



## New to the Bulldog family

### Teachers and staff at Lexington

New teachers at Lexington for the 2023-24 school year include Tony Bertolozzi, Courtney Boudreau, Michael G. Brown, Courtney Ellis, Larry Flores, Jennifer Fourcode, Myra Fullingim, Devin Doty, Stephanie Jessup, Shannon Kirby, Mildred Renee Pike, Brian Stenseth,

Nashea Stubblefield and Amie Whithead.

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Fullingim



Kirby



Brown



Pike



Doty



Flores



Stenseth



Stubblefield



Ellis



Whitehead



Boudreau



Bertolozzi



Moore



Fourcode



Jessup

# BOMB THREAT just a HOAX

## Sheriff reports similar hoaxes occurring around country



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### Assessing the situation

The McClain County Courthouse was evacuated Monday after a bomb threat was called into Court Clerk's office. After a search did not uncover any threats the all-clear was given. At least five law enforcement agencies including Homeland Security, the OSBI, the OHP, Purcell Police and the McClain County Sheriff's Department were on the scene.

A troubling trend that is sweeping the nation came to Purcell Monday when a phone call taken by the McClain County Court Clerk's office reported there was a bomb in the building.

The call came in at 12:53 p.m. and the entire court-

house was evacuated with the exception of 64 county inmates.

Sheriff Landy Offolter said he contacted DOC to acquire buses from LARC to transport the prisoners but DOC had no drivers available.

Purcell Police were quick to respond after the call came out. They along with members of the Sheriff's Department cordoned off the alley and street around

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## New staff, teachers at Wayne



Erwin



W Cummings



Deskin-Dodd



Schneberger



Sharp



A Cummings



Melton

New staff and teachers at Wayne Public School include Nichol M. Melton, Mallory Sharp, Amy Cummings, Wyatt Cummings, Donna Schneberger, Tiffany Erwin and Lisa Deskin-Dodd.

Deskin-Dodd will teach at the high school. She has previously taught math at Norman North High School and Oklahoma City for over 25 years.

She said she wanted to get closer to home and teach in a smaller district.

The OU graduate has a daughter, Kourtney Sharp, a son, Kyle Dodd and three grandsons.

Erwin is a special education paraprofessional.

She is a graduate of Paoli High School and is currently working on finishing her teaching degree at Western Governors University.

"I worked at Wayne two years ago as a para in early childhood/Pre-K," Erwin said.

"Last year I worked as a sub while I focused on my college work but now I'm back."

Erwin and her husband, Terrel, have two children Addison in the ninth grade and Alex in the sixth grade.

"I am excited about this new position because it allows me to gain experience on the high school level," Erwin said. "All of my previous experience

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## McClain County Kid's election September 8

Attention all kids! On September 8 from 9 a.m. until noon the McClain County Election Board will be holding an election at the McClain County Free Fair.

Kids will have the opportunity to choose between two candidates (swimming and

hopping), Tommy C. Turtle and Ruby B. Rabbit.

Ruby says don't get them confused with the story of the tortoise and the hare.

"I will get the jump on

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## Policies updated

### By Board of Education

Purcell's Board of Education updated policies and voted to purchase a couple of new vehicles at its regular monthly meeting Monday at the school administration building.

The board approved an overnight Spring Break

trip for the Dragon baseball team to Broken Bow in March for a tournament.

In routine matters, the board voted to operate

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## 5 questions with Mike Phillips

*Editor's note: Answering The Purcell Register's five questions this week is Mike Phillips, owner of Tyler's Furniture in Purcell.*

**Q. What brought you into the furniture business?**

A. I am a second generation business owner. My parents purchased the furniture store in 1980 when I was 16 years old. I grew up working here with Pop.

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Mike & Terenda Phillips



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### Town hall

Around 20 people attended a town hall meeting with Rep. Tom Cole last Thursday morning at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce office. Cole covered a number of topics and answered questions from constituents.

### Inside

#### Pitcher perfect

Purcell's Ella Resendiz tossed six innings of perfect softball and hit the walk-off HR for the run-rule victory.



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### Inside

#### Gold Star Award

Mid-America Technology Center won their 16th Gold Star Award.



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## '23 football preview

The 2023 Heart of Oklahoma Football preview magazine will be out next week featuring Purcell, Washington, Wayne and Lexington football teams. There will be pictures,

previews and information about games one each team's 2023 schedule and more.

Make sure you plan to pick up a copy of **The Register** that will have the magazine inserted in it.



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### Making the call

Senior members of the Purcell Dragon Pride Marching Band selected popcorn flavors at Pride Popcorn to create their special Pride Mix blend. The winning flavors were extra buttery caramel, extra cheesy and smores. Pictured are, from left, Dani Howsley, Zoe Bumpass, Brooklynn Torres, Lillian Calixto, Sophia Butler, Alicia Salazar, Avery Barrett and Maria Jimenez.



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### Decision, decisions

Senior members of the Purcell Dragon Pride Marching Band sample popcorn flavors at Pride Popcorn to choose the Pride Mix blend.

## County Commissioners address road issues

The Board of McClain County Commissioners convened in their regular session on Monday, July 31 at the county courthouse's Room 111. County Clerk Pam Beller called the roll, confirming the presence of Chairman Terry Daniel, Vice Chairman Glen Murray, and member Wilson Lyles. The board swiftly endorsed the minutes of their preceding meeting on 7/24/2023.

Expenditures and Claims: Subsequent to the minutes' ap-

proval, the board gave its nod to various maintenance and operation claims, outlining fiscal year 2022-2023 expenses. Notable claims included Bruckner's Truck & Equipment for a dump truck under ARPA 2021.

Valuation Report and Equipment Disposal: In a series of decisions, the board acknowledged the 2023 McClain County Assessor's Valuation Report and endorsed a resolution for disposing of equipment, which included the sale of a 2016

Mack Truck acquired from Enid Mack Sales.

Appointments and Approvals: Bill Hammon and Pam Beller were affirmed as requisitioning officers, while Amy Sharp and Cindy Scott took on roles as receiving officers for the Excise & Equalization Boards. Additionally, the board gave the go ahead for the Washington Fire Department to purchase a new Chevrolet truck through a state contract.

Resolutions and Grants: Several resolutions were approved, encompassing topics such as accepting a reserved section road and a TV donation for the McClain County Jail. A grant from the Plains All American First Responder Grant Program was accepted for the acquisition of a mobile command console by the Sheriff's Office.

Road Crossings and Adjournment: Discussion took place between representatives from Lime Rock Resources and the board, addressing road crossing permits along county roadways. However, no concrete actions were taken. Concluding the session, the board moved to adjourn.

## Cooler temps on Monday

A cold front swept its way through our area, leaving us with much cooler temperatures on Monday of this week. The heat is slowly building back in as this week ends. On Thursday, we will see sunny skies as temperatures climb back into the triple digits. We will see lower 100s on both Thursday and Friday as a ridge of high pressure dominates over our area, increasing temperatures and limiting any rain potential. Lower 100s continue for daytime highs both days this weekend under sunny skies. These temperatures will carry us into the new week, but a few clouds will begin building into the sky by Tuesday as afternoon highs remain in the lower 100s. Ensure you are drinking plenty of water and taking breaks in the air conditioning.

- Hunter Brittingham

## Now is the time to begin planning for your fall garden

Justin McDaniel  
Extension Ag Educator

Even though Oklahomans are just getting into the heat of the summer, gardening enthusiasts need to be planning for their fall garden crops. Some of the best quality garden vegetables are produced and harvested during the fall season when warm, sunny days are followed by cool, humid nights.

Under these climatic conditions, plant metabolism is low; therefore, more of the food manufactured by the plant becomes a high-quality vegetable product.

To ensure a bountiful harvest in the fall, gardeners need to start getting ready now.

As with any garden, adequate soil preparation, available garden space, selected plantings, space for plantings and obtaining the quantity and varieties of seed must be taken into consideration. Some crops are more easily grown when seeds are planted early, then transplanting the seedlings to the garden at a later time.

Transplants and seeds can be planted in the garden in mid-July through September. Keep in mind that the time of planting is dependent upon the length of time required to produce the crop. Seeds leftover from the spring planting can be used if the seeds were stored in a cool, dry location or in a refrigerator or freezer.

When gardeners are ready to plant the seeds, the seeds need to be soaked overnight. This will speed up germination and seedling emergence.

Cowpea beans, pole beans, cilantro, sweet corn, eggplant, peppers, pumpkin, squash, broccoli, carrots, parsnip, and tomatoes all can be planted in mid- to late-July.

Lima beans, cucumbers, beets, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, Irish potatoes, leaf lettuce, green peas, radish, rutabaga, swiss chard, and turnips should be planted sometime between early-August and mid-September.

Soil preparation for fall gardens is just as important as it

is for the gardens you planted in the spring. Modifying or improving the soil prior to and during the gardening season is vital for a successful garden. Various fertilizer elements are necessary for plant growth and can be easily applied.

However, other aspects of soil improvement may not be as easily accomplished. Organic matter needs to be incorporated into sandy soil to help reduce the drying of the soil and improve nutrient availability.

Heavy clay soil combined with organic matter will improve soil aeration, water absorption and drainage.

Keep in mind that when conditions are favorable for growing vegetables, they also are favorable for grass and weeds. Mulch the soil or cultivate when the grass and weed plants are small and more easily eradicated.

A fall garden is a great way to maintain fresh quality produce. Gardens do take time and effort, but the results are more than worth it.



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### Conversation with the Congressman

Rep. Tom Cole held a town hall meeting at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce office Thursday with about 20 constituents, including Rebekah Lynam, Renee Barber, Melissa Pruitt and Chris Wright. Cole addressed a number of topics and answered questions.



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# NEWS In Brief

## Chamber Luncheon

The August Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held Thursday, August 31, at 12 p.m. at the Mid-America Technology Center, 27438 State Highway 59, in Wayne.

The luncheon will feature superintendents Toby Ringwald, Wayne; Dr. Sheli McAdoo, Purcell; Chad Hall, Lexington; and Mike Eubank, Mid-America Technology Center, who will be speaking on the "State of the Schools."

The host for the luncheon is McClain Bank.

RSVP by Monday, August 28, by calling or texting 405-527-3093 or email elisabeth@theheartofok.com.

## 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.

## 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.

# Roe, Garvin push for AG opinion on sales taxes for rural ambulance services

Rep. Cynthia Roe, R-Lindsay, and Sen. Jessica Garvin, R-Duncan, have requested an opinion from Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond regarding the distribution of county sales tax revenue to support private businesses providing a public service.

In April 2021, Garvin County voters approved Proposition No. 2, which would set aside a portion of sales tax toward Emergency Management Services (EMS) in certain rural areas that did not previously maintain emergency services.

Roe said that questions have arisen regarding the use of sales tax revenue to contract with private, for-profit entities providing ambulance services and, as a result, these set-aside

tax dollars remain untouched. "I've heard from many of my constituents that they didn't realize private ambulance services wouldn't be allowed to tap into county sales tax funds," Roe said. "After looking into this, we realized that communities across the state are in a similar bind."

"The Garvin County sales tax increase was approved to support emergency services, but these businesses are prevented from receiving this funding to support them and expand their ambulance services. This leaves those tax dollars untouched when voters said there was a dire need in rural Oklahoma for these services," Roe continued. "Rural Oklahomans are al-

ready struggling to get access to vital health care services. Representative Roe and I are committed to working with other local and state officials, along with our state agencies, to find a common-sense solution that will benefit every county and every Oklahoman," Garvin said. "Residents of this state should not have to worry about losing life-saving services over a technicality, and I'm certain we can come up with a solution soon."

Roe and Garvin are working with the district attorneys



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# Da Candy Cane, two-time winner from last year at Remington Park, now working out of Offolter's barn

Owned by Bryan Hawk of Purcell

Da Candy Cane is the kind of horse that would make a trainer have second thoughts about retiring. However, Kenny Nolen did retire anyway after the 2022 season at Remington Park.

Now the 4-year-old filly, a winner of two-of-three starts here last year, is in veteran trainer Joe Offolter's barn.

Da Candy Cane made her first workout appearance this morning at Remington Park for the upcoming 67-date Thoroughbred Season that began August 18 and continues through Springboard Mile Night on Friday, December 15.

Da Candy Cane, an Oklahoma-bred daughter of Da Stoops, out of the Candy Ride (ARG) mare Cajun Candy, has not raced since she won in allowance-non-winners-of-two company December 2.

She is owned by Bryan Hawk of Purcell, who finished third in the owners' standings for wins and earnings last year.

"There's really no reason she's been off since December," Offolter said. "Bryan didn't want to run her at Will Rogers Downs (in Claremore, Okla.) and he really just likes to turn his horses out and give them a breather. Plus, she's an Okie-bred, so there are plenty of races for her at Remington Park."

Da Candy Cane worked three furlongs in :38.16 on Tuesday morning over a muddy surface,

following drenching rains overnight in the Oklahoma City metro area. The bullet for that distance was :37.95 put up by Tungsten.

This filly showed a ton of promise last year despite not making her first start until she was deep into her 3-year-old racing year. Her career debut was better than it looked at first on paper.

She ran second in an Oklahoma-bred fillies and mares, maiden special weight race on Oct. 12, 2022, beaten 4-3/4 lengths on paper by a filly named Chillaxification, owned by Terry Westemeir of Broken Arrow.

Chillaxification went on to run third in the \$70,000 Useit Stakes to the top 3-year-old filly on the grounds, Hits Pricey Legacy, out of the barn of Oklahoma Horse Racing Hall of Famer owner-breeder-trainer C.R. Trout of Edmond.

Da Candy Cane broke her maiden in her second career start against a similar field on November 7, but this time she showed strong improvement, pulling away by 9-1/4 lengths as the 1-2 odds-on favorite. Jockey Jose Alvarez booted her home a winner.

In her first try against winners, her third start, she defeated an allowance field by one length as the even-money favorite, covering seven furlongs in 1:26.15 for the top

speed figure of her career. Just as she was peaking, the race meet ended and she's been on vacation since.

The record for Da Candy Cane going into this meet is three starts, two wins and one second for \$56,328 in earnings.

"She breezed good (Tuesday)," said Offolter. "I don't get real excited about them this early. Hopefully we can find

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# NEWS from the City of Purcell

## \$ 46-112 Unlawful to Deposit Rubbish

It is unlawful for any person to throw, place or deposit any rubbish, trash, slop, garbage, filthy substance, grass, weeds, tree, brush, or any other refuse or waste matter in any street, avenue, alley, or in any ditch or watercourse, or upon the premises of another, or upon any public ground in this city.

Law Enforcement and Code Enforcement will issue a \$260 citation to those persons caught

in violation of this code.

This includes depositing in dumpsters.

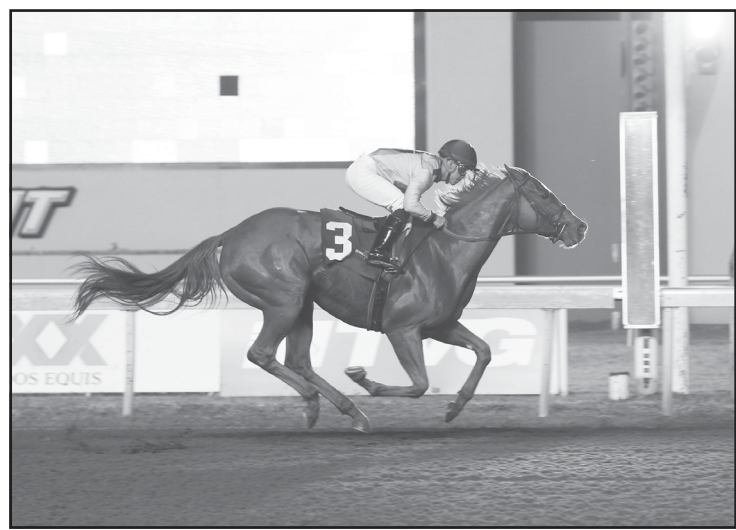
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## Welcome words

Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce President Greg Wheat addresses a group of about 20 people during a town hall meeting with Rep. Tom Cole last Thursday. Cole answered questions with constituents for nearly an hour at the Chamber of Commerce office.



• Dustin Orona Photography/Remington Park

## On the move

Da Candy Cane, shown winning her first career race at Remington Park on Nov. 7, 2022, worked for new trainer Joe Offolter on August 8 in preparation for the upcoming 2023 Thoroughbred Season in Oklahoma City.

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## Running on fumes

Quite by accident Monday morning I may have gotten a scoop.

There was a call on my cell phone and the person said do you have a minute to talk about moving Griffin Memorial Hospital in Norman to Oklahoma City.

"I understand you're the person I need to talk to," the person said before I could tell them otherwise.

I explained who I was and what I did, none of which was even the foggiest of anything to do with Griffin Memorial.

He then proceeded to tell me what phone number he was given and sure enough it was my digits.

All the while he's going off about moving the long-time facility from its current roost

### Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

I'm running out of gasoline.

I had intended to get fuel on Saturday when the low fuel message popped up on my dashboard.

But I didn't get to the gas station and then Sunday rolled around to Monday morning.

I was focused on getting to

a morning photo assignment at Lexington when I checked the dash and the message was that I had five miles of fuel before I would be out.

Before I could get from the school to the highway it was already down to four miles.

In my head I figured the bridge was about a mile or more and I could probably make it to Criswell's before the well went completely dry.

Of course I caught every light red and was again stopped at the light at Washington and Green when the call came in about moving the hospital.

Literally I was down to one mile of fuel remaining when I pulled into the pumps at Criswell's.

That was a little too close for comfort.

## Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



## Update from the Capitol

In the Legislature, we wear a lot of hats from budgeting and providing social services to creating jobs and helping businesses expand. Growing our economy and strengthening our workforce has been of great concern the last few years as we've worked to try to create programs and incentives to support companies and the unique needs of our diverse workforce.

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce is one of our main partners in this effort. Recently, I shared about two local companies, Sensia Global Manufacturing and Valco Manufacturing, that have benefitted from the department's Oklahoma Innovation Expansion Program (OIEP), which provides financial assistance to existing/legacy companies in our state to help them expand their operations and services.

This past session, the Legislature created another program to help companies in our state. The Business Expansion Incentive Program assists Oklahoma

companies making major capital investments in depreciable items like machinery, equipment, and buildings.

If you're interested in learning more about the Business Expansion Incentive Program, visit [www.okcommerce.gov](http://www.okcommerce.gov) and search the program name. This incentive makes annual cash payment awards to help companies grow and boost business expansion investments in the state.

According to the agency, typical incentive awards go to manufacturing companies with an existing employee base making a substantial investment to expand their Oklahoma operation.

There are so many business grant opportunities through Commerce, so I highly encourage all business owners, whether small or large, to browse their website and make sure you're not missing out on a financial opportunity to grow and expand.

The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and

Homeland Security (ODEMHS) also announced a special grant recently to help municipal, county, and tribal governments, education institutions and state agencies address cybersecurity risks and threats to their information systems.

This funding helps improve security of critical infrastructure for community services and is provided to ODEMHS by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). To learn more or apply for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, visit <https://oklahoma.gov/homeland-security/grants.html>.

The next round of applications to be considered are due by 3 p.m. on September 8.

There are a lot of grant opportunities through our various state and federal agencies. If your business or local governmental

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## NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

### Bad Bidenomics

#### Congressman Tom Cole

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris are already on the campaign trail touting the so-called success of their economic plan, which they refer to as Bidenomics.

However, the Fitch Ratings' decision from earlier this month to downgrade the U.S. government's credit rating from AAA to AA+, the first downgrade since 2011, shows our economy has not been mended and restored quite yet.

Bidenomics has been disastrous for the American people and is pushing our country toward bankruptcy. What Bidenomics has really brought us is the worst inflation rate in 40 years, the highest deficit in American history and an economy where the average Americans' real wages are declining rather than improving.

In addition, our economy has also struggled to return

to the booming pre-pandemic employment levels. In fact, last month fewer jobs were added than economists expected, and labor force participation has remained flat for five months in a row.

Due to Bidenomics, the American people are now paying the most for groceries, household items, fuel, homes and just about everything else than they have in 40 years.

Indeed, since President Biden has taken office, prices on everything have risen at an average of 16.6 percent. This is costing the average American family nearly \$10,000 a year.

President Biden and congressional Democrats' spend now, pay later scheme has not only led to record-high inflation, but it has also increased the 10-year spending trajectory by \$10 trillion, causing the United States to reach the statutory debt ceiling more quickly than expected.

President Biden and Demo-

crats' refusal earlier this year to address the debt limit crisis almost put our country in a position to disastrously default on our debts.

Their initial refusal to include any constraints to spending and needless delays to come to the table and work out a sensible and responsible deal to raise the debt limit certainly led to Fitch's downgrade of the United States' credit rating.

Now, in order to cool inflation, the U.S. Federal Reserve has been forced to turn to raising interest rates. However, while they are having some effect, they are also making the deficit worse due to the increase in cost to pay interest on the debt.

These high interest rates are also putting U.S. banks in danger by pushing up the cost of maintaining deposits and could even lead to a recession, which

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## Don't take community journalism for granted

I recently received a newsroom call asking for the editor. The caller was upset about a particular developing story because we didn't republish a submitted press release verbatim. I explained that we rewrite press releases every day. It reminded me of an Oklahoma Gazette cover story we published with the headline "Press released." That cover story was about the shrinking state Capitol press corps and the proliferation of press releases being published in lieu of news.

I asked the caller what was wrong with our story. If we reported something inaccurately, we would correct the mistake. We've certainly run corrections before. (Ultimately, nothing was wrong with this story.)

The individual then questioned why we sent out the story as a text alert via breaking news. I told the caller the story was about a public health issue, and it was our duty to inform the community.

No offense to the public relations industry, but no one really wants to live in a world where spin with an obvious agenda masquerades as news.

I hear daily accusations of biased news media. And you would be amazed at how many upset "customers" demand coverage when they don't even subscribe.

News flash: We don't get to choose what stories happen on any given day or night. Our agenda is not "hidden." We seek to report the truth, inform the public and serve as a watchdog and guide dog for the public interest.

We don't make this stuff up, folks. With news developing at a breakneck pace, we don't have to and frankly wouldn't even have the time.

I often get messages from friends and colleagues asking about something they read on a social media source that they claim not to visit.

"So-and-so is saying such and such on the (insert political view here) Facebook page," they say. "Can you believe it?"

Good question. It is true? What documented proof do you have? Which on-the-record sources are willing to say this? Or is it a social media ax-grinder with a personal vendetta?

I'm glad they are telling us to vet and confirm. As professional journalists, we always have to check it out. That's the standard we have. That's our job, even with breaking news.

Around the same time I talked to the upset newsroom caller, I received a personal letter (via the U.S. Postal Service, another old, reliable institution under relentless assault). Although I have never met this longtime reader in my neighborhood, the kind message is worth sharing.

"Just wanted to thank you for producing a really good paper!" the neighbor wrote.

"I remember my elementary school teacher told us, 'If you lose the freedom of the press, you'll lose your democracy.'" The snail-mailed envelope included another hand-written note from the neighbor's daughter.

"I do appreciate your paper greatly!" the daughter wrote. "I just pray that newspapers will continue to be able to stay in business for we all need news in-depth ..."

Kind of reminds me of an old Thomas Jefferson quote. It's from a 1787 letter he wrote as minister to France to Edward Carrington, an American soldier and statesman.

"... Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter," Jefferson wrote.

If Thomas Jefferson posted that status update on Facebook now, many people would attack his comment without reading the rest of the quote, which included, "But I should mean that every man should receive those papers and be capable of reading them."

Fueled by keyboard courage, too many on social media post without reading. They're simply wanting to validate their worldview or attack the opposition without any meaningful dialogue.

I work for a newspaper. I want to live in a world of verified truth and transparency free from personal attacks.

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By Rob Collins  
Former executive editor of the Enid News & Eagle

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## Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



## Update from the Capitol

The next couple of weeks are exciting for many Oklahoma families as their kids go back to school but it can also be an extremely stressful time with all the expenses and busy schedules.

This week, I wanted to remind everyone of some great resources to help with back-to-school shopping.

First, I hope everyone took advantage of the sales tax holiday this past weekend. I love this opportunity to save some money as every penny counts when you have kids, but it also encourages us all to shop local and support our small businesses.

If you need assistance with purchasing school supplies, please check with your local school or your child's teacher first as some districts offer free supplies for low income families or they have partnerships with local nonprofits or other organizations and businesses to offer free or reduced priced items.

You might also call around to churches in your area as many have supply and clothing drives. You can also call 2-1-1 or go online at [www.navigateresources.net/hlok/](http://www.navigateresources.net/hlok/) to find organizations in your area that can help with supplies, clothes, or other financial assistance you might need as school gets underway.

Parents, teachers, and school staff can also get special discounts through many businesses, like the Apple store for instance, so always be sure to ask when checking out.

Many national book stores like Barnes & Noble and Half Price Books, along with supply stores like Staples, Office Depot, and Michaels offer rewards programs for teachers

and districts to help with the costs of classroom supplies.

Teachers, if you're planning on educating your students about healthy living then you'll want to check out [ShapeYourFutureOK.com](http://ShapeYourFutureOK.com). You can download hundreds of free healthy living printables through this TSET program to help students learn healthy habits.

For those without kids in school, I want to encourage you to consider donating school supplies to your local districts. You can call specific schools and ask what needs they have or call the district's administration office for a more general list but there are always the common items like pencils, crayons, tissues, glue, etc. I'm sure they'll also gladly accept monetary donations or gift cards to help meet their needs.

Another option is many teachers have Amazon wish lists, so you can also inquire about this as well. Anything you can do to help our local students and schools is always greatly appreciated.

In closing, I want to say a big thank you to all of our educators, support staff, counselors, librarians, coaches, bus drivers, custodians, and everyone else who keeps our schools running and play such a huge role in our students' lives. You truly are heroes, and we're so grateful for all you do for our local communities and youth.

If you have any questions or concerns on legislative matters, please contact me at the Capitol. Please write to Senator Jessica Garvin, State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Room 237, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105, email me at [Jessica.Garvin@oksenate.gov](mailto:Jessica.Garvin@oksenate.gov) or call 405-521-5522.

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## Garvin:

entity needs help in a particular area, always be sure to do your research and see if funding may be available to help with your project.

Earlier this month, we welcomed dozens of Oklahoma youth beef cattle exhibitors to the Capitol to celebrate and recognize their many outstanding accomplishments from this summer. I want to again congratulate our two local junior beef cattle champions: Kamden Filippo of Rush Springs, who won Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Purebred Bull at the National Junior Short-horn Show and Felicia Deloera

Nunez of Marlow, who won Junior Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair at the Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals. Our state is blessed and unique this year to have more than 30 reigning national champions and reserve champions from multiple breeds.

If you have any questions or concerns on legislative matters, please contact me at the Capitol. Please write to Senator Jessica Garvin, State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Room 237, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105, email me at [Jessica.Garvin@oksenate.gov](mailto:Jessica.Garvin@oksenate.gov) or call (405) 521-5522.

## Over 60

Over 60 people from McClain County employees to jurors and attorneys were evacuated from the courthouse Monday when authorities checked out a bomb threat. It was not credible and no one was injured although a manslaughter trial was disrupted.

## OMRF awarded \$6.4 million for lupus study, seeking volunteers to assist with research

A world-renowned lupus expert at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation will lead a study aimed at detecting the disease sooner and preventing the resulting damage.

OMRF is accepting study volunteers for the Autoimmune Drivers and Protectants (ADAPTS) study, which is funded through a \$6.4 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, said OMRF Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Judith James, M.D., Ph.D.

James' team is seeking volunteers at high risk of developing systemic lupus erythematosus, or SLE, because of a family history or a positive

autoantibody test.

"Some people have blood markers for lupus but never get sick," said James, who is a member of the National Academy of Medicine. "Others have the markers and develop some symptoms but never get the full-blown disease, while in others, it ravages the body. We want to better understand why and ideally how to prevent the transitions."

Lupus is an autoimmune disease in which the immune system becomes unbalanced and attacks the body's own tissues. It can result in damage to the joints, skin, kidneys, heart and lungs and is a leading medical cause of death among

women of childbearing age.

Although only about 400,000 individuals in the U.S. have the most severe form of the disease, perhaps up to 1 in 10 individuals will have blood markers that look like lupus.

The cause of lupus is unknown, but studies have identified links to genes, immune and inflammatory influences and exposure to environmental factors.

James, who leads OMRF's Arthritis and Clinical Immunology Research Program and holds the Lou C. Kerr Endowed Chair in Biomedical Research at OMRF, will collaborate with scientists and clinicians from Vanderbilt University and New

York University.

"Finding people at high risk of developing lupus before they get sick is a challenge," James said. "It will require a team approach, using the expertise and the patient samples that each of our three institutions brings."

Jill Buyon, M.D., director of the NYU Langone Health Lupus Center, will provide samples from study volunteers who, despite being asymptomatic, receive what Buyon called "a double-whammy" diagnosis during pregnancy: they have autoantibodies found in people who have lupus, and these autoantibodies have caused their infants to have lifelong heart damage.

Some of these mothers ultimately develop severe lupus or another autoimmune disorder called Sjögren's disease, while others develop only mild symptoms or none at all, Buyon said.

"If we can unlock the secrets of what makes someone progress from benign autoimmunity to clinical autoimmunity, that would be revolutionary," she said. "Then we could tell a woman, 'You have these factors, so we might want to put you on preventive therapy,' and in others, we could avoid putting them on medicine unnecessarily."

By analyzing thousands of patient samples, James said she hopes to discover genetic or environmental protections against lupus.

To volunteer for the study or receive more information, call 405-271-7221.

OMRF will enroll individuals for autoantibody testing and potential follow-up into the Oklahoma Cohort of Rheumatic Diseases, a collection of tens of thousands of blood, urine, saliva and tissue samples donated since 2001 by patients in OMRF's Rheumatology Center of Excellence.

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## Wayne:

has been in Early Childhood/Elementary. I love both.

"I couldn't resist the opportunity to be back at Wayne School because I love the energy here," Erwin continued. "We have an awesome Special Education team this year and I jumped at the chance to be a part of it. It's going to be a great year."

Schneberger will teach freshman and sophomore English for a half day and pursue her other job as a travel agent in the afternoons. She previously taught 17 years at Purcell serving as a librarian and English teacher.

She and her husband, Don, have three grown children and five grandchildren.

She earned her bachelors degree from USAO, her English

Endorsement from UCO and her master's degree from ECU.

Wyatt Cummings will teach computers and STEM in grades, eight, nine, 10, 11 and 12. He and his wife, Amy, are both new teachers at Wayne.

Wyatt is a graduate of Pauls Valley High School and The University of Oklahoma. He previously taught science and math at Norman High School.

"I loved the tight-knit feel of the Wayne community and immediately felt welcome," he said.

Amy is a graduate of Norman North and Oklahoma State University. This is her first teaching position. She will be a para-professional.

"I love the small community

feel of the school and I want to make my students feel loved and understood," she said.

Mallory Sharp will work in the school cafeteria.

"I have always wanted to be a Wayne Bulldog," she said.

Melton and her husband, have a daughter, Riley Melton. After serving as a substitute for the past four years, Melton will teach Pre-K.

"After completing my term in the Army, I assisted with Troops to Teachers on obtaining her B.A. in Elementary Education.

She is a member of the McClain County 4-H, a barrel racer and No. 1 Bulldog fan.

"I am new to Wayne and absolutely love the community," Melton said.

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## Winner:

her a non-winner-of-three but if we can't we'll go from there. I've had her about three weeks now. We'd like to race her in about 30 days."

Offolter, 63, hails from Dibble, his home "all my life," he said. The Oklahoma Horse Racing Hall of Famer also has with Hawk a 5-year-old mare named Ragan's Jet, who is a standout among the distaff horses at Remington Park.

The Oklahoma-bred daughter of Mister Lucky Cat, out of the Songandaprayer mare She'sgottherownjet, has won

five of her last six starts coming into this meet, four of those stakes races at Remington Park, Will Rogers Downs and Fair Meadows in Tulsa.

That streak started with the Muscogee Creek Nation Stakes at FMT on July 18, 2022, followed by the Oklahoma Classics Distaff at Remington Park on Oct. 21, 2022; the Miranda Diane Stakes at Will Rogers Downs on March 27 this year, prepared for the Remington meet by defending her championship in the Muscogee Creek Nation on

July 19.

"She's won her last four Oklahoma-bred sprints for fillies and mares," Offolter said. "(Jockey) Gerardo Mora has ridden her in all her stakes wins. We have had a lot of luck together. When he's not riding for me, it's usually Richard Eramia. She last ran in July, so we'd like to get a work in her in about 10 days."

Ragan's Jet's record coming into this meet is 17 starts, eight wins, four seconds and two thirds for \$286,646 in earnings.

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## Cole:

economists are predicting to occur early next year.

Republicans now in control of the House of Representatives are trying to rein in the out-of-control spending and inflation from Democrats that were in control of both chambers of Congress and the White House for the past two years.

However, we cannot truly make significant changes in the trajectory of the deficit without making reforms to Social Security and Medicare. Congress has a duty to preserve these programs for those who have paid into them during their working

lives, but without real reforms, these funds will run dry.

Saving Social Security and Medicare is something both sides of the aisle must get serious about. That is why earlier this year, I reintroduced the Bipartisan Social Security Commission Act that would require lawmakers to form a commission and develop bipartisan solutions to avoid these critical programs from going bankrupt.

This legislation, modeled after the 1983 Social Security Bicameral Commission, would create a bicameral and bipartisan com-

mission, chaired by a presidential appointee, to ensure that Social Security is fully funded for decades to come.

According to a CBS poll from July, 70 percent of Americans say their income has not kept up with inflation, 65 percent say prices have gone up in the past few weeks and 65 percent would rate the economy as "bad." More evidence points to a weak and struggling economy than otherwise.

Instead of touting the disastrous "Bidenomics" plan, the president should listen to these Americans and change course.

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# Society



## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to Peggy Underwood, Taryn Knowles, Brock Hail, Hunter Perigo, Whitney Johnson, Mark Whitley, John Rummage, Farron Hottel, Emrie Hays, Bobbie Calvert, Mark Holden, Cynthia Calixto, Sofia Ortiz, Amanda Powell and Fran Ray.

School has started in the Heart of Oklahoma.

Crosswalks and neighborhood streets will be filled with children walking and bicycling to school.

The message is simple: Motorists - Put down the phone, stay alert and watch out for these precious, vulnerable children.

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.

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 Public Library will present "Healthier You: Navigating Medicare" Tuesday, August 29, from 10-11 a.m. in the meeting room.

Join Chelle McCaskill as she presents the program on how to navigate Medicare. Become more confident in advocating for yourself and others by discovering accurate tools, techniques and resources in this information and interactive presentation designed for adults.

Registration is required. You can save your spot by calling 405-527-5546 or online at mcpioneerlibrarysystem.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.

The August Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held Thursday, August 31, at 12 p.m. at the Mid-America Technology Center, 27438 State Highway 59, in Wayne.

The luncheon will feature superintendents Dr. Toby Ringwald, Wayne; Dr. Sheli McAdoo, Purcell; Chad Hall, Lexington and Mike Eubank, Mid-America Technology Center, who will be speaking on the "State of the Schools."

The host for the luncheon is McClain Bank.

RSVP by Monday, August 28, by calling or texting 405-527-3093 or email elisabeth@theheartofok.com.

I've made this recipe with roast before but really liked it better with chicken.

**Mississippi Chicken**  
2 pounds chicken breasts boneless and skinless  
1 packet au jus mix  
1 packet ranch seasoning  
Stick of butter, sliced into pats

6 pepperoncini peppers or sliced banana peppers  
Add the chicken to the slow cooker.

Sprinkle on the au jus mix, and ranch seasoning, then top with butter and pepperoncini.

Cook on low for 3 hours, or on high for 1.5 or 2 hours. Let the chicken rest for 5 minutes, then shred it while it's still warm using a hand mixer, 2 forks, or your hands.

Serve over mashed potatoes, pasta, rice or serve it on a sandwich.

Note: I have used both chicken legs and thighs and they both were delicious!



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### Pauls Valley Opry

David Paul and Donna Nowlin will be back onstage at the Pauls Valley Opry on Saturday, September 2. The show is at the Pauls Valley Junior High auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello again everyone. Hope all is well with you and yours.

I'm sure by now you have heard about all the commotion at the courthouse on Monday. So thankful for our first responders. Fortunately, there was nothing to it and I was able to go back to my office in Purcell and finish my daily paperwork. At least the weather cooperated and standing outside for an hour was not bad.

If you are a senior, 60+, you are invited to share a meal with other seniors at the Wayne Senior Center. Delta Senior Nutrition provides a delicious meal, serving promptly at 11:30, a.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and business closure days.

Here is the menu for August 21-25:

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

Tuesday—Ham and cheese on a croissant with lettuce and tomato, potato salad, coleslaw,

chocolate sheet cake.

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

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

Friday—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, sliced bread, cookies.

Milk is served with every meal. One per person, please.

To reserve a meal, or to find out how to sign up for the meal program, call the kitchen in Purcell at 405-527-9462.

Reservations are required to ensure we bring enough food for all who want a meal. I appreciate your cooperation with this requirement.

I appreciate all my staff and volunteers who give their time and effort to help our wonderful seniors. God bless them.

I also appreciate all of you who continue to support your Wayne Senior Citizens Center.

Until next time...

## School Menus

Week of August 21

### Wayne

**MONDAY BREAKFAST**  
Pancake, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Subsandwich, chips, pickles, carrots, pears, milk.

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

**LUNCH**  
Taco Tuesday, pinto beans, rice, sour cream, salsa, strawberries, milk.

**WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST**  
Bagel toppers, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
McRib, waffle fries, pickle and onion, fruit cup, milk.

**THURSDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal, apple slices, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, peaches, milk.

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

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

### Purcell

**MONDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cinnamon toast and yogurt or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Ham and cheese melt, tomato soup, cucumber slices, cantaloupe, milk.

**TUESDAY BREAKFAST**  
Breakfast burrito or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Pizza, caesar salad, baby carrots, apple, milk.

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

juice, milk.  
**LUNCH**  
Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, peaches, milk.

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

**LUNCH**  
Beef hot dog, tater tots, side salad, grapes, milk.

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

**LUNCH**  
Sour cream chicken enchiladas, refried beans, chips and salsa, fruit, milk.

### Lexington

**MONDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal or yogurt and crackers, peaches, fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Chicken nuggets or cold sandwich, cheezy potatoes, English peas, orange smiles, milk.

**TUESDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal or breakfast pizza, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Frito chili pie or chef salad, pinto beans, whole kernel corn, diced peaches, milk.

**WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal or muffin, pears, fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Spaghetti with meat sauce or cold sandwich, steamed broccoli, green salad, lime sherbet, milk.

**THURSDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal or breakfast sticks, grapes, fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Corn dogs or chef salad, baby carrots, cucumber salad, Jell-O with fruit, milk.

**FRIDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal or blueberry doughnut holes, apple wedges, fruit juice, milk.

**LUNCH**  
Hamburger or cold sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, french fries, banana, milk.

## Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens.

If you ever wonder what our pantry volunteers are doing, then come on by and visit. Fridays are our busiest days because we are making and distributing boxes to the many who come. For the month of July, we distributed 879 boxes to 738 homes.

We would like to introduce Tonya Harris. She is one of our many volunteers. Tonya is an

important part of our pantry. She is one of the ones who signs everyone in to receive their box. She is one of the first faces our clients see when they come to receive a box.

This job is very important because we receive our food from the RFB according to the number of clients we serve. We appreciate Tonya. She is very

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### Gold Star Award presentation

**Mid-America Technology** Center employees proudly receiving the Gold Star School award at the OkACTE 2023 Summit Awards Banquet were Brent Haken, ODCTE State Director; MATC employees Ethan Murphy, Kara Murphy, Toni Koerner, Jenny Thompson, Kristin Frankenberg, David Graham, and Skye McNeil, OkACTE Executive Director.

## Mid-America Technology Center receives Gold Star Award

Mid-America Technology Center was awarded the OkACTE Gold Star award at the 2023 Oklahoma Summit Conference. This marks Mid-America's 16th year to receive this prestigious award.

The Gold Star program is designed to recognize technology center districts that have met rigid and demanding criteria, demonstrating a high level of excellence. It provides recognition to districts with exemplary

programs designed to meet a broad spectrum of community needs.

The Gold Star recognition was based on a one-year period from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022. To receive the award, the technology center must meet a comprehensive set of criteria in seven standards: Program Standards, Student Services, Communications and Marketing, Sending School Relationships, Professional Activities,

Business and Industry Services, and Special Initiatives. When evidence is provided that these standards have been met or exceeded, this establishes the technology center as being exceptional in service to their technology center area.

Living up to the standards set by the Gold Star School criteria is something that all Mid-America Technology Center employees strive for every day.



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### Pacesetter School Award

**SREB President** Stephen L. Pruitt presented the 2023 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award to Mid-America Technology Center representatives Mike Eubank, Sarah Raney, Karen Hemmerling, Sara Beth Simonton, Amanda Schneringer, Randy Henderson, Laryssa Couch, Kristin Frankenberg, April Johnson, and Dallas Krout at the Making Schools Work Conference in Orlando, Fla.

## Mid-America Technology Center wins 2023 Pacesetter Award

Mid-America Technology Center is the winner of a 2023 Gene Bottoms Pacesetter School Award from the Southern Regional Educational Board. MATC was honored at SREB's Making Schools Work Conference in Orlando, Fla.

Pacesetter School Awards recognize schools that are implementing one of SREB's Making Schools Work school improvement frameworks and are achieving success in meeting bold goals related to graduation rates, readiness for college and careers, and credential attainment.

Making Schools Work engages the entire tech center community — teachers, leaders and staff working together in a

distributed leadership structure — in addressing SREB's five focus areas:

- Leadership for continuous improvement;
- Aligned curriculum;
- Engaging instruction;
- Career exploration; and
- Systems of support.

MATC was honored for implementing a bold 'system of support' for all students. A check-in program was implemented that involves all teachers, administrators, and staff members. Every individual meet with three to seven students each week to make sure all students receive the support they need.

SREB's Making Schools

Work Conference is held annually and provides educators with opportunities to participate in professional development, network with colleagues from across the country, and build school and district leadership capacity.

For information about full-time and short-term classes, and Business and Industry Services at Mid-America Technology Center please visit us at [www.matech.edu](http://www.matech.edu).

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education.

Learn more about SREB at [sreb.org](http://sreb.org).



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### Front desk volunteer

**Tonya Harris** working the front desk on Wednesday greeting everyone with a beautiful smile.

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## Dibble:

special and important to us.

The menu for the week of August 21:

Monday — Assorted sausages.

Wednesday — Indian tacos.

Friday — Barbecue chicken with potato salad.

We would like to invite all to come by 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, 405-344-6789.

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

# COVID-19 Test Kit and Self-Catheter Kit Medicare Fraud

The Oklahoma Insurance Department (OID)'s Medicare Assistance Program (MAP) warns about rising cases of Medicare fraud across the state. Recent cases of fraud focus on COVID-19 test kits and self-catheter kits.

**COVID-19 Test Kit Fraud**  
With the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, test kits are no longer available for free after May 11, 2023.

Scammers began taking advantage of Medicare beneficiaries by sending at-home COVID-19 test kits and billing Medicare for the test they never requested.

Also, many beneficiaries have seen charges on their Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) for COVID-19 tests they have yet to receive, with cases ranging from individual test kits to bulk shipments.

Since June, the MAP has received over 55 calls reporting this issue, leading to 276 unrequested COVID-19 test kits. The cumulative impact remains significant despite not every test kit leading to Medicare payment.

At an approximate rate of \$94 per test kit, the total payment by Medicare is estimated to exceed \$18,000.

**Self-Catheter Kit Fraud**  
Medicare recipients also re-

ported urinary catheters being billed to Medicare when they don't have a medical diagnosis that requires these medical supplies.

The monetary implications are substantial, with Medicare being charged nearly \$3,000 for each beneficiary allegedly receiving these unneeded catheters.

**How to Protect Yourself from Fraud**

The OID's MAP division is available to help all Oklahomans prevent, detect and report Medicare fraud.

The MAP Director Ray Walker encourages Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers to contact his division immediately if they see suspicious activity, such as billing for unwanted and unnecessary at-home COVID-19 tests or other items and services they didn't receive.

"Unfortunately, the pandemic provided fraudsters with many opportunities to take advantage of Medicare beneficiaries to benefit themselves," said Walker. "We are actively working with State and Federal partners to detect and fight these new, emerging scams."

Medicare allows claims to be submitted up to 12 months after receiving an item or service receipt. This results in charges showing up on MSNs

for alleged medical services and equipment from months earlier.

The MAP counselors can help beneficiaries determine a course of action to address their situation and report the potential fraud to the proper authorities.

**About MAP**  
MAP is a division of the Oklahoma Insurance Department, funded by grants through the Administration for Community Living, Office of Healthcare Information and Counseling.

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) grant provides funding to educate beneficiaries and their family members on ways to prevent Medicare fraud, as well as how to report potential fraud. MAP also provides one-on-one counseling and information for people eligible for Medicare.

All services are free, unbiased and confidential. MAP empowers and assists Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to make informed Medicare decisions and ways to protect their Medicare identity.

If you suspect you or a loved one is a victim of Medicare fraud or abuse, please get in touch with the OID's MAP division at 800-763-2828 or visit [MAP.OID.OK.GOV](http://MAP.OID.OK.GOV).

No. 603-August 17-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: RED ROCKS OIL & GAS OPERATING, LLC RELIEF SOUGHT: INCREASED WELL DENSITY LEGAL DESCRIPTION: W/2 NE/4 SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA CAUSE CD NO. 2023-002308 NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers, and takers of oil and gas and all other interested persons in McClain County, Oklahoma, and more particularly, A.W. Howard; Alex Prather; Amy Jane Turner, Trustee of the Amy Jane Turner Trust; B.H.C.H. Mineral, Ltd.; Bank of Oklahoma, as Trustee of that Trust dated November 7, 1975 created by Laura Owens Bennett, as Trustee for her benefit; Casillas Petroleum Resource Partners, LLC; CPRP Services, LLC; Cassie Jo Northcross; Charity Digby; Cheryl S. Chubb; Cosmo Energy, LLC; Dale William Crandall; Darcy Ann Coale; Donald E. Baxter, as Trustee of the Donald E. Baxter Revocable Trust dated April 13, 2000; Eddie Roy Deemer; Fleischaker Mineral Company, L.L.C.; Fredericksburg Royalty, Ltd., a Texas Limited Partnership; Gene Paul Morrell; Helen Christina Clements; Jimmy Ross; The Edna Dacus Trust dated 2/27/2007, Joseph Brant Stubblefield, Trustee; LaRue Robertson; Brenda Evon Harris Holman; Richard Harvey Harris; Diane Elizabeth Harris Graham; James Harris; The Helen Marie Yarbrough Revocable Trust dated January 26, 2001, Debra A. Yarbrough, Successor Trustee; David Burns; Lisa Foss; Glenn Burns; Donny Burns; Ruby Goodwin; Joyce A. Maupin; Richard S. Harris; Rick White Bear Harris; Victor R. Harris; Franklin Holdings, LLC; Merlita Stiles; Lana Marie Shaughnessy; Jack R. Kizzia; Kimberly J. Angell; Patricia A. Webb; K.D. Deemer; Kanoa Warren Hakam Baysa, as Trustee of the Vicki Ann Slocum Trust created under that certain unrecorded Living Trust of Anne Slocum Main dated August 2, 1995, as Amended; Kelsie Wagner, Successor Trustee of the Wade Costello Trust; Kenneth Lynn Kornele; Kenneth R. Deemer, II; Lennie E. Deemer; Marathon Oil Company; Marie Smith; Mary Roszel; McAfee Enterprises, L.P.; Merrill E. Likes, Jr.; P&C Bennett Minerals, LLC; Patricia Ann Deem-

er; Patrick Ellis Covert; Ray Chubb; Rebecca Paige Slocum, Trustee of the Living Trust of Rebecca Paige Slocum dated August 27, 1990, as Amended and Restated; Remington Royalty III, LLC; Rik Roszel; Robert Cantor; Robert E. Gonce, Jr., Trustee of the Robert E. Gonce, Jr. 2006 Revocable Trust, dated June 13, 2006; Shawn E. Slocum; Shawn Elizabeth Slocum, as Trustee of the Shawn Elizabeth Slocum Trust created under that certain unrecorded Living Trust of Anne Slocum Main dated August 2, 1995, as Amended; Shawn Prather; Terri Anne Williams, Trustee of Trust C created under the K.E. McAfee Revocable Trust U/I/D 10/29/1982; and if any of the above named parties are deceased, the unknown heirs, personal representatives, devisees, trustees, and assigns, immediate and remote, of the above named parties; and, if any of the above are corporations which do not continue to have a legal existence, the unknown trustees or assigns of such parties.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Applicant is requesting, the Corporation Commission of the State of Oklahoma enter an Order, to be effective as of the date of the execution thereof or as of a date prior thereto, authorizing and permitting Applicant or some other party recommended by Applicant, to recomplete and produce Flyby 1-32 well, API # 35-087-225842, located SHL W/2 NE/4 SW/4 NE/4 and BHL W/2 NE/4 SW/4 NE/4 of the drilling and spacing unit comprised of the W/2 NE/4 Section 32-T5N-R4W, McClain County, Oklahoma as an additional well to produce hydrocarbons from the Sycamore, Hunton (less Chimney Hill) and, Chimney Hill member of the Hunton Limestone Formation common sources of supply drilling and spacing units established therefore and establishing a proper allowable for each well and unit.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant in this cause is requesting the following special relief: that the Applicant or some other party recommended by Applicant be granted the right to drill and complete the additional wells involved herein, and, possibly providing that the Order be made effective on a date prior to the date of the signing of the Order.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant in this cause be set before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

No. 600-August 17-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN DELORES DOUGLAS, Deceased. CASE NO. PB-2023-81 NOTICE TO CREDITORS All creditors having claims against the Estate of CAROLYN DELORES DOUGLAS, 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: October 16, 2023, or the same will be forever

barred. 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 hearing on the merits is set before an Administrative Law Judge at 8:30 a.m. on September 5, 2023 at the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., in the Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

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 that all interested parties may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact: ROBERT D. GRAY, Attorney, OBA #013985, 3500 S. Boulevard, Suite 10B, Edmond, OK 73013-5417, Telephone: (405) 848-8998; or: SETH MCDONALD, TURNER OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES, INC., 3232 W. Britton Rd., Ste. 200, Oklahoma City OK 73120, 405-752-8000, [sethmc1234@yahoo.com](mailto:sethmc1234@yahoo.com), AGENT FOR RED ROCKS OIL & GAS OPERATING, LLC.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA J. TODD HIETT, Chairman BOB ANTHONY, Vice-Chairman

KIM DAVID, Commissioner DONE AND PERFORMED this 15th day of August, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Garey L. Wortham, Secretary of Commission

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





# Obituaries

## Ellen Lee Holmes

Ellen Lee Holmes died August 7, 2023, in Wayne, Oklahoma, at the age of 88 years 11 months 4 days. A private family memorial will be scheduled for a later date, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.



Ellen was born September 3, 1934, in Manhattan, New York, to Frederick and Ellen (Sacco) Pettet. She was raised in NYC and Wanamassa, New Jersey. Ellen continued her education at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pennsylvania.

From a tender age of three, Ellen held an unwavering attraction to horses. She cherished watching the majestic police horses patrolling the streets of Manhattan. As she grew older, her interest blossomed into a lifelong passion. Ellen dedicated herself to their care and well-being -- from breeding to riding and showing -- embracing every aspect with fervor. She spent every day of her life in the saddle up until this past March.

In 1960, Ellen exchanged vows with Anthony Giordano in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Together they had two children and became owners of a thoroughbred horse farm -Valhalla Farm - in Horsham, Pennsylvania, for over two decades.

In 1980 Ellen embarked on a new chapter in Colorado. It was there that she married Joseph Holmes in 1981. An accomplished horsewoman, Ellen operated her own farms across several states including Pennsylvania, Colorado, Wyoming, and eventually Oklahoma where she relocated to the town of Wayne in 2000. Ellen's passion for horses extended beyond the confines of her private farms. She exhibited her horses at the renowned Madison Square Gardens Arena in the 1950s, and proudly earned the title of Grand Champion of the Carriage Marathon at the esteemed Devon Horse Show in 1974.

In Wayne, she raised Paints and Freisians as well as parrots and canaries. Her dedication and unwavering commitment to all of her animals was truly awe-inspiring.

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Ellen Pettet.

She is survived by her daughters, Toni Ann Kistner and Regina Haas; her grandchildren, Tim Kistner, Jim Kistner, Daniel Kistner, Jacquelyn O'Conner and Rachael Haas; her beloved dog, Theodore; her horses and parrots; and numerous friends.

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## Jimmie Dale "JD" Turnpaugh

Jimmie Dale "JD" Turnpaugh died August 11, 2023, in Lindsay, Oklahoma, at the age 88 years 9 months 1 day. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at the Wadley's Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Lexington Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.



Jimmie was born November 10, 1934, in Box, Oklahoma, to Cecil and Nicye Tura (Tully) Turnpaugh. Growing up in the Box area, he completed his education at Wanette High School in 1952.

On November 10, 1953, he married his sweetheart, Anna Shirlene Stover, and enjoyed a remarkable union that lasted over 36 years until Shirlene's passing. On August 5, 1990, JD found love once again when he married Patsy (Smith) Thompson. Together they recently celebrated an impressive milestone of 33 years together.

Throughout his career, JD served as a dedicated maintenance superintendent with the State of Oklahoma Department of Corrections. Although JD possessed many interests and hobbies such as fishing and hunting, playing dominoes and fixing things; he had a passion for playing the bass guitar at his church. He was a member of the Living Word Cowboy Church in Bradley. His music brought joy to many hearts throughout his lifetime.

Above all else, JD treasured moments spent with his family. Whether it was commemorating a holiday, a birthday, or any occasion, the opportunity to be surrounded by his loved ones brought him boundless happiness.

JD was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Nicye Tura Turnpaugh; his first wife, Shirlene Turnpaugh; his stepdaughter, Tonya Thompson; his sister, Wanda Kersey and her husband, Kenneth; his sister, Ruth Jones; his brothers, Scotty Turnpaugh and Paul Turnpaugh; his brother-in-law, Debbs Lambdin; and his nephews, Greg Cryer and Michael Turnpaugh.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Turnpaugh of the home; his daughter, Karen Ladusau and husband, Chris, of Lexington; his son, Jimmie Turnpaugh and wife, Shirrel, of Macomb; his daughter, Tammy Lee and husband, Mike, of Lexington; his son, John Turnpaugh and wife, Heather, of Lexington; his stepsons, Monte Thompson and wife, Shelly, of Davis, Matt Thompson and wife, Tammy, of Washington, Marty Thompson of Dibble and Michael Thompson and wife, Lory, of Washington; his sisters, Mayme Joan Lambdin of Norman and Kaye Cryer and husband, Richard, of Norman; his sister-in-law, Alene Turnpaugh of Braggs; brother-in-law, Earl Jones of Centrahoma; 26 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

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## Yvonne Ann Crenshaw

Yvonne Ann Crenshaw died peacefully surrounded by her family on August 13, 2023, in Noble, Okla., at the age of 84 years 6 months 18 days. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at the Wadley's Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Noble IOOF Cemetery in Noble, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made, and services live streamed at [www.wadleysfuneralservice.com](http://www.wadleysfuneralservice.com).



Yvonne was born January 26, 1939, in Stockton, California, to Roy and Vilma McCleery. She spent her formative years in Vici, Oklahoma, graduating from Vici High School in 1957. Eager to further her education, Yvonne attended Bethany Nazarene College where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in 1961.

A testament to her unwavering commitment to education and nurturing young minds, Yvonne dedicated many years of her life as an elementary school teacher. Her passion for teaching left an indelible mark on countless students throughout her career until her well-deserved retirement in 1992.

Yvonne found love and companionship in the arms of David Crenshaw, whom she wed in 1974 in Woodward, Oklahoma. Together, they shared a bond fortified by love and mutual respect.

Beyond her professional accomplishments and enduring marriage, Yvonne possessed an array of hobbies and passions that brought her immense joy. She found solace in the gentle artistry of sewing, quilting and embroidery. A devoted reader, she would often find herself enraptured by the written word. Yvonne's green thumb was well-known among her loved ones, as she tended to her flower and vegetable gardens with great care, trying to master snow peas.

Of all the joys life bestowed upon Yvonne, none were as cherished as the time she spent with her beloved family. Every moment shared with her children and grandchildren was a treasure to be cherished for eternity. A woman of faith, Yvonne's spiritual journey led her to become an esteemed member of the Newcastle First Baptist Church.

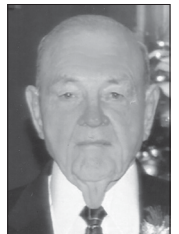
Yvonne was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Vilma McCleery; her daughter, Jana DeAnn Crenshaw Vaught; her sisters, Carolyn Hartzell and Billie File; and her brothers, Leroy McCleery and Ron McCleery.

Survivors include her husband, David Crenshaw of the home; her daughters, Linda Nichols of Chickasha and Cindy Glendon and husband, Robbie, of Blanchard; her sons, John Alan Crenshaw of Noble, John David Crenshaw and wife, Judy, of Noble and Jackie Crenshaw and wife, Jennifer, of Choctaw, Oklahoma; her sister, Jackie Jones of Kiowa, Kansas; her 10 grandchildren; her eight great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

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## Charles Quincy Moore

Funeral services for Charles Quincy Moore, 87, of Purcell were held Saturday, August 12, 2023 at the New Mission Holiness Church in Purcell. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. Moore entered Heaven's Gates Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

Charles was born July 4, 1936 in Milfay, Okla., the oldest of three children born to Earl Otto Moore and Bessie Irene (Cannon) Moore. He was raised in Stroud and attended school there, graduating with the Class of 1954.

Charles married his best friend and life partner, Lola Maye Case on January 8, 1955. They surrendered their hearts and home to the Lord Jesus, and served selflessly as members of the Pentecostal Holiness faith.

In 1957, Charles began working for the T.H. Rogers Lumber Company in Okmulgee. By 1962, they had settled in Purcell where they raised their children, son Steve and daughter Debi. Charles worked for the Purcell T.H. Rogers until 1997, retiring as Manager.

He was proud to have served his community as a volunteer on the Purcell Fire Department for more than 20 years. Retirement looked different for Charles, as he began working for Wilson-Little Funeral Home. His tender heart and love for others served him well in ministry to the bereaved. When he wasn't working, he was probably fishing, never missing an opportunity to wet a hook.

He was a longtime and faithful member of the New Mission Holiness Church. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather and a trusted friend. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lola Moore; his parents, Earl and Irene Moore; his sister, Earlene Dervin and brother, Melvin Moore.

Charles is survived by his son, Steve Moore and wife, Gayla, of Purcell; daughter, Debi Cottrell and husband, Alan, of Blanchard; grandsons and their wives, Brock and Jenny Moore of Purcell, Brandon and Brandie Moore of Purcell, Bradley and Janelle Cottrell of Blanchard and Brett and Breanna Cottrell of Blanchard; great-grandsons, Riley and Daxton Moore and Harrison and Hayes Cottrell; great-granddaughters, Brooklyn, Brynlie and Brielle Moore and Hayden Cottrell and a host of other family and friends.

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

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## Clifton Paul Penner

Funeral services for Clifton Paul Penner, 65, of Rosedale, Okla., were held Aug. 14, 2023 at the Rosedale First Baptist Church. Interment was at Rosedale Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Penner died Aug. 9, 2023 at his home in Norman.

He was born June 8, 1958 in Pauls Valley, the son of Melvin Penner and Jo Ann Jones.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Ring-Penner of the home; his siblings, Chris Penner of Farmington, N.M., Forrest Penner of Wanette, Okla., and Raina Penner of Lexington, Okla.; his children, Jenifer Fulton and husband, Travis, of Rosedale, Shal-lon LaFleur and husband, Josh, of Ada, Starlin Dodson and husband, Gary, of Moore, Shamra Williams of Lexington, Okla., Aaron Penner of Noble, Okla., and Summer Penner of Purcell; 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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

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## Bryan Leon Faulkenberry

Bryan Leon Faulkenberry died August 12, 2023, in Norman, Oklahoma, at the age of 60 years 4 months 14 days. Graveside services were held Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at the Hillside Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.



Bryan was born March 29, 1963, in Purcell, Oklahoma, to R.C. and Naomi (Bell) Faulkenberry. He spent his formative years in Newcastle, Oklahoma, where he received his education before embarking on life's journey.

Bryan found love and companionship when he married Shirley Martin on January 25, 1988. Together they built a nurturing home in Norman, Oklahoma. Bryan was no stranger to hard work. He dedicated many years to farming and diligently served local companies as a respected truck driver.

Beyond his vocation, Bryan had a knack for music and could often be found strumming melodies on his guitar. His musical repertoire spanned various genres as he fearlessly explored new artistic horizons. A man of skillful hands and creative vision, Bryan possessed a talent for constructing things and working with wood. Precious moments were spent in his workshop where he would transform raw materials into beautiful creations.

Amidst his pursuits, Bryan found solace in savoring an occasional cup of coffee—a beverage that nestled warmth into his soul. Nature beckoned to Bryan, and he eagerly answered the call. He reveled in the great outdoors and found fulfillment in fishing trips, idyllic days by the lake, and memorable camping adventures. Above all else, Bryan cherished time spent with his family. His grandson, Liam, held a special place in his heart.

Bryan was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Lee Faulkenberry; and his grandparents, Odie Mae Cottrell, Edward Bell and Ruby and Robert Faulkenberry.

Survivors include his parents, R.C. and Naomi Faulkenberry; his wife, Shirley Faulkenberry; his children, Jammie Reilley and spouse, Clinton Wood, Justin Faulkenberry, Bryant Faulkenberry and Kody Faulkenberry and spouse, Will Tredway, Jr.; his grandson, Liam Tredway III; his sisters, Rita Wiggins and spouse, Rick, and Melinda Ramsey; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and other relatives and friends.

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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 descrip-  
tion of all security and other col-  
lateral (if any) held by each creditor  
with respect to such claim to Neil  
Willis, the Personal Representa-  
tive, at the law office of Darrell G.  
Ford, P. C., P.O. Box 756, Purcell,  
Oklahoma 73080, on or before

the following presentment 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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## 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 August 3-9, 2023.

### Traffic

Dusti N. Rickert, speeding, 85/75.  
Marvin Lopez, no valid driver's license.

Marvin Lopez, speeding, 90/70.  
Wayne C. Neron, speeding, 65/55.  
Raul Alamos, speeding, 80/70.  
Joel W. Johnson, no seatbelt.

Joel W. Johnson, failure to devote attention resulting in collision.

### Misdemeanors

Braiden K. Lublin, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.  
Donovan R. Law, trespassing after being forbidden.

Donovan R. Law, trespass after being forbidden.  
Jesse D. Wagoner, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Constance A.M. Cook, porch piracy (misdemeanor).  
Adrian J. Turner, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.

Quartez Johnson, assault & battery.  
Stoney Wegner, assault & battery.

### Felonies

Reagan D. Brown, bringing contraband into jail/penal institution (hydrocodone).  
Ja Juan J. Fisher, endangering others while eluding/attempt to elude police.

Shareese R. Jackson, unlawful possession of CDS with intent to distribute - methamphetamines.  
Emma M. Barba, DUI.

Victoria J.K. Bloodsworth, burglary, third degree.  
Melissa C. Sullivan, embezzlement.

Ashlee D. Draughn, falsely personate another to create liability.  
Rudy D. Draper, falsely personate another to create liability-AFCF.

### Small Claims

Brad Armstrong vs. Laurie Shannon, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.  
Newcastle Affordable Housing vs. Takoda Smyth et al, forcible entry and

detainer under \$5000.

Bradford Place Property Owners vs. Marquel M. Armstrong, small claims under \$5000.

Bradford Place Property Owners vs. Dempsey D. Gardner, small claims under \$5000.

Bradford Place Property Owners vs. Jessie L. Gentry, small claims under \$5000.

Bradford Place Property Owners vs. Joshua L. Landers, small claims under \$5000.

### Civil

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Rebekah Leader, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Citibank NA vs. Andrew D. Barbosa, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Capital One, N.A. vs. Courtney Wells, civil action \$10,000 or less.

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

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

Discover Bank vs. Loyd D. Edgeman, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Discover Bank vs. Gerald D. Hay-slip, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Citibank NA vs. Nick Lozano, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Cory D. Butler, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Cinco Development, LLC vs. Wendy Morris, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Barclays Bank Delaware vs. Frank A. Hibbs, civil action \$10,000 or more.

### Marriages Filed

Clyde D. Berry, 50, and Heather L. Shupe, 44, both of Blanchard.

Kevin L. Collins, 53, and Elizabeth A. Bishop, 40, both of Norman.

James M. Rudd, 30, and Danielle K. Marsh, 30, both of Purcell.

Karson J. Dart, 22, and Maggie E. Waldon, 22, both of Midwest City.

Jake J. Farrow, 33, and Nichole R. Moore, 33, both of Blanchard.

### Divorces Granted

Erin McDaniel vs. Chance Napoleon.

Amy Keeler vs. John Wilson.



# The Purcell Register Obituaries

## Dianna Marie Slate McKiddy

Dianna Marie Slate McKiddy was born to Gerald Basil Slate and Bertha Marie Rollins Slate in Washington, Oklahoma. Dianna lived a joyful and beautiful life of service to her Lord, providing a living testament and example of faithful Christian woman to all she came in contact with. During her convalescence, she'd ask if we were getting ready for church each morning.

Dianna was raised in Noble, Okla., and attended Noble Public Schools with her family through the seventh grade. After her father died in a tragic boating accident, she and her siblings moved with their mother to the family farm North of Lexington, Okla. (The family homestead where Betsy and Ronnie now live). She attended and graduated Lexington Public Schools eighth to 12th grade, graduating in 1964. While in high school, Dianna was known as an outstanding post basketball player and specifically for her "hook shot." Dianna married William Clyde McKiddy on September 22, 1964, at the Slate homestead north of Lexington. They parented four children. Kimberly Marie McKiddy of Lexington, Okla., Melissa Dawn and Larry Long of Noble, Okla., Betsy Lynn and Ronnie White of Lexington, and William McKiddy of Lexington. They were also blessed with grandchildren: Michael and Krystal Woods, Kendra and Coleman Boatwright, Joshua and Bailey Long, Hunter and Natile Long, Trevor Long, Morgan and Chance Meason, Meghan and Bryan Jordan, Tristan Barken, Sawyer, Fynn McKiddy; great-grandchildren: Preston and Khloie Woods, Teagan Boatwright, Henry, Reagan and Beau Long; Jaden Hill, Hudson and Lincoln Long; Braden, Sophia and Mason Jalufka, Nolan Jordan, TJ Brownfield and Chase Meason.

Dianna is survived by siblings: Jerry Slate of Lexington, Ted and Vicki Slate of Cody, WY, Barbara Throckmorton of Purcell, Okla., Patricia Sharp of Noble, Ruth and Chris Johnson of Lexington, and Aaron and Essa Smith of Norman, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Bertha Ellen Slate. Dianna is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Dianna worked at Dairy Boy in Lexington while in high school. Then she worked at Westinghouse/Borg Warner/York International/Johnson Controls in Norman for 33 years, until her retirement. Dianna was known as a great cook and baker. She was famous for her "Cowboy Cookies" and "Fresh Pear Cakes." She would bake for school fundraisers, sporting events, holidays and in support of many school activities for her kids and grandkids. She would also bake treats for her siblings and kids for their birthdays and the holidays. Her siblings looked forward to receiving their annual "fruit cakes."

Dianna also made incredible banana and chocolate puddings, and pie fillings for Betsy's pie crusts. Dianna passed her cooking and baking skills to her children and grandchildren. She insisted Trevor learn to make her Cowboy Cookies just like she did! She also made delicious Mississippi Mud cake and was a self-professed mashed potato connoisseur. Dianna loved Ding Dongs and chocolate ice cream. She was a huge lover of chocolate - and passed this love to all her children.

Dianna was always the biggest cheerleader for her children and grandchildren in all their sporting pursuits, as well as personal and professional endeavors. She was a supportive and caring shoulder to lean on and ear to listen. She would help to celebrate triumphs and comfort heartaches. She was fiercely protective and more than once offered to "whip" anyone who would dare hurt her child or grandchild. Always loyal and dependable, loving and nurturing. She was super emotional - quick with a laugh or cry. She felt deeply and sincerely. She would give the shirt on her back or last dollar in her wallet to help anyone in need. If there was a need, she would find a way or figure out a way to help.

Dianna had a true "servant's heart," a big, joyous personality. She loved to laugh and radiated happiness. She always had a smile on her face. Dianna was also known as a "firebug." She loved to burn brush piles and host weiner roasts. Dianna loved family get-togethers and it usually centered around food and fellowship. Her favorite holiday was "Easter." She looked forward to hosting the annual family Easter lunch and egg hunt. She hunted eggs every year! Even this year when she had to have Tristan as an assistant to push her wheelchair. Dianna loved family and family time. She loved to be surrounded by her loved ones, eating, laughing, and having a good time together. Though she wasn't a good "Moon" player, she loved to round out our playing pairs. She took over Grandpa McKiddy's saying, "Bid 'em high or sleep in the streets!" Dianna loved to attend and shop garage sales, or even better, an estate sale. She loved finding great bargains for all.

Dianna's children have often received compliments for their big, beautiful smiles. She loved to smile, laugh and have fun. This is something all Clyde and Dianna's kids learned from each of them. They created a happy, well-loved home. Dianna loved to sing. The family sang weekly in the home, in all car rides and on family trips. Occasionally, Clyde would join, but all the rest would sing long and loud. Even William who is tone deaf. Dianna raised her children on Mother Goose nursery rhymes, while rocking them to sleep daily and on car rides. Dianna also loved to read, was an avid reader. Again, she taught this love of reading to all her children.

All Dianna's loved ones knew they were loved fully and unconditionally. She loved with all she was and often expressed it through food, smiles and hugs.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 10 a.m. at the Lexington Public Schools Auditorium, 420 NE 4th Street, Lexington, Oklahoma 73051.



Cheatwood and Potts

# Chloe Cheatwood named to All-American cheer

## Received honor at OU Cheer Camp

Wayne High School Varsity Cheerleader Chloe Cheatwood received NCA's prestigious All-American Cheerleader title at OU Cheer Camp this summer.

Chloe has been cheering since she was four years old and it is still her favorite thing to do.

To receive this nomination, cheerleaders are assessed based on their skills in tumbling, jumps and overall performance quality. Additionally, cheerleaders must exhibit strong personal values, leadership and dedication to the sport. It is one of the highest honors.

She also attended Oklahoma Girls State and competed nationally in Dallas for Mid-America Technology Center with her job seeking skills in health careers over the summer.

She is pictured with Payton Potts, NCA cheer camp cheerleader.



Photo by Bri Blackwell

## Welcome to senior year

Wayne High Schools Senior Sunrise was held Monday morning. Parents loaded the students up with milk and doughnuts before starting their day.

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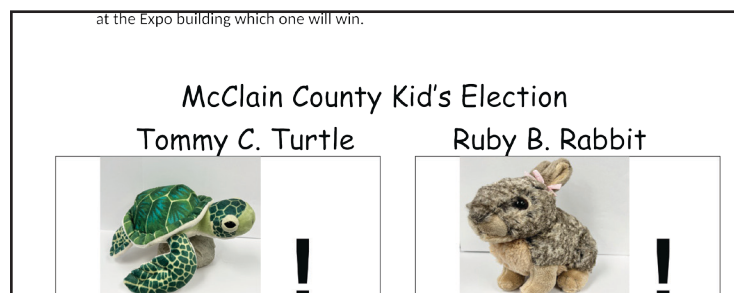
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## Election:



Tommy," Ruby said.

Tommy has announced he is in training right now and has even used turtle wax to make

him swifter.

The winner will be announced September 8 at the Expo Building.

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## Policies:

the school calendar by hours instead of days.

In a resolution, the board named the Purcell Public School Foundation as an agent to receive donations on behalf of the school district for the Equal Opportunity Education Scholarship Tax Credit program.

The Co-op agreement with the Lexington School district for wrestling was approved.

The board voted to purchase a 14 passenger Chevy bus and approved purchasing a Ford Expedition to replace the district's aging Suburban.

Superintendent Dr. Sheli McAadoo said the board approved fund-raisers for junior high STUCO, football, FFA, Spanish Club and HS Misc. They also set up a new account for soccer and one for Special Olympics.

From page 1A

## Phillips:

**Q. How has the business changed over the years?**

A. Honestly not much has changed since 1980. There have been many, many ups and downs. Through all the good and bad the one constant is that God has been looking out for us.

**Q. What do you enjoy most about owning your own business?**

A. What we enjoy most about owning our own business is definitely the people. We have met the most amazing people over the years, they have become more like family and friends instead of customers.

**Q. What is challenging about the furniture business?**

A. The challenges of a furniture store are trying to figure out what the customers will want and sometimes having to order things a year in advance to stock the store. And just generally keeping the customers happy.

**Q. What is it about Purcell that has kept you here all these years?**

A. Purcell and the surrounding towns are Oklahoma's version of "Mayberry." Wouldn't want to be anywhere else!

From page 1A

## Hoax:

the courthouse.

At the time of the call, a vehicular manslaughter trial was underway. Fortunately for the roughly 53 county employees, plus jurors, attorneys and bystanders they had shade and the high temperature for the day was in the low 80s.

McClain Bank provided bottled water to the employees while they were displaced from the building for the just over two hour period of time.

"We appreciate that," Offolter said of the bank's gesture.

Homeland Security's bomb squad arrived promptly coming

From page 1A

## Lex:

Bertolozzi will teach band and music for grades six through 12.

He is a graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University and previously taught band and music at Maysville.

He took the position at Lexington so he could be closer to home and spend more time with his daughter, Lily.

He is a Chicago Cubs and Dallas Stars fan.

Boudreau will teach fourth grade. She is a Drumright High School and East Central University graduate.

"I did my student teaching at the elementary and said I would love to teach anywhere in Lexington Public Schools," she said. "I am a good team worker and always ready for new challenges."

Brown will teach physics and chemistry at Lexington High School.

He and his wife, Peggy, have two children.

Brown is a graduate of Grossmont High School and Northeastern State University.

He previously taught biology at Wewoka High School and at a middle school in Japan.

"I love physics and want to pass on that love of science and discovery to the students," Brown said.

"Besides being a father and husband to a wonderful family and enjoying all we do together, I have many hobbies and interests that I have little time to pursue," he said speaking of camping, hiking, fishing, guitar, movies, reading, gardening, legos and sometimes exercise."

Ellis will teach fourth grade. She and her husband, Michael, have two children.

Ellis is a graduate of Wanette High School and East Central University.

She previously taught fifth and sixth grade and special education at Wanette.

"I love the vision Lexington Public School has and the opportunity it has to offer. I am excited to be a part of the Bulldog family," Ellis said.

down from Oklahoma City as did the OHP with their bomb sniffing dog.

No bomb was found.

Offolter said ironically someone at about the same time left a duffle bag outside the Purcell Senior Citizen Center. Bomb squads checked it out and there was no threat there.

Offolter reports the county has been able to acquire the phone number the call came in on and were in the process of acquiring a subpoena and investigating the number.

"It could take a week or longer depending on the phone

From page 1A

Flores will teach seventh grade geography.

He is a graduate of Purcell High School and Oklahoma City Community College.

He has served as head baseball coach and assistant softball coach at Douglass High School and also coached at Santa Fe South.

"I grew up in the communities surrounding us," Flores said. "My hope is to shape a foundation of our next leaders in line to do the same."

Flores reports he comes from a family of educators including his brother, sister, sister-in-law, his wife, Abigail.

Fourcode will serve as librarian at Lexington.

She is a Pauls Valley High School graduate. She earned her undergraduate degree in elementary education at East Central University and her Master in Library Information at OU.

She and her husband, Leon, have two children, Jake and Lauren.

"I love kids, the library and STEAM," she said.

Fourcode has a Shollie (shepard/collie mix) named Duke. She enjoys swimming and gardening for exercise.

Fullingim will teach first grade.

She is a graduate of Ada High School and East Central University.

The mother of three has previously taught kindergarten.

"I wanted to teach in a small district and Lexington has a great reputation," Fullingim said. "This will be my 13th year teaching. I love the lake, camping and shopping."

Doty will teach Pre-K at Lexington Elementary.

She and her husband, Terence, have three children, Lincoln, Elias and Crew.

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

She has previously taught Pre-K at Cochran Music Preschool in Norman.

Doty said she recently moved

company," Offolter said. "Plus, with this happening all over the country there really is no telling where the call originated from."

He said a bank in Blanchard had a bomb threat just last week.

Also answering the bomb threat call were Wadley's EMS and the Purcell Fire Department who set up staging areas nearby the courthouse area in case of an actual explosion.

The all-clear went out just around 3 p.m. Courthouse workers went back to work and law enforcement dispersed.

to Purcell and wanted to be closer to her children. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling when she can, and shopping.

Jessup will teach sixth grade math.

She is a graduate of Lexington High School and USAO.

She previously taught at Noble Middle School.

She accepted the position at Lexington to come back home.

She and her husband, Adam, have three children, Jennifer, Jade and Johnathan.

Kirby will be a junior high counselor.

She and her husband, Robert, have three children, Ashlyn Newton, Ailey Wray and Cale McCoy.

Kirby is a graduate of Cordell High School and Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Her previous education experience was working as a Gear Up Counselor for Seminole State College.

"The position as a Gear Up Counselor lead me to understand that this profession was my true calling," Kirby said.

"I love helping students navigate their educational journey. I have lived around the Lexington community for six years and I felt God lead me here."

"I enjoy spoiling my longhorns, donkey and rescued mini-pig," she said. "I also love traveling with my husband and spending time with my adult children."

Pike will teach fifth grade math.

She is a Lexington High School graduate and earned her degree from Oklahoma State University and National University.

"I want to help youth become productive citizens," She said.

She and her husband, Zebulon, have two children, Dillon and Zachary.

An animal lover, Pike has three dogs.

Stenseth will teach ninth grade aviation.

He and his wife, Cynthia, have three children, Jeremy, Sara and Andrea.

His previous teaching experience is in the United States Navy and at Northrup/Rice University.

He took the position at Lexington to start an aviation program.

Stenseth is a 20-year Navy veteran and has 47 years in the aviation field.

Stubblefield will teach first grade.

She and her husband, Joe, have a son, Kyler.

She is a graduate of Lindsay High School and East Central University.

She previously taught first grade in Ada.

"During my interview, I felt Lexington was the perfect fit for me," Stubblefield said.

Whitehead will teach third grade.

She previously taught at Noble and served as Cleveland County 4-H Educator.

She is a graduate of Noble High School and East Central University.

"I am excited to return to the classroom," Whitehead said.

"I love to spend time with my family. I currently live on a hobby farm that keeps me busy."



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# New districts told

## For 2024 and 2025 football seasons

Purcell will have frequent flyer miles the next two years when it joins the Class 3A District 1 in football.

The district includes Woodward, Seminole, Anadarko, Kingfisher, McLoud, North Rock Creek and Perkins-Tryon.

Washington remains in Class 2A and is in the same district with Crooked Oak, Kingston, Lindsay, Little Axe, Marietta, Mount St. Mary and OK Christian School.

Lexington is in Class 2A 2 in the district with Coalgate, Comanche, Davis, Frederick, Hinton, Holdenville and Tishomingo.

Wayne is in Class A-II in the same district with Wilson, Ringling, Allen, Elmore City-Pernell, Healdton, Konawa and Empire.



# Cross Country here Tuesday

## Plus remaining Purcell schedule

Purcell will host a Cross Country meet Tuesday starting at 4 p.m.

Runners from numerous high schools and junior high schools are scheduled to participate.

- The remaining schedule:
- At Marlow Aug. 29 4:15 p.m.
- Arbuckle Conference at Marlow Sept. 5 4:45 p.m.
- At Community Christian Sept. 16 8 a.m.
- Pre State at Edmond Santa Fe Sept. 23 8 a.m.
- Canadian Valley Conference at Lindsay Oct. 3 4 p.m.
- At Lexington Oct. 5 9:30 a.m.
- At Lindsay Oct. 11 10 a.m.
- Regionals Oct. 21, TBA
- State at Edmond Santa Fe Oct. 28, TBA



# Ella Resendiz throws a PERFECT GAME

## Junior pitcher sits Sulphur down in order

**John D. Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

Purcell's fast-pitch home opener was like Christmas in August.

Junior right hander Ella Resendiz faced 18 Sulphur batters and watched all 21 take the walk of shame back to the dugout, eight of them by strike outs.

Resendiz had help from her buddies on defense in the game for the ages.

"Our defense was absolutely phenomenal," said head coach Sarah Jones. "Haleigh Harp made an ESPN diving play and Payci Constant ran down a deep fly ball."

Resendiz didn't stop when she was in the field, however. She went 3-4 with two home runs in the 10-0 run-rule victory.

"We hit up and down the lineup," Jones continued.

Kenna Esparza was 3-3 at the plate while Hannah Whitaker, Savanna Edwards, Ella, Brynley Jennings and Payci all with RBIs.

The victory hiked Purcell's record to a perfect 4-0 this season.

"We are playing together, playing hard and doing the small things right," Jones said. "It has been fun but we still have a lot of business to do. We keep our pitchers throwing small pitch counts, 'keep passing the torch' and playing for each other we are going to have a fun season."

The Dragons kick-started their season with a 4-1 victory on the road at Bethel.

As a team, Purcell pounded out 13 hits led by Esparza's 3-3 performance. KK Vazquez,

Whitaker, Jennings and Edwards all had two hits in the contest.

"We started off a little slow but put some bats together and ended up hitting the ball really well and had great defense.

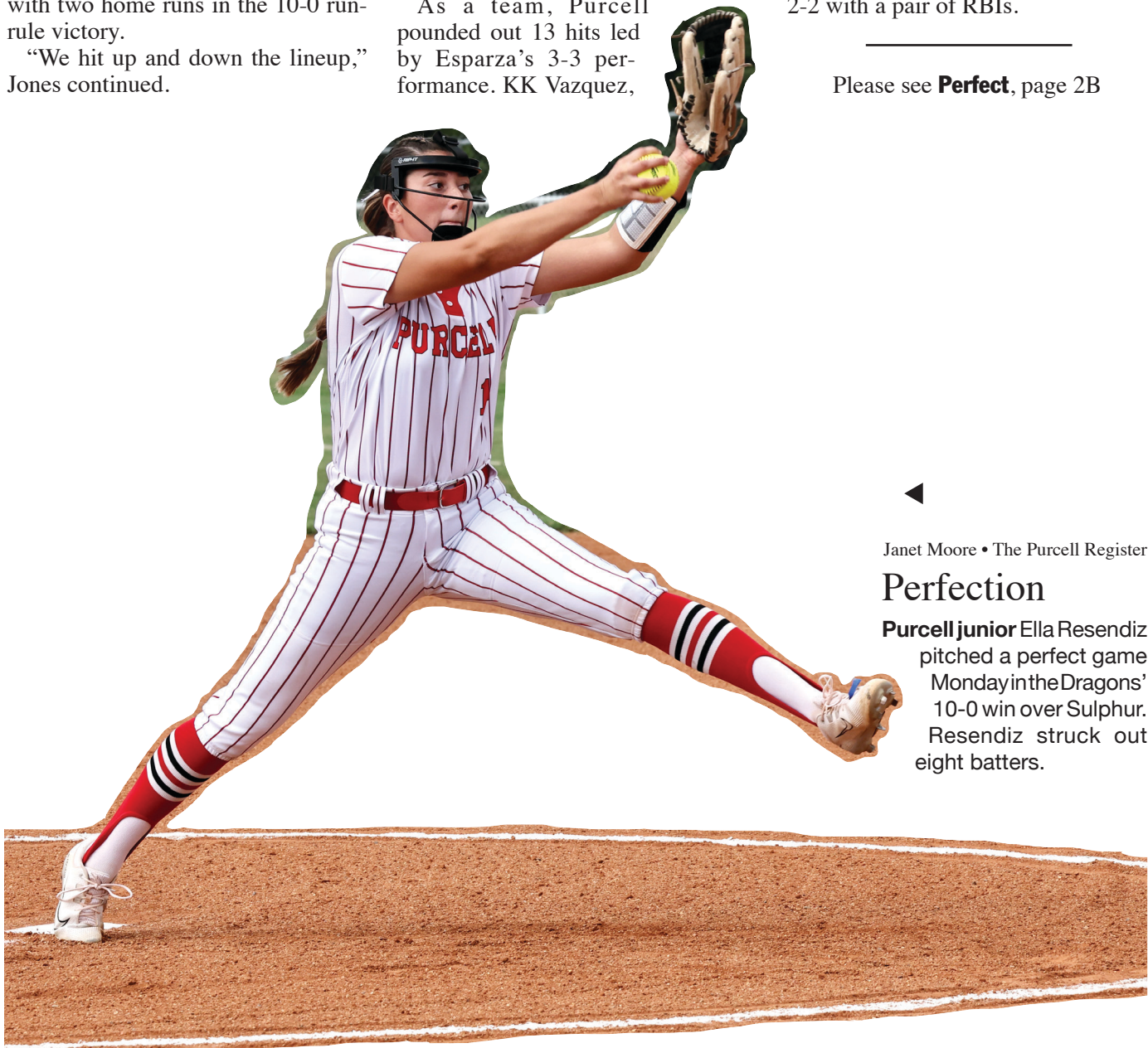
Resendiz and Harp both had a hit in the game.

"Hannah started for us in the circle and did well," Jones said. "It was great to win the first of the season."

Resendiz was a thorn in the side of the Perry Maroons August 8 when she struck out an even dozen in a 5-0 shutout victory.

Vazquez was 2-3 with two RBIs (both home runs) and Resendiz was 2-2 with a pair of RBIs.

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### Perfection

**Purcell junior** Ella Resendiz pitched a perfect game Monday in the Dragons' 10-0 win over Sulphur. Resendiz struck out eight batters.

# Warriors trying to find balance in lineup

## Positions still being determined

**John Denny Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

The Washington Warriors are off to a 5-2 start as they begin defense of their fast-pitch softball title.

After losing a talented senior class, including Skylar Wells, Abby Wood, Daisy Lampkin, Ellie Loveless, Tinley Lucas, Maggie Place and Elly Allison, they're trying to determine the best fits at positions.

"After graduating the class that we did, we're trying to find the right pieces," said Warrior head coach Tylor Lampkin. "We have a different version every day. We're going to look really good some days and not as good on other days."

Olivia Palumbo and Emjay Lucas have been primarily handling the pitching duties.

Daphne Palumbo and Bree McHughes have been rotating at catcher.

"The catchers are good and learning each day," Lampkin said. "They're handling the load and they're calling pitches."

Addy Larman and Alexis Gay have been playing first base, as well as Emjay Lucas.

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# Area football round-up

## Scrimmages this Thursday and Friday nights

### Purcell

Last Saturday's inch of rain and lighting all day long forced the annual Purcell Red-White scrimmage to be held Monday night at Conger Field.

"Overall I thought it went well," head coach Aaron Dillard said. "We came out healthy and that's always a big goal in any scrimmage."

"The defense played really well," Dillard continued. "They were physical and made it tough on our offense all night long."

Dillard noted the play of several of his defenders including Deaken Dobbins, Kash Guthmueller at free safety and starting linebackers Christian Kirk and Ryker Fink.

"They were fitting the run responsively and holding up at the point of attack," the coach said. "Jonathan Minor had a phenomenal night at defense end. He made plays all over the field."

Purcell will travel to Minco Friday night. Also scheduled to be there for the round robin type format will be Wynnewood and Lexington.

The scrimmage starts at 6:30 p.m.

### Washington

Weather cut the Washington Red-White varsity scrimmage with Little League and junior high all moving into the Indoor Facility last Saturday.

"But we had a great week of practice," head coach Brad Beller said. "And, we actually had our varsity scrimmage on Friday night not about the weather but knowing we had Little League and junior high scrimmages on Saturday."

Beller said his team is "really deep and relatively healthy."



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### Read option

**Purcell sophomore** Deaken Dobbins runs a play during the Dragons' Red-White scrimmage Monday evening.

Please see **Football**, page 7B



# Perfect:

“Harrah had to reschedule to a district game and took us away from our home opener but we believe that it worked out for the better. Perry is a good team and we were able to meet halfway and got the opportunity to be hosted by Oklahoma Christian,” Jones said.

Vazquez went 2-3 with back-to-back home runs. Resendiz went 2-2 with the Dragons hitting throughout the entire lineup.

“Ella threw an amazing game in the circle,” the coach said.

She limited a good Perry team to three hits.

“Perry has gone on to beat good teams such as Tuttle and Washington since they played us. We plan on making this a yearly thing at OC. Our girls

got some college exposure and we are looking forward to see that relationship grow with both schools,” Jones said.

The Dragons jumped out to an 8-love lead at Plainview August 10 before pinning an 8-2 loss on the Indians.

Whitaker went the distance in the circle scattering four hits. She was also 3-4 at the plate with an RBI.

Resendiz was 3-3 while Vazquez and Edwards both finished with two hits.

“Plainview is one of our district match ups where we need to come in and be ready to work with no innings off,” Jones said. “We did that until the last defensive inning but it didn’t hurt us.”

“From the first pitch, we came out swinging,” the coach said.

“Hannah pitched a full seven innings in the circle only allowing four hits and one earned run. We got a little shaky in the bottom of the 7th, probably just wanting to go ahead and win. It was a great district opener,” Jones concluded.

### Dragon notes:

Purcell’s Junior High Dragons are 3-0 with victories over Dickson, Plainview and Sulphur.

“They are a fun group to watch and are being coached well and hard by Coach Franco and Coach Knowles.

The Dragons were to play at Byng Tuesday in a district match up.

Thursday and Friday is the Heart of Oklahoma fast-pitch tournament, co-hosted by Washington and Purcell.



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## Laying out

**Purcell junior** Hadleigh Harp makes a diving catch Monday during Purcell’s 10-0 win over Sulphur. The tough catch helped preserve teammate Ella Resendiz’s perfect game.

# Wayne in Stratford

Tournament starts today (Thursday) with pool play games

**Emily Montgomery**  
**The Purcell Register**

The Wayne Lady Bulldogs are sitting at a 2-3 record after an 11-2 win over Union City on Monday.

They were scheduled to host Ninnekah on Tuesday.

Senior Faith Brazell was in the circle for Wayne on Monday. She fanned 11 batters and gave up two runs on seven hits.

“Faith always does a wonderful job for us. She was commanding in the circle for us,” head coach Nikki Herrin said.

The Lady Bulldogs got off to a fast start, scoring five runs in the first inning and tacking

on another two in the second. “The girls all hit well, and were seeing the ball well. We had great energy in the dug-out,” Herrin said.

Collecting 16 hits in the win, Wayne was led by nine-hole Karsen Adams who went 3-3 at the plate.

“I’m happy for Karsen. She had a good game; it was her first good game in a while and I hope she’ll continue that streak.”

Addison Keeler, Brazell, Jordynn Debaets, Taelynn Ringwald and Cylie Jones each had two hits in the win.

Ringwald was also the RBI

leader with three.

Late last week, Wayne was in the Central High Tournament. They dropped their three games, a 7-5 loss to Ringling to open the tournament, a 1-0 loss to Empire and a 10-3 loss to Walters.

Starting today (Thursday), Wayne is in Stratford for a single-elimination tournament.

Their pool play games are today at 1 p.m. against Seminole and 2:30 p.m. against Pauls Valley.

“It always depends on who shows up at the plate, but when we are hot at the plate, no one can stop us.”

## 2023 Lexington Fast-pitch

 Jocelyn Senn So., 1	 Marisa Northrup Sr., 3	 Marleigh Givens Fr., 5	 Cayden Boatwright So., 8	 Mackenzie Manuel So., 9
 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
 Abby Sample Sr., 33	 Monty Ervin Head Coach	 Jeanice Ervin Asst. Coach		

# Lady ‘Dawgs in full swing

Murray County Bash in Sulphur this weekend

**Emily Montgomery**  
**The Purcell Register**

The Lexington Lady ‘Dawgs were at Heritage Hall on Monday for a district game with the Chargers.

Lexington dropped that game with a 4-2 decision, despite getting on the board in the first inning and leading 2-0 through four and a half innings.

“We didn’t field it, swing it or pitch it that well. It is what it is. We have a lot of young girls with little to no experi-

ence and we’re going to have growing pains,” head coach Monty Ervin said.

now, we’re facing adversity.” Kiely Givens tripled and Kora Parker singled in the

“We are an unknown team right now. We have inexperience and our seniors haven’t ever been asked to step up like we need them.

— Monty Ervin, head coach

“We have to learn to play through adversity because right

first inning. Both girls scored a run and that gave Lexington the 2-0 lead.

However, Heritage Hall’s bats heated up in the fifth inning to put them on the board and take the lead for the 4-2 win.

Lex had three hits in the loss; Parker had two and Givens had one. Both girls also had one RBI a piece.

Hannah Garrett was in the circle for Lexington. She struck out five batters and gave up seven hits. She walked two.

“Hannah was efficient, but you can’t walk the eight and nine batters to put runners in scoring position for the top of the lineup.

“Hannah’s guts and determination have surprised me over the last year,” Ervin said.

Garrett was efficient for Lexington, throwing more than 57-percent strikes.

Lexington was hosting Jones on Tuesday and they are scheduled to be in Sulphur starting Thursday for the Murray County Bash.

Lexington faces Sulphur at 4:30 p.m. and Davis at 7:30 p.m.

Their third pool play game is Friday against undefeated Latta at 4:30 p.m.

Matchplay, according to pools, will be on Saturday.

“We are an unknown team right now. We have inexperience and our seniors haven’t ever been asked to step up like we need them.

“But with youth, you just never know. We’re all still learning,” Ervin said.



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## Routine

**Lexington senior** Abby Sample settles under a ball for an out during the Bulldogs’ 8-3 win over Little Axe.

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**Where is your hometown?** Liberty, OK.

**Tell us a little bit about your family?** I am a mom of 4 wonderful boys and one girl who is going to college. My family and I spend time between our hometown and the town we have made our home.

**What do you enjoy doing outside of work?** Spending time with my family and friends.

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# Washington Farmers Market this Saturday

**Angie Steele**  
Washington Correspondent

Washington Farmers Market is this Saturday, August 19, 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.

## 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 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 17-September 1:

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 September 11, October 9, November 6 and December 11.

## Washington Public Schools Calendar

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

August 18—MS Fastpitch, at Tuttle Tournament; HS Fast-



• Photos by Ron Ladlee

## Football scrimmages

**Last Saturday** Washington held its annual Red and White Scrimmage to get ready for the season. Brad Beller (top) and his high school team and Josiah Dickerson (bottom), eighth grader, in the seventh versus eighth grade scrimmage.



• Photo provided

## Winning teacher

**Congratulations to** Washington Elementary's Chelsi Beard! She was the winner of a \$1000 gift from Landmark Church!

pitch Heart of OK Tournament.

August 19—HS & MS Cross Country at Blanchard, 8:30 a.m.

August 22—MS Fast-pitch, at Bethel.

August 23—Picture Day.

August 24 HS Fast-pitch at Lone Grove; MS Fast-pitch, home vs. Lone Grove.

August 25—HS Football vs. Vian, home, 7 p.m.

## Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

The hot weather we have been having this summer brings back memories of how hot it was when we were in Vietnam. As I remember when we were walking over there the sand would mushroom up to our knees every time we took a step. At least today we can cool off in our air-conditioned truck when it gets unbearable. Maybe there is more to this global warming than we used to think.

With the prices of everything we buy, there are a lot of folks who do not have enough money to keep their air conditioners running all of the time. This year we are seeing a lot of veterans and surviving spouses coming to us that never thought they would have to ask for help. Many of them were okay financially until the cost-of-living increased way beyond their ability keep up their financial obligations while being on a fixed income.

Lately we have been working long hours to help as many of them as possible receive the VA benefits they are eligible for. I believe that our volunteers are doing their best to improve the lives of veterans and their families.

One of the first things we do for veterans and surviving spouses on their first visit is to file what VA calls the intent to file. This gives a start date for VA benefits and gives the veteran 12 months to file a fully developed claim. In other

words, if their compensation is approved, they will receive retroactive benefits back to the start date of the intent. If you came to us several months ago and wonder why your claim is not filed it's because there are more veterans asking for help than we can take care of in a timely matter. I would like to see more of the people we help join our team of volunteers helping the men and women who have kept our country safe.

We are averaging 10 to 15 veterans receiving a disability rating of 100 percent each week. With an average of 40 being approved disability ratings from 10 to 90 percent. Our volunteers don't wonder if they are making a difference the people they help each day are always excited when they receive their VA ratings.

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 improve 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 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 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 Foundation, you can do so online at [dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org](http://dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org) or mail a check to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, 1233 West Lindsay, Norman, OK, 73069. You can contact us on

our website or by calling 405-550-8806.

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

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

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

Angie Steele

## 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.

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

Menu for August 21-25:

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

Tuesday—Ham and cheese hoagie, potato salad, coleslaw, chocolate cake.

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

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

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

One milk per person is served with every meal.

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

## Jae L. Stilwell and the Crossover band showcase set for August 19

Jae L. Stilwell and the Crossover band, along with talented special guests, will grace the stage of the historic McSwain Theatre at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 19, at 130 W. Main St. in Ada.

"Get out of the Oklahoma heat and join us for a wonderful night at the McSwain. We have some very talented special guests waiting to serenade the night away," McSwain Theatre Manager Jae L. Stilwell said. "Guests can enjoy classic bluegrass, country and rock music."

Special guests will include Lela and Michael Dalby of Anadarko; Kaitlyn Anna of Lane, Okla.; Tara Scott of Lane, Okla.; and Lonnie Bartmes, Tishia Agee and Chandler Elliot of Ada.

"My Girl," by The Temptations, "Welcome to My World,"

by Elvis Presley, "Amarillo by Morning," by George Strait and "Nine to Five," by Dolly Parton are just a few of the classic hits planned for the event.

Owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation, the McSwain Theatre has been a staple in downtown Ada for more than 100 years. With a long history full of imagination and entertainment, the McSwain has hosted silent films, vaudeville acts, stage plays and more.

The McSwain Theatre also hosts year-round family friendly films at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. each Thursday. Upcoming films include "The Wild Country," "The Band Wagon" and "The Karate Kid."

For more information, contact the McSwain Theatre at 580-332-8108 or visit [McSwainTheatre.com](http://McSwainTheatre.com).



# Religion

## Sunray Baptist Church

James and Pam Kyzer sang "Jesus Built a Bridge" for the morning special.

Brother John used II Peter 1:5-8 for his sermon which spoke of "Add-ons to the Christian Faith." These are essential and necessary to the believer's faith.

The Christian life is to build on. If God requires something, He gives us the capacity to carry it out. Our ultimate goal is to be like Christ and be productive for the Kingdom. Salvation changes us. We are to add to our faith.

The areas of improvement include virtue, knowledge, self-control, Godliness, perseverance, brotherly kindness and love.

The evening message was

from I Peter 5:1-4. These scriptures emphasized the importance for pastors and the church to know their roles. All scripture has an application for us.

The pastor is a servant and leader at the same time. He is to feed, teach and preach. He protects, cares and serves as an overseer to the congregation, the "flock" of God. He takes on these tasks willingly, not in it for monetary gain. He leads by example.

Several in our church family have been affected by sickness. We pray they are well soon and able to join us again for worship.

We will be having a "Sunday Movie Night" at our evening service August 27. After prayer requests and a devotion, we

will be watching "Running the Bases." Soda and popcorn will be provided.

We will be having our annual Grandparents Day service on September 10.

Musical guests will be the southern gospel trio, 8th Street, from Sapulpa singing at our morning and afternoon services. Lunch will be served after morning worship.

There will be no evening service.

Please join us for Sunday school, worship and all activities at Sunray Baptist Church. We are located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell. John Wylie serves as our pastor.

For additional information call 405-527-6808.

## Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

August 20, 2023, is the twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Gospel reading is Matthew 15:21-28. In Jesus' time, women did not converse with men and Jews did not associate with non-Jews.

In this reading, a Canaanite woman was shouting at Jesus to 'take pity on me because my daughter is tormented by a devil.' Jesus did not respond. The disciples pleaded with Jesus to just give her what she wanted so she would go away. Jesus responded he 'was only sent to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'

Then she bowed before Jesus and begged for his help. He said, 'it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to little dogs.'

Non-Jews were commonly referred to as 'dogs' by Jews. This sentence means that what was meant for Israelites should not be given to others.

The woman cleverly responded that 'even little dogs eat the scraps that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus responded, "You have great faith. Let your desire be

granted."

By Jesus reaching out to the Canaanite woman, he is demonstrating that there is no "us" and "them" in the Reign of God. No one has an exclusive claim on God's favor or on the blessed work of Jesus Christ. Without question, differences have always been and still are difficult.

As Father Tom Boyer so eloquently put it: We live with conflicting opposites all the time. The message of Jesus Christ offers a way to bring two distinct realities together in a central, healing, and harmonious meeting place.

We are called to live in the tensions of this world regardless of the cost and asked to love as God loves.

It is not our task to get everyone on the same page, to create some uniform and consistent way of thinking. It is, however, our call to be open to God's surprises, to be a source of healing, and to challenge by our action and speech ways of thinking and attitudes that are evil.

Disciples of Jesus Christ

will take risks. Their thoughts and actions must catch people's attention and cause them to think. It means we forget about what people may think of us or stop being concerned about looking silly or radical.

The Gospel is radical. It is inclusive. It is powerful, and it is alive. The primary task of disciples and of our Church is learning how to discern and cooperate with God's life-giving, loving, and all unifying plan of salvation.

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 are Tuesday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon; Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish), and Friday, 9 a.m. Peace be with you.

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# Church DIRECTORY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Lexington United Methodist Church

Our monthly Food Give Away will be this Saturday, August 19, from 12 to 4 p.m. Last month we fed around 60 families.

This month we have some produce (carrots, cucumbers and potatoes) along with a good selection of meats, including menudo, to go with canned and dry foods. Clint Sanders, our Food Pantry manager, always gets the best variety of foods for the money contributed to the pantry.

What makes Methodists different? There are many things, but among the easiest to remember are the Three Core Values: Loving God, Serving Others and Building a Christian Community. All work together, but we'll address Serving Others first.

One way the Lexington UMC serves others is our Food Pantry, as mentioned above. We also provide food for the First of the New School Year Luncheon for our Lexington teachers, which we have done over the past years. This year we are giving to a fund for our teachers to buy supplies. This way they do not have to take as much out of their own pockets to provide for the needs of their classes.

One overlapping Core Value with Serving Others is Building a Christian Community.

Over the past few years, we have sponsored Hot Dogs in the Park in honor of Lexington's First Responders, providing food and music for all the Lexington community. We raised money with a Bean Supper split between our Fire Department and our Food Pantry. The past three years we have held a Community Thanksgiving for our citizens and for some of our areas homeless.

We have hosted "Lunch and Munch" providing lunch (cooked by our own resident chef Pastor David) and an inspirational movie, followed by discussion of what we saw. We will be doing this again beginning in September.

We have contributed to various mission outreach projects. We and Washington UMC helped out neighbors in Cole when they were hit by a tornado this past year. Another project has been collecting blankets, coats, and socks year-round for those in need. This year we have also been providing tents and sleeping bags for the homeless. Each "set" can be purchased at a cost of about \$40. Since this is an on-going need, donations are welcome, especially if you can contribute once or twice a year.

We are always searching for ways to serve our com-

munity. If you have ideas of how to serve others, please let us know. If you wish to help in providing funds for these projects, please make a donation to our Mission Outreach or to the Food Pantry accounts. Contact the Lexington UMC or Pastor David Cook, as listed at the end of this article.

We share the blessing we end our weekly worship service with:

As God has loved you, go forth and love the Circle of Life created by God's hand. As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in Christ. May you be a blessing to all whose paths cross your own. Amen.

Remember: the Lexington United Methodist Church is the church of our community. Everyone is welcome, no matter who you are, what you look like, how you dress or where you come from. You are a part of us, without exception.

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

## Chickasaw Nation breaks ground for youth activity center

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby led groundbreaking ceremonies August 10 for a facility in Sulphur which will serve the community's youth for generations.

The Chickasaw Nation Youth Activity Center, 1601 W. 18th St., is a shining example of the Chickasaw Nation's steadfast commitment to providing opportunities for youth, Governor Anoatubby said.

The space is designed for various activities, ranging from sports and games to community events.

Located adjacent to the Chickasaw Nation Youth Club

and Head Start, the Youth Activity Center will provide young people a place to develop to their full potential, he said.

"This new center, in addition to our Head Start and Chickasaw Youth Club, stand as proof that we believe every child deserves the opportunity to dream big, to strive for excellence and to succeed in their endeavors," Gov. Anoatubby said.

The new activity center features a 6,000-square-foot multipurpose area, which is equipped with athletic flooring and tiered bench seating.

"The versatile nature of this area will undoubtedly nurture

the diverse interests of our young people," Governor Anoatubby said.

The youth activity center also includes two full locker rooms and two smaller activity rooms, designed to facilitate more concentrated sessions or smaller group activities.

The parking lot is designed to accommodate buses, which extends the opportunity for valuable learning experiences for young people beyond the borders of Sulphur.

The new facility is symbolic

Please see **Center**, page 7B







No. 598-August 17-2 Times BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: CHARTER OAK PRODUCTION CO., LLC RELIEF SOUGHT: COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PURSUANT TO OCC-OGP RULES 165:10-5-5 AND 165:10-5-6

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: JUANITA SWD #1, CNW/4SW/4SE/4, SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA Application No. 2300102501 CAUSE PD NO. 2023-00027 AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Juanita Griffith Family Trust, Patsy Ann McMahan, Trustee; Newcastle Public Works Authority; Marshall Moore & Courtney Smith; Hazlette C. Farr; Kroeker Enterprises, LLC Family Trust; Ronald & Wanda Moore; Aaron & Brandi Young; EOG Resources, Inc.; E S O Construction, LLC; Mackellar, Inc.; Shane & Tralena Bowman; Moore Investments, LLC; Judith Kay Bond Rev. Trust; TRP Operating, LLC; Chickasaw Nation; Chaco Energy Company; Professional Animal Health Center; Unit Petroleum Company; Dunn's Oil & Gas Lease Management, LLC; Hamil Oil & Gas, LLC; Oklahoma Department of Transportation; Kirkpatrick Oil Company, Inc.; Martin and Martha Clark and Schelly Bankston; Keith Wesner; Don and Carolyn Staley; Darrin and Sandra Guthrie; Poly Real Estate, LLC; McClain Grady County EMS District #1; Robert W. Reeds Revocable Trust, Dava S. Reeds Vicesek, Trustee; Troy Hale; Bob & Nami Culp; Brent Logsdon; Jeff Goad; Krystal Bonsall; Laura Schuringa; Patricia Schuringa; Teresa Smith; and all persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas and all other interested persons, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma, and if any of the above individuals are deceased, or if any of the above companies are no longer in existence, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, immediate and remote, of the above-named parties.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant, Charter Oak Production Co., LLC, 13929 Quail Pointe Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73134, is requesting that the Commission, pursuant to OCC-OGP 165:10-5-5 and 165:10-5-6, approve the following well as a commercial disposal well:

LEASE AND WELL LOCATION: JUANITA SWD #1 C NW/4 SW/4 SE/4 SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA INJECTION ZONE AND DEPTH: Pennsylvanian Cisco Hoxbar (5,318' - 6,433') INJECTION RATE AND PRES-SURE:

27,360 bbl/day at 3.227 psi NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause be set before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission.

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

No. 599-August 17-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF SIDNEY TROY LONGAN, Deceased, and PATSY RUTH LONGAN, Deceased. Case No. PB-2023-67 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of Estates of Sidney Troy Longan, Deceased, and Patsy Ruth Longan, Deceased: All creditors having claims against Estates of Sidney Troy Longan, Deceased, and Patsy Ruth Longan, 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 Charolette Bray and Jimmy Longan, at the law office of

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the PD Hearing Docket at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on September 25, 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 referenced hearing may be conducted via teleconference or video-conference. Before coming to the building for this hearing, please visit the Oklahoma Corporation Commission website at www.occweb.com to determine the status of building access. Instructions for participating via teleconference or video-conference are available on the Commission's website.

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

Objections may be filed with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission within thirty (30) days after publication of this Notice. Objections, if any, should be mailed to the Oil and Gas Conservation Division, Underground Injection Control Department, Will Rogers Memorial Office Building at 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., in the Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact Eric Huddleston, Attorney, Two Leadership Square, 211 North Robinson, Suite 1300, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, Telephone: (405) 232-3722.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA J. Todd Hiett, CHAIRMAN Kim David, VICE CHAIRMAN Bob Anthony, COMMISSIONER DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 9th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023. BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION Secretary

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: /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

Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Co-Personal Representatives, on or before the following presentment date: 10th day of October 2023 or the same will be forever barred. DATED this 10th day of August 2023.

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr. James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731 George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223 Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565 Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 Phone: 405-527-7575 Fax: 405-527-7574 Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

No. 597-August 17-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: NATIVE EXPLORATION OPERATING, LLC RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

CAUSE CD NO. 2023-002284 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: DEREK MORDHORST, 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 and Woodford common sources of supply underlying Section 29, Township 7 North, Range 3 West, McClain County, Oklahoma, a 640-acre horizontal drilling and spacing unit, and designate Native Exploration Operating, 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 5th day of September, 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

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

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 KOBY ORNDORFF at (405) 447-4242, OR JORDAN VOLINO at (405) 594-2395, Native Exploration Operating, 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

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 Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 PHONE: (405) 527-7575 FAX: (405) 527-7574 Attorney for Plaintiffs

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. 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 Requirements (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 Alt 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

No. 596-August 17-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA MARION POPE Plaintiff, vs. LEE GREGORY, Deceased, SHEREE GREGORY, THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, AND ASSIGNS OF LEE GREGORY.

CASE NO. CV-2023-137 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: LEE GREGORY, Deceased, SHEREE GREGORY, THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, AND ASSIGNS OF LEE GREGORY, if any;

YOU AND EACH OF YOU are hereby notified that Marion Pope, as Plaintiff, has filed in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, his Amended Petition against you in Case No. CV-2023-137 in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, alleging he is the owner, in fee simple, of the following described interest

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 (NW1/4 NW1/4) of Section One (1),

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 bound, 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

in McClain County, State of Oklahoma, to wit:

Lots Three (3) and Four (4), in Block Five (5), in the Town of Byars, Oklahoma, according to the T.D. Wagner recorded plat of said Town.

and praying judgment quieting title to the interest in him, in fee simple, reforming deed, and forever barring you and each of you from claiming any right, title, or interest therein, and Plaintiff prays for such other and further judgement as the Court may seem just, necessary and proper in the premises.

You are further notified unless you answer the petition on or before the 29th day of September, 2023, judgment will be entered in favor of Plaintiff and against you quieting title in favor of the Plaintiff. Issued this 2nd day of August, 2023.

/s/ Lynda Mauldin Court Clerk of McClain County (Seal)

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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



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## Center:

of the collective responsibility to youth, the community and long-term strength of the Chickasaw Nation, he said.

The activity center is part of a wider network of facilities designed to serve Chickasaws. Together, these facilities create an environment that not only fosters individual growth but also strengthens communities.

In the past two decades, Sulphur and surrounding the Murray County area have experienced tremendous development led by the Chickasaw Nation designed to boost the area's economy and the visitors' experience.

The Artesian Hotel and Spa, the Chickasaw Nation

Visitor's Center, ARTesian Art Gallery and the 184-acre Chickasaw Cultural Center, all in Sulphur, as well as the near-by Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center, opened in the past decade.

Near Davis, the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center, Bedre' Chocolate Factory, as well as an additional Chickasaw Travel Stop opened in the last 10 years.

The Sulphur Chickasaw Youth Club and a larger facility for Chickasaw Nation Head Start, both designed to enhance the lives of community members, opened in 2017.

For more information, visit Chickasaw.net.



• Photo provided

## Groundbreaking ceremony

**Chickasaw Nation** Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, and Lt. Gov. Chris Anoatubby are joined by Chickasaw Youth Club members, tribal elected officials and leaders and architect, engineering and construction representatives in groundbreaking ceremonies August 10 to begin construction of the Chickasaw Nation Youth Activity Center, 1601 W. 18th St., in Sulphur. Located adjacent to the Chickasaw Nation Youth Club and Head Start, the Youth Activity Center, the center will feature a 6,000-square-foot multipurpose area, which is equipped with athletic flooring and tiered bench seating.

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## Wash:

Reese Schrader and Bailey Hyde have been playing second base.

Breanna Lindert has been playing shortstop and Halle Andrews has been on third base.

"Halle has been really good at third base," Lampkin said. "I'm really proud of her there and for her leadership role."

The outfielders have been consistent with Emersyn Massey (left), Ava Salcedo (center) and Shelbie Caveness (right).

"The outfielders have been good in the field and really consistent at the plate," Lampkin said. "They're setting the table for us."

Washington has been putting up runs offensively, including a 20-run output in the win against Casady and 17 runs against Crossings Christian.

Lampkin said he will continue to tinker with the lineup until he finds the right balance.

"Sometimes the best offensive lineup isn't our best defensive lineup," Lampkin said. "But by playoff time we're going to be ready to roll and make a run at it."



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## Making the out

**Washington junior** Shelbie Caveness catches a ball for an out during the Warriors' 11-0 win over Little Axe. Caveness was 2-3 with an RBI in the game.



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## Finding the edge

**Purcell junior** Kash Guthmueller runs with the football Monday evening during the Dragons' Red-White scrimmage. The scrimmage had been postponed from Saturday due to weather.

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## Football:

"They look like a team ready to start a new year and there is no hang over (from last year's title run)," he said.

The Warriors will travel to Carl Albert on Thursday night for a scrimmage.

The JV and freshman will start at 4 p.m. with the high school starting at 5:15 p.m. The varsity will start a "live half" against Tuttle starting around 6:20 the coach said.

Other teams that will be at Carl Albert include Lawton Mac, Yukon, Southmoore, Heritage Hall and the host Titans.

### Lexington

With only one pre-season scrimmage on the schedule since they open Week 0 with Bridge Creek, Lexington coaches are anxious to see how their team stacks up in

live competition.

The Bulldogs will head to Minco Friday night for a 6:30 p.m. scrimmage.

Also ticketed to be at Minco are Wynnewood and Purcell.

Head coach Keith Bolles reports practice has been good for the first week.

"Obviously we want to see how we do when we go against people we don't know. We've just been hitting each other.

"We're looking forward to the scrimmage," he continued. "It's our one and only."

Bolles zeroed in on a trio of players who have stood out in the early season drills.

"Issac Martin, Cash Lippel and Trace Bradsher have had a really, really, really good week," Bolles said.

### Wayne

The Bulldogs will host Empire in a scrimmage at 6 p.m. Friday at D.S. Zack Powell Stadium for their first action against another team.

"We're anxious to get out there and go against another team and gauge ourselves," Wayne head coach Brandon Sharp said.

He said fall camp has been going well.

"All the guys are going hard and trying to get better every day," he said. "We're moving some guys around to new positions and they're having good attitudes.

"We're getting our young guys reps and they're learning the system."

Bulldog fans are asked to bring soap or a towel Friday night to the scrimmage for donation to the program.

## Warrior softball

- 8/7 L Tuttle 7-6
- 8/8 W Little Axe 11-0
- 8/10 W Casady 20-2
- 8/11 L Perry 3-0
- 8/11 W Skiatook 9-1
- 8/14 W Crossings 7-0
- 8/14 W Crossings 17-4



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## Prowling the field

**First year** Purcell head football coach Aaron Dillard walks the field during practice. The Dragons are set to open the 2023 football season August 25 at home against Alva.

## Directing

**Purcell assistant** coaches Cole Sharp (left) and Camden Patterson worked with the Purcell offense Thursday afternoon. The Dragons are set to open the 2023 football season Aug. 25 at home against Alva.



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### GARAGE SALES

THE FARM HOUSE will be open Friday, August 18, and Saturday, August 19, 10-4. Antiques, vintage, collectables, and much more. 21031 100 St., northwest of Maysville. Go south on Hwy 74 to Hwy 24 then west 4 miles. 08/17/tp

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LEXINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS currently has vacancies for Cafeteria (Child Nutrition) Employees, Bus Drivers and Substitute Teachers. Full-time and part-time interest considered for the Cafeteria position that finishes the day by 2:00 p.m. Earning potential for route drivers can be increased with activity trip driving if interested. Substitute teachers are appreciated and supported by our administrative staff. Substitute rates have increased recently. Non-certified and/or substitute applications are available on our website and should be returned to Jane Hopkins, Administration, 420 NE 4th St., Lexington, OK 73051 or jhopkins@lexington.k12.ok.us. 08/17/tfc

THE TOWN OF GOLDSBY is seeking a qualified person for the position of full-time Park Maintenance. Duties/qualifications required and application for employment are available at Goldsby Town Hall, 100 E. Center Rd., Goldsby, OK. Employee benefits include paid insurance, uniforms, accrued vacation and holidays, joint participation includes retirement and health savings account. Please apply in person. The Town of Goldsby is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Email info@townofgoldsbys.com for more information. Applications close August 31, 2023. 08/17/2tc

### LIVESTOCK

THE OKLAHOMA HORSESHOEING SCHOOL will do horseshoeing for \$30; trimming for \$15; and teeth floating for \$20 by appointment. 405-288-6085. 01/02/tfc

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