



## Wheat new president of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce



Greg Wheat

Goldsby, Lexington, Washington and Wayne.

Wheat and his wife, Janell, have been married for over 35 years and have lived in Purcell for over 20 years. They raised their family within the community and they all call Purcell home.

Wheat has always had a passion for Purcell and is always striving to help build a community that is attractive to current residents, new residents, visitors, business and investors.

He was recently recognized as Purcell's Citizen of the Year and brings a wealth of experience to the position. He

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The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce has entered a new era with the appointment of Greg Wheat as its new President.

The Chamber encompasses five different communities which include Purcell,

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### Hauling rocks

A pair of Bobcats pick up the huge chunks of concrete to load onto trucks for hauling off as demolition continues at Mid-America Technology Center,

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Mid-America Technology Center is in the midst of a remodeling project that will enhance and modernize the facility on SH 59 while adding 29,000 sq. ft. to the Main Building.

Cost of the project is just over \$10 million. It will be paid for with building fund money that has been saved for a few years, Superintendent Mike Eubank reported.

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## SteetScape light poles approved

Purcell's City Council approved the purchase of 23 light poles with matching decorative bases for the Main StreetScape project at its regular monthly meeting Monday night at the Police Service Building.

That came during the Purcell

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## 5 questions with Mike Gowens



Mike Gowens

*Editor's note: Answering The Purcell Register's five questions this week is Mike Gowens, Head Golf Professional at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course in Purcell.*

### Q. What is the most rewarding part of your job?

A. Seeing the golf course go from a 9 hole course that was not really busy to a very busy 18 hole course and knowing all the effort and hard work that was put in by our staff is very rewarding.

Teaching the game and seeing someone improve is one of the favorite parts of my job!

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## Trucks incinerated

Two 18-wheelers sustained major damage from a fire Saturday just before 6 p.m. in the parking lot behind Taco Bell in Purcell. The call to firefighters came in as one semi tractor on fire but when they arrived the fire had spread to a truck to the east. In all, 10 fire units and 17 firefighters were called to the scene. The first semi on fire was out of Dallas, TX belonging to Skyward Trans Lic. It was fully involved when firefighters arrived. The second damaged rig belonged to McCorkle Trucking and had a Wisconsin license tag. Fire crews were on the scene for nearly three hours.

## New teachers at Purcell Public Schools For 2023-24 school term

Purcell welcomes 22 new faculty members to the staff this school term including Jenny Allen-Price, Joshua Beal, Payton Broome, Christie Bradley, Jessica Chase, Cyndie Childers, Tiffany Cook, Aaron Dillard, Kasey Jones, Tammie



Childers



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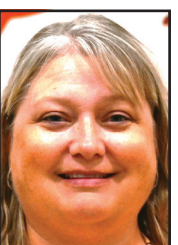
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Lexington and Washington fast-pitch rosters.



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## Byars measure passes

Voters in Byars spoke loud and clear about allowing OG&E to continue being franchised in town to furnish electricity.

The vote count was 23-0 in favor of keeping Oklahoma Gas and Electric.

That's according to the McClain County Election Board.





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### Learning skills

Sixth graders through eighth graders picked up some online safety skills at the Purcell Pioneer Library last Thursday in the program, Learn It! Digital Citizenship Skills.

## Purcell Public School Foundation awards 2023-2024 teacher grants

The Purcell Public School Foundation awarded over \$10,000 in teacher grants for the 2023-2024 school year.

Grant award winners include:

- Purcell Elementary School**  
 Amy Nemecek, Kim Thompson, Aimee Walkup, Haley Aloway and Kendra Dobbins—Project “You Fly”  
 Barbara Allen, Celia Brown,

Amanda Nicklas and Sarah Schlotthauer—Life Cycles for Little Learners

Katrina Wilkins—STEAM bins

Jamie Culwell—Making Words Come Alive with Multisensory Manipulatives

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 Crystal Hamilton—Really

Great Reading

Julie Larman—Stand With Me

Lori Frankenberg—Manipulatives That Help Learning Stick

Julie Larman—Math Essentials

Desray Little—Interactive Learning Through Osmo

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## Child killed, 6 others injured

In I-35 accident last Thursday at mile marker 86

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 The Purcell Register

A two-year-old Oklahoma City toddler was killed and six other people were injured in a traffic accident at mile marker 86 last Thursday afternoon just after six p.m. four miles west of Wayne.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said the driver of the 2003 Ford Expedition, Felipe Munoz, 64, of Oklahoma City was wearing a seat belt. He was treated and released from OU Medical Center.

One of the five juveniles in the vehicle was in a child restraint device. That three-year-old was treated and released at OU

Children’s Hospital.

A two-year-old was ejected 109 feet and was pronounced deceased by medical personnel after being transported by Mediflight to OU Medical Center.

A front seat passenger, Maria Ramirez, 55, of Oklahoma City was transported by Wadley’s EMS to OU Medical where she was admitted in critical condition with trunk internal and external injuries. She was not wearing a seat belt, OHP reported.

A six year old juvenile was admitted to OU Children’s Hospital after being transported by Wadley’s EMS. She was

reported to be in fair condition with head injuries.

Two other juveniles, ages eight and nine were both transported to Children’s Hospital and were treated and released.

The OHP said the vehicle was southbound on I-35. The investigation is continuing with a second vehicle under investigation.

Trooper Walter and Shayne Ballard investigated. They were assisted by Lt. Rawls, Trooper Pletcher, the McClain County Sheriff’s Office, Purcell Police and Fire Departments, Pauls Valley EMS, Wayne Fire Department and Wadley’s EMS.

7 Day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
94° 74°	101° 78°	100° 73°	98° 75°	100° 72°	100° 76°	99° 75°
Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy

## Temperatures above average

No rain to cool us off

We have seen our temperatures well above average many days the last week, with very little precipitation to help cool us off. Temperatures will remain in the middle 90s for daytime highs heading into the day on Thursday with abundant sunshine. Sunshine

continues into Friday as temperatures top out in the lower 100s. Triple-digit heat will linger into the weekend, with an afternoon high around 100 degrees. Clouds do build this weekend, and there is a slight chance of an isolated shower or thunderstorm with daytime

heating but many of us will remain dry. Temperatures drop slightly below 100 degrees for Sunday, before making a return Monday into Tuesday and even potentially next Wednesday with a mix of clouds and sun.

– Hunter Brittingham

## Beef Up the blood supply ahead of Labor Day Weekend

Blood donors who save lives before Labor Day will enjoy a hotdog picnic at Oklahoma Blood Institute’s donor centers statewide! This year’s Pre-Labor Day blood drive is a two-day event.

On Thursday, August 31, and Friday, September 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., donors will receive OBI’s annual spooky t-shirt.

The Oklahoma Beef Council is providing all-beef hot dogs as it teams up with the Oklahoma Blood Institute to ‘beef up’ the blood supply for the Labor Day weekend. All blood donors on these days will be entered to win \$500 in beef from Callison Ranch Beef.

Vouchers must be redeemed online at yourbloodinstitute.org.

Oklahoma Blood Institute has nine donor centers statewide including four in the Oklahoma City metro:

- Central OKC, 901 N. Lincoln Blvd.
- North OKC, 5105 N. Port-

land Ave.

• Edmond, 3409 S. Broadway, Suite 300

• Norman, 1004 24th Ave., N.W., Suite 101

• Ada, Ardmore, Enid, Lawton and Tulsa (addresses on obi.org)

“Oklahoma’s beef farmers and ranchers care about Oklahomans and are excited to continue this 20-year partnership with the Oklahoma Blood Institute,” said Heather Buckmaster, OBC Executive Director. “We hope everyone takes a moment before their Labor Day activities to help us Beef Up the Blood Supply.”

In general, fewer people make time to donate blood around holiday weekends.

“Although we have fun with this event, saving the lives of our family, friends and neighbors is a serious matter,” said Dr. John Armitage, President and CEO of Oklahoma Blood Institute. “We are grateful for Oklahoma Beef Council for

helping us to encourage donors to take time before Labor Day Weekend to help us prepare for any emergency that may occur.”

Anyone who is healthy and age 16 or older can give blood. Sixteen-year-olds must weigh at least 125 pounds and provide signed parental permission; 17-year-olds must weigh at least 125 pounds; and 18+ year olds must weigh at least 110 pounds.

However, of those eligible to donate blood in the U.S., less than 10 percent actually donate each year. Each blood donation can save the lives of up to three Oklahomans.

Oklahoma Blood Institute provides every drop of blood used by 160 hospitals and medical facilities statewide, as well as all air ambulances in Oklahoma.

For more information or to schedule an appointment to give blood, visit obi.org or call 877-340-8777.

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# NEWS In Brief

## Coffee with Cong. Tom Cole

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce will host a Chamber Community Coffee with Congressman Tom Cole from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, August 10.

The coffee will be held at the chamber office, 220 W. Main St., in Purcell.

## Community Coffee

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, August 15, hosted by the City of Purcell and the Purcell Police Department.

The coffee will be held at the Purcell City Police Department, 1515 N. Green Ave., in Purcell.

This is a great opportunity to connect with local business and community leaders.

## Auxiliary Luncheon

The American Legion

Auxiliary Unit 301 bean luncheon will be Tuesday, August 15, starting at 11 a.m.

It is a variety of good food and desserts, all for only a \$6 donation. We appreciate everyone for supporting your community and having lunch with us. It is always a fun time to meet friends you have not seen for a while.

Donations are used for Unit programs.

The Legion Hall is located at 104 E. Broadway in Lexington (across the street from City Hall).

## Veteran Breakfast

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

Breakfast will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, in the American Legion building located at 104 E. Broadway in Lexington.

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

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

## C.A.R.E. Coalition

The monthly C.A.R.E. Coalition meeting will be held Tuesday, August 15, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

The meeting will take place at the McClain County OSU Extension Office, 1721 Hardcastle Blvd., in Purcell, OK and via the Zoom platform.

## Senior Dance at Purcell

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

Join your friends for fun and dancing!

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

Proceeds will benefit the Purcell Senior Citizens Center.

## Museum News

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

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



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## Lucky winners

McClain Bank gave 11 Purcell teachers \$50 in a drawing held August 7 during the annual Purcell Public School Foundation's Teacher Breakfast. The winners included Katrina Wilkins, Amanda Nicklas, Carly Jenne, Payton Broome, Krysta Matthews, Cole Sharp, Amanda Clay, Britney Epperson, Rebecca Franco, Crystal Hamilton and Ricky Hammer. They are pictured with (far left) Kerry Wilhoit, Senior Vice President at McClain Bank, and school foundation member.

# Medical research awarded \$3.1 million to study diabetic heart disease in State of Oklahoma

The National Institutes of Health has awarded an Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientist \$3.1 million to investigate a possible cause of heart disease among people with diabetes.

Chi Fung Lee, Ph.D., will use the five-year grant to better understand how obesity and diabetes contribute to cardiomyopathy, which is an abnormal weakening of the heart muscle.

Lee's lab studies the mechanisms that contribute to heart disease. One particular focus is a molecule called NAD+, which is crucial for generating energy. Previous studies have shown a connection between diminishing levels of NAD+ and cardiomyopathy.

People with diabetes are far more likely than others to develop cardiomyopathy and other types of heart disease, Lee said. He attributes that to diminishing levels of NAD+.

"NAD+ is part of the electrical wiring of our metabolism," said Lee, who came to OMRF from the University of Washington in 2019. "When that wiring is compromised in the heart, it reduces the heart's ability to pump blood to the whole body, ultimately leading to heart failure."

With this grant, his lab will focus on the role of an enzyme called SARM1.

Scientists have studied it for years for its role in killing nerve fibers that carry impulses away from the brain. Lee's team is

the first to look at its role in the heart.

"Our early research indicates that this enzyme drives the decline of NAD+ in the hearts of people with diabetes and obesity and contributes to the progression of heart disease," Lee said.

The research could give way to new and better treatments for heart disease.

"Most research involving this enzyme has focused on the brain," said scientist Lijun Xia, M.D., Ph.D., who leads OMRF's Cardiovascular Biology Research Program. "Clinical trials have tested a drug to inhibit it to treat neurological disorders. If his hypothesis proves correct, it could lead to new testing of that drug to treat heart disease."

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## Grants:

- Cindy McGowen—Insightful Interventions!
- Gidget Greenlee—Bye Bye Whiteboards
- Misty Winters, Kalya Sweeney and Jazmyn Estrada—Headphones for Concentration!
- Ashley Howell—ELA Makerspace
- Purcell Junior High
- Betty Ratliff—Science Experiments
- Purcell High School

- Zoe Swift—The Coffee Cart Gang
- Purcell Intermediate, Junior High and High School
- Michelle Hall, Sarah Nichols, Melissa Feroli, Lauren Masters—Be May Ally With Why Try!
- Purcell Junior High and High School
- Cindy Donaldson—Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

# Homeless youth walk a hidden path in rural Oklahoma

Yasmeen Saadi  
Oklahoma Watch

Anika Drew is drawn to beauty. Her boyfriend said she can stand in a barren field and still point out a pretty flower. Drew dreams of going to beauty school to become a makeup artist and moving to Japan to see the pink cherry blossoms.

For now, the 17-year-old wanders Woodward with her boyfriend. For the past year, they have slept in abandoned trailers and a trashed apartment. They have pitched a tent on the trails behind Woodward High School and couch-surfed at friends' houses.

A few weeks ago, they made a deal with a local motel owner: Drew would work cleaning rooms and her boyfriend Nicholas Stone, 18, would mow the lawn in exchange for a room at the Wayfarer Inn.

"It's not a path for a princess," Drew said, ducking under branches to a spot off the roadside where the couple set up their tent. Neighboring a junkyard filled with piles of rusty cars and strewn tires, the campground where Drew and Stone spent much of their winter was covered in heavy brush, trash and water flooding the area.

Drew and Stone are part of a 29 percent increase in homeless youth living without a parent or guardian in Oklahoma from 2020 to 2022 — one of the largest increases in the nation, according to the 2022 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report. One professor studying

the issue estimated there could be more than 120,000 homeless youth in Oklahoma.

Living in Woodward, a rural town of fewer than 12,000 in northwest Oklahoma, Drew and Stone have less access to shelters and services. In rural areas, schools are often a primary means of support, where students have access to teachers



and trusted adults. Each school district also has a homeless liaison. Several rural district liaisons said that they have helped students get jobs and taken students to food banks.

However, as staff members tasked with identifying and meeting the needs of, at times, hundreds of students, their jobs come with limitations.

To help keep track of homeless students, a new state law aims to improve how districts identify and count students. Liaisons said by lessening absences and making it to graduation, homeless students have a better chance of breaking the cycle of poverty.

Drew will be a sophomore and Stone will be a senior when

school starts next month. They said they missed most of the last school year after being kicked out for low grades and missing credits, but that they hope to return to the high school's alternative education program.

For school-age youth not attending school, like Drew and Stone, and children younger than school age, not much data exists — causing youth homelessness to often go severely underreported.

Based on a homeless resource map created by University of Oklahoma researchers, 22 rural Oklahoma counties lack any homeless shelter or resource center, and many others only have one or two, miles from other corners of the county. In Woodward, there are two: one available at night and another, The Day Center, available from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

The overnight shelter has eight individual rooms and one family room, but Drew and Stone's 13 pets — their cat, Mittens, their two dogs, Narnia and Chubz and Narnia's 10 pups, prevent them from being able to stay there. Instead, this summer they often walked to The Day Center, where showers, a kitchen, couches and a job board are available during business hours.

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• Yasmeen Saadi/Oklahoma Watch

## Rural youth homelessness

Anika Drew, left, and Nicholas Stone used to hang out for fun at Crystal Beach Lake. The teenage couple spent most of this year wandering Woodward since becoming homeless. Youth experiencing homelessness have less access to shelters and services in rural Oklahoma towns such as Woodward.

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## End in sight for north side

Although for some it might seem longer, the Main StreetScape project hit day number 79 on Tuesday.

Project managers told a small group of Main Street merchants and professionals Tuesday the north side completion date is set for August 21.

They reported there are still 190 days remaining for the project tentatively set for total completion in mid-November.

**jdm**

In the last three days 69 of our 77 counties have had rain including .05" in Washington and .14" in Byars.

Okemah was swamped measuring 4.65" of rain.

One gauge in Midwest City recorded just under 2.5" with lots of two and three inch totals.

But that isn't the case for Purcell.

Purcell has been shut out with

### Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

yards beginning to turn brown rather than the nice, lush green we've enjoyed for the most part of the summer.

Oklahoma City has recorded 27.13" at Will Rogers World Airport.

Purcell has measured 25.60" this year with the normal year-to-date 23.7.

The problem for Purcell, however, there hasn't been anything to measure since July 11.

Couple that with the intense heat and you've got the recipe for parched yards.

And that's exactly what we are seeing.

**jdm**

Fourth District Congressman Tom Cole will be in Purcell today (Thursday) at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce community coffee from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the chamber office.

Cole will be giving a status report on activities in Washington, D.C. and visiting with constituents.

The chamber office is located at 220 W. Main in Purcell.

For more information call Chamber Executive Director Elisabeth Baker at 405-527-3093.

## On Purple Heart Day... Honoring Charles Durning, Character Actor and WWII Hero

**By Joe Guzzardi, Society for American Baseball Research member**

Charles Durning's D-Day memories were so painful that for decades he suppressed them. Drafted at age 20, Durning eventually earned a Silver Star for valor, a Bronze Star for meritorious service in a combat zone, and three Purple Hearts, given in the president's name to those wounded or killed in military service.

Just out of high school, which he didn't complete until the war ended, Durning was the only survivor in a unit that landed on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944.

Durning's World War II experiences are unfathomable, and his actions in defense of his fellow soldiers, selfless and heroic. During the Normandy battle, Durning killed seven German gunners, but suffered serious machine gun wounds to his right leg and shrapnel wounds throughout his body.

After a six-month recovery in

England, Durning was rushed back to the front lines to fight against the German Ardennes offensive. During the Battle of the Bulge, Durning suffered more wounds, this time in hand-to-hand bayonet combat when he was stabbed eight times.

Despite the vicious assault, Durning summoned up the strength to kill his attacker with a rock which earned him a second Purple Heart. Soon after, his company was captured and forced to march through the Malmedy Forest; in the ensuing "Malmedy massacre," German troops opened fire on the prisoners, and Durning was among the few who escaped.

Durning would earn his third Purple Heart when, in March 1945, he moved into Germany with the 398th Infantry Regiment, where he was severely wounded when a bullet struck him in the chest.

Private First Class Durning was evacuated to the U.S. to spend the remainder of his active Army career recover-

ing until he was discharged in January 1946.

Born in 1923, Durning grew up in Highland Falls, N.Y., near the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. His father, James, an Irish immigrant who had joined the Army to gain U.S. citizenship, lost a leg during World War I and died when Charles was 12.

James' widow Louise supported her five children by working as a laundress at West Point. Four other children died from scarlet fever.

After the war, Durning used dance as physical therapy to strengthen his badly injured leg and speech therapy to smooth out a stutter that had developed. He began training at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, but was told he lacked talent. Undeterred, he took small roles with Joseph Papp's New York Shakespeare Company and taught ballroom dancing at the

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### Durning in uniform

**Charles Durning** served in World War II where he received three Purple Hearts for his bravery.



• Photo provided

### Durning on the stage

**Charles Durning** starred with Dustin Hoffman in "Tootsie."

## Want a friend? Be a friend

**By Dr. Glenn Mollette**

You may have heard this before. I went out to find a friend and none were to be found. I went out to be a friend and found them all around.

Where do you find friends?

Your best friends may be your family. You may be close to siblings, cousins, and others related to you.

Growing up, I was blessed to be around a lot of aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, siblings, and parents. I didn't have to think much about searching for friends because so many relatives were always around. This is not always the case.

Many people have small families or maybe even no family. Some families go in different directions, live in different places, or move on with different interests and lives.

We often find friends in school. Some of the people we shared elementary and high school with become lifelong connections. Even if we don't see each other much, we still have those great pastimes that help us reconnect quickly.

We connect with people at

our places of employment. Some of the people you spend hours with every day become lifelong friends.

Houses of faith are often good places to make new friends. People get to know each other in Bible study classes and other small group religious settings. The people you share your faith with will often become like brothers and sisters.

The local gym is often a place where people socialize. If you become a routine attender of an exercise class you will eventually develop some friends.

The Internet and social media have become the world's biggest connection place. To many people this is their only connection.

All their "friends" are on Facebook or Instagram. Many people have thousands of social media friends. Too often the loneliest people on the planet are those who are only connected by a keypad.

There are many more places where you can connect. Many communities have baking, quilting, hunting, sports clubs,

and more. Civic groups from Kiwanis, Rotary and Ruritan groups will often meet weekly and do community projects.

You might make some friends volunteering at the hospital or nursing home. There will be people in most of these places who will be glad to make a new friend.

Talk to your local nursing home about your interest and you may be surprised how quickly your talents are utilized.

You will also find some people who will be glad to make a new friend. Keep in mind this is not always easy as you will be trying to make friends with many who feel alone and forgotten.

You can always become active in the local political circles. This all depends on your level of desperation and if you don't mind being shunned by whichever party you don't declare affiliation.

Don't try to have too many friends. The Bible says a person of many companions may

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# How a Southwest Oklahoma town lost its hospital and is scrambling to get it back

Lionel Ramos and Yasmee Saadi  
Oklahoma Watch

When her sister's blood sugar rose to a dangerous level, Elaine Bubb found comfort five minutes from home.

"If we had to go to Stillwater to take care of her blood sugar, it could've gone up, it would've been risky," Bubb said last week while waiting for Marjorie Miccuci, a 62-year-old breast cancer patient, to be released from a Perry emergency room. "At the end of last month, I brought her in because she was running a 104-degree fever. We were transferred to Stillwater and by the time we got there, she was up to 106."

With Miccuci's blood sugar lowered and stabilized, the sisters were out by noon the next day, a 24-hour protocol Stillwater Medical-Perry must follow under a new arrangement aimed at saving rural hospitals.

Thirty-three hospitals in Oklahoma have shuttered because of financial strain since 2007. A dozen were in rural communities such as Frederick, Pauls Valley and Clinton, according to state Department of Health data.

Since 2021, two Oklahoma facilities have chosen the federal safety net known as a Rural Emergency Hospital license in hopes of staying open.

The designation can be applied to licensed critical access hospitals, defined as rural hospitals with fewer than 26 beds that are located more than 35 miles from an acute care facility. Also qualifying are rural hospitals with general medical-surgical licenses and 50 beds or fewer.

The Rural Emergency Hospital designation offers these facilities \$3.2 million annually in federal funds adjustable with inflation and a five percent boost to Medicare reimbursements.

Those benefits, however, come at a cost. Hospitals accepted must give up inpatient care and — for facilities considered critical access — a slew of other revenue streams and savings provided by the federal government.

Limiting healthcare access to an emergency room and varying degrees of outpatient services, coupled with lower federal reimbursements, means a reduced capacity to care for critically ill patients long-term and less revenue. State health care experts say for most Oklahoma rural hospitals, voters' 2020 decision to expand Medicaid provides a better lifeline.

**The Problems With Transitioning**

Transitioning to rural emergency hospitals was worth the trade-offs for Stillwater Medical facilities in Perry and Blackwell, said Courtney Kozikuski, the system's chief financial officer.

"Before we applied, we had independent third-party auditors do a deep dive," Kozikuski said. "They took our cost report and carved out what inpatient

services were providing financially to the facility and then added in the payments we would get for becoming a (Rural Emergency Hospital) to see what it would look like for us."

She said the hospitals in Perry and Blackwell lost \$400,000 to \$2 million annually in 2021 and 2022 on patient services. The audit, Kozikuski said, determined the new license designation would put the two hospitals just above breaking even, which was enough to stay



open and provide emergency and outpatient care.

The two facilities, previously licensed as general hospitals under a fixed-rate payment system with the federal government, averaged a daily inpatient census of no more than three people, she said, justifying eliminating that service and accepting the new payments.

"Each facility needs to do its own deep dive of what their financial situation is," Kozikuski said. "For critical access hospitals, it may not make any sense at all because they're getting paid costs, plus 1%." That means that for every \$100 a critical access hospital spends on a patient, it gets \$101 back from the federal government.

Janice Walters is an executive with The Rural Health Redesign Center, which assists hospitals considering the new designation. She said the financial feasibility is based on how a hospital's reimbursement would change under the new designation.

Walters identified three other concerns hospital administrators have about transitioning: whether they can ever change back to critical access, their exclusion from a federal discounted drug program and having to give up swing beds.

She focused on the importance of rural communities having access to swing beds, an option primarily for older patients needing to stay admitted more than three days after they've received acute care. With services such as physical, occupational and speech therapy, wound care and vital sign monitoring, they are often temporary solutions to a lack of nearby nursing homes.

"A lot of our rural hospitals are the therapy provider in their community. There's no other skilled nursing facilities, so swing beds are a big issue," Walters said. "This is going to be a solution for the smallest of rural hospitals. Anybody who is dealing with any significant size of inpatient care, they're

not going to be able to make this transition."

**Medicaid Expansion as a 'Lifeline'**

The Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform studies factors that put rural hospitals at risk of closure. Those factors include losses of patient services, losing money on private insurance and low financial reserves.

Many rural hospitals were losing money on patient services even during the pandemic, but were temporarily kept afloat with pandemic aid, said Harold Miller, president and CEO of the Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform. Without that aid, these losses are hitting hospitals harder.

"Many small rural hospitals received fairly large grants that made them look temporarily profitable," Miller said.

While hospitals at risk are now considering changing to the rural emergency hospital designation, Miller said it's not a sound solution. In the switch from cost-based to prospective-payment reimbursement, some rural hospitals might see a decrease in revenue.

"It may only be delaying a problem, rather than solving a problem," Miller said.

Oklahoma is among the 41 states that have voted to expand Medicaid eligibility. The best option for rural hospitals is to maintain their critical access licenses and rely on more people enrolling in state-provided health insurance to achieve operational profit margins, said Rich Rasmussen, CEO of the Oklahoma Hospital Association.

Rasmussen pointed out that the biggest source of revenue for most rural hospitals is the federal government. Without reimbursements for Medicare and Medicaid, many hospitals would not be sustainable, he said.

"As demographics began changing and states started pulling back on their support for Medicaid, critical access hospitals came under financial pressure," Rasmussen said. "States that expanded Medicaid have found that the failure rate in those rural hospitals abated. States that didn't expand will continue to have closures."

Rasmussen said some hospitals are reluctant to switch to the rural emergency license because Congress overlooked some important details that only Congress can change.

"If Congress can address the issues, then I think you'll see more conversions and those conversions will probably take place in non-Medicaid expansion states," Rasmussen said. "The people of Oklahoma, in passing Medicaid expansion, they really have thrown out a lifeline to all of these rural communities."

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## McClain Bank winners

McClain Bank gave five lucky teachers a \$100 bill at the Purcell Public School Foundation Teacher Breakfast August 7. Receiving the cash donations were Jeff Fink, Kendra Dobbins, Sheila Woodell, Carla Davis and Mayra Munoz. Angie Wren received a \$100 check in the drawing from the school foundation. They are pictured with Kerry Wilhoit (far left), Senior Vice President at McClain Bank, and school foundation member.

## Tomato troubles

Melinda Myers  
For The Purcell Register

Extreme heat, drought, torrential rains and hungry critters may be wreaking havoc on your garden. After weeding, watering, and waiting you may be finding less, diseased, or misshapen tomatoes.

Don't give up. Make a few adjustments in garden maintenance to boost the current and future tomato harvests.

Blossom end rot is a common problem on the first set of fruit. It's due to a calcium deficiency often caused by fluctuations in soil moisture frequently seen on the first set of fruit and those grown in containers.

Always water thoroughly to encourage a deep robust root system. Adjust your watering as needed and mulch the soil to help keep it consistently moist. Have your soil tested before adding any calcium fertilizer.

Further reduce the risk of blossom end rot by avoiding root damage when staking and cultivating your garden. Eliminating some of the roots limits the plant's ability to absorb water and nutrients.

Avoid overfertilization and don't use ammonium-based nitrogen fertilizers on tomatoes.

Fortunately, it is safe to eat the firm red portion of the affected tomato. Since this is a physiological disorder, not a disease or insect problem you can cut off the black portion and toss it into the compost pile.

Cracked fruit is also common in the garden. Fluctuating temperatures, moisture stress, and improper fertilization result in irregular development of the fruit that results in cracking.

You can't change the weather, but you can reduce the risk of this problem with thorough, less frequent watering to encourage deep roots. And just like blossom end rot, mulch the soil to keep it evenly moist and be sure to avoid root damage.

Several fungal diseases, such as early and late blight, septoria leaf spot, and anthracnose, can cause spots on the leaves and fruit of tomatoes.

Minimize the problem by rotating your plantings whenever possible. Move your tomatoes to an area of the garden where unrelated crops, such as beans, lettuce, or onions, had been growing the previous season.

Mulching the soil also helps keep soil-borne fungal spores off the plant. Water early in the

day and if possible, apply the water directly to the soil with a soaker hose, drip irrigation, or a watering wand to reduce the risk of disease.

Properly space and stake or tower your tomato plants to promote healthier growth and reduce the risk of disease. Remove any volunteer tomatoes that sprout and crowd out the current season's planting.

Remove weeds as they appear. Many serve as hosts for insect pests and diseases and compete with tomato plants for water and nutrients. Removing them before they flower and set seed eliminates hundreds of weeds you would need to pull next year.

Always clean up and dispose of disease-infected plant material in the fall. Cultural practices and growing the most disease-resistant varieties available are often enough to keep these diseases under control.

If you choose to use a fungicide, select one labeled

for food crops and apply it at the first sign of the disease. Repeat applications are usually needed. Be sure to read and follow all label directions carefully whether using organic, natural, or synthetic fungicides.

Enjoy this year's harvest and continue to make any needed changes now and in the future to boost your gardening success. And as a gardener you know there is always next year.

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.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).



## NEWS

from the  
City of Purcell

### School Begins

When school bells ring to signal the start of the 2023-24 school year bells should also go off inside drivers' heads to drive safely. Thousands of students will be hurrying to their respective schools most likely not paying much attention to the vehicles on crowded streets. We are reminding drivers to be careful in school zones, follow the traffic laws as well as the directions given by crossing guards. Remember to stop for children and adults at crosswalks. Please keep our children safe.

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## Mollette:

soon come to ruin. However, you need a few friends and hopefully you will have some good ones.

*UncommSense, the Spiritual Chocolate* series, Grandpa's Store, *Minister's Guidebook* insights from a fellow minister are a few of his books. His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states.

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## Guzzardi:

Fred Astaire studio.

Eventually, Durning achieved his lifelong goal when he landed parts in television and the movies. His most memorable silver screen appearances among his 200 films include "The Sting," 1973; "Dog Day Afternoon," 1975, and "Tootsie," 1982. His significant honors include numerous Academy, Emmy and Tony Award nominations.

Reluctant to visit the site where so many of his comrades lay, Durning returned to Normandy only once after the war ended.

Looking back during a 1994 Memorial Day service to recognize the invasion's 50th anniversary, Durning noted remorsefully that the U.S. had engaged in at least five wars since World War II—Korea, Desert Storm, Panama, Grenada and Vietnam.

He said that each war is pertinent to only the individual who was there.

"I don't know what they went through; they don't know what I went through," said Durning. "Each person fights his own war. Each person is on a one-to-one basis with whoever's opposite him."

Durning added: "That war changed history as we knew it. It

was the greatest armada that ever hit any country, anywhere, anytime in the history of mankind. No one will ever see anything that enormous again."

World War II was, Durning said, the last war that had a well-defined purpose.

In January 2008, Durning was honored with the Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award, and his star was placed on the

Hollywood Walk of Fame adjacent to the actor he most admired, Jimmy Cagney.

Durning died of natural causes at his Manhattan home on Christmas Eve December 24, 2012, aged 89. Two days later, Broadway theaters dimmed their lights in his honor. Durning is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, the ultimate tribute to an American hero.



# Society



## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to Carrie Eyer, Savannah McCurdy, Mike McElderry, Nolan Douglas, Zackary Carpenter, Hannah Hail, Patsy Atterberry, Michael Schultz, Donna Drago, Sheila Baker, Misty McKiddy, Maria Susana Aguinaga, Kay Collett, Jim Duggins, Missy Burrough, Sarah Murrieta, Katie Johnson, Arely Resendiz, Sarah Bates, Michelle Denise Braden and Jeff McCaskill.

The coffee will be held at the Purcell City Police Department, 1515 N. Green Ave., in Purcell.

This is a great opportunity to connect with local business and community leaders.

The Purcell Public Library will present "Teen Connect: Painting and Poetry" Thursday, August 17, from 4-6 p.m. in the meeting room of the library.

Make new friends while painting canvases of your favorite poems or quotes. Connect with and learn more about other's experiences while sharing your own. Designed for teens ages 12-17.

Join us as we come together to paint quote art and get to know people who share a similar interest. Discover new techniques and perspectives as we meet with others to learn about their experiences while sharing your own.

Art supplies and snacks will be provided.

Registration is required and you can save your spot by calling 405-527-5546 or online at pioneerlibrarysystem.org.

The Purcell Farmers Market is held each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Santa Fe Plaza on Main Street.

Fresh, local produce, crafts, artisan food/drinks, book and vintage finds are all available.

Emily Montgomery shared this recipe with me.

**Shredded Barbecue**  
3 lb. chuck roast  
1 bottle Kraft Sweet and Spicy Chipotle Barbecue sauce  
1 bottle beer (Miller Lite)  
Salt and pepper  
1 bottle Sweet Baby Ray's Honey Barbecue sauce  
Salt and pepper all sides of roast and put in crock pot. Cover with sweet and spicy barbecue sauce. Pour beer over and on sides of roast.

Cook and cook on high 7 hours.

Take out of crock pot and shred beef, discarding liquid. Put back in crock pot and pour honey barbecue sauce over beef.

Cook 1-2 more hours on low, or until ready to serve.



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## Pauls Valley Opry

Chandler Elliott will be one of the performers at the next Pauls Valley Opry on Saturday, September 2. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley Junior High School auditorium.

## Pauls Valley Opry has fantastic performances

What a night at the Pauls Valley Opry! It was hot outside but inside at the Opry the guests were smokin'!

Michael and Lela Dalby, who we haven't seen in a couple of years, were back and knocked it out of the park!

Lela melted everyone's heart with the Patsy Cline/LeAnn Rimes hit, "Leavin' on Your Mind" and Michael rocked the house with the Garth Brooks megahit, "Callin' Baton Rouge."

This cute couple got us all in a western swing mood with the Vince Gill and Reba McEntire hit, "Oklahoma Swing."

Mary Alice Koehn is the "Star" of everyone's heart. Mary Alice is at home anywhere she is and this gal was born to entertain.

She got everyone on their feet with the Trio's hit, "Those Memories" and then she brought into a moment of worship with the John Starnes classic, "Love Grew Where the Blood Fell."

The fabulous country crooner, Terry Wilson, nailed it when he sang the Keith Whitley hit, "I'm Over You." The outlaw in him came out when he lit into the Waylon Jennings hit, "Rose of Paradise."

Not only is Terry a fantastic singer, musician and entertainer but he is also a fantastic artist! Check out his work on his Facebook page.

Bailey Washburn is a nationally recognized performer and she is a terrific vocalist,

musician, songwriter and entertainer. Bailey displayed her country roots with the Martina McBride hit, "Heartaches by the Number" and then she shared one of her own compositions, "Wichita Falls."

Michael Webb is a giant of a man, but we think we have figured it out - he has an overgrown heart for entertaining and singing. When his rich, deep and beautiful baritone voice cut loose on the George Strait classic, "Troubadour", you could have heard a pin drop in the auditorium.

If that wasn't fantastic enough, he held everyone spell-bound with the Trent Tomlinson tune, "One Wing in the Fire."

It is always an honor to have the legendary, Jae L. Stilwell on the show. Jae L. got everyone on their feet with the Tanya Tucker hit, "It's a Little Too Late" and then she left us in awe with her rendition of the Tammy Wynette classic, "Stand by Your Man."

The Memory Makers Band rounded off the evening with song selections made famous by Della Mae, Buddy Holly, Sugarland and Terri Clark.

Rod Koehn filled in for John Williams as emcee and treated us to a laugh or two, as well.

Please join us next month on Saturday, September 2, when we welcome guests John Williams, Anne Young, Maddox Ross, Donna Nowlin, David Paul Nowlin, Jeannie Troxel and Chandler Elliott.

## School Menus

Week of August 14

### Wayne

**MONDAY BREAKFAST**  
Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Hot ham and cheese, whole grain chip, broccoli, pears, milk.

**TUESDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal, banana, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Chicken nuggets, roasted potato, spinach, sliced strawberries, milk.

**WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST**  
Breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Hamburger, fries, baked beans, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

**THURSDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal, oranges, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Spaghetti, green beans, carrots, garlic roll, banana pudding, milk.

**FRIDAY BREAKFAST**  
Muffin, cereal, apple slices, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Pizza, corn, salad, ranch, orange, milk.

### Purcell

**THURSDAY BREAKFAST**  
Scrambled eggs, toast or cereal and toast, apple, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Hot Italian sub, french fries, baby carrots, cantaloupe, milk.

**FRIDAY BREAKFAST**  
Muffin or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Beef taco, refried beans, chips and salsa, applesauce, milk.

**MONDAY BREAKFAST**  
Waffles and syrup or cereal and toast, applesauce, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Corndog, french fries, green beans, fruit, milk.

**TUESDAY BREAKFAST**  
Scrambled eggs and toast or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Pancakes and toppings or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

**FRIDAY BREAKFAST**  
Chicken taquitos, refried beans, chips and salsa, fruit, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Pizza, caesar salad, baby carrots, mixed fruit, milk.

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

**LUNCH**  
Ham and cheese melt, tater tots, cucumber slices, apple, milk.

**THURSDAY BREAKFAST**  
Kolache and yogurt or cereal and toast, apple, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, baby carrots, grapes, milk.

**FRIDAY BREAKFAST**  
Pancakes and toppings or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Chicken taquitos, refried beans, chips and salsa, fruit, milk.

## OMRF receives \$2.1 million to explore DNA's packaging

The National Institutes of Health has awarded an Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientist \$2.1 million to explore the meticulous packaging of DNA that allows genes to function as intended.

OMRF scientist Susannah Rankin, Ph.D., will use the five-year grant to better understand chromosomes, which carry genetic data regarding specific human traits like hair color and height.

"Within the nucleus of every cell in our body, we have genomes, each about 3 yards long," Rankin said. "They're packed tightly into the microscopic nucleus and organized so that we can grow and develop normally."

With the new grant, Rankin's lab will focus on cohesin, a protein with two important jobs in the body. First, it acts as a molecular Velcro, holding

two copies of DNA together until the cells divide. Second, it helps to organize our DNA into loops and sections so that the body can turn genes on or off correctly.

Errors in these processes can lead to a host of health issues ranging from genetic disorders and cancer to birth defects and dysfunction associated with aging. By understanding how the process works in normal conditions, researchers can better understand what causes it to go wrong.

"Dr. Rankin's research is a deep dive into exactly how cohesin functions," said scientist Gary Gorbisky, Ph.D., who leads OMRF's Cell Cycle and Cancer Biology Research Program. "Ultimately, the knowledge gained from her work could lead to a range of improvements in human health."

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## Homeless:

Shanna Gonser runs The Day Center. Since opening in April 2022, Gonser said the center has served 156 clients with about seven people coming in each day.

Gonser said she rarely encounters homeless youth because many are so-called couch homeless and doubled up with another family. That form of homelessness is twice as common for youth in rural communities, according to a University of Chicago study.

Based on data collected by Woodward Public Schools, however, Drew and Stone are not alone. The district identified 113 homeless students during the 2018-2019 school year, the most recent year available.

Since leaving their families last August due to what they described as unstable and abusive households, Drew and Stone said they have not met another homeless teen. That may be partly due to their absence from school, but for all they know, they said, they're the only ones.

"They don't want a lot of people to know that they're in that situation," Gonser said. "It's embarrassing to them, so they don't go out and look for others that are in the same situation."

Drew said it's difficult for her to compare her situation to how she sees others her age living.

"Worthless," Drew said. "It makes me feel worthless."

**Homeless in High School**  
Homeless liaison Elizabeth Ressel works at Comanche Public Schools, just east of Lawton, where about 16 percent of students are classified as homeless. Over the years, she has used federal funding to provide students with supplies for extracurricular activities and pay fees for students' classes.

The McKinney-Vento Act of 1987 requires that homeless youth have access to the same public education as other students.

The act defines homelessness as lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, which might mean students living in motels, trailer parks, cars, in abandoned houses or doubled-up with another family.

This definition is more lenient than that of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which does not consider someone homeless if they are staying with others or in a motel.

Through the act, schools receive extra funding for homeless students that can be used for clothing, food, school supplies and class fees. Congress also mandates one homeless liaison per district to be in charge of identifying homeless students and connecting them with resources in the community.

In addition to using federal money, Ressel said she and other outreach coordinators at the school have identified student needs and received donated items to meet them.

"We've had students who, you know, they'll call and they'll say, 'I can't come; my clothes are wet. I washed 'em last night and we don't have a dryer. And I thought they'd dry overnight,'" Ressel said. "They don't want to come to school with wet clothes, so at our alternative school, we [now] have a washer and dryer. Our high school has a washer and dryer."

Further east of Comanche, Wilson Public Schools homeless liaison Claudia Labeth said five percent of students in the district were homeless.

With the closest shelter 25 minutes away in Ardmore, Labeth said the biggest day-

to-day challenge for her students is figuring out where they will sleep that night.

Unreliable housing affects a student's ability to attend school and graduate. About one-third of students experiencing homelessness missed 15 or more days of school, according to the National Center for Homeless Education. Labeth said to help combat this problem, she tries to show how school is needed to attain a good job and eventually a home.

"What do you want your future to look like, and how can we get there?" Labeth said she often asks her students. "School is a big part of it, so making school relevant to their future so they can live maybe a way they want to live instead of the way that they're kind of living in the present. I think that's the key for me."

In addition to designated liaisons like Labeth, schools provide students with a network of caring and connected adults. Regular conversations with teachers, counselors and other staff can help identify if students are at-risk or struggling.

"Usually, the students will say, 'Well, you know, I had a home and now I've been forced out and don't know what I'm going to do,'" Wilson High School agriculture teacher Joseph Buzidragis said. "And we actually see



this quite often in a small town."

This was the case when Buzidragis took in 16-year-old Kasper Hamilton in May 2022. He has since become Hamilton's legal guardian.

Hamilton had lived with his father and stepmother until his father died in a November 2022 car accident. He and his siblings were kicked out by his stepmother in May. Because Buzidragis knew the situation, Hamilton did not have to worry about finding a place to stay.

"We told him that we would do everything in our power to make sure he gets through high school and if he decides to go to college, to go to college or go to work, whichever he chooses," Buzidragis said. "That way we'd be there for him, not trying to take a parent's spot, but give him some safety and a place to live and kind of enjoy high school without having to worry."

Buzidragis said he has faced day-to-day challenges in getting Hamilton to open up emotionally and socially. His aim is to show Hamilton that he is wanted.

"It's rewarding, because you see, like this young man, you see their eyes start to light up as they see that we are not just going to throw them to the wayside," Buzidragis said.

**Falling Between the Cracks**

Sarah Svec has been working to address gaps in homeless data collected in southwest Oklahoma. As executive director of Family Promise, she collaborates with Lawton Public Schools, where about 700 students are homeless, according to the most recent data available.

By engaging with families, Svec said she has encountered youth who do not seek help

because they do not realize they would be considered homeless by public schools. One barrier to identification is virtual education, which she said is common for homeless children.

"They're not getting the teacher that sees they're coming in with dirty clothes every day," Svec said. "Part of what makes everybody successful at helping people who are experiencing homelessness is being able to identify people who are experiencing homelessness."

Another barrier is that homeless youth frequently move, sometimes to other districts. In the most recent available data, 371 school districts reported fewer than three homeless students in their schools. Rural non-profit leaders said they do not believe that is true of any district.

To improve homeless identification in schools, Gov. Kevin Stitt recently signed into law a measure requiring the Department of Education to report the number of homeless students by district and grade level starting November 1.

While the law might improve the counts of students, it does not address the population of homeless youth who are not yet school-age or are not attending school. Both Sisu Youth Services and Pivot, nonprofit organizations focused on youth homelessness in Oklahoma City, said many youth prioritize getting food and finding stable housing before going back to school.

David McLeod is one of three University of Oklahoma professors who partnered with the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency to determine how to best distribute \$32 million of federal funding toward unhoused and housing-insecure Oklahomans.

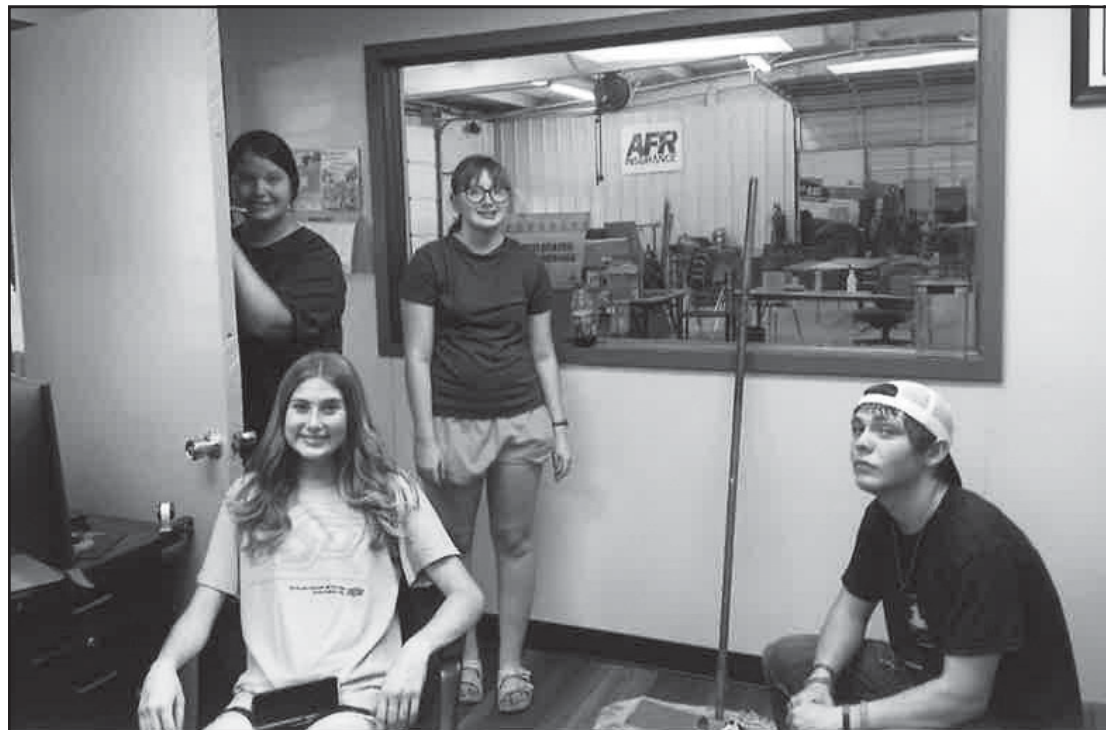
McLeod said through talking with rural and urban homeless liaisons and accounting for the population of youth too young to attend schools or not in school, Oklahoma could easily have more than 120,000 homeless and housing insecure youth today.

"I would ask anyone willing to engage in the conversation this question: If I am wrong, and have inflated this extrapolated calculation even twice over, are we OK with 60,000 homeless children?" McLeod asked.

This number is drastically larger than the about 22,000 homeless students identified in Oklahoma through the McKinney-Vento program during the 2020-2021 school year, the most recent year reported. The report also found 3.2 percent of all Oklahoma students to be considered homeless, however, McLeod said liaisons estimated the number to actually fall around 10 percent for their districts.

"Let's say we missed the mark ten times over," McLeod said. "Would Oklahoma's citizens — the brave, bold, resourceful, and upright of our state — be content that we have 12,000 homeless children? What if I threw on top of that, we know where to find them? We know who they are, and we know where the majority of them and their siblings go to school? The fact is that we do know, and the correlation between this epidemic and our ranking of 49th in education and 46th in overall child-well being is difficult to ignore."

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



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## Wayne FFA Officer Team work day

The Wayne FFA Officer Team met August 5 to get ready for the new school year. With all the construction going on at the school, they got together to move furniture back into their ag building for open house and classes to start August 9. The chapter members are looking forward to starting the new year off in a remodeled classroom with Ag Advisor Drew Hardaway. Pictured is (back) Jenna Fielder and Raedyn Saunders and (front) Addison Keeler and Adam Lee. Not pictured are Beatriz Perez and Jaxon Dill.

# Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between July 27-August 2, 2023.

### Traffic

Cody L. Rinehart, speeding, 80/70.  
Barry L. Mason, no seatbelt.  
Danna E. Taylor, no seatbelt.  
Sarah A. Hoffman, no seatbelt.  
Colton L. Hester, no seatbelt.  
Ryan T. Holland, no seatbelt.  
Cecilio Martinez-Ortiz, no seatbelt.  
Cybele M. Cotter, no seatbelt.  
Carey L. Bonner, no seatbelt.  
Daniel T. McGraw, overweight - 5001 to 6000.

Sarah M. McDonald, operate without current license decal.

Sarah M. McDonald, failure to register vehicle within 30 days.

Joseph K. Blankenship, speeding, 50/35.

Travis A. Fink, speeding, 75/65.

Roberta A. Berry, failure to stop.

Remedios Chacon-Arpero, failure to stay in lane.

Julian G. Padron, no seatbelt.

Julian G. Padron, no valid driver's license.

Julian G. Padron, operate motor vehicle without license plate.

Triston C. Haley, overweight on interstate (bridge formula).

### Misdemeanors

Raymond L. Durham, resisting an officer.

Joshua Parker, assault and battery.

Jarius D. Campbell, public intoxication.

Gregory B. Brasher, trespassing after being forbidden.

Juan E. Perez, DUI, aggravated.

Willie F. Bradley, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Lisa M. Anthony, actual physical control of vehicle while under the influence.

Vivianna Ortiz, possession of CDS (marijuana).

### Felonies

Kelly R. Turner, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.

Saul Rodriguez Jr., DUI.

Khody R. Jennings, prepare obscene material.

Emmanuel A. Moran, trafficking in illegal drugs (methamphetamine).

Chandler Carlile, bringing contraband into jail/penal institution.

### Small Claims

Adkins Hill Mobile Home Park vs. Brittney D. Hannah, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

### Civil

Midland Credit Management vs. Sheila A. Price, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Capital One, N.A. vs. Alishia J. Reno, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management vs. James Ball, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management vs. Pamela Fox, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management vs. Ruby J. Davila, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management vs. Derek C. Chambers, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management vs. Rhonda Rock, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management vs. Amber Brandt, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management vs. Brigitte Jorda, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management vs. Gloria Williams, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management vs. Brandon S. Earney, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Discover Bank vs. Melissa Murphy, civil action \$10,000 or less.

CKS Prime Investments LLC vs. Jada M. Gregory, civil action \$10,000 or less.

CKS Prime Investments LLC vs. Dustin L. Ott, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Discover Bank vs. Alan P. Dalhed, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Velocity Investments LLC vs. Phillip Horse, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Capital One, N.A. vs. Carl W. Anderson, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Capital One, N.A. vs. Dean A. Deetz, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Velocity Investments LLC vs. Gloria Jones, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Velocity Investments LLC vs. Alisha Matthews, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Rodney G. Corbin, civil action \$10,000 or more.

First United Bank and Trust Co. vs. Tyler D. Rice, civil action \$10,000 or more.

The First National Bank & Trust vs. Southwind Hills, LLC, civil action \$10,000 or more.

### Marriages Filed

Alexander L. Wofford, 21, and Emma R. Davis, 20, both of Purcell.

Alejandro Reyes Sr., 50, and Yer A. Vang, 47, both of Blanchard.

Yosh A. Lehman, 51, and Traci D. Moseley, 57, both of Wayne.

Conner K. Frankenberg, 27, and Lisbeth H. Hernandez, 27, both of Norman.

Casey L. Wallace, 51, and Phillip W. Holt, 57, both of Blanchard.

Douglas E. Hughes, 62, of Carmen, Okla., and Lisa L. Wells, 59, of Lindsay.

Daniel L. Deemer, 23, and Tyra L. Hames, 24, both of Newcastle.

Bryce C. Milligan, 25, and Lauryn N. Walden, 24, both of Blanchard.

Brian D. Aiken, 27, and Elizabeth A. Stephenson, 23, both of Maysville.

### Divorces Granted

Roma Jawad vs. Muhammad J. Afzal.

Gregory M. Roller vs. Kimberly J. Groff.

Ronald E. Broyles vs. Genetta M. Broyles.



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## Library time

A good turnout was on hand at the Pioneer Library in Purcell last Thursday for Learn It! Digital Citizenship Skills where sixth through eighth graders learned how to be safer when online.



# The Purcell Register

# Obituaries

## Roger Groff

Graveside services for Roger Groff, 51, of Wanette were held Aug. 9, 2023 at the Rosedale Cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Groff died unexpectedly Aug. 3, 2023.

Roger Dustin Groff was born on June 30, 1972 in Purcell, the baby of five children born to Maurice Allen “Buddy” Groff and Shirley Sue (Davis) Groff.

Survivors include his life partner, Katie Jones of Wanette; his three sons, Kaelan Groff (Sydney) of Byars, Riley Groff (Shilo) of Purcell and Brody Groff of Ada; stepdaughters, Madison Jones of Missouri and Jolie Groff and Jorja Groff, both of Wanette; sisters, Laura Groff and Alleen Sharp, both of Rosedale, and Terrye Meyer of Wayne; brother, David Groff (Karen) of Wayne and five grandchildren.

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

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## Fred Hubble

Graveside services for Fred Hubble, 75, of Tuttle will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023 at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Hubble died Aug. 6, 2023.

Freddie Jene Hubble was born Feb. 8, 1948 in Seminole, Okla., the fifth of six children of Melvin Alfred Hubble and Ruby Estella (Peltier) Hubble.

Survivors include his loving wife, Marsha Hubble of Tuttle; his daughter, Melanie Smith (Michael) of Tuttle; sons, Mark Hubble of Whittier, N.C., Ronnie Hubble (Kristi) of Newcastle, Kwinsi McKee (Kris) of Norman and Reed Shelton of Tuttle; brother, Dennis Hubble (Virginia) of Oklahoma City; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

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## Jim Page Jr.

Funeral services for Jim Page Jr., 88, of Lexington were held Aug. 9, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at the Lexington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Page died Aug. 5, 2023.

James Arthur Page Jr. was born March 14, 1935, on the Page family homestead near Lexington, the son of Jim Sr. and Hazel (Owens) Page.

Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years, Deanna Page and his stepbrother, Paul West and wife, Phyllis, of Lexington.

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

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# Get help paying for your Medicare prescription drug costs with Extra Help

With rising inflation and interest rates, the federal Extra Help Program may be helpful if you are a Medicare beneficiary with limited income and resources.

The Extra Help program assists qualified Medicare beneficiaries with out-of-pocket expenses associated with Medicare Part D prescription drug expenses. You also won't have to pay a Part D late enrollment penalty while you get Extra Help.

More than 10,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Oklahoma may be eligible for this program but have yet to apply. The Medicare Assistance Program (MAP) is a division of the Oklahoma Insurance Department that can help Medicare beneficiaries understand and apply for this assistance. MAP provides free, unbiased information to help Oklahomans understand Medicare, Medicare supplements, Medicare Advantage, and other health plan options.

“Having to choose between buying groceries or paying for prescription drugs is a decision no one should have to make,” MAP Director Ray Walker said.

The income and resource limits in 2023:

Your situation	Income limit	Resource limit
Individual	\$1,660/month	\$9,090
Married couple	\$2,239/month	\$13,630

Resources include the value of the things you own. Some examples are real estate other than your primary residence, bank accounts, including checking, savings, and certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and IRAs. Your primary residence, personal possessions and your vehicle do not count as a resource.

Individuals who qualify for this program will receive assistance with their Medicare Part D prescription drug plans. This means that individuals eligible for Full Extra Help will have their Part D monthly premium paid up to \$32.90 per month and will pay a reduced copay of \$4.15 for generic drugs and \$10.35 for name-brand drugs.

“Even with higher income and resources, you may qualify for partial Extra Help. This program will pay all or part of the monthly premium as well as a portion of the copays and coinsurance,” Walker added.

To see if you qualify for the Extra Help program, please call the Oklahoma Medicare Assistance Program at 1-800-763-2828 or visit <https://www.oid.ok.gov/ship-low-income-subsidy/>.

If you have questions about insurance issues, please contact the Oklahoma Insurance Department at 1-800-522-0071 or visit our website at [www.oid.ok.gov](http://www.oid.ok.gov).

No. 595-August 10-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: CASILLAS PETROLEUM RESOURCE PARTNERS, LLC RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA CAUSE CD NO. 2023-002278 NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas, and all other interested persons, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma, and all parties listed as respondents on Exhibit “A”, attached to the Application on file herein, and more particularly: CRESCENT ASSOCIATES PARTNERSHIP 1982, if living, or if deceased, the known and unknown heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, successors, trustees and/or assigns, immediate and remote, of the above named parties.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant in this Cause is requesting that the Commission pool the interests and adjudicate the rights and equities of oil and gas owners in the Mississippian, Woodford and Hunton common sources of supply underlying Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma, a 640-acre horizontal drilling and spacing unit, and designate CPRP Services, LLC or some other party as operator. Applicant requests the Pooling Order cover an owner's interest in all wells drilled on said unit which are necessary to fully develop the same.

IT IS ORDERED that this Cause be referred to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission. IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Merits Docket at the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., in the Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105, at 8:30 a.m., on the 28th day of August, 2023, and that this notice be published as required by law and the Rules of the Commission. Due to renovation work at the Jim Thorpe Office Building, the Commission's Oklahoma City

office is relocating to the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building at 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., in the Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. All hearings, docket calls, and public meetings will be conducted in the Concourse Theater or additional courtrooms located in the tunnel between the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and the Sequoyah Memorial Office Building. The specific room location, including updates, of each scheduled hearing or public meeting will be available on or before the day of the event at the information desk in the first-floor lobby of the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and on the Commission's website at: <https://oklahoma.gov/occ/court-dockets.html>.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the referenced hearing may be conducted via teleconference or videoconference. Before coming to the building for this hearing, please visit the Oklahoma Corporation Commission website at <https://oklahoma.gov/occ.html> to determine the status of building access. Instructions for participating via teleconference or videoconference are available on the Commission's website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action contact ALICIA FOWLER at (405) 607-8831, OR JORDAN VOLINO at (405) 594-2395, Casillas Petroleum Resource Partners, LLC, 123 N.W. 8th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73102, or CHARLES L. HELM/STEPHEN T. GARY, Attorneys, 400 North Walker, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73102, (405) 232-9000. Please refer to Cause CD Number.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA J. TODD HIETT, Chairman KIM DAVID, Vice Chairman BOB ANTHONY, Commissioner /s/ Charles L. Helm CHARLES L. HELM

No. 590-August 10-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel., OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, Petitioner, vs. FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$59,352.00) IN U.S. CURRENCY AND AN AK-47 FIREARM WITH 30-ROUND MAGAZINE, Respondent, vs. JOSSUE EDUARDO-NAVAREZ AND JACQUELINE QUINONEZ-CANO, Potential Claimants.

Case No. CV-2023-159 NOTICE OF SEIZURE & INTENDED FORFEITURE THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Anyone claiming an interest in the currency and firearm described herein. You are hereby notified the State of Oklahoma has seized and intends to forfeit the following: FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$59,352.00) IN U.S. CURRENCY AND AN AK-47 FIREARM WITH 30-ROUND MAGAZINE The above-referenced currency and firearm were used in McClain County, State of Oklahoma, during a violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, hereinafter the “Act.” Okla. Stat. tit. 63, §§2-101, et seq., on or about March 26, 2023, when Josue Eduardo-Navarez attempted

No. 589-August 10-2 Times NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE PARADISE AIR HAVEN HOME OWNER'S INC. OF MCCLAIN COUNTY Pursuant to 11 O.S. § 42-106.1(C) and the Bylaws of the Paradise Air Haven Home Owner's Inc. of McClain County, please be advised that the Paradise Air Haven Home Owner's Inc. of McClain County will conduct a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. Said Meeting will be held at the Goldsby Community Center, located at 100 E. 1290 Rd., Goldsby, Oklahoma 73093.

Joanna Southard President

No. 592-August 10-3 Times PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONE

The City of Purcell, owners of the following described property, do hereby make application and petition the Purcell City Commission to re-zone the below-mentioned property in accordance with Section 122-13 of the City of Purcell Code of Ordinances (2003).

Address: 1500 N. Green Ave., Purcell, OK

Legal: A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4NW1/4) of Section One (1),

office is relocating to the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building at 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., in the Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. All hearings, docket calls, and public meetings will be conducted in the Concourse Theater or additional courtrooms located in the tunnel between the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and the Sequoyah Memorial Office Building. The specific room location, including updates, of each scheduled hearing or public meeting will be available on or before the day of the event at the information desk in the first-floor lobby of the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and on the Commission's website at: <https://oklahoma.gov/occ/court-dockets.html>.

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to elude OHP Trooper Kurry Stucks while driving a vehicle which was found to have an AK-47 firearm with 30-round magazine zip-tied to the frame underneath the vehicle. The car was also occupied by Jacqueline Quinonez-Cano, though she refused to identify herself at the scene. After the pursuit ended, an inventory of the vehicle was conducted, which led to discovery of the firearm and of the currency which was hidden in an air filter box in the engine compartment. OHP Troopers on scene had probable cause to believe the currency was proceeds from illegal drug activity. As a result, the currency is forfeitable pursuant to 63 O.S. § 2-503(A)(6) and the firearm is forfeitable pursuant to 63 O.S. § 2-503(A)(9).

The owner, claimant, or any other party claiming an interest may file a verified Answer and claim to the currency and/or firearm within forty-five (45) days after the mailing, publication, or delivery of this Notice after which time the State of Oklahoma shall move this Court for an Order of Forfeiture in compliance with Okla. Stat. tit. 63 §§ 2-503 and 2-506. Dated July 31, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted, /s/ Christa Alderman Christa Alderman, OBA #22374 Department of Public Safety P.O. Box 53004 Oklahoma City, OK 73152 Telephone: (405) 425-2763 christa.alderman@dps.ok.gov Counsel for Petitioner

Wendee Perceful Secretary/Treasurer PARADISE AIR HAVEN HOME OWNER'S INC. OF MCCLAIN COUNTY AGENDA Regular Meeting

August 22, 2023 Association to discuss and take appropriate action on the following:

Item No. 1 - Call Meeting to order.

Item No. 2 - Discussion, consideration, and possible action/amendment to approve the FIRST AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF RESERVATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS PERTAINING TO PARADISE AIR HAVEN MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.

Item No. 3- Adjournment.

Township Six (6) North, Range Two (2) West, I.M. in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma.

Change from R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to C-2 (Office Commercial District) Proposed Use of Property: Commercial.

Public hearing to be held Monday, August 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm, Purcell Police Facility and before the City of Purcell Commission Meeting Monday, September 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm, Purcell Police Facility.

/s/ Andrea Millsap Andrea Millsap, City Clerk

No. 585-August 10-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALFORD REX HYDE, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-69

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against the Estate of ALFORD REX HYDE, 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 Personal Representative at the Law Office of BILL C. LESTER, Attorney at Law, 212 West Main, P.O. Box 1407, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, on or before the following presentment date: 9th day of October, 2023 or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Kimberly Ann Milliser Kimberly Ann Milliser Personal Representative

BILL C. LESTER Attorney for Personal Representative 212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407 Purcell, OK 73080 (405) 527-5623 OBA #5389 Email: [blester@lesterlawoffice.com](mailto:blester@lesterlawoffice.com)

No. 580-August 10-3 Times THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Elsie Taylor, ET AL.

No. PB-2023-00050 NOTICE

Take Notice the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns of Robert Jones, Ellis Jones, Nellis Jones, Lawrence Washington, Minnie Jones, Joshua Jones, and Charley Jones on the 14th day of September, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the McClain County District Court House, before the Honorable Judge Charles Gray.

/s/ JUDGE CHARLES N. GRAY THE HONORABLE CHARLES N. GRAY

No. 587-August 10-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN S. BARRETT, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-78 NOTICE TO CREDITORS To the Creditors of Carolyn S. Barrett, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Carolyn S. Barrett, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Christopher C. Barrett, Personal Representative, at the law office of Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main, Purcell, OK 73080,

No. 594-August 10-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

RIKARD C. CARTER, KENNETH L. CARTER, VANCE L. MYERS and MARY JOSEPHINE YUHAS, a/k/a MARY JO YUHAS, a/k/a MARY J. YUHAS, Plaintiffs,

vs. VIRGINIA F. PADGETT, Deceased, LINDA S. MYERS, Deceased, RICHARD J. YUHAS, Deceased and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of VIRGINIA F. PADGETT, Deceased, LINDA S. MYERS, Deceased and RICHARD J. YUHAS, Deceased. Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2023-163 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Defendants Virginia F. Padgett, Deceased, Linda S. Myers, Deceased, Richard J. Yuhas, Deceased, and The Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Virginia F. Padgett, Deceased, Linda S. Myers, Deceased and Richard J. Yuhas, Deceased.

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 Rikard C. Carter, Kenneth L. Carter, Vance H. Myers and Mary Josephine, a/k/a Mary Jo Yuhas, Mary J. Yuhas to quiet any right, title, or undivided interest in and to the surface and an undivided interest in the oil, gas and mineral interest that may be produced from the subject lands 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 September 29, 2023, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that the Plaintiffs Rikard C. Carter, Kenneth L. Carter, Vance H. Myers and Mary Josephine, a/k/a Mary Jo Yuhas, Mary J. Yuhas are the owners of the surface and an undivided interest in the oil, gas and minerals that may be produced from the subject lands in and under the following described property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma as follows, to-wit (the “Property”):

a. The South 5 acres of the Northeast 10 acres of Lot Three (3), the Southeast 10 acres of Lot Three (3) and the Northeast 10

No. 586-August 10-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARK E. BEARDS, Deceased.

Case No: PB-2023-72

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against the estates of Mark E. Beards, 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 following named attorney for the Personal Representative: Douglas S. Wall, P.C. Attorney At Law 216 E. Eufaula Norman, Oklahoma 73069 (405) 360-4529

Such claim must be presented on or before the following presentment date: October 20th, 2023, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Douglas S. Wall Douglas S. Wall, P.C. OBA #15867

Wall Law Office 216 E. Eufaula Norman, Oklahoma 73069 Telephone (405) 360-4529 [dwalllaw@gmail.com](mailto:dwalllaw@gmail.com) Attorney for Administrator

and assigns of Minnie Jones, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns of Joshua Jones, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns of Charley Jones, the court will determine the heirs of Robert Jones, Ellis Jones, Nellis Jones, Lawrence Washington, Minnie Jones, Joshua Jones, and Charley Jones on the 14th day of September, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at the McClain County District Court House, before the Honorable Judge Charles Gray.

/s/ JUDGE CHARLES N. GRAY THE HONORABLE CHARLES N. GRAY

addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: 2nd day of October 2023, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 3rd day of August 2023.

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr. James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881

George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223

Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731 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

acres of Lot Four (4), in Section Thirty-One (31), Township Seven (7) North, Range Four (4) West, I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma.

and that the Plaintiffs Rikard C. Carter, Kenneth L. Carter and Vance H. Myers and Mary Josephine, a/k/a Mary Jo Yuhas, Mary J. Yuhas are the owners of an undivided interest in the oil, gas and minerals that may be produced from the subject lands in and under the following described property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma as follows, to-wit (the “Property”):

b. All of the undivided interest in the oil, gas and minerals located in the Southeast 10 acres of Lot 4, a/k/a The South Half of the East Half of Lot Four (4), in Section Thirty-One (31), Township Seven (7) North, Range Four (4) West I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma.

free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances, Defendants Virginia F. Padgett, Deceased, Linda S. Myers, Deceased, Richard J. Yuhas, Deceased, and The Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Virginia F. Padgett, Deceased, Linda S. Myers, Deceased and Richard J. Yuhas, Deceased, have no right, title, interest, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, or assessment in or to the said hereinabove described surface and an undivided interest in and to the oil, gas and mineral interest that may be produced from the subject lands, 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 OFFICIAL SEAL this 7th day of August 2023.

(Seal) McClain County Court Clerk

By: /s/ Karen Weltmer Deputy Court Clerk

APPROVED: /s/ James B. Blevins, Jr. James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881

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## Demolition

All that remains of the old auditorium at Mid-America Technology Center is a pile of concrete chunks. Demolition began in early July to make room for a major overhaul of the facility in the months to come.

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## Mid-America:

Planning for the project began in the fall of 2020 with demolition of unwanted portions of the current facility starting early in July.

The upgrades will enhance: •Security – “Our main/administration building needed one single secure entrance,” MATC officials said.

•Meeting Space – The campus needs additional meeting space that can accommodate larger gatherings with modern audio/visual technology.

•Office Space – The campus needs centralized administrative and finance offices.

Restrooms – The main/administration building needs at least three additional banks of restrooms to accommodate gatherings and increased student population.

•Safe room – The campus needs an additional safe room to serve the north side of campus.

•Student Commons – The campus needs additional sitting/commons area for meeting rooms and student break space.

•Code update – The main/administration building needs

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## Gowens:

**Q. What made you decide to become a golf professional?**

A. When I was in college I played football and had a teammate from Florida that also played golf. He got me to start coming out after football season and play golf with him. He was much better than me and really gave me the golf bug to get better and really fell in love with the game.

My mother got sick and I ended up back in Purcell to be close to her and ended up working at a horse ranch. I would hurry out to the golf course in the evening to try to play a few holes. Frankie Rinehart convinced me to come work for him at the golf course, then started talking to me about getting into the PGA program which was something I thought I would love.

My mother told me when I was young to do something I really enjoyed as a career because I would be doing it for a long time. Well it's been 40 years!

**Q. What is your favorite memory about being the head pro at Brent Bruehl?**

A. The time I spent design-

ing and building the additional 10 holes to make us an 18 hole golf course is one of my favorite memories.

**Q. How has technology changed the game? Is it for better or worse?**

A. Technology has made the game easier for the average player, which is probably good for the game as a whole. The one bad thing I see about technology, is how far the golf ball goes now is making some of the older golf courses a little bit obsolete for the best players in the world. So I would say it's good and bad.

**Q. Who taught you to play and when did you know you wanted to have a career in golf?**

A. When I started playing in college, there wasn't a real teacher in the area to give me lessons, so I studied and read everything I could about golf and essentially taught myself. This is not the way I would recommend learning, I would seek out someone qualified to teach the game and take some lessons!

to be brought up to modern building standards and codes.

•Class/program space – Consolidation of IT, maintenance and office space will free up space for additional program space.

During planning meetings, it was determined that we needed to invest in our current campus and re-establish it as our headquarters prior to starting on a North Campus,” Eubank said. “In doing so we recognized that most of our students and clients were accustomed to newer more modern buildings and that we needed to make the building both inviting and appealing to our customers,” he said.

The renovation will include three large meeting rooms, offices, student commons and multiple restrooms. Also in the plan is building a separate IT Maintenance Building as part of the project.

Another design consideration was that we did not want to interfere with existing training and class schedules. We will have some challenges with

parking, and where offices are located, but classes and training will continue.

“We actually added three programs this year to utilize existing space, so our ability to host meetings and large groups will be somewhat limited during construction,” Eubank said.

The work right now is concentrated on removing the front of the 53-year-old Main Building. The demolition of the auditorium and front offices is complete and new construction should begin next week.

Kahle Wilson with Design Architects Plus was able to create a building that solved problems and looks amazing.

“Goldsby Construction has been great to work with on the building side and we are confident that the finished product will be both beautiful and efficient,” Eubank said. The end goal is to have a new look and footprint to better serve our students, clients and community needs.

During construction, the new “temporary front entrance” will be the east entrance of the Main Building.

# Preventing and managing powdery mildew in the garden

Melinda Myers  
For The Purcell Register

Don't panic when you find a powdery white substance covering the leaves of some of your flowers, vegetables, and shrubs. This is a good clue that your plants are infected with the fungal disease, powdery mildew. Most otherwise healthy plants can tolerate the damage and perennials will return the following year.

You may see this disease on a variety of plants including zinnia, phlox, bee balm, lilacs, roses, cucumbers, and squash. Powdery mildew is caused by several different fungi with each attacking specific host plants. This means the powdery mildew on one plant won't necessarily infect its neighbors. But when the weather conditions are right, high humidity at night and low humidity during the day, powdery mildew can develop on a variety of unrelated susceptible plants.

This fungus grows on leaf surfaces, preventing sunlight from reaching the leaves. The infected leaves eventually turn yellow, brown and may wither. The disease usually won't kill the plant, but it does ruin the beauty of ornamental plants and severe infestation can reduce the size and quantity of fruit when growing cucumbers, squash and other susceptible vegetables.

Consider living with the damage. Mask the view of the diseased leaves with slightly shorter nearby plants, allowing you to still enjoy the flowers.

If you decide to treat the plants, you must start at the first sign of the disease and then every seven to 14 days for effective control. Consider using one of the organic fungicides labeled for controlling this disease on the plants you are treating.

Cornell University found baking soda was effective at managing powdery mildew. You will find variations of the mixture using 1 to 1.5 tablespoons of baking soda and 2.5 to 3 tablespoons of lightweight horticulture oil mixed into one gallon of water.



Be sure to read and follow label directions when using any organic, natural, or synthetic product. Pretest any fungicide selected including the Cornell mixture.

Apply the fungicide to a couple of leaves and monitor for any toxic side effects before spraying all the infected plants.

Reduce the risk of powdery mildew in future gardens. Remove and dispose of mildew-infected plants and leaves in fall.

When adding new plants to the garden, select those noted for powdery mildew resistance. They aren't immune but less likely to develop the disease than more susceptible varieties.

Give plants plenty of room to reach their mature size. This increases airflow and light reaching the plants, decreasing humidity and the risk of infection. Avoid excess fertilization that promotes lush succulent growth that is more susceptible to this and other diseases.

Train vining crops like cucumber, squash, and melons onto a trellis. You'll not only save space but also increase light and air penetration around the plants for greater productivity and less risk of disease.

Do a bit of pruning on susceptible phlox and bee balm next spring. Remove one-fourth of the stems of susceptible perennials when the plants are several inches tall. This increases light penetration and airflow, resulting in stronger stems and less risk of this disease.

A bit of prevention goes a long way in boosting the beauty of your garden and reducing the time spent managing this

disease.

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.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).



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## Steady progress

At the weekly Main StreetScape meeting at city hall Tuesday morning, officials announced they will be through with the north side of Main Street by August 21.

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## StreetScape:

Public Works Authority portion of Monday's meeting when they accepted the bid of \$150,420 from EMSCO Electric Supply.

After an executive session the board voted to begin the process of accepting applications for city manager.

The board also heard quarterly reports from Wadley's EMS and from Purcell Municipal Hospital.

During the city council portion of the meeting, the group approved entering into a five-year contract for 22 body cameras and 22 car cameras for the police department from Axon for \$413,990.37.

The council approved a change order for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for \$72,829 for the Main StreetScape project to fund bases for the new lights and electric boxes for the project in downtown Purcell.

The council:

- approved purchase of a 3/4 ton cargo van from Confidence Ford in Norman for the state bid price of \$45,194.20

- approved the contract to lease space in the Purcell Human Resources Center to the library

- approved the final plat of The Arbors Phase I upon recommendation of the planning commission

- approved the adjusted police department budget after ratification of the FOP contract

- approved a budget amendment of \$5,483.12 to record insurance reimbursements for two hail damaged police units.

The council tabled any action on surplus portions of Red Hill to acquire public input about any possible sale of the real estate.

They also tabled the purchase of a truck and uplift equipment for the Emergency Management Department.

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## Chamber:

has served in various capacities within the community for over two decades and is a seasoned entrepreneur as well as business leader with an impressive track record in the community.

He recently retired as the Lead Pastor at Christian Life Community Church after 24 years of serving. He is also the owner of Thrive Early Learning Center, The Sweat Shop Gym and Fitness and Fireworks Outlet OKC.

He has served as a board member of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce for many years and leads their Economic Development Team. He is also a board member and vice president for Leadership Mid-America.

Wheat said he is honored to be able to serve his community in this capacity and officially assumed his new role as president July 20.

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## Teachers:

Mackey, Marc, Peters, Teresa Piazza, Ethan Scott, Liz Scott, Crystal Sheehy, Amy Stone, Michele Underhill, Tammy Williams, Jacob Willing, Chloe Windham and Sheila Woodell.

Allen-Price will be teaching ninth grade English and will teach Special Education. She is a graduate of Norman High School and The University of Oklahoma.

She previously taught seventh grade ELA and at Whittier Middle School in Special Education Resource-Autism.

She took the position at Purcell because her first year was in a smaller town and she loved it.

"So I'm returning to a smaller district for the strong sense of community," Allen-Price said.

She and her husband, Eric, have been married for 10 years. They have four children, Jackson, Jonathan, Rose and Josiah.

"We also have some fur babies, Shadow, Rumble and Sammie," she reported.

Eric and Jenny are huge basketball fans and enjoy supporting the community.

Beal will be teaching ninth grade SPED.

He is a graduate of Norman North High School and Cowley College and Lindenwood University.

He previously worked as a paraprofessional.

"I took this job as a new chapter for personal growth," Beal said. "I am quiet with a laid-back personality with a commitment to quality and a job well-done."

Broome will be teaching seventh grade math at the junior high.

He is a graduate of Seminole High School and East Central University. He previously has taught at Lexington, Seminole, Elgin, Yukon and Piedmont.

He said he wanted to get back to a small school.

Bradley will teach kindergarten at Purcell Elementary. She is a graduate of Ellicott High School and Adams State University.

She previously taught reading intervention and kindergarten.

The married mother of two sons recently moved to Oklahoma from Colorado.

Chase will teach first grade.

She is a graduate of Norman North High School and Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Chase previously taught at Lexington Elementary. She accepted the position here for supportive community and leadership.

She and her husband have three children.

Childers will be teaching sixth grade English.

She is a graduate of Idabel High School and attended Oklahoma State University and Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Her previous experience included being the Special Education Director.

"I love working with students," Childers said.

She and her husband, Keith, have twin sons, Kayle and Austin, who are 18.

Cook will be a counselor and previously served as Lexington Middle School Counselor.

She is a Purcell Graduate and earned her degree from The University of Oklahoma.

"When the opportunity was presented to return to my Alma Mater, I couldn't pass it up. I am excited to be a Dragon once again," Cook said.

Dillard, who is the head football coach for the Dragons, will be Dean of Students at the high school.

He is a Purcell High School graduate and earned his degree from The University of Oklahoma.

Dillard earned his Master's Degree from East Central University. This will be his 14th year in education.

He previously taught at Lexington, Yukon and Piedmont.

"I had an opportunity to move our family back home closer to

extended family," Dillard explained. "It was also a chance to work in a supportive and special community."

Dillard and his wife, Emily, have two children, three-year-old Lincoln and four-month-old Cole. Emily is a CPA.

Jones will teach fifth grade science at the Intermediate School.

She is a graduate of Wayne High School and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Jones said she accepted the position here, "for my love of science and teaching."

She and her husband, Brian have two children, Roxanne and Asa.

Mackey will teach fifth grade reading.

She is a graduate of Crowley High School and The University of Oklahoma.

She previously taught second, third and fourth grades at Purcell for 16 years.

"I've been out of education for eight years," Mackey said. "I have missed it tremendously, so it was time to jump back into the classroom."

She is married to her husband of 28 years, Anthony.

"We do not have any children but we have an eight-year-old Border Collie who believes he is a human."

Peters will be teaching seventh grade science.

He is a 1984 graduate of Purcell High School and Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

He previously has taught at El Reno, McGuinness and Ardmore.

He accepted the position here because he "wanted to get back home."

He has three daughters, Shelby, 27, Sam, 26 and Reese, 18.

Piazza returns to the Purcell Faculty to teach fourth grade.

She previously taught Pre-K, kindergarten, second, fourth and fifth grade reading and language arts at Purcell.

She is a graduate of Westmore High School. She attended OU and USAO.

She accepted the position here, "to focus on teaching with my Dragon family."

Piazza said her husband of 30 years, Dan, is Chief of Police at OCCC.

Their children, Autumn is married to Blayne. He is stationed in North Carolina. Daughter, Sydney, is married to Malachi. They are expecting her first grandchild in November. Their son, Tyler, passed away last September.

"I am so excited to be back at Purcell," Piazza said.

Ethan Scott will be teaching high school biology.

Scott is a graduate of Lexington High School and The University of Oklahoma.

He previously taught middle school social studies.

"I am from this community and wanted to get back close to where I grew up," Scott said.

Liz Scott will be teaching kindergarten.

She has previously taught music to all grade levels.

Scott is a Madill High School graduate. She earned her degree from East Central University.

"Purcell fits our lifestyle and offers a new beginning," Scott said.

She lives with her eight-year-old son.

"I have 24 years of experience in music education," Scott said. "I love singing, dancing and teaching children about the music in our world and how it brings us together."

Sheehy will be teaching fifth grade special education.

Sheehy is a graduate of Purcell High School. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma and is currently pursuing her Master's Degree at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

She previously taught special education at Plaza Towers Elementary.

"The job was open. I saw an opportunity for me to continue

teaching what I love and I'm closer to home," Sheehy said.

"I am a single mother of two girls Gabriella, 11, and Mila, five.

"I am looking forward to serving the families in Purcell," Sheehy continued. "I am excited my daughters will experience life as a Dragon like my family and I did."

Stone will serve as secondary librarian in grades six through 12th grades.

She is a graduate of Dallas Christian School. She attended The University of Oklahoma and East Central University.

She previously taught second grade and physical education at Purcell and served as elementary librarian at Meeker.

"I am excited to be back in the district with my kids working in the library at the secondary level," Stone said.

She has three children, Spencer in the sixth grade, Asher in the fourth grade and Mayer in the second grade.

Underhill will be teaching second grade.

She is a graduate of Northwestern High School in Justin, TX.

She earned her BA with her Teacher Certification from the University of North Texas and M.Ed. in educational leadership from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

She previously taught middle school social studies in Norman and online ESL teacher with VIPKID.

"I am returning to teaching in public schools after being a stay-at-home mom," Underhill said.

"We moved to Washington and I want to teacher closer to my family and in a smaller local community with great leadership and support."

Underhill and her husband, Jason, have three daughters in second, kindergarten and Pre-K.

Williams will be teaching third grade.

She is a graduate of Ardmore High School and The University of Oklahoma.

She has taught 12 years in Oklahoma including three at Purcell Elementary as well as nine years in Texas.

"I'm excited to be returning and teaching third grade at Purcell Intermediate School. This is like coming home," Williams said.

She and her husband, Josh, have two daughters, Chloe Herrin-Northcutt and Natalie Williams.

"I enjoy spending time with my family including the grandchildren Noah and Ivy Northcutt. Willing will teach band for grades six through 12.

He is a graduate of Jenks High School and The University of Oklahoma.

He previously served as assistant band director at Altus.

He accepted the position at Purcell because he wanted to get back to the Oklahoma City area.

Windham will be teaching third grade at Purcell Elementary.

She is a Washington High School graduate and earned her degree from USAO.

She took the position because, "the school community and experience I have had at Purcell is very welcoming, supportive, faithful and positive," Windham said.

She reports she lives with her parents, sister and many animals.

"Since I am focusing on my first year of teaching, I am not married and have no kids," she said. "I am a lover of positive attitudes, elephants, flowers, collaboration and new experiences."

Woodell will be teaching sixth grade social studies.

She is a graduate of Roff High School and USAO.

"I've heard so many great things about the Purcell School District," Woodell said of accepting the position here.

"I love teaching in the junior high," she confirmed.



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Sheila Hayden

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

This week we are featuring Sheila Hayden. She has been our Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department since 2019. Sheila got into healthcare because of her grandmother, who was a nurse. She loved her grandmother's uniform and cap, while also loved hearing her stories. She enjoys working with her co-workers. A challenging part about her job is balancing her work and family life. Sheila enjoys listening to old metal music and traveling to Florida every summer with her grandkids. You might find Sheila sewing and quilting when she is not at work. A fun fact is that she made her sister's wedding dress. .





# Fast-Pitch season underway

Ervin and his Lady Bulldogs already have a couple games under their belt

**Emily Montgomery**  
 The Purcell Register

Head softball coach Monty Ervin is back for his second season with the Lady 'Dawgs.

His fastpitch team finished the 2022 season with a 22-13 record after falling to Lindsay in the Regional tournament.

Several seniors graduated from that team, including Izzy Pack, Cora Vasquez, Maddie Manuel, Leslie Barber and Alexis Feuerborn.

Ervin returns four seniors, all with gametime experience.

"I have a good nucleus of seniors and they have enough experience to be helpers for our younger players. Those girls will have to step up and do their jobs," Ervin said.

Seniors include Marisa Northrup, Abi Clifton, Kiely Givens and Maison Sissney.

Ervin mentioned Givens and Sissney's preseason play

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## Lexington Fast-Pitch 2023

August	Opponent	Site	Time
10	Holdenville	H	5:00
11	Lexington Festival	H	4:30
14	Heritage Hall	A	5:00
15	Jones	H	5:00
17-19	Murray Co. Bash	Sulphur	TBA
21	Jones	A	5:00
24-26	Roff Tournament	A	TBA
29	Lindsay	H	5:00
September	Opponent	Site	Time
4	Heritage Hall	H	5:00
5	Holdenville	A	5:00
7-9	Sterling Tournament	A	TBA
11	Stratford	A	5:00
12	Lindsay	H	5:00
14	Wayne	H	5:00
15	Crooked Oak	A	4:30
21-22	Regionals	TBA	TBA
28-29	Super Regionals	TBA	TBA
October	Opponent	Site	Time
5-7	State	HoF Stadium	TBA

## 2023 Lexington Fast-pitch



 Jocelyn Senn So., 1	 Marisa Northrup Sr., 3	 Marleigh Givens Fr., 5	 Cayden Boatwright So., 8	 McKenzie Manuel So., 9
 Teniece King So., 10	 Abi Clifton Sr., 13	 Kiely Givens Sr., 14	 Baylee Rillema Jr., 15	 Emma Stone Fr., 16
 Kora Parker So., 17	 Hannah Garrett So., 19	 Maison Sissney Sr., 20	 Peyton Veley Fr., 22	 Lexie Torres So., 24
 Chloe Becker Fr., 27	 Monty Ervin Head Coach	 Jeanice Ervin Asst. Coach		

## 2023 Washington Fast-Pitch

 Presley Lucas So., 1	 Alexis Gay Sr., 2	 Kelby Beller So., 3	 Ava Salcedo Fr., 4	 Olivia Palumbo Jr., 5
 Isabella Castillo Fr., 6	 Halle Andrews Sr., 7	 Daphne Palumbo Fr., 8	 Shelbie Caveness Jr., 9	 Taylor Elliott Jr., 10
 Emersyn Massey So., 11	 Mikala West Jr., 12	 Laney Gay So., 15	 Reese Schrader So., 16	 Ava Grimes Jr., 17
 Sage Ryan Jr., 18	 Aly Reyes So., 17	 Bailey Hyde Sr., 18	 Dorothy Shephard So., 21	 Emjay Lucas Sr., 23
 Addy Larman Jr., 24	 Breanna Lindert Jr., 25	 Raelee Adkins Fr., 26	 Bree McHughes So., 28	 Chloe Mallory Fr., 29
 Elena Lopez Fr., 30	 Abigail Austin Fr., 31	 Kinlee Pogue Fr., 32	 Julie Hoehner Fr., 33	
 Tyler Lampkin Head Coach	 Brad Lucas Asst. Coach	 Jennifer Gay Asst. Coach	 Raylee Pogue Asst. Coach	

# Lady Bulldogs hit the diamond

Wayne picks up first win, 8-0 over Empire on Monday

**Emily Montgomery**  
 The Purcell Register

Head softball coach Nikki Herrin will start her second year with Wayne when the Lady Bulldogs hit the diamond this week.

Their first game was Monday hosting Empire.

"I'm excited about the chance to work with the team and impart any kind of knowledge whether it's softball or life in general.

"We have a team full of great contributors and even though we have several girls back,

this is a brand new team," Herrin said.

Lost to graduation were Kaylee Madden, Emily Woody, Allison Ryan and Kylee Gish.

In 2022 Wayne finished their season with a 14-11 record after being knocked out of the postseason by Vanoss.

As Herrin said, several girls who have contributed to the team are back this season.

Seniors include Faith Brazzell, Jordynn Debaets and Ashley Hayles.

Brazzell will be Wayne's go-to pitcher.

"Faith has been our girl in the circle and she brings a lot of leadership to this team."

Debaets is the center fielder and, according to Herrin, has a big stick in the Wayne lineup.

"Jordynn has been a helper and she's someone we can count on to keep the momentum going for us from the dugout."

Juniors include Brysten Shephard, Addison Keeler and Elizabeth Bunner. Sopho-

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### Sneaking in

**Wayne junior** Addison Keeler slides in safely under the tag Monday during the Bulldogs' 8-0 win over Empire. Keeler scored three runs in the win while going 1-2 from the plate.



# Wayne:

mores on the team are Karsen Adams, Alyssa Hobson, Lily Whitaker and Ava Stottlemire. "All of those girls have started games for us so their experience will be helpful," Herrin said.

Hobson was mentioned in particular due to her grit on the field.

"Alyssa is a gritty player; she brings it and will run through a brick wall for me."

Rounding out the team are six freshmen: Audra Watts, Taelyn Ringwald, Dakota Martin, Addison Clagg, Cylie Jones and Kimber Reaves.

"Taelyn will get playing time. She's seen time at short stop, she could catch or even play third. She's a utility player and you love to have those," Herrin said.

Watts, who the coach described as very athletic and coachable, will probably see time at third base. And, Jones could be plugged in across the field.

"Cylie brings a positive attitude every day."

Martin and Reaves could be plugged into the batting order as the season goes on and Clagg will see time in the circle as Brazell needs rest, according to Herrin.

Herrin also mentioned her assistant coach, Megan Moreno.

"I couldn't do this job without Megan. She's a huge help and a huge support I didn't know that I needed."

Wayne's first tournament will be September 10-12 at Central.

"I'm not the kind of coach who circles games or has teams

to watch out for. All we can do is show up and play our game and that puts us in a good spot most of the time.

"I'm excited about this season and the team that we have. We have lots of great contributors."



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## Coming up throwing

Wayne freshman Taelyn Ringwald makes a play on the ball in the infield during the Bulldogs' 8-0 win over Empire on Monday.

# Lex:

during Lexington's several scrimmages.

"Kiely and Maison have done great for us during our several scrimmages already."

Baylee Rillema is the lone junior on the squad.

"Baylee is our most improved player in the last year. She'll be in the lineup somewhere; she's a utility and can play different spots," Ervin said.

Seven sophomores and four freshman fill out the remainder of the team.

McKenzie Manuel and Kora Parker, both having played last season, will have higher expectations this season, according to the coach. He expects both sophomores to be heavily relied upon in Lexington's infield.

As far as the season ahead, Ervin is excited about his defense.

"We will be really good defensively. There will be lots of opportunities for girls this season and they'll need to step up and get experience under their belt.

"Pitching will be our Achilles Heel. We will primarily lean on sophomores and freshmen in the circle," Ervin said.

The coach said he's still working on his lineup and believes that Lexie Torres has a chance to grab that lead-off spot, once she puts all the pieces together.

District foes for Lexington this season are Lindsay, Jones and Heritage Hall.

"I believe we have the hardest district in 3A. Lindsay will be the top dog then us, Jones and Heritage Hall will battle it out.

"If we can stay healthy, we can be really tough," Ervin said.

With only scrimmages under their belt, Ervin is still assessing his team.

"We have really good chemistry and the girls have taken to heart that they will have to step up this season.

"We will have to score runs and produce at the plate if we want to compete."

The Lady 'Dawgs kicked off their season at Norman on Monday with a three-way with Glenpool and the Tigers.

## Washington Fast-Pitch 2023

August	Opponent	Site	Time
7	Tuttle	A	5:00
8	Little Axe	H	5:00
10	Casady	A	5:00
11	Tuttle Festival	Tuttle	4 & 7
14	Crossings Christian	H	5:00
15	Dale	A	5:00
17-19	Heart of Oklahoma	Wash/Purcell	TBA
22	Bethel	H	5:00
24	Lone Grove	A	5:30
25	Casady	H	4:00
26	Murray State Festival	Tishomingo	TBA
28	Millwood	A	5:00
29	Community Christian	H	5:00
31	Little Axe	A	5:00
September	Opponent	Site	Time
5	Moore	H	5:00
7-9	Silo Tourney	Silo	TBA
11	Westmoore	H	5:00
12	Bethel	A	5:00
14	Purcell	A	6:00
15	Newcastle	H	4:30
18	Bristow	OBU	5:00
19	Lindsay	H	5:00
20-22	Regionals	TBA	TBA
25	Yukon	A	5:00
27-29	Super Regionals	TBA	TBA
October	Opponent	Site	Time
2	N. Rock Creek	OBU	5:00
5-7	State Tourney	TBA	TBA

\*District Games

\*\*District Doubleheaders

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## Making the turn

A foursome putts out on number nine green at the Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course during a recent round of golf.

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# Washington Farmers Market this Saturday

**Angie Steele**  
Washington Correspondent

Washington Farmers Market is this Saturday, August 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. located behind Washington Nutrition at the corner of Morehead and Main.

Vendors that have confirmed they will be attending include Sweet Rustic Bakery, Steele Family Farm, Hardcastle Land & Cattle, Okie Sew Happy, DCF farms and Powerhouse Meal prep.

## Washington FFA

The Washington FFA Chapter is proud that its members' activities joined with community support has earned top honors with the Oklahoma FFA Association as well as the National FFA Association.

We are blessed with exceptional family, school and community support that allows our FFA members to get involved in so many ways. The chapter will be recognized at the National FFA Convention this fall.

## Washington Back to School Information

If you need a copy of your child's immunization record or an exemption form, or if you need school supply lists, click the link, and you will be directed to the school website for more information: <https://www.wps-isd.com/57288>.

Once all required documentation records have been received at the registration night, students will get their class assignments or schedule and can tour their classrooms.

## Washington Elementary Meet the Teacher

August 10— Third and fifth grades, 5 to 6 p.m.

August 13—Kindergarten and first grade, 3 to 5 p.m.

August 14—Pre-k, second and fourth grades, 4 to 6 p.m.

Washington Middle School  
August 10—Sixth Grade Orientation, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., McAlister Gym

August 11—Seventh and eighth grade enrollment, 3 to 6 p.m.

Washington High School  
August 7-9—8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

First day of school is August 15.

Please see the school website for details for proof of residency and back to school paperwork.

## Little Cheer Camp

Come learn all things cheer! WHS Cheer Boosters will host Little Cheer Camp Saturday, August 12, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the McAlister gym.

Ages four through sixth grade will learn a performance. The group will perform at the Red and White High School scrimmage.

Cost is \$45 per cheerleader which includes a camp t-shirt and bow. Must be registered by July 30.

For more information and a sign up form please contact [amandabolser@hotmail.com](mailto:amandabolser@hotmail.com) or text 405-442-0227.

## Important Vaccination Requirement for Incoming Washington Seventh Graders

Dear Incoming Seventh Graders and Parents/Guardians,

As you prepare for the new academic year, we would like to remind you about an essential requirement that must be fulfilled before students can begin classes in August.

Proof of TDAP Booster Vaccination or Signed Waiver:

According to the regulations set by the state, all incoming seventh graders must provide proof of receiving the TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) booster vaccination.

Alternatively, if you wish to exempt your child from the TDAP vaccination due to personal or religious reasons, you must complete and sign a formal waiver form. The waiver form acknowledges your understanding of the risks associated with not receiving

the TDAP booster vaccination.

You can find the waiver form at <https://oklahoma.gov/.../imm.../certificate-of-exemption.pdf>.

## Submission Process:

To ensure a smooth start to the school year, you must provide either proof of vaccination or the completed waiver form to the middle school office before the first day of classes in August. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in a delay in your child's enrollment. The middle school office will be open beginning August 1.

Please email any questions or concerns regarding the TDAP booster vaccination requirement or the waiver process to Robyne Cox, middle school secretary, at [rrcox@wps-isd.com](mailto:rrcox@wps-isd.com). She will be more than happy to assist you and provide further guidance.

## Seeking Families Willing To Open Their Home To Host a Foreign Exchange Student For The 2023-2024 School Year

Hosting an exchange student will bring a new culture to your family and will help a young person from another country for a lifetime! It's not about how big your house is or how much money you have, what a host family needs is love for kids and a desire to help. They can share a room with a child of the same sex, and they have their own spending money as well as insurance. We have boys and girls from all over the world with a variety of interests and backgrounds.

If you would be interested in opening your home to an exchange student or if you would like more information, please contact Mikala Pitano at 580-656-0219.

## Washington School Supply Lists

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](http://wps-isd.com).

## Washington Senior Center

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

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

Menu for August 10-September 1:

Thursday, August 10—Chicken tetrazzini, broccoli.

Friday, August 11—Steak fritters, mashed potatoes, green beans.

Monday, August 14—Sausage gravy, biscuits, scrambled eggs, hash browns.

Tuesday, August 15—Baked chicken, vegetables.

Wednesday, August 16—Ground beef stew, corn, cornbread.

Thursday, August 17—Ham, sweet potatoes.

Friday, August 18—Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread.

Monday, August 21—Hot dogs, chips.

Tuesday, August 22—Chicken fritters, peas, carrots.

Wednesday, August 23—Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice.

Thursday, August 24—White bean chili with chicken, cornbread.

Friday, August 25—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans.

Monday, August 28—Taco salad, tortilla chips, chili beans.

Tuesday, August 29—Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans.

Wednesday, August 30—Smoked sausage, baked beans, corn casserole.

Thursday, August 31—Chicken and noodles, peas/carrots.

Friday, September 1—Pulled pork barbecue, baked potatoes, green beans.

Menu may change at the discretion of the cook.

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

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

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

Friday Music Jams start at 10 a.m. until? Anyone is welcome to sit in and sing or play an instrument.

## Washington School Board Meeting Schedule

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

Meetings are scheduled for August 14, September 11, October 9, November 6 and December 11.

## Washington Public Schools Calendar

August 10—HS Fastpitch at Casady.

August 11—HS Fastpitch at Tuttle Festival.

August 12—Little Warrior Cheer camp, McAlister, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; Football-Red/White Scrimmage, 6 p.m.

August 14—MS Fastpitch, at Blanchard; Board Meeting - 4/5 Library.

August 15—MS Fastpitch, home vs. Dale; first day of school.

August 17—MS Fastpitch, at Tuttle Tournament; HS Fastpitch Heart of OK Tournament.

August 18—MS Fastpitch, at Tuttle Tournament; HS Fastpitch Heart of OK Tournament.

## Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

As more veterans are requesting our assistance with their VA claims and questions than we can accommodate in a timely fashion we are working as quickly as possible. I believe that the increased number of veterans who have never filed for VA benefits is partly due to the cost of living that all of us are facing every time we go shopping or to the grocery store.

For those of you who do not have an open claim for VA benefits, call 1-800-827-1000 and tell the agent that you want to start a claim or fill out and send a VA form 21-0966 to VA. By either calling or sending that form a start date is established that gives the veteran one year to obtain the evidence needed and to file a Fully Developed Claim for VA benefits.

As we continue to serve more veterans and surviving spouses the need for added volunteers continues to increase. I know that many of you would like to help us to make a difference in the lives of veterans and their families. We have training programs either at our Norman location or digital training for volunteers who live in other areas.

Currently we have volunteers who live in several different states and cities who are able to assist veterans in their area or in our Intake Q system. As volunteers become more proficient assisting veterans some of them will be eligible to apply for VA accreditation within our Veterans Foundation. When accredited, volunteers will be able to review veterans' files in the VA computer system (VBMS) which will enable them to help each veteran better.

Volunteers are needed to help us to make a difference in the lives of the men and women who served in our country's military. Every day there are more people asking us to help them than we can accommodate on a daily basis. I would like to see more people in our community joining us in our mission.

If you would like to join us as a volunteer helping us to im-



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## Alumni game

Lady Warriors Softball had a fantastic turnout last weekend for the Annual Alumni Game.



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## Softball scrimmage

Lady Warriors Softball held its annual Red/White scrimmage last weekend to get ready for the 2023 Season!

EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS WHILE YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL!





## JOIN THE RANKS, BECOME A "DALE'S RANGERS" VOLUNTEER!

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Visit our website at [dkgvf.org](http://dkgvf.org) or call (405) 655-5668 for more info about the program. We are located at 1233 W. Lindsey St. Norman, OK 73069



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Volunteers are the very heart of our organization. Your dedication and patience will make a difference in the lives of veterans and their family members in need.



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## First home run

Julie Hoehner had her first home run as a Lady Warrior - over the wall at Firelake in a win against Kiefer! Welcome to Washington Julie!



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## First bomb

First bomb of the season came during Scrimmage Week! Way to go Reese Schrader!

States Military. We have been making a difference in the lives of veterans and their families for over 20 years. For those of you who would like to join our team, volunteer applications are available on our website.

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

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

We are a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization and there is

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prove the lives of veterans and their families, please visit our website or stop by our Norman Office at 1233 West Lindsay Street. We are in the process of setting up a second location in Nashville, Tenn. As we move forward with this location, we will be looking at adding volunteers who can work there or from home using our digital system.

To start our process, login to [dkgvf.org](http://dkgvf.org) to fill out and scan your information into our Intake Q program. By using our digital system, veterans do not have to stand in line to receive our assistance with their VA claims and questions. Some of the men and women who we assist live in other states or countries. Using our digital system some of them will not need to visit us in person as we can triage them electronically or by phone.

We encourage veterans or surviving spouses who we have previously assisted to register in our [dkgvf.org](http://dkgvf.org) system so we will be able to help their surviving spouse when the veteran passes on.

I would like all veterans to tell their spouse and family members what their service-connected disabilities are. When a service-connected disability is listed on a veteran's

Death Certificate as a primary cause of death or a contributing condition the surviving spouse and dependents will be eligible for VA DIC benefits.

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

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

All of us at our Veterans Foundation are proud to do everything we can to assist the men and women who are serving or have served in the United



# Religion

## Sunray Baptist Church

Melisa Dubbs sang “Thank God I Do” for the morning special.

Brother John used John 3:18 and 36 for his sermon. In verse 18, Jesus is speaking to Nicodemus. Verse 36 relates John the Baptist to speaking about believing in Jesus. Both verses tell the same message, the doctrine about salvation.

We are to trust and rely on Jesus. Those that believe are not condemned. Those that don’t believe are condemned already.

Jesus took our sins to the cross and took on the wrath of God. These verses tell us how to be saved and give the understanding why we are saved.

The evening message was from Hebrews 12:3-11. The believer does not get by with their sins. A loving God corrects and chastens us. This is designed for our good and is a sign of God’s love for us.

Chastening comes in different forms: a pricking of the conscience, giving us over the natural consequences of our choices, the withholding of certain blessings, goodnesses and protections, and, if sin goes too far, God takes the believer home.

Our actions don’t negate the work of the Lord. We become His children when we are saved. We are subject to the Lord’s correction. He chastens

us for His own good.

On September 10, we will be having our annual Grandparents Day service. Musical guests at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. will be southern gospel trio, 8th Street, from Sapulpa. There will be a youth-sponsored lunch, an afternoon service and no evening service.

Come be a part of a small, traditional church with a lot of friendly people.

Join us for Sunday school, worship and all activities. Our pastor is John Wylie. Sunray Baptist Church is located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell.

For additional information call 405-527-6808.

## Green Avenue Church of Christ

Thanks to all who have missed our news article these past few weeks. Come join us this coming Wednesday as we will be taking up 2 Timothy 3:1 in our Bible study. This past week saw us in pursuit of a better understanding of the songs we sometimes sing.

Our Sunday morning Bible study is currently examining the Christians responsibility towards civic duty. We are learning about various types of social/political/economic circumstances in which Christians might find themselves living in today’s world. Some of these provide for difficult circumstances and Christians need to be ready to maintain their faith even under great duress or blissful peace.

In Sunday morning’s sermon, Keith Shackelford began with a reading of Proverbs 30:24-28, and the sermon was

entitled “Lessons From Insect and Animal.” He indicated this may be the first of two or three sermons on God’s creatures in the Bible and what we can learn from them.

Augur is the writer in this chapter of Proverbs, and his insight clearly is derived from the same source as Solomon’s: God. The sermon was about the four creatures mentioned in these verses. The KJV calls them ants, conies, locusts, and spiders; other translations likely have some different terminology.

We learned how these creatures are like people sometime and took home some lessons about practical living, like: be self-motivated and industrious, look for safety where it’s been prepared, beware destructive forces, and develop tenacity.

“Victory In Jesus” was the

title for the Sunday evening sermon. Loosely based on the old hymn of the same name, the sermon examined what victory means and then looked at three areas in which we must be victorious: over Satan, over the World, over Religious Error.

The sermon concluded by noting Jesus’ victories over the devil are a beacon of hope for our own victories there. When the Lord returns, He will be happy to grant to all His saints the rewards of victory (Rev. 22:12).

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

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

## Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

August 13, 2023, is the nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Gospel reading is Matthew 14:22-33. Jesus told the disciples to get into the boat and go to the other side.

They had gone several furlongs (each furlong is about 606 feet) and the boat was hard pressed by rough waves. In the fourth watch of the night (3-6 a.m.), Jesus came toward them walking on the sea.

The disciples were terrified and cried out in fear. Jesus called to them saying, “Courage! It’s me. Don’t be afraid.”

Peter said to Jesus, “If it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water.” Jesus said, “Come.” Peter was walking on the water until he became afraid and started to sink.

He cried, “Lord, save me.” Jesus put out his hand at once

and held him. As they got into the boat, the wind dropped.

We are so often like Peter. We forget the main character in our lives is (or should be) Jesus, the Savior of the world.

By losing our focus on Jesus, we permit the chaos and evil around us to distract and influence us. And when we are in trouble, what do we do? We call upon Jesus to help us. We can increase and sustain our faith by realizing the Presence of the Lord is with us every moment of our lives.

We must not think of Jesus as a magician always solving our problems. Jesus does not always calm the storm. What he does is convey the message that he has power over the forces of evil.

We know that we are not immune to hardships and prob-

lems. However, if we use our faith as a compass and depend on Jesus as the unseen captain of our ship, we are assured of reaching the safe harbor of eternal life.

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). Daily masses return beginning August 15 and are Tuesday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon; Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish), and Friday, 9 a.m. Peace be with you.

## Lexington Westside Church of Christ

A Flame Burns On

(It is hard to believe it has been 20 years since we penned this piece. I am sure it applies today as well as then. Enjoy, as we come today to “the Front Porch.”)

By the time we sit down together for this week’s “front porch” visit, the nation will have made all the gaudy preparations for a historical event up in Washington, D.C. Some of the greatest entertainers will be there, and dignitaries, with the new president front and center.

But what might be overlooked – if we are not careful – are a thousand historical reminders of where we came from, who we are, and what made us great in the very beginning. We will be thankful for those reminders, and, if we’ll focus carefully on them, their silent aura will drown out the petty chatter we could hear, if we cared to listen.

As I thought of the historical significance of this day, I thought of a trip the amazing blonde and I took up to this part of history back in 2003. Our first order of business was to visit our son Malachi who was working in that part of the world at the time; but we also were able to take in some of America’s rich history. Before we left, those powerful sights would grip us and change us, just a bit, forever. Here’s that story from a decade and a half

ago...

There were so many great sights to behold on this northern tour:

We saw the hills of Virginia, the Shenandoah Valley, Delaware, and New Jersey.

We saw New York City, and the Statue of Liberty standing proudly in the fog.

And we saw the emptiness of a place called Ground Zero.

But I think the most gripping scenes from this historical tour were those in Washington D.C.

We stood in front of Mr. Lincoln, sitting every bit as tall and proud as the lady in the Hudson Bay. His famous speech is engraved on a huge nearby wall: Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty...” You know the occasion.

Standing where Abraham Lincoln sat, and looking out as he looked, we saw the Washington Monument stretching up 550 towering feet. It’s not much more than a couple of stone throws from the majestic White House tucked away nicely in the middle of the city, like a child in a blanket.

Those scenes were inspiring, but it would be the next scene that was the most awe-inspiring of all. And the most convicting, too.

About a mile from Mr. Lincoln, just across the Potomac

River, is a cemetery where men who lived serving their country and many who died doing the same now rest.

Crossing the Potomac – as our first president did in time of war – and heading uphill amidst a thousand white markers, you soon find yourself up at the peak of Arlington.

It is there that we saw the scene that brought a little lump to my throat.

I don’t know exactly what it was about it.

It could have been the quiet respect of those dozens of Americans milling around viewing the scene at the top.

It could have been the marble boulders around the area with words of some of the greatest orations in this country’s history, including “Ask not what your country can do for you...”

Maybe it was that two of the four graves marked at the top of Arlington were two children who never had a chance to live their lives. Or perhaps it was the grave of the wife who rode alongside her husband when his life abruptly ended.

And, certainly, it was the grave of that husband resting beside those two small children and his wife, the president whose work ended not far from where I write today, down in

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# Church DIRECTORY

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405 W. Grant, Purcell  
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405-820-8184  
Sunday  
Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday  
Adult Studies: 7 p.m.

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Purcell, OK  
2705 N. 9th • 527-2535  
Mike Bailey, Pastor  
Sunday services 9 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Bible Study  
Wednesday services 6:30 pm Awana's & Youth  
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Revival Service - 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Mark A. Stacy  
Office Ph. 405.527.3045

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

**CALVARY Holiness Church**  
Pastor David Bittle  
403 N. 4th, Purcell  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:50 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night  
Independent Pentecostal  
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9:45 a.m.  
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405.442.0155  
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**Memorial Assembly of God**  
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
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We Invite You to Worship With Us.  
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**LANDMARK CHURCH**  
Pastor: Justin Blankenship  
1106 W. Grant • Purcell  
527-3342  
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Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m.

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CORNER OF THIRD & JEFFERSON  
Saturday - 5 pm (English)  
Sunday - 11 am (English)  
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Daily Mass  
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You Are Always Welcome At  
7th & Monroe St.  
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Purcell, OK  
Sunday 10:30 & 1:30  
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**Goldsby Church**  
153 W. Center Road  
Goldsby, OK 73093  
288-2514  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Evening - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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



# Leadership Mid-America announces new board members

The Leadership Mid-America Board of Directors welcomed four new members at their regular board meeting held at the Mid-America Technology Center in Wayne on July 13.

The new board members are Brett Duke, First United Bank, Purcell; Marci White of Redbud Telecom Consulting, Newcastle; Maureen Pridgeon of Pioneer Library System, Noble, and Tanya Landers, CVR Energy/Wynnewood Refinery.

Other LMA Board Members are LMA Treasurer Ariel Anglin, TSET Healthy Living; Baily Raines, McClain Bank; Brad Frizell, Chickasaw Nation; LMA President Dallas Krout, Mid-America Technology Center,

Also LMA Vice President Greg Wheat, Wheat Enterprise; LMA Secretary Paula Kappes, Chickasaw Nation; Robin Fielder, Pioneer Telephone; and Wade Jarlsberg, Director, Mid-America Technology Center.

Leadership Mid-America is a program designed to seek out leaders and potential leaders, and to provide them with knowledge and tools to deepen their understanding of leadership.

During the program, individuals will develop and sharpen their leadership skills and techniques which they can apply in their place of business and community.

For more information visit, <https://www.matech.edu/lma>



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## Program participants

Students at last Thursday's program at the Pioneer Library in Purcell take their Wonder Spheres out of boxes to use in the Learn It! Digital Citizenship Skills where sixth through eighth graders learned how to be safer when online.



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## Leadership Mid-America Board of Directors

Board of Directors for Leadership Mid-America include Brett Duke, Marci White, Maureen Pridgeon, Tanya Landers, Ariel Anglin, Baily Raines, Brad Frizell, Dallas Krout, Greg Wheat, Paula Kappes, Robin Fielder and Wade Jarlsberg.

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## Washington:

never a charge for the services we provide to veterans and their families. We do accept financial contributions to be used to support veterans and this organization. We also accept donations of wheelchairs and other types of handicap equipment that can be given to other veterans or their families.

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

To donate to our Founda-

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

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

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

My contact information is [angi Steele73@gmail.com](mailto:angi Steele73@gmail.com) or 405-413-2471 if you have any news to share, story ideas, or if you have someone you would like to see a feature article about. Send me birthday, anniversary, or personal news you would like to share with our community.

Angie Steele

From page 4B

## Westside:

Dallas. But I think something else added to the moment.

There beside these four graves, in the nation's most renowned cemetery, a flame burns. The flame always burns, night and day. It is a flame of love, a flame of dedication and

allegiance, a flame of faith. And it could not, cannot, will not be put out!

Not by an assassin's bullet. Not by a terrorist. Not by a foreign power. And not by liberal dogma. The only power that could ever extinguish this

flame is ourselves – by our own carelessness, by a loss of values, by faded memories in both high and low places.

We must make sure our memories stay strong.

[coachbowen1984@gmail.com](mailto:coachbowen1984@gmail.com), [frontporchgospel.com](http://frontporchgospel.com)

## Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

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!

A big welcome to the new people coming to the center! We love getting to know you and the "More the Merrier!"

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 as we rearrange and renovate. Sorry for any inconvenience. The sale will have new merchandise and a new look when we reopen! The date we open will be in the article in **The Purcell Register**.

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 August 14-18:  
Monday—Pulled chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, chocolate pan pie.

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

Wednesday—Eggs, sausage gravy, hash browns, sliced tomatoes, biscuit, fruit.

Thursday—Brown beans with ham, oven browned potatoes, spinach, cornbread, fruit crisp.

Friday—Barbecue ribette sandwich, pea salad, corn cobette, cookies.

One milk per person is served with every meal.

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

## Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello again everyone. Hope you have enjoyed the cooler (less hot) weather these last few days. At this time of year, we will take any break we can get.

The WSCC garage sale will be open this Friday, August 11, and Saturday, August 12, from 10 a.m. to noon both days. Much later than that and it is just too hot and uncomfortable to be in that metal building. So come check it out and see how much money you save.

Delta Nutrition provides a delicious lunch every Monday through Friday, serving promptly at 11:30 a.m., excluding holidays and business closure days. Our next day to close is Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.

If you are new to the area, or have never joined us for lunch,

please call me at 405-527-9462 in Purcell and I will be happy to let you know how to qualify for the senior meal program. The main requirement is you must be at least 60 years old.

Reservations are required in order to ensure we prepare enough, but not too many, meals for the day.

Here is the menu for August 14-18:

Monday—Pulled chicken with gravy over mashed potatoes, California mixed vegetables, sliced bread or roll, chocolate pan pie.

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

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

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

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

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

We were saddened to lose one of our seniors this week. Our prayers are with the Ellen Holmes family in their loss. Our thoughts are also with the family of Larry Hall who passed last week.

I appreciate all of our staff and volunteers who do their best to help serve our seniors.

I also appreciate all of you who continue to support your Wayne Senior Citizens Center. Until next time...

## Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens.

On Friday we were so blessed to have Sherria Carel, Nathaniel Carel and Nicholas Carel from Troup 17, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Sooner District, Last Frontier Council, to come and retire our worn and tattered flag.

They performed the ceremony to retire the flag, presenting

it to our retired veteran Clayton Lee with his wife Bernice by his side. Then they installed a new flag to take its place.

The menu for the week of August 7:

Monday—Chicken and dumplings.

Wednesday—Pork chops.

Friday—Ribs.

We would like to invite all to come by some time for

lunch, sit a spell and enjoy the fellowship on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 12 noon for a good home-cooked meal.

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

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



• Photo provided

## Retired flag presentation

Nathaniel Carel presenting retired flag to Veteran Clayton Lee.

## Newly installed flag

Nicholas Carel, Nathaniel Carel, Sherria Carel, Clayton Lee, Bernice Lee and Dale McAskill with the newly installed American flag at the Dibble Senior Citizens Center.



• Photo provided



No. 583-August 10-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THERESA CLARK, A/K/A THERESA "TERI" LYNN BROWN CLARK, DECEASED.

Case No. PB-2023-84 ORDER AND NOTICE OR HEARING FOR PETITION FOR INTESTATE PROBATE, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL ADMINISTRATOR, AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION Petitioner, Linda Campbell, having filed in this Court a Petition for Intestate Probate, Appointment of Personal Administrator, and Issuance of Letters of Administration with this Court on August 2, 2023; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the estate of Theresa Clark, a/k/a Theresa "Teri" Lynn Brown Clark, Deceased, that the Petition for Intestate Probate, Appointment of Personal Administrator, and Issuance of Letters of Administration is hereby set for hearing on THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023, AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M., AT THE MCCLAIN COUNTY

DISTRICT COURT, 121 N. 2ND STREET, PURCELL, OK 73080, WHEN AND WHERE ALL PERSONS INTERESTED MAY APPEAR AND CONTEST THE SAME.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice thereof be given by mailing a copy of this order and notice to all the alleged heirs-at-law and by publication notice in a newspaper printed and published in McClain County, Oklahoma, all according to law.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 2nd day of August 2023.

/s/ Charles N. Gray  
CHARLES GRAY  
ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
Kristel Gray, Court Clerk  
By: /s/ Karen Weltmer (Seal)

/s/ Zachary J. "Zac" Foster  
Zachary J. "Zac" Foster, OBA No. 30554  
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

No. 581-August 3-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA STEWART, A/K/A BARBARA JEANNE STEWART, DECEASED.

Case No. PB-2023-85 ORDER AND NOTICE FOR HEARING FOR PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, LEGATEES, AND DEVISEES, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY Petitioner, Linda Campbell, having filed in this Court a Petition for Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, Legatees, and Devisees, Appointment of Personal Representative, and Issuance of Letters Testamentary with this Court on August 2, 2023;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the estate of Barbara Stewart, a/k/a Barbara Jeanne Stewart, Deceased, that the Petition for Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs, Legatees, and Devisees, Appointment of Personal Representative, and Issuance of Letters Testamentary is

hereby set for hearing on THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023, AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M., AT THE MCCLAIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, 121 N. 2ND STREET, PURCELL, OK 73080, WHEN AND WHERE ALL PERSONS INTERESTED MAY APPEAR AND CONTEST THE SAME.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice thereof be given by mailing a copy of this order and notice to all the alleged heirs-at-law and by publication notice in a newspaper printed and published in McClain County, Oklahoma, all according to law.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 2nd day of August 2023.

/s/ Charles N. Gray  
CHARLES GRAY  
ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
Kristel Gray, Court Clerk  
By: /s/ Karen Weltmer (Seal)

/s/ Zachary J. "Zac" Foster  
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

No. 582-August 3-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIS GEORGE KENDRICK, DECEASED

Case No. PB-2023-83 Notice of Hearing Petition for Probate of Will and for Determination of Heirs, Legatees, and Devisees Notice is hereby given to all heirs, legatees and devisees of Louis George Kendrick, Deceased ("Decedent"), that on the 28th day of July 2023, Lynn Kendrick ("Petitioner") filed in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma an instrument in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Decedent. Petitioner also filed a Petition asking that the Court admit to probate the Will, issue Letters Testamentary to Petitioner without the requirement of bond, determine the identity of all heirs, devisees and legatees of Decedent for purposes of filing waivers or consents as permitted by law, and relieve the Personal Representative from the duty of

returning to the Court an inventory and appraisal of the Estate of Decedent.

Pursuant to an Order of the Court, notice is given that the 31st day of August 2023 at 9:30 a.m., has been appointed as the time for hearing the Petition, before the Honorable Charles Gray, at the County Courthouse at Purcell, McClain County, State of Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 28th day of July 2023.

/s/ Charles Gray  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Emily Eleftherakis  
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Attorney for Petitioner

No. 576-August 3-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of DAVID GLEN HARLAN, deceased.

Case No. PB-2022-153 NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ORDER ALLOWING 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 Order Allowing 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 27 day of July 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 7th day of September, 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 27th day of July 2023.  
CHARLES GRAY  
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT COURT HONORABLE CHARLES GRAY  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Greg Dixon  
Greg Dixon, OBA #16492  
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ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

No. 584-August 10-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY L. KEITH, DECEASED PB-2023-73

NOTICE TO CREDITORS To the Creditors of Jerry L. Keith, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Jerry L. Keith, 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 Barry W. Keith, Personal Representative, at

The Law Office of Tyler R. Barrett, P.L.L.C., 131 E. Main St., Ste. 220, Norman, OK 73069, attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: October 4, 2023, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 3rd day of August, 2023.

/s/ Tyler R. Barrett  
Tyler R. Barrett, OBA #30482  
131 E. Main St., Ste. 220  
Norman, OK 73069  
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Email: tyler@tylerrbarrettllaw.com  
Attorney for Personal Representative

No. 562-July 27-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

GILA GROUP, L.P., a Texas limited partnership, whose General Partner is GILA GROUP, LLC, Plaintiff,

v. G.A. BROWN, DECEASED; LINDA KEITH AND LANGFORD KEITH, JR., WIFE AND HUSBAND; G.A. BROWN TESTAMENTARY TRUST, LANGFORD KEITH, JR. AND LINDA KEITH, TRUSTEES; LANGFORD KEITH, JR. AND LINDA KEITH, TRUSTEES OF THE LANGFORD AND LINDA KEITH TRUST UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 11, 2004; AND LINDA CAROL KEITH, SUCCESSOR CO-TRUSTEE OF THE LANGFORD AND LINDA KEITH TRUST DATED MARCH 11, 2004; TOGETHER WITH THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; AND SUCCESSORS, IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE, OF G.A. BROWN, DECEASED; LINDA KEITH AND LANGFORD KEITH, JR., AND THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS, AND SUCCESSORS, IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE, IF DECEASED, Defendant.

Case No. CV-23-145 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

G.A. Brown, deceased; Linda Keith and Langford Keith, Jr., wife and husband; G.A. Brown Testamentary Trust, Langford Keith, Jr. and Linda Keith, Trustees; Langford Keith, Jr. and Linda Keith, Trustees of the Langford and Linda Keith Trust under Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2004; and Linda Carol Keith, Successor Co-Trustee of the Langford and Linda Keith Trust dated March 11, 2004, together with their unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees and assigns, and successors, immediate and remote, of G.A. Brown, deceased; Linda Keith and Langford Keith, Jr.; and their unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees and assigns;

GREETINGS: Said Defendants are hereby notified that they have been sued in Case No. CV-2023-145, in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, styled as follows: Gila

No. 573-August 3-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA MELISSA BROWN, and MELANIE SPARKS Plaintiffs,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, AND ASSIGNS OF ELINOR A. WEAVER, DECEASED, and WILLIAM MARK WEAVER, DECEASED, JOHN RICHARD WEAVER, DECEASED, AND JANE L. WEAVER, DECEASED Defendants.

Case No. CV-2023-152 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The Unknown Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of Elinor A. Weaver, Deceased; the Unknown Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of William Mark Weaver, Deceased, the Unknown Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of John Richard Weaver, Deceased, and the Unknown Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Jane L. Weaver, Deceased

1. 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 Melissa Brown, and Melanie Sparks establish Melissa Brown as Successor Trustee of the Elinor A. Weaver Revocable Trust. You have or may claim to have an interest in this matter and you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiffs on file in said cause on or before September 21, 2023, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that Melissa Brown is Successor

No. 574-August 3-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of NORVELLA GRIFFITH, Deceased.

Case No.: PB-2018-42 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION, AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given that Kimberly Ann Griffith and James Griffith, Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Kimberly Ann Griffith and James Griffith, Co-Personal Representatives, deceased, having filed in this Court her Final Account of the administration of said Estate and her Petition for Determination of Heirs, for Distribution of said Estate and for Final Discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for the 31st day of August,

Group LLC General Partner of Gila Group, L.P., a Texas limited partnership v. G.A. Brown, deceased; Linda Keith and Langford Keith, Jr., wife and husband; G.A. Brown Testamentary Trust, Langford Keith, Jr. and Linda Keith, Trustees; Langford Keith, Jr. and Linda Keith, Trustees of the Langford and Linda Keith Trust under Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2004; together with their unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees and assigns, and successors, immediate and remote, of G.A. Brown, deceased; Linda Keith and Langford Keith, Jr.; and their unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees and assigns; and that said Defendants must answer the Petition herein on or before the 25th day of September, 2023, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true, and a judgment will be entered quieting the title in Plaintiff, as prayed for in its Petition, to its fee simple mineral interests in certain real property located in McClain County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows, and excluding Defendants from any claim in the following described real property:

The North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 SW/4 SE/4); the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4 NW/4 SE/4); the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 SW/4 SE/4); the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW/4 SE/4 SE/4); the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/4 NW/4); the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 NE/4 SW/4) of Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 110 acres, more or less (the "Property").

DATED this 20th day of July, 2023.

COURT CLERK  
By: /s/ Karen Weltmer  
Deputy Court Clerk (Seal)

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

Trustee of the Elinor A. Weaver Revocable Trust free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances of The Unknown Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of Elinor A. Weaver, Deceased; the Unknown Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of William Mark Weaver, deceased; the Unknown Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of John Richard Weaver, deceased; and the Unknown Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Jane L. Weaver, deceased, have no right, title, interest, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, or assessment in the Elinor A. Weaver Revocable Trust, and Judgment will be further rendered in favor of Plaintiffs and 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 Elinor A. Weaver Revocable Trust, or any part thereof and further appointing Melissa Brown as Successor Trustee of the Elinor A. Weaver Revocable Trust.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 27 day of July 2023.

(Seal)  
McClain County Court Clerk  
By: /s/ Scheryl Flores  
Deputy Court Clerk

APPROVED:  
/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.  
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881  
George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223  
Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731  
Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC  
138 W. Main/P. O. Box 1565  
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PHONE: (405) 527-7575  
FAX: (405) 527-7574  
Attorney for Plaintiffs

2023, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. at the Courtroom of the undersigned in the McClain County Courthouse at Purcell, State of Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of Kimberly Ann Griffith and James Griffith, Co-Personal Representatives, deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2023.

/s/ Charles Gray  
Judge of the District Court  
JOHN MANTOOTH, OBA #5675  
111 North Third Avenue  
Post Office Box 667  
Purcell, Oklahoma 73080  
(405) 527-2137  
ATTORNEY FOR CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, JAMES GRIFFITH AND KIMBERLY ANN GRIFFITH

No. 569-July 27-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA JOANN HUDSON, formerly HENSLEY, and JIMMY L. HENSLEY, Plaintiff,

vs. FANNIE PEARL SMITH HENSLEY, Deceased, and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of FANNIE PEARL SMITH HENSLEY, Deceased, Defendants.

Case No. CV-2023-147

ALIAS NOTICE

BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Fannie Pearl Smith Hensley, Deceased, and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns of Fannie Pearl Smith Hensley, Deceased

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 JoAnn Hudson, formerly Hensley, and Jimmy L. Hensley to quiet any right, title, or undivided interest in and to the oil, gas and mineral interest that may be produced from the subject lands 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 September 14, 2023, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that the Plaintiff JoAnn Hudson, formerly Hensley, is the owner of, and that Plaintiff JoAnn Hudson, formerly Hensley, is the actual owner of an undivided interest in and to the oil, gas and minerals that may be produced from the subject lands in and under the following described property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma as follows, to-wit (the "Property"):

An undivided interest in and to the oil, gas and minerals that may

No. 577-August 3-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA GWINETH FERN BROOKS, A/K/A GWINETH FERN YEAGER; JONATHAN P. BROOKS; JAMES A. BROOKS; AND REAN W. BROOKS, II, PLAINTIFFS,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, ASSIGNS, AND SUCCESSORS, IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE, OF SAID REAN P. BROOKS, S/P/A REAN PAUL BROOKS, Deceased, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, ASSIGNS, AND SUCCESSORS, IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE, OF SAID LARRY D. BROOKS; AND OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION, DEFENDANTS.

Case No. CV-2023-156

NOTICE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, ASSIGNS, AND SUCCESSORS, IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE, OF SAID REAN P. BROOKS, S/P/A REAN PAUL BROOKS, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, ASSIGNS, AND SUCCESSORS, IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE, OF SAID, JERRY D. BROOKS, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, ASSIGNS, AND SUCCESSORS, IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE, OF SAID, JERRY D. BROOKS, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, ASSIGNS, AND SUCCESSORS, IMMEDIATE AND REMOTE, OF SAID LARRY D. BROOKS; AND OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION, DEFENDANTS.

GREETINGS: YOU WILL TAKE Notice that the above named Plaintiffs filed their Petition in the above entitled Court on the 31st day of July, 2023, wherein he asked for Judgment against you decreeing that he is the owner of the legal and equitable title to, and are in the actual and peaceable possession of, the following described real property to-wit:

The South Eighteen and 96/100 (18.96) acres of Lot Five (5) and all of Lot Six (6), of Section Six (6), Township Seven (7) North, Range Four (4) West, I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma. LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land that is part of Lot Six (6) of said Section described as follows: Commencing from the NW/Corner of said Section, thence South 3500.00 feet; thence N 89°47'07" E, 917.05 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N 89°47'07" E, 247.5 feet; thence North 176.6 feet; thence S 89°47'07" W, 247.5 feet; thence South 176.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

and confirming and quieting his title to said real property and forever barring, restraining and enjoining you, and each of you and all persons claiming by, through or under you from any right, title, interest, lien, estate or equity therein or thereto, and that you must answer said Petition on or before the 22nd day of September, 2023, or said Petition will be taken as true and Judgment in favor of said Plaintiffs will be rendered accordingly, together with such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

McClain County Court Clerk  
By /s/ Scheryl Flores  
Deputy Court Clerk (Seal)  
FOB F. JONES OBA #015269  
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be produced from the following described lands: The West Half (W/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) and the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (N/2 NE/4 NW/4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW/4 NE/4 NW/4) and the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (N/2 NW/4 NE/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Six (6) North, Range Four (4) West, in McClain County, Oklahoma.

free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances, Fannie Pearl Smith Hensley, Deceased, and the unknown heirs executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns of Fannie Pearl Smith Hensley, Deceased, have no right, title, interest, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, or assessment in or to the said hereinabove described undivided interest in and to the oil, gas and mineral interest that may be produced from the subject lands, 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 OFFICIAL SEAL this 24th day of July 2023.

(Seal)  
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 #9223  
Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC  
138 W. Main/P. O. Box 1565  
Purcell, Oklahoma 73080  
PHONE: (405) 527-7575  
FAX: (405) 527-7574  
Attorney for Plaintiffs

YOU WILL TAKE Notice that the above named Plaintiffs filed their Petition in the above entitled Court on the 31st day of July, 2023, wherein he asked for Judgment against you decreeing that he is the owner of the legal and equitable title to, and are in the actual and peaceable possession of, the following described real property to-wit:

The South Eighteen and 96/100 (18.96) acres of Lot Five (5) and all of Lot Six (6), of Section Six (6), Township Seven (7) North, Range Four (4) West, I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma. LESS AND EXCEPT a tract of land that is part of Lot Six (6) of said Section described as follows: Commencing from the NW/Corner of said Section, thence South 3500.00 feet; thence N 89°47'07" E, 917.05 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N 89°47'07" E, 247.5 feet; thence North 176.6 feet; thence S 89°47'07" W, 247.5 feet; thence South 176.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

and confirming and quieting his title to said real property and forever barring, restraining and enjoining you, and each of you and all persons claiming by, through or under you from any right, title, interest, lien, estate or equity therein or thereto, and that you must answer said Petition on or before the 22nd day of September, 2023, or said Petition will be taken as true and Judgment in favor of said Plaintiffs will be rendered accordingly, together with such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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By /s/ Scheryl Flores  
Deputy Court Clerk (Seal)  
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No. 579-August 3-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA MITZI JENEENE TERRY, Plaintiffs,

vs. THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, AND ASSIGNS OF FLOY BAKER, DECEASED; PERRY J. BAKER, Deceased; JOE ELLIOTT BAKER, Deceased; LOUISE BAKER REID, Deceased. Defendants.

Case No. CV-2023-158

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees, and Assigns of Floy Baker, Deceased, Perry J. Baker, Deceased, Joe Elliott Baker Deceased, and Louise Baker Reid, Deceased

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 Mitzi Jeneene Terry, to show that Mitzi Jeneene Terry

is the Trustee of The Floy Baker Testamentary Trust. You have or may claim to have an interest in this matter, and you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before September 21, 2023, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly.

Judgment will be further rendered, adjudging and decreeing that Mitzi Jeneene Terry shall be the Successor Trustee of Floy Baker Testamentary Trust.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 1st day of August, 2023.

(Seal)  
McClain County Court Clerk  
By: /s/ Karen Weltmer  
Deputy Court Clerk

APPROVED:  
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Attorney for Plaintiffs



# Area students attend Statewide AFR Leadership Summit in July

Six Purcell and seven Washington students attended the 2023 American Farmers & Ranchers (AFR) Youth Leadership Summit July 23-29.

Emma Kenyon attended the 2023 AFR Teen Leadership Summit.

Chase Anderson, Kasin Bass, Haley Kretchmar, Emma Lynn and Carli Thomas attended the 2023 AFR Senior Leadership Summit.

Washington students attending included Paige Burns, Cody Dennis, Maddie Green, Noah Price, Lily Vandivort, Nikki Cassell and Presley Strickland.

The annual retreat develops leadership skills in junior high and high school students that will prepare them for future educational and professional experiences.

More than 200 students from across Oklahoma participated in one of two AFR Leader-

ship Summit sessions—Teen Summit and Senior Summit. The theme for this year's AFR Leadership Summit was "Mission I'M Possible."

Summit attendees participated in development activities that will benefit them now and in the future.

Students learned life skills, such as setting and achieving short- and long-term goals and working in teams.

They also learned the value of personal responsibility, respect for their peers and many other positive attributes.

"The AFR Leadership Summit is a great way for the youth of Oklahoma to learn skills that will benefit them throughout their lives," said AFR Cooperative President Scott Blubaugh. "We are proud to invest in the future of Oklahoma through our state's agricultural youth. This is just one way of demonstrating that

investment in communities across our state."

In addition to this year's leadership development activities, Summit attendees participated in a camp-wide service project. For this year's Summit project, students prepared more than 1000 care boxes for active military personnel serving overseas.

The AFR Youth Leadership Summit is just one of many AFR Youth Program traditions. The organization also hosts an agriculture achievement contest, statewide scholarships, speech contests, livestock judging and grading competitions, and many other development opportunities.

For more information on this contest or other AFR Youth Program projects, contact AFR Youth Development Coordinator Taylor Atkinson at 405-218-5566 or tailor.atkinson@afrmic.com.



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## AFR Teen Leadership Summit

Emma Kenyon of Purcell attended the 2023 AFR Teen Leadership Summit.

No. 593-August 10-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF HARREL GENE FULLER and PATRICIA FULLER, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-43 NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Notice is hereby given that Cody Dillon Fuller, the duly appointed

and qualified Personal Representative of the Estates of Harrel Gene Fuller and Patricia Fuller, 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 31st day of August 2023, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., in the District Courtroom of Judge Charles N. 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 7th day of August 2023.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE

JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565 Purcell, OK 73080 Phone: 405-527-7575 Fax: 405-527-7574 Attorney for Personal Representative



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## Youth Leadership Summit

Washington students Paige Burns, Cody Dennis, Maddie Green, Noah Price, Lily Vandivort, Nikki Cassell and Presley Strickland attended the 2023 American Farmers & Ranchers (AFR) Youth Leadership Summit. Purcell students who attended were Chase Anderson, Kasin Bass, Haley Kretchmar, Emma Lynn and Carli Thomas.

No. 591-August 10-2 Times SOLICITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Purcell will receive sealed Bids in the office of the City Clerk, Purcell City Hall, 203 W. Main St., Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 until August 31, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Said Bids will be opened at August 31, 2023, 10:15 a.m. in the Small Banquet Room of the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center, 1400 Chandler Road, Purcell, OK 73080 for:

**Rehabilitate Runway Lights and Install PAPIs AIP 3-40-0130-017-2023 PURCELL MUNICIPAL AIRPORT Purcell, Oklahoma**

Bids shall be made in accordance with Solicitation for Bids, Information to Bidders, Plans, Specifications, and Bidder's Proposal, on file and available for examination at the Office of the City Clerk in City Hall, Purcell, Oklahoma, and made part of this notice as though fully set forth herein. A PDF (hard copies not provided) may be obtained from Parkhill, 14101 Wireless Way, Suite 350, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73134, 405.832.9900, at no charge.

Bids filed with the City shall be publicly opened and considered by the City at time stated herein. Bidder must supply all information required by Bid/Proposal Form.

This Project is subject to the following requirements as referenced in the Special Provisions:

- Buy American Preference (Reference: 49 USC § 50101).
- Foreign Trade Restrictions.
- Davis Bacon (Reference: 2 CFR § 200 Appendix II(D)).
- Affirmative Action (Reference: 41 CFR part 60-4. Executive Order 11246).
- Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Reference: 2 CFR part 180 (Subpart C), 2 CFR Part 1200, DOT Order 4200.5 DOT Suspension & Debarment Procedures & Ineligibility).
- Government Requirements for Drug-free Workplace.
- Nonsegregated Facilities Requirement (Reference: 41 CFR § 60-1.8).

Sponsor, in accordance with Provisions of Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-4) and Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders it will affirmatively ensure any Contract entered into pursuant to this Advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Title VI Clauses for Compliance with Nondiscrimination Require-

ments (Source: Appendix A of Appendix 4 of FAA Order 1400.11, Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs at the Federal Aviation Administration).

Title VI List of Pertinent Nondiscrimination Statutes and Authorities (Source: Appendix E of Appendix 4 of FAA Order 1400.11, Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs at the Federal AIT is the Department of Transportation (DOT) policy that DBEs, as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

All Bidders/Proposers shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, to subcontract 1.48 percent of the prime contract dollar value to small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (DBE). If Bidder/Proposer for this solicitation qualifies as a DBE, contract goal shall be deemed met. Individuals rebuttably presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged include women, Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and Asian-Indian Americans. Apparent successful Bidder/Proposer must submit information concerning DBEs to participate in this contract. Information will include name and address for each DBE, description of work to be performed by each named firm, and dollar value of contract (subcontract). If Bidder/Proposer fails to achieve contract goal as stated herein, they must provide documentation demonstrating good faith efforts in attempting to do so. Bid/Proposal failing to meet these requirements will be considered non-responsive.

For Contracts \$50,000 or more, Contractor with 50 or more employees and subcontractors with 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a subcontract of \$50,000 or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program within 120 days of Contract commencement.

Bids/Proposals received more than 96 hours, (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays), before set time for opening bids as well as Bids/Proposals received after set time for opening of bids, will not be considered and be returned unopened.

Cashier's check, certified check, surety bond, or irrevocable letter of credit in 5 percent of Bid shall accompany sealed Bid/Proposal of each Bidder/Proposer. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful Bidder(s)/Proposer(s).

The City of Purcell reserves the right to reject any/all Bids and waive any/all informalities.

Upon receipt of acceptable Bid/Proposal, Contract will be awarded within ninety (90) days after opening Bids/Proposals and written Contract executed within 10 days thereafter.

A Prebid Conference concerning this Project will be held at 2:00 PM, August 23, 2023, in the Small Banquet Room of the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center, 1400 Chandler Road, Purcell, OK 73080.

Attendance at Prebid Conference is MANDATORY. Bids will NOT be accepted from contractors who do NOT have a representative in attendance. No Plans, Specifications, or Bid Documents will be issued after Prebid Conference. All Bidders/Proposers must visit and inspect construction site and be familiar with site physical characteristics and conditions.

For eligibility to bid this Project, contractors must be listed: on official Bidder List by obtaining an official set of Plans and Specifications from Parkhill; AND

as an attendee of mandatory Project Prebid Conference.

Bids received from Contractors not meeting these requirements will be returned unopened.

City of Purcell

No. 588-August 10-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In The Matter of the Estate of GEORGE C. WILLIS, Deceased Case No. PB-23-64 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: The Creditors of George C. Willis, deceased (the "Decedent"): All persons having claims against the Decedent are required to present the same with a description of all security and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim to Neil Willis, the Personal Representative, at the law office of Darrell G. Ford, P. C., P.O. Box 756, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, on or before the following presentation date: October 13, 2023 or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2023.

/s/ Neil Willis Neil Willis, Personal Representative of the Estate of George C. Willis, deceased Darrell G. Ford, OBA #11835 Darrell G. Ford, A Professional Corporation P.O. Box 756 118 North Second Street, Suite C Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 (405) 527-7049 (405) 527-7256 fax Attorney for the Petitioner, Neil Willis

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