley Waterpark on Friday in appreciation for their work and dedication. About 30 people from the parish were in attendance.

Lexington School announces honor roll students

Elementary School

School has announced honor rolls for the second semester Stephanie Gonzalez, Chloe Liam Perkins, Wyatt Rollings, of the 2022-2023 term.

Superintendent's Honor Roll students have no grade lower than an A. Students named to the Principal's Honor Roll have no grade lower than a B.

Third Grade

Superintendent's Genesis Arteaga Licea, Cody Beason, Dannapaola Chavez Olguin, Emily Cooper, Amber Espinoza Trejo, Samantha Ganster, Santana George, Hadley Givens, McKinley Harmoning, Tarance Hinds, Cambree Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Jayce Lippel, Tatum Lowe, Shaela Melvin, Cristal Ocampo, Neymar Olguin-Acevedo and Glory Waitz.

Principal's

Emma Alexander, Eli Alford, Kenneth Allison, Breckyn Anderson, Hazel Anderson, Jaydelynn Barczak, Bode Bettes, Georgia Bowling, Nathanial Brunson, Addyson Burns,

Lexington Elementary Ethan Espinoza Trejo, Wyatt Mullins, Quinn Munday, Au-Frazier, Natalie Gabehart, tumn Neff, Samuel Olguin, Greene, Peter Huerta, Kinzley Cooper Ross, Molly Stolhand, Huzarski, Loriann Johnson, Lyrick Taylor, Emillia Tores, Kredence Kaminski, Brooklyn Keesee, Rayven Lakey, Haylee Bryson Vanoostrum, Meadow Leon, Alexander Littleton, Emalyn Maldonado, Kash McRavin, Noah Messinger, Marcus Meyer, Mayzie Moss, Abigail Moulton, Maizy Murphy, Melanie Neidel, Aubrey Petit, Brendan Reich-Hanger, Layla Roberts, Hayden Rollins, Tucker Tolliver, Gala Torres, Ezri Townsend, Adrian Yoyles, Cason Wilhelm, Dean Williamson, Joseph Williamson, Tannon Wood and Kayleigh Wright.

Second Grade Superintendent's

Miranda Adkins, Gene Bealsey-Swafford, Karrina Cardenas, Savayah Carter, Jacob Cline, Grasen Cook, Kellin Eck, Jerrod Haley, Miklyn Harmoning, Greenlee Hill, Jarek Johnson, Colt King, Viliamu Samara Cavener, Lane Collins, Langstaff, Sarilyn Lobaugh, Ava Daniels, Adalaine Downs, Oriana Massengale, Kendall guin, Emily Cook, Enzy Ea-

Avery Tullis, Payton Tyes, Vile and Samson Vinson.

Principal's

Sherman Bledsoe, Aleah Bollinger, Charleston Brown, Ozzlynn Claunch, Corbin Cress, Lexi Cunha, Logan Dobry, Keith Dunn, Chasity Hill, Brinleigh Hooser, Kymbree Klupenger, Shevis Melvin, Keeley Merrick, Kenzzie Miller, Theodore Neidel, Jace Nere, Raelynn Nere, Macy Parker, Carter Reed, Gunnar Rehl, Zayvian Santillana, Benjamin Toops, Zoe Toops, Oliver Trejo, Damire Walters, Nicholas Wheeler, Kasynn Williamson and Ruger Wilson.

First Grade Superintendent's

Kiersten Bittner, Jose Calvillo, Kato Cardenas, Corbin Chandler, Erick Chavez Olsom, Colton Fielding, Wyatt Hellberg, Amilah Inthisane-Walker, Connar Johnson, Beckett Lachance, Kyzer Madden, James Meyer, Baker Moore, Logan Ocampo Resendiz, Jade Padilla, Tyce Price, Xavier Robinson, Brynlee Rubes, Rowan Shadid, Alyssa Shelton, Daphne Stolhand, Quinn Taylor and Isabella Terlizzi.

Principal's

Kendra Allison, Sawsan Almaliki, Ramon Argueta, Zabre Barczak, Ezra Brown, Alexa Cervantes Trejo, Nathan Clark, Zoey Cook, Deelani Dodd, Brayden Fields, Kaisly Finson, Emalaina Hall, Aubrey Haynes, Charli Henderson, Bailey Hooper, Oakley Kaminski, Ryder Kaminski, Amelia Littleton, Veto Lovell, Jordan Maxon, Ahna Meyer, Henry Murphy, Ivy Nere, Ariel Olguin Acevedo, Brylee Partain, Ian Ray, Ana Rodriguez Zuniga, Aiden Rojo, Abigail South, Camila Trejo, Alexei Velasco, Makynna Vile, Ahunna Wright and Luis Zuniga Anguiano.

Andes, Carl Brunson, Evelyn

Carpenter, Shayna Caruthers,

Guss Collins, Allie Corn, Ja-

koby Dawson, Sarah Dixon,

Kayden Eck, Aubrey Gabe-

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tion. 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.

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

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Angie Steele

Intermediate School

Lexington Intermediate Caden Hill, Alaysha Hinds, Vile and Piper Waitz. rolls for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school term.

Superintendent's Honor Roll students have no grade lower than an A.

Students named to the Principal's Honor Roll must have Gustin, Payton Houck, Aiden a 3.0 grade point average or no Johnson, Jordyn Johnson, grade lower than B.

Fifth Grade Superintendent's

Bryn Easom, Jesse Hellberg, lyn Tyes, Keagen Tyes, Myler

School has announced honor Hank Madden, Gracie Powell, Sophia Rubio and Luke Spears.

Principal's

Agustin Argueta, Alexander Bledsoe, Daniel Chavez, Emerson Conner, Camden Elkins, Molly Gabehart, Kimberlynn Nicholas Kessler, Summer LaChance, Corbin Langford, Morgan Meer, Ian Neff, Kelsey Jillian Brock, Levi Downs, Terlizzi, Ronin Townsend, Jaz-

Fourth Grade

Superintendent's

Alexa Argueta, Katrina Barczak, Rhett Buol, Grady Fields, Elias Free, Trinity Greene, hart, Jace Garver, Jacob Gore, Rickey Jones, Brayden Ketchie, Channing Hayes, Cody Hinkle, Yaretzi Lopez Gutierrez, Hel- Brooklynn Huffert, Quincy len Mathews, Gael Resendiz Lancaster, Lilly Lynn, Eli Chavez, Addison Schramm, McAfee, Talen Mowdy, Devin Layla Torres, Brizza Trejo, Navarro, Carter Perkins, Bently Ethan Troyano and Taben Petit, Vanessa Rodriguez

Principal's Brooklyn Adams, Wyatt amd Rhyatt Wise.

Trejo Olguin, Brooklyn Veach,

Phyllis Webb and Kai-Lani

Sixth Grade

Superintendent's

Cavener, Safira Christensen,

Emma Garrett, Jasmin Henson,

Saige Mowdy, Lexi Mundell,

Guzman, Ayline Olguin-Ace-

vedo, Kynlee Page, Hunter

Winona Broome, Nina

Kaius Walter, Gracie Jane White, Julianne Winterton and Michelle Zuniga.

Zuniga, McKenzie Somers,

Layken Taylor, Eden Walter

Principal's

Kolton Ryder Alexander, Autumn Bryant, Santiago Chavez, Corbin Combs, Paisley Compton, Elijah Dawson, Justan Duncan, McKinley Fowler, McKala Fox, Jhovany Fuentes, Silas Grizzle, Kashton Haynes, Kambri Henry, Destiny Hill, Desiree Lynn, Addison McBride, Jaedyn McCoy, Ezra Northrup, Taya Ridley, Jocelyn Rojo, Phoenix Semonoviche, Temperance Sides, John David Vinson and Abigail Walker.

Middle School

Wheeler.

Lexington Middle School has Johnson, Lane Moore, Uriel ers, Charles Powell, Peyton announced honor rolls for the Saldana, Emma Stone, William Senn, River Thompson, Aaron second semester of the 2022- Uglean and Peyton Veley. 2023 school term.

Superintendent's Honor Roll students have no grade lower than an A.

grade lower than B.

Eighth Grade Superintendent's

Chloe Becker, Kash Klupenger and Tia Peery.

Seventh Grade

Superintendent's

Reece Beason, Valeria Chavez, Cash Dierking, Emily Students named to the Prin- Greene, Sydney Hellberg, Jaycipal's Honor Roll must have da Idlett, Rolin Loux, McClain a 3.0 grade point average or no Moore, Xavier Perry, Kale Reynolds, Dulce Rodriguez-Zuniga, Cody Rollins, Abbigail Alan Munoz, Emily Ocampo Snow and Emma Turnpaugh.

Principal's

Ellee Andes, Wyatt Colvin, Paul, Adilenee Rojo, Charlie Joseph Downs, Cote Garver, Ross, Kelsi Thetford, Autumn Addison Abbott, Madalyn Hallee Haswell, Bailey John- Thompson, Jaxon Torres, Kay-Farley, Leslie Ibarra, Lilian son, Rilie Merrell, Brady My- lee Vaughn, Aviana Walker,

High School

announced honor rolls for the Janelle Winterton. second semester of the 2022-20223 school term.

Superintendent's Honor Roll students have no grade lower ens, Adeline Gower, Carla than an A.

cipal's Honor Roll must have Marisa Northrup, Katie Paulus, a 3.0 grade point average or no Emilee Pierce, Travis Rollins, grade lower than B.

Seniors Superintendent's

Rylee Beason, Haven Benson, Gracie Bradsher, Lexi Ev-Franks, Destiny Free, Roberto Garcia, Lauren Hooper, Kam-Price and Lydia Taylor.

Principal's

Fink, Alejandra Garcia, Abi-Lucas Morris-Peacock, Baron Morgan, Hunter Olson, Jordan dale, Carl Taber, Briana Tarp Woody.

Juniors Superintendent's

Natlie Dicksion, Kiely Giv-Hamm, Haylee Jenks, Gage Students named to the Prin- LaGace, Thore Langford, Adam Sample, Elena Serrano, Maison Sissney and Jarrett

Principal's

ans, Ezra Faulkenberry, Brycen Bean, Kallee Boatwright, Regan Boatwright, Nathan Brewer, Logan Carroll, Abi dyn King, Izzy Pack, Nakyia Clifton, Kylie Cole, Drew Dierking, Zeke Faulkenberry, gail Leon, Maddison Manuel, Ty Mixon, Charli Moore, Avin Meagan Smith, Jesse Stock-

Lexington High School has Steelman, Kat Swales and Perry, Maci Richards, Abby and Spencer Vanoostrum. Sample and Daemeon Swales.

Sophomores Superintendent's

Daisy Fuentes, Jamie Grizzle, Brooklyn Johnson, Julie Mitchell, David Ocampo, Yasmin Ocampo, Elijah Pearman, Teegan Reed, Klauen Shird and Savannah Warren.

Principal's

Alexandria Abele, Dalton Brewer, Ava Burgess, Lizabeth Camacho-Madrid, Christian Maddison Allen, Landri Chase, Paige Claunch, Ryan Cormany, Ingrid Espinoza-Trejo, Alexandra Fisher-Owen, James Hulbert, Faith Humbolt, Jace Johnson, Aspen Landers,

Freshmen

Mackenzie Benson, Nizhoni Bitseedy, Danica Bjork, Courtney Dicksion, Cameron Haley, Boston Huffert, Sarah Potts, Katelyn Sieja and Lexie Torres.

Superintendent's

Principal's

Brodie Anderson, Madison Bonner, Brooklynn Davis, Micaiah Downs, Pyper Dunn, Bailie Forbes, Cale Garver, Colby Haynes, Elliena Hicks, Destiny Holler-Willess, Hallie Johnson, Leszley Kahler, Addison Kessler, Ryan Lawson, Issac Martin, Abygail Navarro, Yaresly Ocampo-Resendiz, Cash Lippel, Kimberly Miner, Kora Parker, Hunter Paulus, Tucker Flemming, Emma Joselyn Munoz, Itzel Nunez, Lily Privett, Kadance Sparks, Jayce Dunaway, Mason Gower, Jordan Hardy, Emma Mariela Ocampo-Guzman, Co- Jackie Thompson, Andrew Hokett, Alie Holler-Willess, rey Ramsey, Baylee Rillema, Urie, Axel Velasco, Camron Weatherford and Samantha

No. 504-July 6-3 Times

Construction

Elementary Projects

July 26th, 2023

Bid Advertisement

Owner: Washington Public

Construction Manager: Goldsby

Solicitation For Bidders For:

Solicitation Date: July 6th, 2023.

Bid Deadline: 2:00pm CDST

Place: Sealed Bids Will Be

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 come out and enjoy 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! Family friendly atmosphere!

The phone number for the center is 405-527-5070. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions about anything we offer.

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 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 10-14: Monday-Pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, fruit salad.

Tuesday-Ham and cheese hoagie, potato salad, coleslaw, chocolate fruit.

Wednesday—Chicken and noodle casserole, tossed salad, broccoli, garlic bread, fruit. Thursday—Beef stew, oven fried okra, cornbread, lemon

pudding. Friday—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, bread, 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.

No. 499-July 6-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of ELVIS WAYNE ROLLINS, Deceased

Case No. PB-2022-129 NOTICE OF HEARING RETURN OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that Sabrina Lynn West, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of Elvis Wayne Rollins, Deceased, has returned and presented for confirmation, and filed in said Court, her Return of Sale of the following-described real property of said estate, located in Cleveland

County, Oklahoma, to-wit: Lot Six (6), in Block Five (5), in

SUNSET ADDITION to Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat

Property address: 1210 Iowa Street, Norman, Oklahoma. Sale Price: \$35,000.00

That the 20th day of July, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., in the Courtroom of the District Court in the County Courthouse in McClain County, in said County and State, has been duly appointed by said Court for hearing said Return, at which time any person interested in said estate may appear and file exceptions, in writing, to said Return and contest the same, and are hereby referred to said Return

for further particulars. Dated this 27th day of June,

sentative

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

APPROVED: /s/ Brian L. Hill BRIAN L. HILL, OBA #20727 LAUREN A. CAMPBELL, OBA Ball Morse Lowe PLLC

531 Couch Drive, Suite 201

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Telephone: (405) 701-6809 Facsimile: (405) 701-2830 lcampbell@bml.law Attorneys for Personal Repre-

Submitted Online Via Building Connected. Project Contact: Tyler Graves -

Bid Date, Time & Place:

Tyler@GoldsbyConstruction.com

Legal Publications

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, De-

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

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 heirsat-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

The 10th day of August, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. has been appointed as the time for hearing the Petition

Heirs, Executors, Administra-

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/oTRACY 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

ministrators, Devisees, Trustees

and Assigns of and the Unknown

LES LESLIE died intestate on October 9. 1992. and was a resident of Intestate Estates of ELIJAH 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,

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE **DISTRICT JUDGE** JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT TRACY L. BROCK, OBA

#018075 PARMAN & EASTERDAY ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS

13913-B Quail Pointe Drive Oklahoma City, OK 73134 Telephone: (405) 843-6100 Facsimile: (405) 917-7018

Davis, Deceased, Mildred Bean,

Attorneys for Petitioner

No. 500-July 6-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CAROL ANN DAVIS, as TRUSTEE OF THE CAROL ANN DAVIS TRUST, DATED THE 13th DAY OF MAY 2014, MARY LOU DAVIS, TRUSTEE OF THE JIMMY AND MARY LOU DAVIS LIVING TRUST, DATED NOVEMBER 13, 1998, EVELYN MAE HARKINS, KATHY KENDALL, SANDRA MCKINLEY and SUSAN HARRIS,

1. JOSEPH MARCELOUS DAVIS, a/k/a J.M. DAVIS, Deceased, 2. TRESSIE DAVIS, Deceased, 3. WILLIE LOY, a/k/a LLOYD DA-VIS, a/k/a WILL DAVIS, Deceased, 4. KATIE HEDRICK, a/k/a CATH-RIN HEDRICK, nee DAVIS, De-

5. GEORGE MARION DAVIS, 6. LEONARD LANCE DAVIS,

Deceased, 7. SOPHIA MELVINA COLLINS, nee DAVIS, Deceased,

8. DOLLIE MAY CURNUTT, nee DAVIS, a/k/a DOLLEY CURNUTT, nee DAVIS, Deceased, 9. ALLEN DAVID DAVIS, De-

10. EARL MICHAEL DAVIS, De-

11. SYLVIA EVELYN SCOTT, nee DAVIS, Deceased,

12. ROSE/ROSA/ROSEY/ROSIE LANGHAM, nee SHERWOOD, Deceased.

13. ALMEADY WARD, nee SHER-WOOD, Deceased, 14. DAVID HEDRICK, Deceased,

15. JOSIE M. OWEN, nee HED-

16. DOVIE SMITH, nee HEDRICK, I7. DELLA LEE SINES, nee HE-

18. JOSIE LORRAINE or LORENE CALDWELL, nee DAVIS, Deceased.

19. RUBY DAVIS, Deceased, 20. JACK DAVIS, Deceased, 21. JIMMIE DAVIS, Deceased, 22. MARGIE ROBERTS, nee DA-

VIS, Deceased. 23. MILDRED BEAN, nee DAVIS, Deceased

24. BILLY RAY BEAN, Deceased, 25. JUDY BEAN,

26. ALFRED BEAN, Deceased, 27. BOBBY BEAN, Deceased, 28. MARGIE ROBERTS, nee DA-

VIS. Deceased 29. SHEBA DAVIS

30. OSWALD (OTT) DAVIS, 31. A.D. DAVIS

32. DOROTHY DAVIS, 33. ANCEL DAVIS,

34. CAROLSUE HALL, nee DAVIS,

35. MELINDA WEBER 36. DARLENE MACHÉMEHL

37. ROBERT H. MACHEMEHL 38. MARION CURNUTT,

39. MARJORIE CURNUTT 40. BOBBY GEORGE CURNUTT,

41. ROSE LATHAM DAVIS, 42. DONALD GENE DAVIS

43. COMEL MARCELLUS DAVIS, 44. OPHELIA CARRIGAN DAVIS,

Deceased, 45. BOBBIE EARL DAVIS, De-

ceased 46. ANNE DUNN, nee DAVIS,

47. SHARON L. SCOTT, 48. MARTIN R. SCOTT,

49. WILLIAM J. SCOTT, 50. MELISSA S. BISHOP, 51. TRESSIE LANGHAM, De-

52. EARL RAY LANGHAM, Deceased.

53. TRÚLAN WARD, 54. LLOYD WARD,

55. BILLY JOE WARD, 56. TRESSIE FULTON, nee WARD, 57. BETTY JUNE SILVA, nee

58. WEIDA NELL NIX, nee CALDWELL, Deceased,

59. HERSHEL A. MOORE 60. EDDIE M. STEPHENSON, a/k/a MARION EDDIE STEPHEN-

61. MELODI FRANCES MCKIN-LEY STEPHENSON. 62. JOSEPH W. HAYHURST, JR., and the Unknown Successors,

tors, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of JOSEPH MARCE-LOUS DAVIS, a/k/a J.M. DAVIS, Deceased, TRESSIE DAVIS, Deceased, WILLIE LOY, a/k/a LLOYD DAVIS, a/k/a WILL DAVIS, Deceased, KATIE HEDRICK, a/k/a CATHRIN HEDRICK, nee DAVIS, Deceased, GEORGE MARION DAVIS, Deceased, LEONARD LANCE DAVIS, Deceased, SO-PHIA MELVINA COLLINS, nee DAVIS, Deceased, DOLLIE MAY CURNUTT, nee DAVIS, a/k/a DOLLEY CURNUTT, nee DAVIS, Deceased, ALLEN DAVID DAVIS, Deceased, EARL MICHAEL DA-VIS, Deceased, SYLVIA EVELYN SCOTT, nee DAVIS, Deceased, ROSE/ROSA/ROSEY/ROSIE LANGHAM, nee SHERWOOD, Deceased, ALMEADY WARD, nee SHERWOOD, Deceased, DAVID HEDRICK, Deceased, JOSIE LORRAINE or LORENE CALDWELL, nee DAVIS, Deceased, RUBY DAVIS, Deceased, JACK DAVIS, Deceased, JIMMIE DAVIS, Deceased, MARGIEROB-ERTS, nee DAVIS, Deceased, OPHELIA CARRIGAN DAVIS, Deceased, BOBBIE EARL DA-VIS, Deceased, MILDRED BEAN, nee DAVIS, Deceased, BILLY RAY BEAN, Deceased, ALFRED BEAN, Deceased, BOBBY BEAN, Deceased, MARGIE ROBERTS, nee DAVIS, Deceased, TRESSIE LANGHAM, Deceased, EARL RAY LANGHAM, Deceased and WEIDA NELL NIX, nee CALDWELL, Deceased, and if any of the Defendants above are deceased, their Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns, Defendants.

CV-2023-128 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Joseph Marcelous Davis, Deceased, Tressie Davis, Deceased, Willie Loy, a/k/a, Lloyd, Will Davis, Deceased, Katie or Cathrin Hedrick, nee Davis, Deceased, George Marion Davis, Deceased, Leonard Lance Davis, Deceased, Sophia Melvina Collins, nee Davis, Deceased, Dollie May Curnutt, nee Davis, Dolley Curnutt, nee Davis, Deceased, Allen David Davis, Deceased, Earl Michael Davis, Deceased, Sylvia Evelyn Scott, nee Davis, Deceased, Rose/ Rosa/Rosey/Rosie Langham, nee Sherwood, Deceased, Almeady Ward, nee Sherwood, Deceased, David Hedrick, Deceased, Josie Owen, nee Hedrick, Dovie Smith, nee Hedrick, Della Lee Sines, nee Hedrick, Josie Lorraine or Lorene Caldwell, nee Davis, Deceased, Ruby Davis, Deceased, Jack Davis, Deceased, Jimmie Davis, Deceased, Margie Roberts, nee Davis, Deceased, Mildred Bean, nee Davis, Deceased, Billy Ray Bean, Deceased, Judy Bean, Alfred Bean, Deceased, Bobby Bean, Deceased, Margie Roberts, nee Davis, Deceased, Kathy Kendall, Sandra Mckinley, Susan Harris, Sheba Davis, Oswald (Ott) Davis, A.D. Davis, Dorothy Davis, Ancel Davis, Carol Sue Hall, nee Davis, Melinda Weber, Darlene Machemehl, Robert H. Machemehl, Marion Curnutt, Marjorie Curnutt, Bobby George Curnutt, Rose Davis, Donald Gene Davis, Comel Marcellus Davis, Ophelia Carrigan Davis, Deceased, Bobbie Earl Davis, Deceased, Anne Dunn, nee Davis, Sharon L. Scott, Martin R. Scott, William J. Scott, Melissa S. Bishop, Tressie Langham, Deceased, Earl Ray Langham, Deceased, Trulan Ward, Lloyd Ward, Billy Joe Ward, Tressie Fulton, nee Ward, Betty June Silva, nee Ward, Weida Nell Nix, nee Caldwell, Deceased, Hershel A. Moore, Rose Latham Davis, Donald Gene Davis, Eddie M. Stephenson, a/k/a Marion Eddie Stephenson, Melodi Frances McKinley Stephenson, Joseph W. Hayhurst, Jr. and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Ad-

Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Joseph Marcelous Davis, a/k/a J.M. Davis, Deceased. Tressie Davis, Deceased, Willie Loy, a/k/a Lloyd Davis, a/k/a Will Davis, Deceased, Katie Hedrick, a/k/a Cathrin Hedrick, nee Davis, Deceased, George Marion Davis, Deceased, Leonard Lance Davis, Deceased, Sophia Melvina Collins, nee Davis, Deceased, Dollie May Curnutt, nee Davis, a/k/a Dolley Curnutt, nee Davis, Deceased, Allen David Davis, Deceased, Earl Michael Davis, Deceased, Sylvia Evelyn Scott, nee Davis, Deceased, Rose/Rosa/Rosey/ Rosie Langham, nee Sherwood, Deceased, Almeady Ward, nee Sherwood, Deceased, David Hedrick, Deceased, Josie Lorraine or Lorene Caldwell, nee Davis, Deceased, Ruby Davis, Deceased, Jack Davis, Deceased, Jimmie Davis, Deceased, Margie Roberts, nee Davis, Deceased, Mildred Bean, nee Davis, Deceased, Billy Ray Bean, Deceased, Alfred Bean, Deceased, Bobby Bean, Deceased, Margie Roberts, nee Davis, Deceased, Tressie Langham, Deceased, Earl Ray Langham, Deceased and Weida Nell Nix, nee Caldwell, Deceased, and if any of the Defendants above are deceased, their Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns.

The above-named Defendants will take notice that in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in the above-styled and numbered case, an action has been filed by Carol Ann Davis, as Trustee of The Carol Ann Davis Trust, Dated The 13th Day of May 2014, Mary Lou Davis, Trustee of The Jimmy and Mary Lou Davis Living Trust, Dated November 13, 1998, Evelyn Mae Harkins, Kathy Kendall, Sandra McKinley and Susan Harris to quiet any right, title, or interest in and to the real property described hereinbelow which you have or may claim to have, and you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiffs on file in said cause on or before August 21, 2023, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that the Plaintiffs are the owners of, and that the Plaintiffs are the actual owners of the legal and equitable title of the real property in and under the following described property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma as follows, to-wit (the "Property"):

East Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4 SW/4) and the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (S/2 SE/4 SW/4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 SW/4 SE/4) of Section Five (5) Township Six (6) North, Range Four (4) West, McClain County, Oklahoma.

Deceased, George Marion Davis, Ward, nee Sherwood, Deceased, Ruby Davis, Deceased, Jack Davis, Deceased, Jimmie Davis,

Deceased, Margie Roberts, nee

nee Davis, Deceased, Billy Ray Bean, Deceased, Judy Bean, Alfred Bean, Deceased, Bobby Bean, Deceased, Margie Roberts, nee Davis, Deceased, Kathy Kendall, Sandra Mckinley, Susan Harris, Sheba Davis, Oswald (Ott) Davis, A.D. Davis, Dorothy Davis, Ancel Davis, Carol Sue Hall, nee Davis, Melinda Weber, Darlene Machemehl, Robert H. Machemehl, Marion Curnutt, Marjorie Curnutt, Bobby George Curnutt, Rose Davis, Donald Gene Davis, Comel Marcellus Davis, Ophelia Carrigan Davis, Deceased, Bobbie Earl Davis, Deceased, Anne Dunn, nee Davis, Sharon L. Scott, Martin R. Scott, William J. Scott, Melissa S. Bishop, Tressie Langham, Deceased, Earl Ray Langham, Deceased, Trulan Ward, Lloyd Ward, Billy Joe Ward, Tressie Fulton, nee Ward, Betty June Silva, nee Ward, Weida Nell Nix, nee Caldwell, Deceased, Hershel A. Moore, Rose Latham Davis, Donald Gene Davis, Eddie M. Stephenson, a/k/a Marion Eddie Stephenson, Melodi Frances McKinley Stephenson, Joseph W. Hayhurst, Jr. and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators. Devisees. Trustees and Assigns of and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Joseph Marcelous Davis, a/k/a J.M. Davis, Deceased, Tressie Davis, Deceased, Willie Loy, a/k/a Lloyd Davis, a/k/a Will Davis, Deceased, Katie Hedrick, a/k/a Cathrin Hedrick, nee Davis, Deceased, George Marion Davis, Deceased, Leonard Lance Davis, Deceased, Sophia Melvina Collins, nee Davis, Deceased, Dollie May Curnutt, nee Davis, a/k/a Dolle Curnutt, nee Davis, Deceased, Allen David Davis, Deceased, Earl Michael Davis, Deceased, Sylvia Evelyn Scott, nee Davis, Deceased, Rose/Rosa/Rosey/ Rosie Langham, nee Sherwood, Deceased, Almeady Ward, nee Sherwood, Deceased, David Hedrick, Deceased, Josie Lorraine or Lorene Caldwell, nee Davis, Deceased, Ruby Davis, Deceased, Jack Davis, Deceased, Jimmie Davis, Deceased, Margie Roberts, nee Davis, Deceased, Mildred Bean, nee Davis, Deceased, Billy Ray Bean, Deceased, Alfred Bean, Deceased, Bobby Bean, Deceased, Margie Roberts, nee Davis, Deceased, Tressie Langham, Deceased, Earl Ray Langham, Deceased and Weida Nell Nix, nee Caldwell, Deceased, and if any of the Defendants above are deceased, their Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns, have no right, title, interest, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, or assessment in or to the said hereinabove described real property, and a Decree quieting and confirming the Plaintiffs' title and possession thereto, as against said Defendants and their unknown successors, and forever barring and enjoining the Defendants and their unknown successors from any and all right, title, estate, interest or equity of redemption in and to the said lands and premises, or any part thereof. WITNESS MY HAND AND

free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances, Joseph Marcelous Davis, Deceased, Tressie Davis, Deceased, Willie Loy, a/k/a, Lloyd, Will Davis, Deceased, Katie or Cathrin Hedrick, nee Davis, Deceased, Leonard Lance Davis, Deceased, Sophia Melvina Collins, nee Davis, Deceased, Dollie May Curnutt, nee Davis, Dolley Curnutt, nee Davis, Deceased, Allen David Davis, Deceased, Earl Michael Davis, Deceased, Sylvia Evelyn Scott, nee Davis, Deceased, Rose/ Rosa/Rosey/Rosie Langham, nee Sherwood, Deceased, Almeady David Hedrick, Deceased, Josie Owen, nee Hedrick, Dovie Smith, nee Hedrick, Della Lee Sines, nee Hedrick, Josie Lorraine or Lorene Caldwell, nee Davis, Deceased,

OFFICIAL SEAL this 28th day of June 2023.

McClain County Court Clerk By: /s/ Karen Weltmer Deputy Court Clerk

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

Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC 138 W. Main/P. O. Box 1565 Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 PHONE: (405) 527-7575 FAX: (405) 527-7574 Attorney for Plaintiffs

No. 497-July 6-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA JOHN E. PEEPER AND CAROL A. PEEPER, TRUSTEES OF THE PEEPER FAMILY TRUST

MICHEAL GENO BILLY MARKS. THE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHEAL GENO BILLY MARKS, IF ANY, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF THE PREMISES, IF ANY, THE COUNTY TREAURER OF Mc-CLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, and THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF McCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, Defendants. CJ-2022-213

NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION TO CONFIRM SHERIFF'S SALE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: MICHEAL GENO BILLY MARKS,

THE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN

SPOUSE OF MICHEAL GENO

BILLY MARKS, IF ANY, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OC-CUPANTS OF THE PREMISES, IF ANY, THE COUNTY TREAURER OF McCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHO-MA. and THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF McCLAIN

COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plaintiffs have filed herein a Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale in the above entitled cause. That said Motion To Confirm Sale will be heard before The Honorable Judge Leah Edwards in her Courtroom in the McClain County Courthouse on the 2nd day of August, 2023, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Unless vou appear at said time and present any objections to the said sale proceedings, the Motion To Confirm Sale will be granted and the sale shall be confirmed.

Respectfully Submitted, /s/ George William Velotta II George William Velotta II #OBA

Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC 138 W. Main/P. O. Box 1565

sel for the Plaintiffs herein states and affirms that a true and correct copy of this Notice of Hearing of Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale was mailed to all parties of record who have appeared in this case: to-wit. The McClain County, Oklahoma Treasurer and The **Board of County Commissioners** of McClain County, Oklahoma on June 27, 2023 by United States Mail, First Class, with adequate postage prepaid. /s/ George William Velotta II

Purcell, OK 73080

Fax: 405-527-7574

Phone: 405-527-7575

Attorneys for the Plaintiffs

CERTIFICATE OF

SERVICE BY MAIL

George William Velotta II, coun-

George William Velotta II **CERTIFICATE OF** NON-SERVICE TO **UNSERVED NAMED DEFENDANTS**

George William Velotta II, counsel for the Plaintiffs hereby states that the above and foregoing Notice of Hearing of Motion To Confirm Sheriff's Sale was not mailed, served or delivered by any method to the named Defendants Micheal Billy Geno Marks, The Known and Unknown Occupants Of The Premises, if any, and the Known or Unknown Spouse of Micheal Geno Billy Marks, if any because the whereabouts of such Defendants are not known by Plaintiffs nor ascertainable by Plaintiffs. Furthermore, these named Defendants have not been served nor voluntarily appeared in this case and there are no service addresses for them and or of any counsel of record for them in this record and court file of this case and the Court has heretofore Ordered that service of process in this case is valid and sufficient due process of law and in conformance with Oklahoma Statutes as to these parties.

/s/ George William Velotta II George William Velotta II

No. 502-July 6-2 Times The route description and The City of Purcell Cemetery is construction details will be deseeking bids on a fencing project to replace the vinyl fences along the north and west sides. On the north side along Wyatt Road / OK-39 bids for true wrought iron are requested. Ornamental fence as an alternative is also allowable and requested, with Ameristar Majestic for residential as typical or a comparable brand and grade. Fence is to be 4 feet in height with 7 feet long posts. The bidder is advised to confirm measurements, with the north side estimated to be approximately 1,229 feet in length.

4 feet tall 6-gauge fabric black vinyl coated chain-link with bottom wire on the west fence line along Park Road. 15/8" top rail, 2 3/8" line posts with 2 7/8" end posts or betterment. All posts in concrete. The west side fence line is estimated to be 1,300 feet

The design is to be 3-rails in 8 feet

sections with 2 or 2.5" square post

in concrete.

An alternate bid for demolition of the current vinyl fencing and their brick posts will be considered, but is not required.

scribed and managed by the City of Purcell. Bidders must arrange a mandatory meeting to review project details with Hillside Cemetery Sexton Tyler Buchanan prior to July 20, 2023 by calling him at 405-876-3799. Interested parties must provide references proving successful experience with projects of this size and greater. Insurance that protects employees property and the City of Purcell will be required. Bids must be submitted in writing in a sealed envelope marked "Purcell Hillside Cemetery Fencing" to City Clerk, Purcell City Hall, 230 W. Main Street, Purcell, OK 73080 any time prior to 11 AM on Thursday, August 3rd, 2023. Bids will be opened and the bid with the lowest and best bid will be awarded or all rejected by the City of Purcell City Council at the next special or regular meeting, contingent upon completion of documentation of insurance, noncollusion statement, etc. required by Oklahoma statutes. Bidders are advised to confirm that the City Clerk has received the documents prior to the time it is due.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR USE PERMITTED ON REVIEW Notice: An application has been

No. 503-July 6-1 Time

filed with the Town of Goldsby, Oklahoma by Hemphill, LLC for a USE PERMITTED ON REVIEW A-1 (Agricultural- Residential) zoning for the installation of a Wireless communications facility.

STREETADDRESS: 3501 South Interstate Dr., Goldsby, Oklahoma. Site Name: 1771 Riverwind LEGAL: A tract of land located

in the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township Eight (8) North, Range Three (3) West of the I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the NE/Corner of the NW1/4. thence S 00°13'29" E a distance of 2,638.92 feet; thence S 89°32'06" W a distance of 1,093.81 feet; thence N 00°27'54" W a distance of 200.00 feet; thence S 89°32'06" Wa distance of 535.25 feet; thence N $00^{\circ}27'54"$ W a distance of 200.00 feet; thence N 89°32'06" E a distance of 310.59 feet; thence N 00°27'54" W a distance of 200.00 feet; thence N 89°32'06" E

a distance of 29.63 feet; thence N 00°27'54" W a distance of 132.32 feet: thence N 89°44'27" F a distance of 105.22 feet; thence N 50°59'57" E a distance of 96.29 feet; thence N 50°21'33" E a distance of 113.56 feet; thence N 47°31'24" E a distance of 88.26 feet: thence N 54°09'26" F a distance of 68.45 feet; thence N 39°08'53" W a distance of 570.5 feet; thence N 56°05'00" W a distance of 232.50 feet; thence N 33°55'00" Ea distance of 1,332.72 feet; thence N 89°32'06" E a distance of 705.8 feet to the point of beginning. (See map)

The proposed use permitted on review will be brought before the Planning Commission meeting on the 27th day of JULY, 2023 at 6:30PM at Town Hall, 100 E. Center Rd., Goldsby, OK, at which time and place any affected person(s) may appear to protest or support the passage thereof. Any written protest must be filed with the town clerk at least three (3) days prior to the meeting date, in accordance with state law (11 O.S. 1981 § Dated this 3rd day of July, 2023.

Sandra Jenkins, Clerk



made a traffic stop on a vehicle

that Castillo was driving. During

the course of the stop the agent

noticed indicators of possible

criminal activity. During the initial

contact the agent observed the

odor of marijuana coming from the

vehicle. Due to the indicators and

the odor of marijuana a certified

drug detecting K9 was deployed

to perform an open-air sniff around

the vehicle. The K9 alerted to the

odor of narcotics. A search of the

vehicle resulted in the seizure of

the above listed currency in close

proximity to a false compartment,

which constitutes drug distribution

paraphernalia under the totality of

that within forty-five (45) days

after receiving this Notice, the

owner, claimant or other party in interest may file a verified answer

and claim to said property. Said

answer, if filed, is to be filed with

the Court Clerk and a copy must

be mailed to the office of the OBN

General Counsel, 419 N.E. 38th

Terrace, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

73105. At the end of forty-five (45)

days and if no answer is filed, the

State will move the Court for an

Order of Forfeiture to the state of

Oklahoma based upon evidence

upon the facts of the unlawful use

of the above-described property in

compliance with 63 O.S. §§ 2-503

Dated this 31 day of May

DONNIE ANDERSON, Director

Oklahoma State Bureau

Dangerous Drugs Control

Travis White, OBA #19721

Michael Patlan, OBA #31678

Mitchell Thrower, OBA #33322

Office of the General Counsel

B. Joshua McGoldrick,

of Narcotics and

/s/ Michael Patlan

James Hutchison.

419 N.E. 38th Terrace

Oklahoma City, OK

OBA #21284

OBA #35136

73105-3406

(405) 521-2885

(800) 522-8031

and 2-506.

Further notice is hereby given

the circumstances.



John D. Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Sprucing up

The Purcell Parks & Recreation Department was out in full force mowing the parks around the city lake.

Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello again everyone and a big Happy Birthday to America, the greatest country on the planet. Two hundred fifty-seven years old and still going strong! Now, if all of us could just learn how to get along and realize we are more alike than we are different we just might go another 257 years and beyond.

Because of the very hot weather last week, the garage sale did very poorly. Hopefully the time we open it we will have some less hostile weather and folks will come in and check it out. More information on that next week.

Delta Nutrition is the provider of delicious lunches, served at 11:30 a.m., every Monday through Friday, excluding holidays or staff training days.

If you are a senior, 60+, and would like to get information about how to qualify for the meal program, call the kitchen in Purcell at 405-527-9462. We will be happy to explain the easy process.

We do have a few simple rules, but the main one is to be sure to make a reservation for your meal. Please do not assume there will always be enough food. We can now only cook for the number of reservations we have, plus two. You may call the Purcell phone number to make or cancel a reservation.

Here is the menu for July 10-14:

Monday—Smothered pork chop, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit salad.

Tuesday — Ham and cheese on hoagie or croissant, lettuce and tomato, potato salad, coleslaw, chocolate sheet cake.

Wednesday—Chicken and noodle casserole, tossed salad, broccoli, garlic bread, fruit.

Thursday—Beef stew, oven fried okra, cornbread, lemon

Friday—Meatloaf with topping, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, corn, bread or roll, cookies.

Milk is available with every meal. One milk per person, please. Remember to stay hydrated and to take frequent breaks to avoid heatstroke. Enjoy your summer but always take precautions to stay safe.

I appreciate our volunteers in Wayne who help things run

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

Until next time...

No. 489-June 29-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of PATSY 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

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 HONORABLÉ **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**

No. 496-June 29-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-TATE 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 randalllaw@cox.net Attorney for Larry Mays, Per-

sonal Representative

PUBLÍC NOTICE

No. 506-July 6-1 Time

All persons having an indebtedness or claim against the City of Purcell are hereby notified that all invoices and documentation pertaining to said purchase or contract must be recorded in the office of Victor R. Lohn, Treasurer, on or before September 30, 2023, covering all debts now unpaid and incurred during the period beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2023, or said account shall be void and forever barred. /s/ Victor R. Lohn

Treasurer

No. 505-July 6-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-TATE OF ALFORD REX HYDE,

Case No PB-2023-69 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 3rd day of July, 2023, KIMBERLY ANN MILLISER and ANDREA ELIZABETH VICKERS filed their application for Letters of Administration on said estate to be granted to them and for judicial determination of the heirs of said decedent.

Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 3rd day of July,

2023, notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of August, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., the Petition will be heard before the Honorable Judge Charles Gray, in the Mc-Clain 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 3rd day of July, 2023

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE Judge of the District Court /s/ Bill C. Lester

BILL C. LESTER (OBA #5389) Attorney for Petitioner 212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407 Purcell, OK 73080 (405) 527-5623

Email: blester@lesterlawoffice.

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 FIRST 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

CHARLES GRAY

ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731 George W. Velotta, II, OBA

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. 507-July 6-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID GLEN FRENCH, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-68 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND

DETERMINATION OF HEIRS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the Estate of David Glen French, that on the 3rd day of July, 2023, Jennifer Simon filed a Petition for Letters of Administration, Appointment of Personal Representative and Determination of Heirs of the above referenced estate, to serve without bond.

Pursuant to an Order of this Court, notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of July, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock AM., the Petition will be heard before Judge Grav at the McClain County District Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma and all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

/s/ Charles N. Gray JUDGE OF THÉ DISTRICT COURT Hodges Law Firm PLLC

/s/ Shawn D. Hodges SHAWN D. HODGES, OBA 19122

131 NW 32nd Street Newcastle, Oklahoma 73065 (405) 387-3711 shodgeslaw@gmail.com

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 June

Tierra D. Alexander, operator not

reasonable and proper. Priscilla G. Graham, failure to stop at stop sign.

Angel Herrera, no valid driver's license.

Erik L. Dollar, fail to devote full attention resulting in collision.

Erik L. Dollar, no valid driver's Kade E. Clary, taxes due state.

Timothy M. Pope, speeding, 85/70. James D. Beck, speeding, 80/70. Jung K. Kim, speeding, 80/70. John A. McCaul, no seatbelt. Isai O. Lopez Calderon, overweight on interstate (bridge formula).

Virgil E. Groll, speeding, 80/70. Jose M. Estrada Martinez, no valid driver's license.

Odie D. Sivils, speeding, 85/75. Mitzi A. Jones, speeding, 55/45. Kaygen M. Rowan, speeding,

Christain J. Gibbs, taxes due state. Christain J. Gibbs, speeding, 85/75. Terry J. Payne, texting while operating non-commercial motor vehicle.

Marty L. Swain, DUS. Krista L. Morgan, no insurance. Amy N. Gutierrez, speeding, 84/65.

Misdemeanors

Danielle M. Cooley, possession of CDS - heroin.

Dennys A. Mendoza, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Robert K. Rushing, domestic assault and battery in presence of minor. Derrick W. Farris, public intoxication.

Kenneth R. Charles, public intoxication.

Tarterrion G. Williams, possession of CDS (methamphetamine and marijuana). Lance L. Berglan, DUI - aggra-

Felonies

Cole D. Hopper, unlawful possession of CDS with intent to distribute (cocaine). Andra D. Keeton, possession of

stolen vehicle. Joy M. Lucio, trafficking in illegal

Melanie N. Peterson, child abuse. Timothy McPherson, manslaughter 1st degree.

Small Claims

MBI Industrial, Inc vs. DGC Heat & Air, LLC, small claims over \$5000. Civil

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Bertha M. Cook, civil action \$10,000 or less. LVNV Funding LLC vs. Amanda

Bass, civil action \$10,000 or less. LVNV Funding LLC vs. Ashley Hoppis, civil action \$10,000 or less. LVNV Funding LLC vs. Donna

Killian, civil action \$10,000 or less. OneMain Financial Group, LLC vs. Hong Ritchal, civil action \$10,000

Discover Bank vs. Matt Wilbanks, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Discover Bank vs. Shaybe T. Mc-Donald, civil action \$10,000 or less. Discover Bank vs. Richard Valadez. civil action \$10,000 or less.

Synchrony Bank vs. Dustin Heidbreder, civil action \$10,000 or

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Travis J. Gillen, civil action \$10,000

Marbet LLC vs. Anne Richey, civil

action \$10,000 or more.

Maggie Wagoner vs. John Mc-Cloud, civil action \$10,000 or more. American Express National Bank vs. Skyler Bates, civil action \$10,000 or more.

IPFS Corporation vs. M J Slade LLC, civil action \$10,000 or more. Donald Wheeler as next of kin vs.

Purcell Care Center, LLC, civil action \$10,000 or more **Marriages Filed**

Brody M. Duff, 23, of Paoli and

Karsyn D. Van Meter, 22, of Edmond. Elijah D. Mooring, 19, of Moscow, Idaho and Evangeline F. Latham, 18,

Tyler T. Sherman, 32, and Celsea B. Hale, 30, both of Noble. Kenneth R. Clark Jr., 38, and

Cynthia A. Johnston, 39, both of Blanchard. Hunter D. Askew, 22, and Emily

E. Cornforth, 21, both of Norman. Ethan M. Downs, 20, of Norman and Caroline P. Whitefield, 20, of Weatherford.

Perry W. Barkley, 63, and Christy D. Smith, 47, both of Newcastle. Michael J. Smith Jr., 26, and Alayna M. Cornelius, 30, both of Moore. Christopher H. Cook, 30, and Loryn

M. Barclay, 30, both of Purcell. Krystian B. Cottrell, 23, and Bayle R. Smith, 19, both of Lindsay. **Divorces Granted**

Grant T. Atteberry vs. Kristen D.

County Courthouse in Purcell, Mc-Clain County, State of Oklahoma,

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. OKLAHOMA STATE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS CONTROL, DONNIE ANDERSON, Director, Plaintiff,

No. 498-July 6-1 Time

TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUN-DRED FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$10,755.00) IN U.S. CURRENCY; Defendant. DANIEL CASTRO. Claimant.

CASE NO. CV-2023-121 NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENDED FORFEITURE THESTATE OF OKLAHOMATO: Daniel Castro 6601 Georgianna Dr Pasadena, TX 77503

And all others claiming an interest in the above-described property. You are hereby notified that the

State of Oklahoma has seized and intends to forfeit the following described currency: TEN THOUSAND SEVEN

HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$10.755.00) IN U.S. CURRENCY

The above-styled currency, which was seized by OBN agents in McClain County on or about the 23rd day of April 2023, was furnished or intended to be furnished in exchange for a controlled dangerous substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act (UCDSA) and/or was proceeds from such exchange, and/or was used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of the UCDSA. Said currency was also acquired by the Claimants during a period of a violation of the UCDSA or within a reasonable time after such period and there is no likely source for such property or thing of value other than the violation of the UCDSA. Said currency is thus forfeitable pursuant to 63 O.S. § -503(A)(6), (A)(7), and (B)

In this case, an OBN agent

No. 488-June 29-3 Times

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

OF MCCLAIN COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

SILVERADO VIN: 1GC1KWEY-

TINKER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Plaintiff. 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

Case No. PB-2023-67

NOTICE OF HEARING

PETITION FOR LETTERS

OF ADMINISTRATION,

APPOINTMENT OF

CO-PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVES

DETERMINATION OF HEIRS

persons interested in the Estates

of Sidney Troy Longan, Deceased,

and Patsy Ruth Longan, De-

ceased, that on the 28th day of

June 2023, there was filed with

this Court the Petition of Charolette

to serve without bond, and for a

judicial determination of the heirs

No. 490-June 29-2 Times

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

OF MCCLAIN COUNTY

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

RICKEY DON HENDERSON,

and CONNIE LYNN HENDERSON,

Case No. PB-2023-66

ORDER FOR HEARING

ON PETITION FOR LETTERS

OF ADMINISTRATION

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 iden-

tity of all heirs-at-law of Rickey

Don Henderson and Connie Lynn

Henderson be determined for pur-

poses 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 appraise-

ment of the state of the decedent;

the Petition be, and hereby is, set

for hearing before this Court at the

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that

Now, on this 23 day of June

In the Matter of the Estates of

Pursuant to an Order of this

of the Decedents.

Deceased

Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all

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

No. 501-July 6-1 Time Court made on the 28th day of IN THE DISTRICT COURT June 2023, notice is given that the 27th day of July 2023, at 9:30 a.m. OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA INTHEMATTER OF THE ESTATES is the day and time that the Petition will be heard in the Courtroom of OF SIDNEY TROY LONGAN, Judge Charles Gray in the County Courthouse at Purcell, McClain Deceased, and PATSY RUTH LONGAN, Deceased. County, Oklahoma, and all persons

interested may appear and contest the same. Witness, the undersigned, Judge of the District Court of Mc-Clain County, State of Oklahoma, this 28th day of June 2023.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Carrie Kopp OBA #21731 George W. Velotta, II, OBA

Blevins and Associates Law, Bray and Jimmy Longan, praying that Letters of Administration be issued to them as Co-Personal 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565 Representatives of the Estates,

Purcell, OK 73080 Phone: 405-527-7575 Fax: 405-527-7574 Attorney 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

/s/ Christopher C. Lind Christopher C. Lind, OBA #31402

NICHOLS DIXON, PLLC 104 East Main Street Norman, Oklahoma 73069 Telephone (405) 579-3739 Fax (405) 701-5275 christopher@nicholsdixon.com ATTORNEYS FOR CO-PETI-

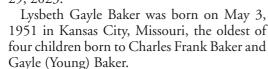
TIONERS

Obituaries

Lysbeth (Libby) Adkins

A Celebration of the Life of Lysbeth (Libby) Adkins, 72, of Goldsby was held July 5, 2023. Services were under the direction

of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell. Mrs. Adkins passed away peacefully on June 29, 2023.



By 1961, the Baker family settled in Norman where she attended school. By chance she met a young man, while riding the school bus, named Scott Adkins. This was just the beginning of their love story. She graduated from Norman High School, Class of 1969 and attended OU for a couple of years after to further her education.

On October 3, 1971, the high school sweethearts became husband and wife. The rest, as they say, is history. Libby and Scott made their home in Goldsby, where together they raised three sons, Brandon, Brett, and Phillip.

On November 7, 1992, they purchased her namesake, Libby's Café, in Goldsby and they continue to operate it today. Libby was driven and dedicated to working hard every single day whether it was at the café or at the family farm. Not only was she patient, but she was a great listener.

More than anything, Libby was a family woman. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. They were her pride and joy, and she truly cherished every moment with them. Libby was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She will be dearly missed!

She is preceded in death by:her parents, Charles and Gayle Baker; father-in-law, Billy P. Adkins; nephew, Jeremiah Wolf and sister-in-law, Diana Baker.

Libby is survived by her loving husband, Scott Adkins; her sons, Brandon Adkins of Goldsby, Brett Adkins (Tina) of Goldsby, and Phillip Adkins (Monica) of Goldsby; brothers, Chuck Baker of Norman and David Baker (Jimmie) of Norman; sister, Jennifer Wolf (Jerry) of Blanchard; daughter-in-law, Kate Coffin; mother-in-law, Yvonne Adkins; sister-in-law, Marcia LaMunyon (Larry) of Goldsby; grandchildren, Taylor Adkins, Blake Adkins, Madison Adkins, Chloe Bennett, Cashton Adkins, Raelee Adkins, Auburn Adkins, Colt Coffin and Dawsyn Adkins; one great-granddaughter, Averee Adkins; several nieces and nephews, a host of friends and her Libby's Café family.

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

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Carolyn Douglas

Graveside services for Carolyn Douglas, 85, of Purcell were held July 1, 2023 at the Lexington Cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell. Mrs. Douglas died June 28, 2023.

Carolyn Delores King was born Feb. 7, 1938 in Canon City, Colo., the baby of four children of Audra Cecil King and Ida Matilda (Orr) King.

Survivors include her son, Calvin Douglas (Sherry Beaver) of Purcell; former son-in-law, Jerry Dockter (Leonda) of Lexington; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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

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Fired up

KK Vazquez celebrates after reaching third base on a stand-up triple during a summer league game.

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funding.

House Speaker Charles Mc-Call, R-Atoka, said Tuesday his cursory examination of the single audit report was "extremely troubling."

"The findings in the report show a pattern of irresponsible spending and questionable decision-making that was not in the best interest of the Oklahoma taxpayer," McCall said in a press release. "The Legislature was excluded from the appropriations process for these funds. The decisions on how and where to spend them was made unilaterally by the executive branch, resulting in little oversight and the documented misuses of taxpayer money.'

Emergency Rental Assistance

The state auditor revealed \$1.6 million in overcharges and overpayments by an Oklahoma City foundation tasked with distributing emergency rental assistance, resulting in fewer eligible Oklahomans getting the help they needed to avoid eviction.

the OKC foundation charged provided advanced payments the ERA program \$1.6 million to the nonprofits at a fixed rate dollars in excessive management fees that were not needed funds for administrative costs, not attributable to providing for the administration of the instead of paying them based financial assistance to Oklagrant," reads the state auditor's press release, "Because of the on reimbursement forms. administrative overcharge, many Oklahomans who applied for ERA awards were denied assistance because the unallowable charges were kept by the OKC foundation." The cause of the misspent

funds, according to the audit, handling federal grants by the state's CARES Forward program team, which led to inadequate oversight of the two nonprofits designated to distribute the federal relief dollars: Communities Founda-City and Restore Hope Ministries in Tulsa.

The state failed to properly monitor the distribution of

"During the audit period, rental and utility costs. It also dollars by the Oklahoma City of 9.3% of the program's total on the amounts that appeared homans in need.

> executive director and chief operating officer used personal credit cards to make purchases and approved their own reimor federal approval.

Oklahoma Watch sought was a lack of experience in comment from Teresa Rose, executive director of Communities Foundation of Oklahoma and former executives with the now-disbanded Community Cares Partners. None of federal Emergency Rental

tion of Oklahoma in Oklahoma 63 of the 12, 877 total aputility assistance and 88 of increase to \$15 million. 171 non-payroll administrafunds to the two nonprofits and Communities Foundation of nonpartisan news organizaprovided them with advanced Oklahoma. The audit identi- tion that covers public-policy payments based on expected fied \$1,637,765 misspent issues facing the state.

nonprofit:

- \$1,563,028 were spent in prohibited management fees
- \$66,113 were spent in The audit points out that an never-recouped overpayments to Oklahomans who received relief payouts inconsistent with their eligibility.
- \$5,665 were spent on probursement claims without state hibited costs for entertainment, gifts, gift cards, inappropriate bonuses and personal items.

The state auditor's office recommended the CARES Forward team establish a system to properly distribute and monitor the disbursement were available at publication. Assistance dollars, and warned The state auditor reviewed that if the issues outlined in the audit are not fixed, the amount plications for rental and classified as misspent may

Oklahoma Watch, at oklative payments recorded by homawatch.org, is a nonprofit,

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Cooperation:

established working relationments long before these court Palmer said. decisions made inter-agency cooperation a necessity.

"While we have 75 crossdeputation agreements with our partner agencies, maintaining relationships with our community partners is vital to public safety within the Chickasaw Nation. The Lighthorse Police the law enforcement response Department works closely with our community partners to provide essential law enforcement services within the communities we serve," Chief Palmer said.

relationships remain active and vibrant.

"Relationships are fostered through constant communication with agency heads regarding community needs," he most serious law enforcement pal, state, federal or tribal. needs of the community."

the communication process is fusion for our student body, the Chickasaw Nation Office of Governmental Affairs and Partnership.

safety needs of the partnering one with a federal agency.

agencies, fostering relationships with area law enforce- ships that enhance public safety ment agencies and govern- today and for the future," Chief

> Chickasaw Lighthorse crossdeputation agreements are with area county sheriff, city police and university police departments, as well as state agencies and other tribal law enforcement programs. "These agreements increase

> to calls for service for everyone throughout the Chickasaw Nation, enhancing public safety within the communities we live and work," Chief Palmer said.

He said agreements with He said ongoing communica- East Central University and tion is key to making sure these Murray State College police departments guarantee their students enjoy the same law enforcement resources available to all other community members.

"The Lighthorse Police said. "This includes regularly Department entered into crossscheduled meetings to ensure deputation agreements with the everyone is working toward university police departments enhancing public safety and to ensure any law enforcement providing resources in areas response, regardless of agency, that may have reduced or lim- has the authority to enforce all ited resources to address the laws, whether that be munici-

"This provides safety and Another important player in reduces the jurisdictional conwhich makes up a large percentage of the community," he said.

Of the 75 total agreements, "The Chickasaw Lighthorse Chief Palmer says 46 are with Police Department works in municipal agencies, 14 with conjunction with the Office of county agencies, 10 with state Governmental Affairs and Partagencies, three with tribal agennership in addressing the public cies, two with universities and

THE CHICKASAW NATION



Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Chief

Chris Palmer, Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Chief, says crossdeputation agreements help resolve police matters.

The Chickasaw Lighthorse cause our force is even stronger. detention agreements within the tribal and surrounding area to house and care for detainees.

"A key aspect of the criminal justice system is detention facilities," Chief Palmer said. "Through these agreements, the health, safety and welfare of First Americans is our pri-

of Police Don Hyde Jr. said people in his community are not selective when in need of law enforcement assistance.

"People who are victims of crime or have a need for police don't care who is there wearing a badge and a gun," Chief Hyde said. "You're taking care of their problem."

He said there was initial uncertainty after the court decisions, but those anxieties have been put to rest.

"As a small municipality, we found it beneficial having Chickasaw Lighthorse, be-

Police Department also has 13 I look at it administratively as my police department just got a little bit bigger."

He said both sides have benefited.

"I've found it to be a big blessing on both sides," Chief Hyde said. "They've helped us in more ways than they ever thought they could. We're thankful. It's been good for Calera, Oklahoma, Chief us, and I think you'll find they would say it's been nothing but good for themselves."

> Murray County, Oklahoma, Sheriff Darin Rogers said his department has seen mutual benefit, as well.

"If Lighthorse police need us we respond to them, and they've been really good to respond to anything we need," Sheriff Rogers said. "We've got a good working relationship with them and haven't had any issues I know of, as far as being able to work together. They have always responded to any of our needs."

No. 487-June 29-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA **TINKER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** Plaintiff.

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

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No. 508-July 6-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR an Interest in the Real Property MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Plaintiff,

LLC

ISES;

DALTON FRANKLIN FLOWERS; SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF DALTON FRANKLIN FLOWERS: **EMILY NAIA FLOWERS** SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF EMILY NAIA OCCUPANT(S) OF THE PREM-

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING,

Delendants CASE NO. CJ-22-146 ALIAS NOTICE OF SALE

TO: Above-named Defendants and All Persons Having or Claiming

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Sheriff of McClain County will sell the real property described below to satisfy a judgment in the aboveentitled action.

Lot Ten (10) Block Three (3), Barger Addition to the Town of Wayne, McClain County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded plat thereof;

(the "Property"). Property Address: 500 Brakefield Dr. Wavne, OK 73095

The real property will be offered for sale for cash at public auction to the highest bidder to take place on: Time: 10:00 A.M.

Date: 15th day of August, 2023 Place: McClain County Court louse

The real property has been appraised as required by law at a real alue of \$160,000.00.

Sale will be made pursuant to Special Execution and Order of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-22-146, entitled Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff, v. DALTON FRANKLIN FLOWERS; SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF DALTON FRANKLIN FLOWERS: EMILY NAIA FLOW-ERS; SPOUSE, IF ANY OF EMILY NAIA FLOWERS; OCCUPANT(S)

OFTHE PREMISES, being all of the Defendants and persons holding or claiming any interest or lien in the subject property.

Dated: July 3, 2023 /s/ Landy Offolter Sheriff of McClain County Sally E. Garrison, OBA #18709 Matthew Eads, OBA #35103 Alex S. Rivera, OBA #32269 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM,

421 NW 13th Street, Suite 300 Oklahoma City, OK 73103 Telephone: (405) 246-0602 Facsimile: (405) 698-0007 sally.garrison@mtglawfirm.com matthew.eads@mtglawfirm.

alex.rivera@mtglawfirm.com Attorneys for Plaintiff

Plan and plant a hummingbird garden

MelindaMyers

For The Purcell Register

Whether you are making some late additions to your gardens or planning for the future include some hummingbirdfavorite plants.

combinations to attract and This plant will send out sucksupport them with a season- ers requiring some regular more favorites you may want long supply of nectar.

Hummingbirds consume an average of two to three times their weight in nectar each day.

Providing feeders and an abundance of flowers throughout the season will support the hummingbirds and help attract them to your gardens. Keep this in mind as you add plants to your landscape.

Shrubs like azalea, lilac, weigela, buttonbush, and Rose-of-Sharon provide shelter for birds and nectar-filled flowers for hummingbirds and other pollinators to enjoy. The North American native honeysuckle vine adds vertical interest and hummingbird appeal even in small spaces.

Major Wheeler is a cultivar of the native honeysuckle vine that blooms all summer and is more resistant to powdery mildew. Watch as the hum-They are great pest managers to the summer garden. Look

to have in the garden.

trumpet vine, is a vigorous other tall plants to hide any disgrower that can be trained into Select plants and create a small tree or onto a trellis. maintenance.

> Be patient as it can take several years for this vine to begin flowering. Avoid overfertilization which results in an even bigger plant and no flowers.

Shorter vines, like the hummingbird's favorite cardinal vine, make excellent thrillers in containers. Train them onto a decorative support and grow them in their own pot or combine them with other annuals.

Include perennials for added seasonal beauty and nectar. Early blooming lungwort is shade tolerant and provides some of the earliest nectar for these winged beauties.

Leave the white or lavender flowers on your hostas for the hummingbirds. This popular shade-tolerant plant is often overlooked for its hummingbird appeal.

mingbirds munch on any are both hummingbird favoraphids that attack this plant. ites that add color and nectar

for powdery mildew-resistant Another native vine, the varieties or plant them among colored foliage that may occur.

North American native anise hyssop and liatris are two to include.

Fill vacant spots in the garden, containers, or hanging baskets with annuals known to attract hummingbirds.

Fuchsias, begonias, and impatiens are perfect for shady locations.

Cupheas are often sold under the common names, tiny mice and cigar plant, and prefer a sunnier location. The taller blue horizon ageratum, geranium, bidens, tall verbena, and petunias grow well in gardens and containers.

Both perennial and annual salvias attract hummingbirds. Place a pot or two of Black and Blue, Black and Bloom, and Wendy's Wish near your windows, so you can enjoy the frequent visits of your resident hummingbirds.

Add one or more feeders to Garden phlox and bee balm your landscape. Provide space between the feeders as hummingbirds are territorial. Make sure there is cover within 10 to 15 feet.

> Fill the container with a 1-part sugar to 4-part water solution. Replace the mixture and clean the feeders every few days. This provides additional food for the hummingbirds and viewing opportunities for you.

It may take a couple of years for the hummingbirds to find your nectar-filled garden. In the meantime, you will enjoy the flowers and other pollinators that stop by to dine.

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

She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything' instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" TV and radio program.

Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her website is www.MelindaMy-



Hovering

Hummingbirds are interesting. Gardners should plan on planting flowers for the little rascals.

Dealing with tree surface roots

MelindaMyers

For The Purcell Register

Roots erupting through the soil surface that extend beyond the tree trunk are known as surface roots. This is a normal part of aging for shallow-rooted

The aging roots increase in circumference just like the tree's branches and trunk. As they thicken, the upper portion of the roots appear above the soil surface.

These irritate gardeners when trying to grow and mow the grass under the tree. It is important not to bury, cut, dig up, or shave off these important roots.

Covering or damaging the roots creates entryways for insects and diseases to enter and damage or even kill your tree.

Mulch is a simple solution. Use a 2-to-3-inch layer on the soil surrounding the tree. Pull the mulch away from the tree trunk to avoid insect, disease, and rodent problems.

Create a mulch ring as large as possible. This eliminates the need to hand trim grass near the tree and makes mowing easier.

Mulch is also better for the tree than grass growing up to the trunk. The grass is a big competitor for water and nutrients and can stunt the tree's growth.

Reduce ongoing maintenance with the help of newspaper or cardboard. Start by

the tree from the surrounding plants that can serve as their life support.

Now cut the grass and weeds as short as possible being careful not to harm the surface roots. Cover the area to be mulched with newspaper or cardboard. This creates a temporary but extra layer of mulch that helps kill the grass.

The paper will eventually break down and improve the soil below. Cover this with a 2- to 3-inch layer of shredded bark or woodchips for years of weed control.

Consider shade-tolerant perennials and groundcovers if mulched beds do not fit your design style. These plants will eliminate the need to mow over surface roots, add seasonal interest, and they do not compete with the trees like lawn grass.

Barrenwort, Canadian ginger, hostas, Variegated Solomon seal, coral bells, foam flower, Bergenia, and Siberian bugloss are a few to consider. Make sure the plants you select are suited to your growing conditions and your garden design.

Use caution when planting under mature trees. Avoid deep tilling that can damage, not only the surface roots but also the fine feeder roots that absorb water and nutrients.

edging the bed to disconnect holes between major roots website is www.MelindaMythe grass and weeds under and allow the plants to fill in ers.com.

Mulch the soil surface with leaves, evergreen needles, or other organic mulch to conserve moisture and improve the soil as they decompose. Water thoroughly once plants are in the ground and often enough to keep the roots slightly moist throughout the summer.

Add a splash of color with a few potted annuals by setting them among the perennial groundcovers. This allows you to change the plantings as the seasons change.

You can also permanently sink a few nursery pots in the ground. Then plant flowers in a slightly smaller container and set this pot in the one permanently buried in the ground. This method is less disruptive to the tree roots and easier on your back.

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Newsmakers

Gentry completes OBA School

Stephanie Gentry, with McClain Bank in Purcell, recently completed the Oklahoma Bankers Association 2023 Intermediate School at the Harris Event Center in Oklahoma City.

Gentry was among 49 students who attended the twosession school in February and June.

The OBA Intermediate School, conducted annually, prepares junior to mid-level bank officers and future officers, to serve effectively the needs of their banks and consumers.

The school exposes students to a broad range of banking functions and issues, including: economics, marketing, lending, investments, trust services, compliance and legal issues, bank financial analysis, ethics, human resource management, communications, strategic planning, regulatory examinations and asset/liability management.

The OBA conducts more than 70 educational programs and seminars each year, which reach more than 5,000 bankers across the state. The Association represents nearly 200 banks across the state and serves as the primary advocate for the banking industry.

It's also heavily involved in fraud training and prevention as well as legal and compliance services and communications for its member banks.

Brown named to honor roll

Kierra Brown of Newcastle was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton.

To be named to the the Dean's Honor Roll, students must have completed 12 semester credit hours with at least a 3.0 grade point average and no grade lower than a "C."

OSU honor roll announced

Heart of Oklahoma students are among those named to the 2023 spring semester honor rolls at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Full-time undergraduate students who completed 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 4.00 made the President's Honor Roll, and students with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher with no grade below a C made the Dean's Honor Roll.

President's Honor Roll students include Grace Smith of Purcell; and Cooper Bean of Lexington.

Dean's Honor Roll students include Maxx Woods of Lexington; Kaylee Keeler of Wayne; Madisson Myers of Goldsby; and Brighton Snow of Washington.

Honorees at SkillsUSA Event

Mid-America Technology Center students were recognized for excellence at the 2023 Skills USA Championships, held in Atlanta June 21-22.

More than 6,000 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.79 million square feet, equivalent to 31 football fields or 41 acres.

Skill Point Certificates were awarded to all national contestants who met a threshold contest score. The Skill Point Certificate represents workplace readiness in the occupational specialty and students can add the certificate to their employment portfolio as an indicator of proficiency.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 110 hands-on competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking.

Honored were **Kylee Field** from Purcell who was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Esthetics, and Team G, consisting of Lydia Moore, Ashlyn Ward and Tristen Fleck, who were awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Engineering Technology-Design.







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their career. How can I help the individuals and commu-Whether it's volunteering my time or being a resource...

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

A: I would say seeing customer's going through difficult times of their lives. A lot of people think about banking and don't consider the side where we see individuals lose their loved ones. The times we see individuals struggling to pay their bills. These are the hardest moments for me to see each day.

Q: What's changed about the industry?

I believe all the new technology that has been incorporated

employee's advance through into banking. We have a new product called ClickSwitch where we can move the cusnity around me become better. tomer's social security or automated bill's within a short period of time to a new account. In the past, the customer would have to directly go in person to social security office or call each company who they set automated payments up with. The rate environment has been declining over the past six years and now we're in an environment offering high interest to customers.

Q: What do you like to do when you are not at work

A: I like to fish, spend time with my wife and two kids, coach tee ball, and cook on my smoker.



John D. Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Pole setting

City of Purcell crews continue to set light poles for the Green Avenue Light Project.

SUMMER LEARNING

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"Access to capital": Oklahoma tribes are recipients of federal money to help tribal small businesses

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Three Oklahoma tribal nations will receive almost half the initial funding from a new small business initiative from the Biden-Harris Administration announced this week.

The Osage, Chickasaw and Citizen Potawatomi nations will receive small business funding from the American Rescue Plan, created by Congress to help the nation recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The White House said this is the first ever inclusion of dedicated, direct support to tribal governments and that investments like the State Small Business Credit Initiative will help to ensure that all Americans, including those in underserved tribal communities, will benefit.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our nation's economy," Vice President Kamala Harris said in the White House's Monday announcement. "... Far too often, entrepreneurs and small business owners with big plans and a vision for the future struggle simply because they lack the capital or financial services they need. That's why we are making this historic investment, which will help tribal communities grow their small businesses, create jobs, and strengthen our economy."

The administration provided \$73 million for the venture with the Osage, Chickasaw and Citizen Potawatomi Nations receiving almost \$30 million. Cindy Logsden, Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation's CEO, said the funding will help many tribal small business

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owners with money needed to lent around \$125 million to make investments into their several small businesses. businesses.

as equal to state entities and recognizing our sovereignty," she said. "It means more dolsustainable businesses and families at the end of the day."

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development fund alongside a capital fund Corporation will be receiving \$8.066 million from the federal government. This will help them in the efforts to lend to but any Native American is more entrepreneurs, she said.

"It's access to capital that BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) insurance?' Because we aren't allocation amount." regulated like a bank is, we getting access to capital."

to small businesses for 20 years. Logsden said they've would even turn them down be- News.net.

The Osage Nation, which "It's recognizing the tribes will receive \$5.2 million, is just getting a lending program started. Candy Thomas, Director of Self-Governance and lars to the state of Oklahoma. Strategic Planning, said they're Hopefully we are making more building two programs using this money to better help tribal small businesses.

> They're developing an equity program which is designed to loan money to small businesses eligible.

"We can't just say it's for otherwise - individuals, that Osages. We have a (Commu-Native family, that Native nity Development Financial business - probably would not Institution) that's being set up be able to (access)," Logsden and we can't specify a populasaid. "We do a lot more hand tion in that like 'just Osages," holding than a bank would Thomas said. "That's where do. We think outside of the we are. It's been going on box - if we don't have enough for a long-time and it keeps collateral, 'could we get the changing when they change the guidelines and change the

"It's highly satisfying to could be normal or creative in know we are being recognized assisting Native Americans in and able to provide these kinds of services to our population,"

cause they're Native American or they don't have everything they're looking for.

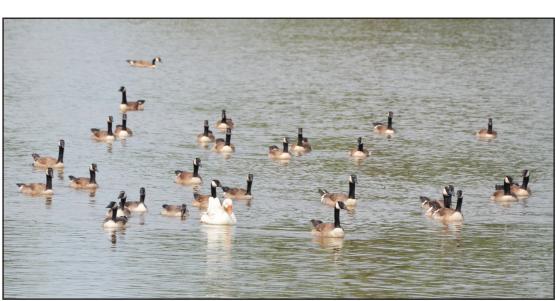
"We're very excited about this and that it will work handin-hand with our (Community Development Financial Institu-

tion)," she said.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby in a statement sent to Gaylord News said the tribe will split the \$16 million it is receiving into two programs - a collateral support program, designed to provide funds for with a focus on Osage people, tribal members who might not have enough collateral to secure a loan, and a venture capital program.

"Access to capital is vital for small business success. and the Chickasaw Nation is grateful to be partnering with the U.S. Treasury," Anoatubby said in the statement. "Delivering these vital programs to underserved small business owners is key to fulfilling the Chickasaw Nation's mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people."

Gaylord News is a reporting project of the University of Oklahoma Gaylord College The Citizen Potawatamie Thomas said. "Traditionally, of Journalism and Mass Comhave had a program that lends Native Americans don't have munication. For more stories good credit scores. Banks by Gaylord News to Gaylord-



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Something's different

Among a flock cutline geese at the Purcell City Lake was a lone white duck that stuck out like a sore thumb.

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equipment for the police depart-District Attorney Council Grant.

The city leaders approved a budget amendment in the sum of \$20,738.33 for extra payroll expenses for Kevin Rhoads' retirement payout.

A budget amendment of \$1,108,400.90 was approved to balance out all transfer accounts which will be covered by the increase in sales tax revenue.

An electric utility rebate was approved to Mayes Properties and appointed Lori Cox to the library advisory board replacing Myra Munoz.

A grant application to the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission for construction of two new hangers at the airport was authorized in the amount of \$251,926. Councilman Jay Tate voted against the measure that passed 3-1.

In the Purcell Public Works Authority portion of the meeting, board members voted to approve submitting plans and application to ODEQ for a water line extension to serve Dow's Hills Phase 2 subdivision west of Washington. That also passed 3-1.

The board approved a resolution establishing policies and updating the fee schedule for water meter installation and water tap fees.

After meeting in executive session, the board approved

the collective bargaining agree-

ments for fiscal 2022-2023

between the City of Purcell

with both the Purcell Profes-

funds and approved \$6,522.48 sional Firefighters Local 3596 to increase grant monies and of International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) and the ment and to record receipt of a Lodge #194 Fraternal Order of

Police. In his city manager report Dale Bunn reported the new South Canadian Lift Station project is ongoing since one of the two pumps is not working at 100 percent capacity. Work is underway to get the new lift station up and running.

He reported the South Green Avenue lighting project is continuing to make progress and he said most of the temporary roads around Purcell Municipal Hospital have been removed. Additional sod will be forthcoming along with the final landscaping.

Burn told the board that by the end of July the parking lot of Sunray Baptist Church will be redone.

Emergency Management Director Rachael Huey told the board about the new and improved and less expensive alert system.

Prior to getting to the agenda, Jacob Crooch addressed the board expressing his displeasure with the way the airport is being managed and run.

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Purrfect:

takes care of their pets."

Her advice for someone considering a career in grooming is "If you love manual labor it is a great career but it's not all bubbles and bows."

Owning any business is hard work and Sheila has put in the hours. The most dogs groomed at Pawsitively Purrfect in one day was 32. Sheila and her husband Daniel average 12-15 per day now.

Because of her longtime customers and continued success, Pawsitively Purrfect is not able to accept any new clients at this time.

However, you can stop the downtown location by and purchase some treats for your pet.

Sheila is not only a successful business woman, she is also the president of the Purcell Animal Welfare Society, a no-kill shelter. Women like her help make Purcell the true Heart of Oklahoma.

Her store is a donation site for PAWS. Citizens can drop off much needed items such as bleach, paper towels, clumping cat litter, dog toys, wipes, old towels or sheets, dog shampoo and cash.

You can drop off donations during regular business hours at 317 West Main Street in Purcell.

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attic where he produced a knife.

Police said he intentionally cut his own arm causing a serious laceration. Officers were able to safely

tourniquet.

Police had already staged an ambulance close to the house prior to the warrant service, which made medical response take him into custody without very quick, police chief Bobby further incident and applied a Elmore said.

