



• Photo provided

## Lahaina smoke

Out the window of their Sheraton in Lahaina, HI Jennifer and Andrew Cunningham could see the smoke from the wildfire that has claimed at least 111 lives in Maui.

## Area couple were in Lahaina

Two local high school grads on honeymoon in Maui during wildfires

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**The Purcell Register**

Anyone who's been to Hawaii knows the flight back home can be taxing.

But a local couple's recent

return home took the cake. The former Jennifer Page, now Jennifer Cunningham

Please see **Maui**, back page

# ESPORTS lab is top shelf

State-of-the-art facility has all the bells and whistles

If the old adage of "it takes a village to raise a child" is true, the same could be said for Purcell getting into esports, an OSSAA sanctioned sport.

School officials reported at the unveiling ceremony last week there are two state tournaments for the sport, one in the fall and one in the spring.

A collaborative effort by many has put together a first-class esports lab at the high school that can be a model for other schools to follow.

High school principal Jason Sanders got the ball rolling by seeking a grant from the Purcell Public School



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## Up and running

OSSAA sanctioned esports has been introduced to Purcell High School students with an outstanding facility off the high school library.

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## Huge turnout

A massive amount of people were on hand for the ribbon cutting at the Rotary Playground at the Purcell City Lake Saturday to watch Parks and Recreation Director John Blue do the official ribbon cutting for the outstanding facility.

## 5 questions with Wendy Chick

*Editor's note: Answering The Purcell Register's five questions this week is Wendy Chick, owner of the Junky Chick Floral and Boutique in Wayne.*



Chick

**Q. What made you decide to go into retail?**

A. It was a lifelong dream of mine!

**Q. What's the most fun part of your job?**

A. Visiting with people and

Please see **Chick**, back page

## MATC welcomes new faculty

New staff and teachers at Mid-America Technology Center for the 2023-2024 school year include Nicole Aderhold, Marci Burkhardt, Chelsea Hatton,



Aderhold



Burkhardt



Hatton



Hensley

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**Purcell 10-1**  
Softball team is 4-0 in district.



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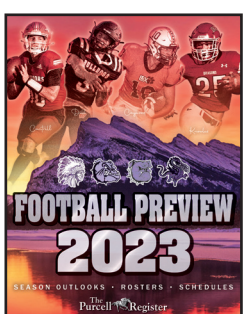
**Football begins**  
Three Heart of Oklahoma gridiron teams open the 2023 season Friday.



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- Classifieds .....10B



## Magazine delayed

Press malfunctions out of our control have delayed the production of **The Purcell Register's** annual pre-season football magazine.

The popular publication was scheduled to be inserted in this week's newspaper but will not be until next week.



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Those were the days

Folks around Oklahoma would take an 86 degree day any day of the week.

7 Day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
102° 76°	102° 77°	101° 73°	95° 68°	92° 64°	94° 64°	92° 66°
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny

## The relentless heat is on

It has been a very hot start to our week as temperatures have been well above-average in the triple digits. This stretch of triple-digit heat will continue through the remainder of this week before relief returns. Thursday will offer up sunny

skies as temperatures remain in the lower 100s. A few clouds will enter the forecast for the day on Friday, but we will remain precipitation-free. Sunshine continues into this weekend, with temperatures finally dropping below 100

degrees for Sunday into the middle 90s. Lower to middle 90s remain in the forecast as we begin the new work week, with plentiful sunshine to be expected.

— Hunter Brittingham

## OSU EXTENSION News



### Consider stockpiling forage for winter use

**Justin McDaniel**  
Extension Ag Educator

Most of us would like to feed less hay, especially when the snow is blowing and it is freezing outside, so wouldn't it be nice if you could save the cost of one hay harvest a year (around \$20-25 a roll) and still have the forage your livestock need for the winter?

There is a way to make this dream a reality. It takes prior planning to make it possible, and conditions will hopefully be right to try to give it a try this year.

If you have the space and the time to devote to management, stockpiling Bermuda grass or even Bahia grass in the pasture can be a great tool for winter feeding. However, like other feeding programs, it takes planning to make it a success.

The key components of a stockpiled forage system are a pasture that can be devoted to growing the grass to be fed later, good fertility, timely rainfall and the patience to utilize the stockpiled forage judiciously during the winter as a supplement to the cow herd.

Those interested in this type of winter program should fol-

low some pointers.

Graze the pasture down to a one- to two-inch height or cut the field for hay around the first week of September, which is approximately eight weeks prior to the historical date of the first anticipated frost in our area.

Mow the field to be stockpiled only as a last resort to keep from building up a layer of decomposing grass in the new growth and to save on labor, equipment and fuel costs.

Apply at least 60 pounds of nitrogen, also phosphorus and potassium can be applied if recommended by a current soil test report.

Wait to graze the stockpiled area until after the first frost.

The goal is to accumulate as much growth as possible in this field while weather conditions will allow. The typical cow herd in our area will require about 30 acres of pasture to be devoted to this practice per every 25 cows.

Control access to the stockpiled area by using a movable electric fence that will allow

you to graze the field in strips, or by opening and closing gates.

The goal is to make the cows efficiently harvest the forage by manipulating access so that they will graze down only the top two-thirds of the grass - which is the most nutritious - and leave the bottom one-third of the grass - which is mostly low-quality stem - to protect the pasture against winter freeze and help control erosion.

Under good conditions, this scenario will provide around 45 to 60 days of grazing. This program has been shown to provide forage with a dry matter protein content of between eight and 14 percent through January, which is more than adequate for the typical dry, pregnant cow.

If grazing is not controlled, cattle are likely to trample the stockpiled grass and selectively graze the higher quality tops down in only about 28 to 35 days.

Please see **OSU**, page 3A

## OMRF awarded \$1.7 million to study mechanisms of blood clots

The National Institutes of Health has awarded Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientist Ray Rezaie, Ph.D., \$1.7 million to continue his study of the intricate mechanisms that govern blood clotting and inflammation.

With the four-year grant, Rezaie will explore how three molecules interact to regulate proper blood flow and inflammation when a blood vessel is damaged.

An enzyme in plasma called thrombin has such strong clotting properties that stops bleeding when the vessel is damaged. However, if not appropriately regulated, thrombin can cause excessive clotting, or thrombosis. It can lead to a heart attack, stroke, organ damage and even death.

"That's where a molecule called thrombomodulin steps in to regulate thrombin," Rezaie

said. "It binds to thrombin like a magnet and prevents abnormal clotting and inflammation."

This interaction triggers a chain reaction that converts another key plasma enzyme called Protein C to its activated form (APC), which prevents blood clot formation and inflammation.

In earlier experiments, Rezaie and OMRF scientists Indranil Biswas, Ph.D., and Hemant Giri, Ph.D., discovered that APC protects the peritoneum, a membrane that insulates the abdominal organs, against inflammatory scarring commonly associated with one type of kidney dialysis.

Progressive scar tissue buildup on the peritoneum, or peritoneal fibrosis, frequently occurs within two years after dialysis begins.

"There is no treatment for this condition," Rezaie said.

"With further study, small doses of APC could prove to be life-saving for people with peritoneal fibrosis."

With the new grant, Rezaie will use insights gained from his lab's discovery to address a broader mystery: how thrombin, thrombomodulin and APC work together in blood vessels throughout the body to prevent inflammation and thrombosis. Unlocking that mystery could lead to new medications for heart attack, stroke and sepsis.

"In many ways, our understanding of human biology remains in its infancy," said scientist Lijun Xia, M.D., Ph.D., who leads OMRF's Cardiovascular Biology Research Program. "Dr. Rezaie's experiments aim to incrementally increase our knowledge by solving a puzzle involving one of the body's complex chain reactions."

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### Introduction

Purcell High School Principal Jason Sanders introduced the Dragon Esports lab to faculty and Purcell residents at the school last Wednesday.



## Fatality accident

A Purcell resident was involved in a fatality traffic accident on Interstate 40 one half mile east of Harrah Newalla Road in Oklahoma County.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported a 2017 Kenworth tractor driven by Juan Garza, 33, of Rio Grande, Texas, struck a pedestrian that entered the roadway from the shoulder.

The OHP said the tractor swerved left to avoid the pedestrian but struck him with the right front fender, knocking him to the ground.

A 2009 Mercury Grand Marquis, driven by Gregory Giltner, 64, of Purcell then struck the pedestrian.

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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 Dr. Toby Ringwald, Wayne; Dr. Sheli McAdoo, Purcell; Chad Hall, Lexington; Mike Eubank, Mid-America Technology Center and Chris Reynolds, Washington. The superintendents 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.

## Purcell City Hall Closed

All departments of the City of Purcell will be closed on Friday, September 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for an employee event.

City of Purcell offices will also be closed Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.

## Labor Day Closing

The Purcell Register will

be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

The office will be open at 8 a.m. Tuesday and regular deadlines of 11 a.m. will apply.

## Senior Dance at Purcell

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

Join your friends for fun and dancing!

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

Proceeds will benefit the Purcell Senior Citizens Center.

## Museum News

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

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



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## Smoke at Rusty Pot

Purcell Firefighters put out smoke at marijuana dispensary The Rusty Pot on Eel River early last week.

# Maysville FFA Chapter named Three Star Chapter

For the first time in their chapter's history, the Maysville FFA chapter has been recognized in 2023 National Chapter Award Program from the National FFA Organization.

There are over 9,000 FFA Chapters in the country, only the top one percent earns the Three Star Chapter Award.

Maysville has joined a prestigious list of incredible chapters in the nation. Out of the Oklahoma Chapters – only 26 earned Three Star status.

This is awarded through a huge application process, and is a testament to the community, just as much as the FFA Members.

The program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters from throughout the country

that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization.

These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

Chapters that received star ratings during judging this summer will be recognized at the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo Nov. 1-4, 2023.

All star-rated FFA chapters receive honors made possible by corporate sponsor John Deere.

"At John Deere, we believe that FFA will grow the next generation of leaders capable of changing the world for the better," Aaron Wetzel, vice president of production systems at John Deere, said.

"Star chapters help inspire these vital leaders through their exceptional commitment to FFA's mission, which they bring to life through inspiring agricultural education, rich career exploration, and meaningful community service."

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 945,000 student members as part of 9,163 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

# OBN snufs marijuana operation

## Pair arrested, 4,345 plants confiscated

Two individuals were arrested in Newcastle on Wednesday, August 16, by the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs in relation to black market activities.

Mark Woodward, OBN spokesperson, said the agency served a search warrant at 182

N.E. 31st Street in Newcastle and shut down the operation for illegal activity. Doing business at the location was Max Green LLC.

Taken into custody and booked into Cleveland County Jail were Uyu Chen, a female, and Rui Ye, a male, for charges

of aggravated cultivation and drug trafficking.

The OBN seized and disposed of 4,345 plants and 188 pounds of processed marijuana, according to Woodward, who added that this is an ongoing investigation.

# Fall-planted cover crops provide many benefits to gardens

Melinda Myers  
For The Purcell Register

Put your garden to work over winter by planting a cover crop this fall. Covering the soil with plants that are turned into the soil or smothered and allowed to decompose in spring provides many benefits.

Fall-planted cover crops protect the soil from erosion over winter and reduce stormwater runoff into nearby waterways and storm sewers. They also help reduce weeds by forming a dense mat that increases organic matter, adds nutrients, and improves the soil quality for your plants.

These crops also help conserve soil moisture, and many provide welcome habitats for pollinators and other beneficial insects.

Oats, winter rye, winter wheat, crimson clover, and hairy vetch are common fall-planted cover crops. The crimson clover and hairy vetch are legumes that can add a lot of nitrogen to the soil when they decompose.

Try combining these with non-legumes when possible. Consider purchasing a cover crop mix like the True Leaf Market no-till pollinator-friendly cover crop mix which contains both and helps support pollinators.

Most cover crops go dormant over winter and resume growth in spring. Annuals like daikon radishes and oats are killed by cold winter temperatures. This makes oats a good choice if you want to get an early start to planting in spring.

Plant fall cover crops at least four weeks before the first killing frost to give them time to establish. Cereal rye is an exemption and can be planted right up to the first frost. You can plant the whole garden bed or just the area between vegetables that are still growing.

Remove any weeds, plants, and mulch when planting garden beds. Loosen the soil and rake it smooth before seeding. Just remove the mulch, loosen,

and rake the soil between the rows of actively growing vegetables when planting cover crops in these spaces.

Check the seed packet for the amount of seed needed to cover the area you are planting. Spread the seed over the prepared soil by hand or with a broadcast spreader and gently rake the seeds into the soil.

Make it easier to evenly spread tiny seeds by mixing them with compost and then spreading them. Once the seeds are planted, gently water using a fine mist.

Annual plants will be killed by cold winter temperatures, but the perennial cover crops

will put on vigorous growth in late winter or early spring. Suppress this growth and kill the cover crop before it sets seed and at least two to four weeks before planting your garden.

This allows microorganisms time to decompose the plant residue and avoid nitrogen deficiencies in spring plantings.

In spring use your mower or weed whip to cut the cover crop to the ground. You can till the residue into the soil at that time or cover the area with a black tarp or weed barrier for at least two weeks. Remove

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**OMPA launches survey for members' residential electric utility customers**

PURCELL, Oklahoma – The Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority (OMPA) announced today the launch of its biannual residential customer survey on behalf of its 42 member cities. The survey aims to gather OMPA's member cities' customers' input on a number of topics related to electric utility service and is open for responses now through November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The online survey asks residential customers about topics including satisfaction with the electric utility, time of use rates, electric vehicles, and solar power. OMPA along with its members will use the survey data to help plan for future programs and services.

While previous surveys have been done primarily through phone calls, this one will be done digitally. The survey is being conducted by GreatBlue Research. GreatBlue also conducted OMPA's last residential customer survey in 2021.

Scan the QR Code to take our customer survey.

The Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority (OMPA) is a wholesale power company owned by 42 municipal electric utilities. OMPA provides economies of scale in power generation and related services to support community-owned electric utilities. The members of OMPA serve approximately 250,000 Oklahomans.

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## OSU:

Once the dormant pasture has been used, cattle can then be switched to pastures that have been overseeded with rye grass or some other winter forage, or wintered on hay.

This program requires having extra stored hay on hand as a backup in case of late summer-early fall drought. Storing this hay that you might not need to feed in a barn allows it to be kept for several winters without an appreciable loss in bale weight or forage quality.

Monitor the cows grazing dormant pasture and add protein or energy supplements if the herd's average body condition starts to decline.

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**Grass Clippings**  
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Please sweep them up or blow them back in your yard, not your neighbors or across the street.  
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**It's Fair Time**  
September 8 thru 10

# McCLAIN COUNTY FREE FAIR

at the  
**McClain County Expo Center**  
Thursday, September 7

Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis Bean Supper – 5:30 p.m.  
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## Bad news on magazine

This is the week the football preview magazine was supposed to be inserted into your **Purcell Register**.

We interviewed coaches, coaches' wives and took all kinds of pictures.

Emily Montgomery did most of the layout while David Stull laid out the cover.

Everything was done like we have done for over 30 years.

Rosters. Preview of the teams on the schedule, etc.

The hitch in the git-a-long came on the printer's end of the popular publication.

A burned out motor on the press has caused the magazine to come out a week later than we would have wanted or liked.

It will still come out just not this week.

We sincerely apologize.  
jdm

### Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

The ribbon cutting at the Rotary Playground at the Purcell City Lake on Saturday was a rousing success.

Well over 100 people came out for the opening of the park where Parks & Rec staff doled out 170 hot dogs and 245 snow cones.

Vice Mayor Ted Cox made remarks as did Purcell Parks & Recreation Director John Blue.

## Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



## Update from the Capitol

This past Saturday, August 19, Americans celebrated National Aviation Day to honor the history, pioneers, innovators, and accomplishments of this incredible industry.

This was first observed in 1939 on the anniversary of renowned American aviator Orville Wright's birthday, following a proclamation by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Oklahoma is one of the nation's premier states for aviation and has a long heritage of innovation. Traveling show pilot Charles Willard conducted the first powered flight in our state on March 18, 1910, just six years after the Wright brothers' first flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

He flew a Curtiss Pusher airplane at an altitude of 300 to 400 feet at 30 mph close to where Capitol Hill High School

is today in south Oklahoma City. That simple flight started a trend and soon aviation was all the rage across the state.

During WWI, pilots were trained to fly Curtiss biplanes. Mangum native William Ponder became an "ace" for shooting down more than five enemy planes in the conflict. Following the war, the first airports were established in Oklahoma City and Tulsa in 1919.

The 1920s saw a significant increase in the number of people becoming pilots. Tulsa's Spartan Aircraft opened their aeronautics school, now called the Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology, in 1928. The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission was established in 1931 and began issuing pilot's licenses.

That same year, Oklahoma pilot Wiley Post flew around

the world with his navigator, Harold Gatty, in a record eight days and 16 hours, and two years later, he beat his record in a solo performance.

In 1932, two more Oklahoma pilots, Thomas Cox Allen and James Herman Banning, set another record as the first African Americans to complete a transcontinental flight.

Today, aviation has become our second largest industry, contributing approximately \$44 billion to our economy annually and employing more than 120,000 Oklahomans. We now have more than 135 public-use airports, including two international airports.

The state is home to more than 1,100 aerospace entities, including manufacturers; main-

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## NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

### Navigating the backlogged passport process

#### Congressman Tom Cole

As you may have already heard, the United States Department of State is currently experiencing significant backlogs and delays in issuing both new and renewal passports.

Due to this, if you plan to travel abroad in the coming weeks or months, please use the information and tips below to ensure you have an up-to-date passport.

First, before you make plans to travel internationally, check the expiration date on your passport. If it is set to expire soon, be sure to apply for a new passport or passport renewal several months in advance. Because of delays, the processing time for renewing your passport is currently taking a minimum of 10 to 13 weeks and the expedited time is seven to nine weeks.

To follow updated processing times as they change and for frequently asked questions,

go to [travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/processing-times.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/processing-times.html).

To check the status of your passport including State Department processing times at the time they received your application, go to [travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/need-passport/status.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/need-passport/status.html) if you applied in person or by mail, or sign in to your MyTravelGov account at [caprovservice.state.gov/c1/www/customer-portal/](http://caprovservice.state.gov/c1/www/customer-portal/) if you applied online.

There are several cases in which a person is required to apply for a passport in person. Adults applying for their first U.S. passport, children below the age of 16, children in the 16-17 age range, anyone whose previous passport was lost, stolen or damaged or anyone whose passport was issued more than 15 years ago must apply for a passport in person.

For instructions for applying for a passport in person, visit

[travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/need-passport/apply-in-person.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/need-passport/apply-in-person.html). To find the nearest facility where you can apply in person, go to [iafdb.travel.state.gov](http://iafdb.travel.state.gov).

If you are an adult and just need to renew your passport, you can do so at [travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/renew.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/renew.html). If you are a U.S. citizen and are physically located outside of the U.S., you must contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for the country you are located in. Each embassy or consulate has different application processes and requirements.

For resources to contact an embassy, visit [travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/need-passport/outside-us.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/need-passport/outside-us.html). To change your name or correct an error on your passport, please visit [travel.state.gov/](http://travel.state.gov/)

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## Letters to the Editor Policy

All letters to the editor must include the signature of the author and all those listed as signees. All letters must include the name, address and a daytime phone number for verification purposes. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published.

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## Your Views



### HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

current events through a historical lens  
Dr. James Finck, USAO History Professor

#### Box 13 and Fraudulent Elections

Once again news coverage is swamped with allegations of Trump's criminal activities.

This time he is accused of trying to overthrow the last election and retain power. If true, then it is a serious attack on the very fabric of our democracy. However, it won't be the first time.

Historically speaking, there have been at least four times when there was at least something fishy if not completely illegal in presidential elections – in 1824, 1876, 1960, and finally 2000. Having discussed these many times before, I thought I would concentrate instead on a senate election that dealt with a future president and is considered one of the most controversial elections in history.

The 1948 Presidential Election was a difficult one for the Democrats as the party split when Southern Democrats left the party rather than support Harry Truman for a second term. They were upset with Truman's work for civil rights and instead created the Dixiecrat Party. Not all Southern Democrats supported the new movement, one of whom was a congressman from Texas who was running for his first term in the Senate, Lyndon B. Johnson.

But before Johnson could run, he had to beat follow Democrat and former Texas Governor Coke Stevenson in the primary. Stevenson, being a popular candidate, won the election by a wide margin but did not carry a majority. So a runoff was held between Stevenson and Johnson. Once again, in the runoff Stevenson won the day, but only by about 800 votes – enough to trigger a recount.

By that Friday, and a week of recounts and some shady maneuvering, Stevenson was only ahead by a mere 150 votes. Then a final shoe dropped. Down in the small South Texas town of Alice they discovered a new box — Box 13 — of ballots that had not been counted. Sure enough, the new box contained ballots overwhelmingly for Johnson making him the winner by 87 votes.

Stevenson believed he had been swindled. South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley were under the control of the Parr family who ran a political machine and were accused of graft, bribery, and fraud. George Parr had been convicted of tax evasion in 1932 but was pardoned by the president after pressure from then-Congressman Lyndon Johnson.

When the Stevenson team investigated Box 13, they found that the last 202 names were written in the same handwriting and in alphabetical order. When they interviewed several of the 202 names, they claimed they had not voted. Both candidates went on the attack finding judges friendly to their cause. Johnson's judge insisted that the 202 votes must be counted while Stevenson's judge ordered the election halted until after an investigation.

Johnson's team won the day as they successfully pushed through all their appeals and got the case to the U.S. Supreme Court before an investigation could be concluded. Justice Hugo Black, one of the most influential and controversial justices of all time, ruled that the federal government could not interfere with state elections and so ended the investigation and gave Johnson the win.

This election would follow Johnson the rest of his life as surely there was wrongdoing, but the question always remained: Did Johnson orchestrate Box 13 himself or was it done by Parr without his knowledge? No evidence was ever found for either conclusion.

While it may have damaged Johnson's reputation some, it did not stop his ambitions. Johnson was elected vice president in 1960 to try to pacify Southern Democrats and took over the high office in 1963 with the death of President John F. Kennedy. Johnson did win outright in 1964, but then dropped out of the race in 1968 when he realized his popularity would deny him his party's nomination. While I consider Johnson the first modern Democrat, he is not celebrated by his party as he is seen as one of the most unpopular and untrustworthy presidents in history because of the way he handled the Vietnam War.

It must be noted that bad actions in the past does not justify any type of voter fraud in the present. If laws are broken, then action is needed.

Yet, as with everything we are facing today it is always important to remember that we are not seeing anything new. We have dealt with voter problems before and have kept our democracy alive. Democracy is messy and always will be with imperfect people in charge. This sounds crazy but I almost expect politicians to cheat. The real problem is us; we are the ones who put them there.

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# New prices for meals at Purcell Public Schools for 2023-24



Purcell Schools has new breakfast and lunch prices for the 2023-24 school year.

Elementary and intermediate breakfast is now \$2.20 and lunch is now \$3.40.

Junior high and high school breakfast is now \$2.20 and lunch is \$3.65.

Adults breakfast is now \$2.60 and lunch is \$5.15.

Reduced meals are the still the same with breakfast costing \$.30 and lunch \$.40.

## Hot time for Trump, school and checkbooks

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Former President Donald Trump is having a hot summer facing four indictments and a trip to Atlanta by Friday to turn himself in. Trump and other defendants were charged with racketeering and conspiracy in connection with the attempt to overturn the 2020 election.

Trump has denied any wrongdoing. Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis gave Trump and the 18 other co-defendants until Friday to surrender.

In the meantime, Trump will be watching the Iowa debate from home with a comfortable lead over Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. The idea of sitting out the Iowa debate must not be too bad of an idea since President Biden did most of his campaigning from his basement.

For Trump to participate in these early debates would be like the hunter and the bear. A hunter once was ready to shoot a bear. The bear stood up and said, "Wait sir. Look, I know all you want is a good

fur coat. All I want is a meal. Let's talk about all this before you shoot me."

When all was said and done the man had his fur coat and the bear had his meal. These early debates might be as detrimental to Trump.

America's students face the heat at school. It's too hot to go to school. America has plenty of school buildings over 50 years old. Many of them are under equipped. According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office, roughly 36,000 schools across the country need to update their heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

Back in my day we didn't have air conditioning and writing anything with a pencil was a sweaty mess during August. Schools should be in session from after Labor Day up until a few days before Memorial Day.

American's checkbooks will burn this month into next month. Air conditioning units are running nonstop. Many Americans will have electric

bills from \$400 to \$600 on average.

Many apartment dwellers will even be slammed with A/C bills of \$200 to \$300. Some Americans will have to cut back on groceries, gasoline or something to keep the utility bills paid.

Finally, the price of house building is on fire. The devastating fires of Canada will further impact Americans in more ways than air quality.

The median home sales price was \$416,000 for the second quarter of 2023. That's a 26 percent increase from 2020 when the median was \$329,000.

When it's hot, what can you do? Try to stay cool.

People die this time of year from excessive heat exposure.

Take care of yourself.

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

# Chronic pain can have upsides

By Andy Bowman, CoffeeTime Columnist

Physical pain. Turns your life upside down while it lasts. Instead of concentrating on having fun or getting your job done, a person experiencing pain suddenly finds himself with a new goal. Getting rid of it – now. Aspirin, painkillers, bedrest, anything, - you name it, we want it.

But let's look at those who live with chronic pain – the kind that their doctor has been unable to help so far, and not much hope that it will be taken away soon.

When you talk to sufferers of chronic pain, you find that there seem to be a few characteristics that are part and parcel of the whole experience. Like feelings of impatience, resentment, envy, bitterness, hopelessness and eventually, depression. Not exactly the stuff of dreams for anyone.

Slogging thru life with the burden of pain, and then adding on that emotional baggage...it is no wonder they can have a

tough time with just coping.

But when that person decides to just keep going, no matter the odds, as time passes they can find that there have been a few upsides, after all. They learn as they look back over the years that they have been offered the chance to experience some positive personality changes. If they have allowed it, chronic pain can do some personal work like little else can.

Hopefully they will recognize themselves as being a little more compassionate for others who are physically hurting in some way. Kindness and caring will usually be the offshoots of that compassion. For example, nothing like suffering with a migraine to enable a person to feel for another's blinding headache.

Most chronic sufferers will find they develop more patience and long-suffering. After all, what choice have they had in the matter? They have had to learn to just deal with their problem. Sulking and/or throwing a fit doesn't change anything.

Another positive change in

their personality will probably be more courage. An individual can't live with inescapable pain without developing determination and resolve to make it thru and do what has to be done, no matter what.

Chronic pain will also bring out a person's creativity. No one else but you can find the tiny ways to help yourself that bring about a smidgen of physical relief.

A certain pillow placed at just the right angle, a particular writer or tv show that has a way of capturing your attention and taking you out of your pain-filled world for a little while, an ice-pack or hot pack tucked into a particular spot for a few minutes. These kinds of things are discovered only by the sufferer themselves. Real need sparks real creativity over time.

Sufferers of chronic physical pain, take a look back in time. If you have allowed living with pain to change you for the better, you can be proud of yourself. You have made positive contributions to the lives of other people in ways you never even realized.

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## Garvin:

tenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities, research and development, military and others.

In fact, Oklahoma has the two largest MRO facilities in the world. The American Airlines Maintenance and Engineering Center in Tulsa is the world's largest commercial airline MRO facility with more than 6,000 employees. The Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex at Tinker Air Force Base is the largest Department of Defense air depot, employing 26,000.

It's no surprise with our strong patriotic heritage that

we also have five military installations, two air national guard operations and numerous other aerospace assets, like the Oklahoma Air and Space Port.

We're blessed to have four airports in our district, along with several outstanding local companies, like B5 Aviation in Duncan, which is a fixed-based operator (FBO) where customers can receive top-notch aeronautical services such as fueling, hangaring, aircraft maintenance or rental, and even flight instruction. These companies are the backbone of the industry,

providing critical support and helping train the next generation of aviators.

Add to this, the unique aviation programs offered in many of our local schools and others around the state that have made Oklahoma the nation's leader in aerospace and aviation education. The future is bright for Oklahoma's aerospace industry.

To contact me, 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 or call (405) 521-5522.

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## Cole:

content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/change-correct.html.

And if your passport is lost or stolen, it is critical that you file a report soonest. You can do so at [travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/lost-stolen.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/lost-stolen.html).

As you begin planning your trip, it is also critical to be aware of entry requirements from countries around the globe.

Many countries are now requiring U.S. citizens to have a passport that is valid for six months beyond the time of travel.

If your passport does not meet the validation length

requirements, you could be denied entry to a country you are visiting.

The 27 countries located in Europe's Schengen Area strictly enforce the six-month validity rule. The countries in this area can be found at [www.schengenvisainfo.com/schengen-visa-countries-list/](https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/schengen-visa-countries-list/).

Finally, before your trip, make sure you visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html> for important resources to protect yourself and your loved ones as you travel abroad.

Enrolling in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a

free service provided to travelers with the latest safety and security information, as well as current information about your destination. Enroll in STEP at [step.state.gov/step/](https://step.state.gov/step/).

While my office cannot guarantee a desired outcome, we might be able to help by reaching out to the Department of State about your passport status if you find yourself with limited time before your planned travels.

If you have questions or need assistance in the passport process, do not hesitate to contact my Norman office at 405-329-6500.

Safe travels!

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## Cover::

the tarp then incorporate the residue into the soil or plant your vegetables through the dead plant remains.

Avoid working wet soil that can result in compaction, hard as rock clods, and take years to repair the damage. Do a moisture test before working the soil. Grab a handful of soil and gently squeeze. If it breaks into smaller pieces with a tap of your finger, it is ready to work. If it remains in a mud ball, wait a few days.

Two weeks or more after the cover crop has been killed or tilled into the soil you can begin planting. Planting any earlier can result in nutrient deficiencies that will require a light spring fertilization.

Adding cover crops to your

gardening routine will improve the soil, plant growth and is good for the environment. Like any new gardening practice, it can take time to adapt it to your space, climate, and gardening style.

The cover crop growing guide at [trueleafmarket.com](https://trueleafmarket.com) can help. With time and experience, growing cover crops can soon become a part of your gardening routine.

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

She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated

"Melinda's Garden Moment" TV and radio program.

Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is [www.MelindaMyers.com](https://www.MelindaMyers.com).

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## News:

street. This not only makes the street and property look bad, the clippings wash into the storm drains, clogging them.

This is a code ordinance 90-34. The fine is \$249.

Again thank you for maintaining your property. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at 405-527-6561 or 405-527-4656.

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# Society

## School Menus

Week of August 28

### Wayne

#### MONDAY BREAKFAST

Biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, roll, pears, milk.

#### TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, banana, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Walking taco, pinto beans, rice, lettuce, salsa, Jell-O, milk.

#### WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Chicken sandwich, roasted potato, carrots with ranch, fruit salad, milk.

#### THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, oranges, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Frito chili pie, corn, broccoli, rosy applesauce, cookie, milk.

#### FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Bagel toppers, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Bubble hamburger pizza, corn, salad, ranch dressing, banana pudding, milk.

### Purcell

#### MONDAY BREAKFAST

Pancake on a stick or cereal and toast, applesauce, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Breaded chicken, dinner roll, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, fruit, milk.

#### TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Scrambled eggs and toast or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Pizza, caesar salad, baby carrots, fruit, milk.

#### WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Biscuit and sausage gravy or cereal and toast, peaches,

juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Barbecue pork loin, dinner roll, loaded mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk.

#### THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Waffles and syrup or cereal and toast, apple, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Sloppy joe sandwich, baked beans, baby carrots, fruit, milk.

#### FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Cinnamon roll or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Cheese quesadilla, refried beans, chips and salsa, fruit, milk.

### Lexington

#### MONDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or biscuit and gravy, applesauce, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Salsibury steak or cold sandwich, potatoes and gravy, biscuit, fruit sorbet, milk.

#### TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or breakfast burrito, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Cheese enchiladas or chef salad, pinto beans, whole kernel corn, apple wedges, milk.

#### WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or oatmeal chocolate chip bar, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Pig in a blanket or cold sandwich, steamed carrots, french fries, frozen fruit cup, milk.

#### THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or breakfast bagel, strawberries, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Pizza or chef salad, whole kernel corn, green salad, pineapple tidbits, milk.

#### FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or banana bread, apple wedges, fruit juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, french fries, peaches, milk.



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### Teacher recipient

The annual Back to School Bash is sponsored by the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce. Landmark Church is very involved with this outreach in addition to a number of other congregations and businesses in town. In addition to the Bash, a teacher from each of the four local school districts is selected by a drawing and receives a gift/cash prize of \$1,000. Each gift is sponsored by a local business. The prize winning teacher from Washington was Chelsi Beard, fourth grade teacher, and was sponsored by The Chickasaw Nation. On hand for the check presentation were Greg Wheat, Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce President, Washington Elementary School Principal Heather Barton, Beard and Elisabeth Baker, executive director of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce.



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### Pauls Valley Opry

Jeannie Troxel (top) and Maddox Ross (bottom) are just two of the performers slated for the Pauls Valley Opry show on Saturday, September 2. The show is at the Pauls Valley Junior High auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m.



## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

A special happy birthday to Rebecca Cypert.

Rebecca celebrates her birthday Saturday, August 26.

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Happy birthday to Laura Harris, Dusty Ricks, Christy Powell, Kay Bunn, Haydin Buterbaugh, Brittany Mayes, Shandy Nemecek, Patrick Kozik, Garrett Galyean, Ralph Crampton, Don Ratliff, Phyllis Bennett, Alvin Jones, Terry Ellis, Hoss Frasier, Kathy Keeler, Macy Ellis, Grace Goldsby, Tim McGowen, Walter Belfiore, Stan Gralla and Matthew Keeler.

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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 and you can save your spot by calling 405-527-5546 or online at [mcpioneerlibrarysystem.org](http://mcpioneerlibrarysystem.org).

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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.

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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 Chris Reynolds, Washington, and Mike Eubank, Mid-America Technology Center.

The superintendents 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](mailto:elisabeth@theheartofok.com).

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The Purcell Public Library will present "Learn It! Digital Citizenship Skills for 6th-8th

Grade" Saturday, September 2, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

In this introduction to digital citizenship skills we will build confidence in your digital skills. This class is designed for 6th-8th grade students.

Strengthen your digital skills. This program will cover digital citizenship skills through hands-on exploration in a supportive learning environment.

Digital Citizenship Skills is provided by a grant through Common Sense Education in collaboration with the Public Library Association and AT&T. This workshop will be divided into 3 sections with brain breaks and lunch provided.

The workshop will explore how tweens can: balance their technology use, make sure to be kind online, stand up for others online, stay safe online, make sure we consume and share credible information, and use technology with a purpose.

Students who attend must be in 6th-8th grade and attend the whole workshop to receive a \$100 VISA gift card.

Workshop schedule:

10 a.m.—Connecting with Kindness: Online Relationships

10:45 a.m.—Brain Break

11:15 a.m.—Connecting with Vigilance: Cyber Safety

Noon Lunch (Provided for attendees)

12:30 p.m.—Connecting with Vigilance: Online Misinformation

1 p.m.—Wrap-up

This workshop will be concluded by 1:15 p.m.

Registration is required and you can save your spot by calling 405-527-5546 or online at [pioneerlibrarysystem.org](http://pioneerlibrarysystem.org).

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The Purcell Register will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

The office will be open at 8 a.m. Tuesday and regular deadlines of 11 a.m. will apply.

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It's time to start planning for football watch parties and this dip is sure to become one of your favorites.

#### Crack Dip

16 oz. sour cream

16 oz. mayo

16 oz. ranch dressing, from a bottle

1 jar real bacon bits

1 pkg. shredded parmesan cheese

1 bundle green onions

Mix all the ingredients together and refrigerate overnight.



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### Prize winning teacher

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## 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 28-September 1:

Monday—Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, bread, fruit.

Tuesday—Chef salad, pineapple, crackers, cinnamon roll.

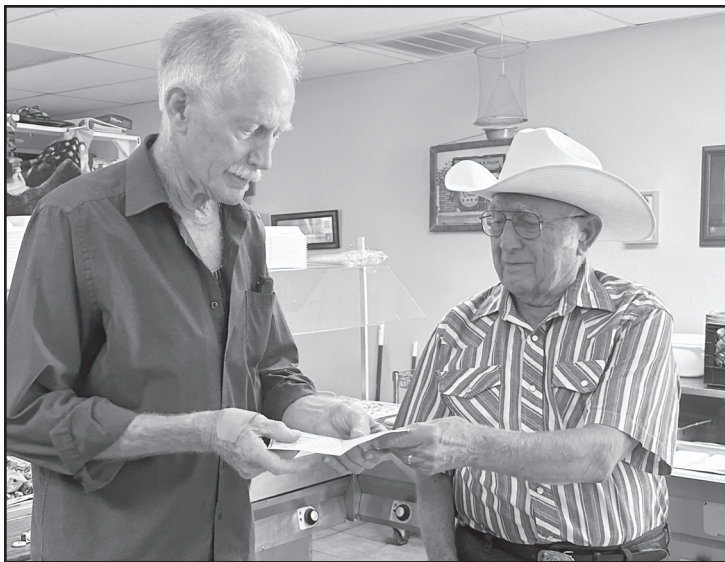
Wednesday—Salisbury steak, potato casserole, green beans, bread, banana pudding.

Thursday—White beans with ham, tomato relish, coleslaw, cornbread, pie.

Friday—Barbeque, oven roasted potatoes, broccoli salad, roll, pineapple upside down cake.

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.



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### Center donation

DSCA President Dale McAskill received a donation from Hank Rebel with the Blanchard Masonic Lodge.



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### Cooler donor

DSCA President Dale McAskill, Linda Seale and board member Mary Ratliff. Mrs. Seale was one of our contributors to the new cooler.

## Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens.

We would like to express our appreciation to our community and all of those who have come to our yard sale, donated money and prayed for our cooler. There are far too many to call by name, but you know who you are.

The Dibble Senior Citizens Association is very proud to serve our community and very proud to call you all friends. We hope to serve this area for many more years to come.

The menu for the week of August 21:

Monday—Country breakfast.

Wednesday—Burrito bar.

Friday—Spaghetti.

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

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

Until next time,  
Dibble Senior Citizens Crew

## Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello again everyone. I would like to invite you seniors, 60+, to join us for lunch, served every day at 11:30 a.m. every Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

We have a lot of fun and laughs every day when the first ones arrive at 10 a.m. until the last person is out before 1 p.m. The food is delicious and is provided by Delta Senior Nutrition.

Reservations are required to secure a meal. If you have any questions about how to qualify for the meal program, or need to make or cancel a reservation, call the kitchen in Purcell at 405-527-9462.

I would like to start providing wellness checks again. We used to do them at least monthly, but COVID-19 knocked us off our routine for a long time. If you would like to see us bring the wellness checks back, please let me know.

If you have suggestions about how we can improve our center, I would appreciate your input.

Here is the menu for August 28-September 1:

Monday—Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, sliced bread, seasonal fruit.

Tuesday—Chef's salad with meat, egg and cheese, choice of dressing, pineapple chunks, crackers, Evelyn's homemade cinnamon rolls.

Wednesday—Salisbury steak, potato casserole, green beans, sliced bread or roll, banana pudding.

Thursday—White beans with ham, sliced onions, tomato spoon relish, coleslaw, cornbread, pie.

Friday—Barbecue chicken, oven roasted potatoes, broccoli salad, dinner roll, pineapple upside down cake.

One milk per persons is served with each meal.

The WSCC garage will not be open this weekend. We have to be out of town, plus it's just too dang hot to be out there. But we will be open again soon, I promise.

I appreciate Debbie, Bill, Ray O. Ray, Helen and the Sherers for all their help in serving our seniors.

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

The center will be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

Have a great week!

Until next time...

# OSU EXTENSION News

## New baking division for County Fair

Connie Wollenberg  
Extension FCS Educator

The McClain County Fair announces a new Open Division for the fair - Youth Baking.

This class is designed for youth 18 and under. There are 10 classes, youth may choose to enter one item per class.

They are Rolled Cookies, Drop Cookies, Bar Cookies or Brownies, Decorated Cook-

ies. Quick Breads (no yeast), Muffins, Cornbread, Biscuits, Candy (soft), and Candy (hard).

There is also the continued "Best of Wheat" yeast baking contest for youth.

Open class Fair Books are available at the McClain County OSU Extension Office, 1721

Hardcastle Blvd., in Purcell or online at [mcclaincountyfair.com](http://mcclaincountyfair.com).



## City of Purcell Employee of the Month

### Tyler Buchanan

Job title: Cemetery Sexton

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

Tell us about your family: I have a wife, three kids and two dogs.

What are some of your hobbies? Spending time with my kids and family. I am also the Assistant Fire Chief in Lexington.

Where did you grow up? Lexington.

What is the best advice you have ever been given? "Stay strong and keep moving forward."

What is a fun fact about you that many people may not know? I used to race ATVs.



Buchanan

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# Chickasaw Nation, FAM awarded grant to develop education resource

The Chickasaw Nation recently was awarded a federal grant to develop an online curriculum resource for educators in collaboration with the First Americans Museum (FAM), Oklahoma City.

Through the grant, dubbed the Chickasaw Nation Online Educator Resource Planning Grant, the Chickasaw Nation will partner with FAM to develop a publicly accessible online template that will provide K-12 educators with a centralized resource for educational curriculum informed by Oklahoma tribal nations.

The goal of the project is to ensure the histories and cultures of the tribes within the state are accurately portrayed, respected and shared in the classroom, Chickasaw Nation Department of Education Director of Student Development Angela Wrublewski said.

"We hope to create an online resource where a teacher can find a lesson plan that aligns with Oklahoma academic standards in a wide range of subjects and they'll be able to find one that comes from a tribal nation, so we know that it's honoring their story and their history," she said.

The genesis of the project began with an inquiry from a school in Chickasaw Country requesting First American history lessons from the Chickasaw Nation.

The grant will launch efforts to include many tribal nations to submit updated, accurate information and centralize the curriculum resources for teachers.

"The project aims to strengthen professional relationships amongst tribal nations and educators in Oklahoma and will increase tribal capacity to provide interactive and accurate educational materials online," she said.

Ms. Wrublewski said partnering with FAM on this project aligned with both organizations' goals, to share accurate information about First American history and culture and allow each tribe to tell their own story.

"FAM is honored to partner with Chickasaw Nation Department of Education on this important project to provide tribally produced classroom resources to educators across North America," said FAM Director of Learning and Community Engagement Adrienne Lalli Hills (Wyandotte Nation). The grant will build the foundation for the resource for educators, Ms. Hills added.

Awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services (NANH) program, grant funds will support a digital strategy consultant who will conduct a requirement review, gather and inventory

assets and develop information architecture.

Additionally, a full-time project coordinator will be employed to engage with diverse stakeholders to collaborate on the creation of a comprehensive plan for the implementation of the educator resource.

## About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary

source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums.

The Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services (NANH) grant program is designed to support Indian tribes and organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians in sustaining heritage, culture, and knowledge through exhibitions, educational services and programming, workforce professional development,

organizational capacity building and collections stewardship.

To learn more, visit [Imls.gov](https://www.imls.gov).

## About First Americans Museum

FAM's mission is to educate the broader public about the unique cultures, diversity, history and contributions of the 39 tribal nations in Oklahoma today.

The 175,000-square-foot facility showcases state-of-the-art

exhibitions in history, culture and art; live public and education programs; a full-service restaurant presenting unique Native-inspired cuisine; and a museum shop featuring one-of-a-kind, hand-made items created by Oklahoma's premier Native American artists.

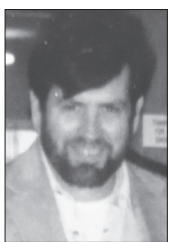
FAM is located at 659 First Americans Blvd., Oklahoma City. For more information, visit [Famok.org](https://www.famok.org).

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# Obituaries

## R.B. Gardenhire

Memorial services for R.B. Gardenhire, 83, of Purcell will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 26, 2023 at the Iron Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Interment, along with his wife, Betty, will be held at the Dibble Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. Gardenhire went home to be with his loved ones on August 11, 2023.

Rhines Barkley Gardenhire was born to Edward Gardenhire and Izora "Pat" Gardenhire (Lambert) on August 24, 1939 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. He grew up in the area and attended school there, graduating with the Panther class of 1957.

On April 23, 1958 R.B. married the love of his life Betty Florine Cope, and they soon started their family. R.B. and Betty were both saved in 1973 which began a meaningful and fruitful spiritual life together. Betty sang with a gospel group called Living Will, and later with a country group called Southern Draw. He was her number one fan, never missed a show, and enjoyed hearing his wife sing and helping the band set up and tear down.

R.B. worked for Thomas concrete for over 20 years and was a master at his craft. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed watching old westerns, especially John Wayne films. R.B. loved classic cars and was a skilled shade tree mechanic. He was also a talented plumber, electrician, and builder.

R.B. built the house he and Betty called home with his own two hands, and it even withstood a tornado. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandpa who will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Gardenhire; his parents, Edward and Pat Gardenhire; his twin sister and infant siblings.

R.B. is survived by his children, Lisa Gardenhire of Purcell and James Gardenhire and wife, Dawn, of Slaughterville, Okla.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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

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## Lynn Dale Broyles

Memorial services for Lynn Dale Broyles, 67, of Kingfisher will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, August 25, 2023 at Sanders Funeral Service Chapel. Services were under the direction of the Sanders Funeral Service.



Lynn Dale Broyles passed away August 20, 2023 in Kingfisher, Okla.

He was born to Calvin Dale Broyles and Betty Jo Broyles in Ardmore, Oklahoma, on December 23, 1955. Lynn grew up and graduated from Purcell High School in 1975.

In 1977, Lynn moved to Kingfisher, Oklahoma, when he took a job with Beard Oil Company. He continued in the Oil and Gas Industry until his retirement in 2017.

His friends and family knew him as an honest, loyal, and straight forward man who was always willing to help anyone in need.

He loved going out to "the land," shooting guns, fishing and telling detailed stories. Although rarely caught in a photograph, he loved to laugh.

Lynn and Doris were married on September 27, 1980. They had two kids, their son, Jeremiah Broyles, and daughter Stephanie (Broyles) Smith.

Lynn was affectionately known as Grumpa by his Grumpkids: Trenton, Mia, Preston, Griffin, Lillian, Emersyn, Graceyn, Eli, Haddyn, and "Thor".

Lynn was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin and Betty Broyles; his sister, Charlotte Cannon; his niece, Crystal Cannon, and his in-laws, Lump (Sam) and Louis Hilburn.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Broyles; his son, Jeremiah and wife, Tiffany; his daughter, Stephanie and husband, Donnie; his Grumpkids; his brother, David Broyles and wife, Nancy; his nephews, Alex Broyles, Andrew Broyles, Aaron Broyles and Nick Cannon; and nieces, Bridget Gilliam, Courtney Lezzi and Danielle Lopez.

## Florence Farmer

Funeral services for Florence Farmer, 94, of Purcell were held Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mrs. Farmer passed away Sunday, August 20, 2023.

Florence Mae Sewell was born June 24, 1929 in Purcell, the youngest of three children born to Marshall D. Sewell and Emma Emmaline (Bourquin) Farmer. She was raised in Purcell and attended school there. Florence grew up on a farm, where she learned the value of hard work.

She married young to Pete Farmer, and together they raised two daughters, Ann and Connie. Florence worked for Don's Dairy Mart and T.G. & Y. for a time, before working as a hostess at S & H Green Stamps. Her greatest joy was being a homemaker, and she cherished her family.

She stayed active in her community as a member of the Fairview Extension Club, the Purcell Mother's Club and 4-H. She was an avid supporter of her daughters, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, both in the FFA and 4-H, and believed wholeheartedly in the life lessons taught in these organizations.

She enjoyed gardening, canning and cooking, and looked forward to family trips to Lake Murray and Lake Tenkiller. Above all, she was a woman of great faith, and a longtime and faithful member of Union Hill Baptist Church.

Florence enjoyed life and always chose to see the good in people, and if you asked her what she was doing, she would respond "picking up and putting up." She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and a true friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pete Farmer; her parents, Marshall and Emma Sewell and siblings, Francis Suderth and Charlie D. Sewell.

She is survived by her daughters, Ann Hester and husband, H.D., of Purcell and Connie Sue Wollenberg and husband, Everett, of Payne; granddaughters, Amy Lynn and husband, Brent, of Purcell and Cindy England and husband, Trent, of Maysville; great-grandchildren, Cooper Lynn and Emma Lynn and a host of other family and friends.

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

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## Dale Ray Lee

Dale Ray Lee died August 12, 2023, in Norman, Oklahoma, at the age of 60 years 1 day. Graveside Services were held Friday, August 18, 2023, at the Chappel Hill Cemetery, east of Lexington, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Dale was born August 11, 1963, in Midwest City, Oklahoma, to Decker Eugene and Elvada Yvonne (Burleson) Lee. Growing up in Norman, he embraced the values instilled in him by his loving family.

Dale's adventurous spirit led him to establish a brick laying company where he poured his heart and soul into his craft. His dedication and skill were evident in every project he undertook. Beyond his professional pursuits, Dale found joy in various hobbies that enriched his life. A devout supporter of OU football, he relished every opportunity to cheer on his favorite team.

Delighting in the tranquility of fishing and working on and racing cars filled his leisure hours with contentment. Above all else, spending cherished moments with his family held an unsailable place in Dale's heart.

Dale was preceded in death by his father, Decker Lee; his wife, Penny Lee; and his brothers, Loyd Lee, Jesse Lee and Jake Lee.

Survivors include his mother, Elvada Lee; his son, Brian Lee; his brother, James Lee and wife, Donna; his grandchildren, Brooklyn Lee, Nathan Lee, Makenzie Lee, Alicia Villanueva, Hailey Lee and Weston Lee; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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## Robert Rillema

Robert Rillema, 84, of Lexington passed away peacefully on August 18, 2023.

Robert David Rillema was born Aug. 7, 1939 in Jenison, Mich., the second of four children of Benjamin Rillema and Glenna (Reister) Rillema.

Survivors include his daughters, Rhonda McPherson (Mike) of Lexington and Theresa Baker (David) and Tina Smith (Jason), all of Purcell; son, Mark Rillema of Purcell; sisters, Ruth Warner of Grandville, Mich., and Melanie Grooters (Doug) of Grand Rapids, Mich.; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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# Eric Wenger to join Chickasaw Nation

The Chickasaw Nation announced the selection of Eric Wenger as the next undersecretary of Construction Services.

Wenger will continue in his role as the City Engineer and Public Works Director for the City of Oklahoma City until Sept. 14, 2023.

"Eric Wenger earned a high level of respect from local residents, city officials, industry peers, and the Chickasaw Nation during his distinguished career of almost three-decades with the City of Oklahoma City," said Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

"Throughout his career, which was marked by numerous major accomplishments, he consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence, a spirit of cooperation, and an understanding of how his work affected the people of the community. We believe he will make a great addition to our leadership team," he concluded.

Wenger will begin his new post September 15 of this year. He will replace Ken Smith, who retired in March.

Wenger will be responsible for working with stakeholders across the Chickasaw Nation in designing and developing projects that support the Mission of the Chickasaw Nation.

He will lead a team that oversees the projects and works with contractors, architects, and other experts to execute projects.

Wenger began his career with the City of Oklahoma City in May 1994 as the project manager for the Bricktown Ballpark and the Chesapeake Arena as a part of the City's original MAPS program. In 2001 he was appointed to lead MAPS for Kids where he oversaw the \$700 million reconstruction of 70 Oklahoma City schools.

In 2009, he was hired to lead the \$777 million MAPS 3 program and in 2011 he became the City Engineer and Director of Public Works.

"Oklahoma City is a better place to live thanks to Eric," said City Manager Craig Freeman. "He earned our community's respect over the past 28 years by being a diplomatic leader, efficient problem solver, dedicated public servant and astute engineer."

"Eric helped us deliver on our promises to our residents during his 28-year career. I wish him the best," Freeman said.

Eric grew up in Denton, Texas, playing sports and participating in Scouting where he earned his Eagle Scout.

He served as a leader while attending the University of Oklahoma as a Resident Advisor and Resident Director for OU Housing, and also as a member of the Student Government Association and the Chi Epsilon Engineering Society.

Wenger graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1994 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

He is a registered professional engineer, is married to his wife, Sunny, and has two daughters Kate and Abby who are attending the University of Oklahoma.

## Jennilee M. Walker

Graveside services for Jennilee M. Walker, 90, of White Settlement, Texas, and formerly of Purcell, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2023 at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Walker died Aug. 19, 2023.

She was born Nov. 17, 1932, in Leedey, Okla., the youngest of three children of Alvin E. Walker and Helen A. (Bales).

Survivors include her sons, John J Walker III and wife, Joyce, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Jerry Lee Walker and wife, Tracy, of Sulphur Springs, Texas; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

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## It's official

**John Blue** had the honor of cutting the ribbon that drew a huge crowd at the new Rotary Playground at the Purcell City Lake at the ribbon cutting last Saturday morning. Blue is the Director of the Purcell Parks & Recreation Department.

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## MATC:

Caitlin Hensley, Connor Ivey, Dominik Jackson, David James, Shane Kirby, Hanna Laningham, and Larry Tuck.

Nicole Aderhold is a Teacher Assistant and Bus Driver. She is married to Steve Aderhold and has two sons Zachary and Nicholas.

Aderhold graduated from high school at Southern Boone County R-1 in Ashland, MO. She also received an Associate's Degree from Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, MO and a Bachelor's Degree from Thomas Edison State University in Trenton, NJ. She is also a 2023 graduate of MATC's Horticulture Technician program.

Before Aderhold moved to Oklahoma and attended MATC she was a NICU Infant Feeding Technician at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, VA.

In her spare time, Aderhold enjoys working out, hiking, gardening and outdoor activities.

Marci Burkhart is the Student Accounting Coordinator. Burkhart and her husband Steve have 3 sons, a daughter-in-law, a grandson, and a new grand baby on the way.

Burkhart is a graduate of Noble high school; she also attended MATC while in high school and completed the Horticultural program.

Burkhart's previous employment has included several positions within the public education setting – SPEC, office administrative assistant/attendance/registrar assistant.

After living in the Houston area for many years, Burkhart recently moved back home to Oklahoma. She was in the right place at the right time... MATC was in the position to hire a new student accounting coordinator, Burkhart said, "MATC felt like the right place for me!"

Chelsea Hatton is the new Customer Service Secretary in the MATC Business and Industry Building. Hatton lives in Maysville with her husband Kalen and daughter Eleanor and son Oliver.

Hatton was home schooled in high school and attended OSU-OKC where she graduated with an AAS in American Sign Language. She was previously employed at Whitbead Public School for 3 years as a Secretary and Activity Fund Custodian.

"This position at Mid-America seemed to be what I should be doing in terms of professional growth. I was maxed out in my previous job and wanted to keep learning and growing. I've also heard so much about MATC and the wonderful opportunities it has."

When Hatton is not at work she enjoys crafting, kayaking, hunting, and musicals!

Caitlin Hensley is the new BIS Health instructor. She is married to Chris Hensley and has two sons, Seth and Heston, and two daughters, Jentri and KalleeJo.

Hensley is a proud Linsday High School graduate. After

high school she attended the Practical Nursing program at Mid-America Technology Center which enabled her to obtain her LPN License. Hensley is currently taking classes at OSU-OKC where she is pursuing her bachelor's degree.

Hensley has worked as nursing assistant, CNA, and LPN at several long-term care facilities as well as a growing medical clinic in ADA.

Working in healthcare is a passion for Hensley, "I have always wanted to be part of helping the healthcare system grow. This position gives me the opportunity to be able to do that, as well as mold and teach new students to be able to do the same. MATC has helped me grow as an individual and become the nurse I am today. I am so honored to be a part of the MATC team."

Hensley enjoys time with her family and watching her children in all their sports and activities. She also likes being outdoors, listening to audio books, and taking a little downtime to watch her favorite TV shows.

Connor Ivey is a Teacher Assistant and Bus Driver. Ivey's wife is Allyson, his parents are Donnie and Heather Ivey, and he has one brother Caleb Ivey.

Ivey graduated from Maysville High School and MATC's Welding program. He went on to use the skills he gained at MATC as a welder at Burford Corp. in Maysville.

"The friendly environment and the great opportunity are two reasons I chose to work here... plus my wife and I are both graduates of Mid-America, so that was also played a part in my decision."

Ivey's main hobbies outside of work are golfing, fishing, and spending time with family.

Dominik Jackson is a new MATC IT Technician. His family includes his father Paul Jackson and three siblings Audrey, Vincent, and Amilyn.

Jackson graduated from Washington High School and Mid-America Technology Center where he received his completion certificate in Cyber Security.

He has been employed as an IT Technician at Blue Vintage and as a summer intern at MATC!

"I took the position at MATC to further expand my knowledge of technology and to gain valuable experience."

Jackson spends his free time racing, building cars, and playing games with friends.

Davis James is the Equine Production teacher. He is married to Carrie James, and they have one daughter Camryn.

James is a Norman High graduate and obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Central Oklahoma.

James has been, since 1997, and continues to be the proud owner and operator of James Performance Horses.

"I took the position of Equine Production teacher for the joy of teaching the next generation about the horse industry."

James enjoys horse shows and spending time with his family.

Shane Kirby is the Plumbing teacher for MATC's new Plumbing Assistant program. He has three children Kaleb, 21; Kassi, 20; and Logan, 18.

Kirby is a proud Norman High Tiger class of 1997 graduate (only high school in Norman in 1997)! And he obtained his Plumbing Certificate from Moore Norman Technology Center.

Kirby has run the gamut in his 28 years as a local Metro plumber; residential and commercial service and repair and residential and new construction plumbing.

"I am a third generation plumber who attended 'vo-tech' for plumbing and was excited to become a graduate of one class out of four classes in the state at the time! I think it's time for me to help ready the next generation of plumbers."

Hanna Laningham is a teacher in our expanding Health Careers Explorer program. Her and her husband Hunter have one son named Daxton.

Laningham graduated from Blanchard High School and then attended the MATC Practical Nursing program. She is currently taking classes at OCCC.

Laningham has worked in various clinic settings. Most recently at Classen Family Medicine as an LPN, Patient Liaison. Prior to that, she was at Encompass Home Health working in the field as an LPN. Laningham also has experience in pediatrics and urgent care.

"I have always wanted to become an educator, so having the opportunity to use my knowledge and experience in nursing to help educate and hopefully inspire future nursing and health care workers is an honor. I am so excited to start this new journey and look forward to teaching your children... we are going to have a great year!"

In her free time, Laningham enjoys reading and spending time with her husband and son.

Larry Tuck is the Welding teacher. He is married to Carrie Tuck and they have a son Bryce Tuck.

Tuck is a graduate of Lexington High School.

Tuck was a warehouse manager for 18 years and has been and is still currently the Basic Welding instructor for Adult Evening class at MATC.

When asked why he wanted to teach Welding, he states "I have 30 years of experience in welding and it's always been a passion of mine. Now this gives me the opportunity to share that passion and knowledge with our youth today."

Tuck spends his downtime golfing, fishing, traveling and spending time with family.

# Apply for 2023-2024 Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Jr. Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw

Candidates are being sought for next year's Chickasaw Princesses. Selecting Chickasaw Princesses is a longstanding, annual tradition.

Princesses are young leaders who serve as Chickasaw Nation tribal royalty, exemplifying the servant leadership core value while carrying out the mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.

Application deadline is August 25.

Contenders compete to hold the titles of Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Jr. Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw. The princesses attend more than 40 events across the country each year, serving as ambassadors of the Chickasaw Nation sharing culture, friendship and goodwill.

Applicants must meet certain requirements. Those running for Little Miss Chickasaw must be 7-11 years old. Applicants applying for Chickasaw Jr. Princess must be between the ages of 12-16, while those between 17-25 can be considered for Chickasaw Princess.

Princesses must be at least one quarter Chickasaw, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and reside within its boundaries. Chickasaw Princesses must be single women who



• Photo provided

## Chickasaw Princesses

**2022-2023 Little Miss Chickasaw** Sari Walker, **Chickasaw Jr. Princess** Maggie Stick and **Chickasaw Princess** Winter Wolfe.

have never married with no children. They also cannot have cohabitated before or during their reign. They must attend and be in good academic standing in their high school or college institution.

In addition to the application, candidates must also include a copy of their CDIB and citizenship cards, a 5-by-7 photo (Black and white or color) and three references (who are not related to the candidate).

There are many incentives to being selected as Chickasaw royalty. Perhaps the most notable is representing the tribe during cultural functions or acting as ambassadors for the Chickasaw Nation during formal functions across the U.S.

Applications are available at Chickasaw.net/Princess.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Princess Program at 580-272-7710.

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## Esports:

Foundation, which gave the school a \$6,000 grant.

"The foundation went above and beyond with their generous donation," Sanders said. "Jeff and Char Page expressed an interest in supporting the program and we met to plan the project."

"They are committed supporters of the school and have made numerous donations and contributions in many ways. We shared a common vision of creating a state-of-the-art facility that would cater to a different group of kids. That was at the heart of our efforts," Sanders continued.

Athletic Director Ricky Hammer proposed the brilliant idea of converting the out-dated high school computer lab into the esports lab.

"We began work on demolition and prep work in early July, the principal explained. "Jerry Swayze and Dr. Sheli McAdoo provided us with the resources and manpower to begin the conversion."

"Our maintenance crew, in-

cluding Terry Howell and Tony Hailey, did the demolition work, including removing shelves and an extensive island. Tony was responsible for electrical work including wiring.

"Jeff Page and Scott Walker from Heartland Customs designed and painted the walls and ceiling. Jeff and Char Page also made a sizable monetary contribution which, along with the grant from the foundation, allowed us to purchase state-of-the-art equipment," Sanders said.

The district provided the school with abundant support and purchased furniture and other necessary equipment.

"Dragon alum Amanda Jones Centeno and Gucci Wraps donated and installed the amazing wall wrap. These community partners and alums gave of their time and money to help make this a reality. I cannot thank them enough for their efforts," Sanders said.

"David Hilger provided extensive technical support in

purchasing the appropriate equipment and coordinating the overall technical aspects of the project. David played a substantial role in the set-up of the room, along with Jeff Page, and the hardware and software aspects of the operation. David works to provide technical support to the program," Sanders said.

Hammer and new esports coach Kelton Clary worked to assemble furniture and equipment and assist in the overall set-up of the room. Kassi Buchanan, high school registrar, coordinated purchasing and receipt of the equipment.

"To summarize," Sanders said, "this was only possible in the amount of time it was achieved through the collaborative efforts of all of these individuals. I'm grateful for what they did for our kids."

There is currently one section comprised of 15 students but there are plans to open up additional sections and expand the sport to the junior high and intermediate schools.



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## Check presentation

**The Heart** of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce is the sponsor of the annual Back to School Bash. In addition, to the chamber, Landmark Church is very involved with this outreach in addition to a number of other congregations and businesses in town. In addition to the Bash, a teacher from each of the four local school districts is selected by a drawing and receives a gift/cash prize of \$1,000. Each gift is sponsored by a local business. The Purcell teacher recipient was Crystal Hamilton, intermediate teacher, who was sponsored by L4 Restored. Pictured are John Luke Waltrip with L4 Restored, Hamilton, Elisabeth Baker, executive director of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce, and Greg Wheat, president of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce.

# Maui:

and her husband, Andrew, were married in February but decided to wait to take their honeymoon trip in early August.

Their flight on United out to the tropical paradise was silky smooth with no delays, just a little bumpy on the landing due to the high winds in Maui. Winds that would make matters much worse as the week went on.

They arrived at their Maui hotel in Lahaina August 7 and had a nice dinner with no fires burning.

But that was about to change. They woke up Tuesday to no electricity and were told in the hotel lobby they weren't sure how long it would be off.

They decided to drive south where electricity was on to have some breakfast and hang out.

When they headed back north toward their hotel they saw some fires up in the mountains on the east side of Lahaina.

The major fire started on August 8 just south of their hotel but with no cell service, no internet and no electricity they had no idea of the extent of the fires.

Jennifer said some people slept in their cars for the air conditioning but they elected to stay in their room and open the doors for the breeze to cool them.

By now the fires were getting bigger and bigger and still no power.

The hotel sent them a box dinner and with more and more smoke outside a box breakfast followed the next morning. That's when the hotel staff informed them they would begin to ration food.

Jennifer noticed a group of people on their cell phones at a



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## Scorched earth

When Jennifer and Andrew Cunningham flew out of Maui August 9 they could see the massive destruction of the deadly wildfire.

certain spot on the beach where they had service.

They quickly went to the spot and called relatives back in Oklahoma to say they were okay, still not knowing just how bad the situation was.

With the cell service they booked a flight from Maui to Honolulu for Thursday thinking they would stay in Lahaina one more night.

However, the latest sign in the hotel lobby read: We will provide a late lunch/early dinner around 3 p.m. and that will be the last food and water available.

They went back to their room and collected their belongings and packed up the small Kia Sedan to head north on a very narrow one-lane road that would take them north out of Lahaina and eventually to the airport. Although the shortest way to the airport was to head south.

But that road was closed.

"Just as we were about to pull out," Jennifer said, "a woman was crying and beating on our window. 'I've stopped three other cars and none of them will help us,'" she told the Cunninghams. "We knew

we needed to help them. There was no other transportation."

So they stuffed the woman, her husband and son and all their luggage in the little Kia and set off on a 37 mile trip that would take them three hours to maneuver on the one-lane road that had no guard rail.

"It was the most narrow road I've ever been on," Jennifer said. "If you met a car coming from another direction you had to back up and pull over as far as you could to let them pass."

While at the airport they found out Southwest Airlines was flying out of Maui to

Honolulu every hour for \$20.

They also started running into locals from Lahaina who had lost everything including one young man in his 20s who lost his fishing tour business.

"He saw people running for their lives," Jennifer said.

But the Cunninghams still had no idea of the scope of the massive inferno until they took off from the airport and saw the scene from the air where the fire was just a quarter to a half mile from their hotel.

It turned out the woman of the family they helped worked for Marriott. She told the Cunninghams she would assure them of a room in Honolulu and sure enough they were on Wakiki Beach in the Honolulu Marriott for the next five nights.

Natives told the Cunninghams the normal wind direction comes off the water which would have blown the fire away from Lahaina but the hurricane force winds blowing a steady 50 to 60 m.p.h. from east to west is what fanned the flames to level most of the town.

With the downed power lines forcing the roads to be closed it caused firefighters to be unable to get between the town and the blaze.

"The only thing between the fire and the ocean was Lahaina," Andrew said. "The fires started on the east side of Lahaina and were pushed west through the center of the city and all the way to the ocean."

"And it happened so fast. As dry as it was and with the high winds it was almost like a perfect storm," Andrew said.

At last count 111 bodies have been found but there remains about 50 percent of the burn area yet to be gone over with cadaver dogs.

Getting back to Oklahoma

City was a 21-hour marathon.

They had to fly back to Maui to catch the first leg of their booked flight home and then fly back to Honolulu, then to Las Vegas and then to Oklahoma City.

"They told us if we missed the first leg of our scheduled flight the entire flight would be cancelled," Jennifer said.

So they took another \$20 Southwest flight back to Maui to start their journey home.

"The resorts never really told us about the extent," Andrew said. "They were just more worried about the lack of power."

He said had they not gone to Honolulu they would have missed out on Oahu and Pearl Harbor but Honolulu was much more touristy.

Maui was a lot more laid back with very few cars, a much slower pace.

"In Honolulu we crossed a six lane highway," he said. "It was not at all what we were expecting."

"It was an interesting, crazy experience," Jennifer concluded.

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# Chick:

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**Sling it**

**Washington senior** Major Cantrell throws a pass during scrimmage action. Washington opens the season Friday night at home against Vian. Kickoff has been moved to 8 p.m. due to extreme heat.

## Warriors hosting Vian

Extreme heat moved kickoff back to 8 p.m.

Washington's defending State Champion open the 2023 season hosting the young but talented Vian Wolverines.

Their top three offensive weapons are all sophomores but they are dandies.

"Their biggest playmaker is sophomore running back Masyn

Wright," head coach Brad Beller reports. "He's 6-0 and 185 pounds and can fly. He's one of the best athletes in Class 2A."

Another sophomore is the Wolverine quarterback Riley Ellis.

Please see **Warriors**, page 3B

## Lex opens on road

Travel to Bridge Creek Friday night

Lexington Head Football Coach Keith Bolles was happy with the efforts of his football squad in their scrimmage last Friday night.

"It went real well," Bolles said of the scrimmage at Minco. "I thought our young guys competed well. It gave us insight to what we need to work on.

"I thought our offensive line did a really good job," the coach continued.

He was referring to the play of Cash Lippel, Issac Martin, Dom Diaz, Trace Bradsher, Avin Morgan,

Kaison Ayers, Boston Day and Maddox Manuel.

"I thought they did a tremendous job," Bolles said.

The Bulldogs travel to Bridge Creek this Friday night to open the 2023 gridiron campaign.

Kick off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Bolles reports Bridge Creek will operate out of a spread formation on offense. They base their defense out of a 4-2-5 look.

"They have a lot of kids out," Bolles said of the Bobcats. "Early on it's going to be quite the challenge."



### PURCELL

Dragons vs. Alva  
7:30 p.m. kickoff



### LEXINGTON

Bulldogs at Bridge Creek  
7:30 p.m. kickoff



### WASHINGTON

Warriors vs. Vian  
8 p.m. kickoff



### WAYNE

Bulldogs scrimmage with Tishomingo & Wewoka  
7 p.m. start

## Dillard era begins with Alva

Kickoff moved back due to extreme heat

Purcell opens the 2023 gridiron season at home hosting the Alva Goldbugs Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Alva will be out to avenge last year's 40-34 loss at the hands of the Dragons in Alva.

Alva will operate out of the spread offense showing some two back and some three back sets out of the shotgun.

That's the word from new Dragon skipper Aaron Dillard.

Defensively the Goldbugs utilize a 4-2 base.

"The key will be the line of scrimmage," Dillard said. "Both their offensive and defensive lines are pretty big so the guys in the trenches will have to perform."

Stopping the run on both sides will be key.

"We've got to make them shut down our running game and we've got to stop theirs," the coach said. "They've got a good back we have to stop."

In last Friday night's scrimmage

at Minco with Wynnewood and Lexington Dillard liked what he saw defensively.

"It went well," he confirmed. "Overall, we did a tremendous job on defense against everyone both our ones and twos."

He said the defensive line including Brody Holder, Derek Cravens, Jonathan Minor and Tavian Engert played well as did inside linebackers Christian Kirk and Ryker Fink.

On offense Dillard said his club lacks consistency so far.

"We're not putting plays together like I would like to at this point," he said.

### Purcell-Alva series history

Year	Score	Winner
2005	13-0	Alva
2022	40-34	Purcell

Series tied (1-1)

## Wayne scrimmage no. 2

Tishomingo and Wewoka coming

Wayne will host its second and final scrimmage Thursday at 7 p.m. against Tishomingo and Wewoka.

The scrimmage start time has been pushed back due to the extreme heat in the state.

Wayne's regular season will open next week when they host Konawa at 7 p.m.

Wayne hosted Empire for a scrimmage last Friday night.

Head coach Brandon Sharp said he saw some things he liked.

"The guys were flying around and had good energy," He said. "We're looking for guys to give us great attitudes and great energy."

There were plenty of things the coach saw that he wants to clean up and the Bulldogs will get a chance to do that Thursday.

"We had some little mistakes that hurt us," he said. "We didn't pick up running backs out of the backfield a couple times and we had a few busts."

Sharp thought his defense did a good job stopping the Empire offense.

The offense found success in the passing game with the duo of junior

Please see **Scrimmage**, page 4B

## Purcell 10-1, third in HOOT

With the district victory over Dickson Monday, 5-4, Purcell ran its fast-pitch softball record to 10-1. They are 4-0 in district play.

"It was a rough one but we made it happen," head coach Sarah Jones said.

Jones said she anticipates Kailynn Helton, Lili Del Toro and Rosie Smith pitching quite a bit this week.

"They are going to give us a

lot of innings this week to give Ella Resendiz and Hannah Whitaker a breather. Kailynn and Lili did their job last night. "We didn't give them 100 percent backup like we should. Hannah came in and finished the game for us."

Resendiz and Kenna Esparza both went 2-3. The Dragons also got hits from KK Vasquez, Mac McKay and Payci Constant.

"Brynley (Jennings) stepped up big for us Monday night with an RBI triple in the bottom of the sixth to make it 5-4 and we held them off for the win," Jones said.

"Aside from the heat, we worked through a lot of adversity last week from keeping everyone healthy, different game plans to give Ella and Hannah a little break from pitching," Jones said. "Luckily we have

the staff to do that and are able to give them some innings that is if we do our job on defense and at the plate."

"Byng was a good district win," Jones said. "We hit up and down our line up, played awesome defense and Hannah Whitaker got the win in the circle."

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## Warriors still tinkering

Lampkin looking for right pieces to the puzzle

**John Denny Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

The Washington Warriors went 3-2 in the Heart of Oklahoma Softball Tournament.

They defeated Comanche (5-2), Cache (8-7) and Alva (10-3).

Their losses were to Plainview (8-2) and Noble (5-4).

Head coach Tylor Lampkin said he's still looking for the right recipe in his lineup.

"I'm still trying to figure out some pieces and put people in the right places to make us more successful," he said. "This is the latest I've gone into a season without having the same lineup on offense or defense."

Senior Emjay Lucas got the win in the circle in the Comanche game. She struck out one batter.

"Emjay threw it well against Comanche," Lampkin said.

Emersyn Massey was 2-3 at the dish and knocked in an RBI.

"Emersyn and Ava Salcedo are still hitting it really

well," Lampkin said.

Salcedo was 1-1 with two walks and a run scored.

Halle Andrews doubled in the fourth inning and drove in another run.

The coach was high on the pitching of the freshman, Salcedo as well.

### Warrior softball

8/15 L Dale 3-1
8/17 W Comanche 5-2
8/17 W Cache 8-7
8/18 L Plainview 8-2
8/18 L Noble 5-4
8/19 W Alva 10-3

"Ava threw well against Cache," Lampkin said. "She pitched really on in relief."

Salcedo struck out five batters in three innings.

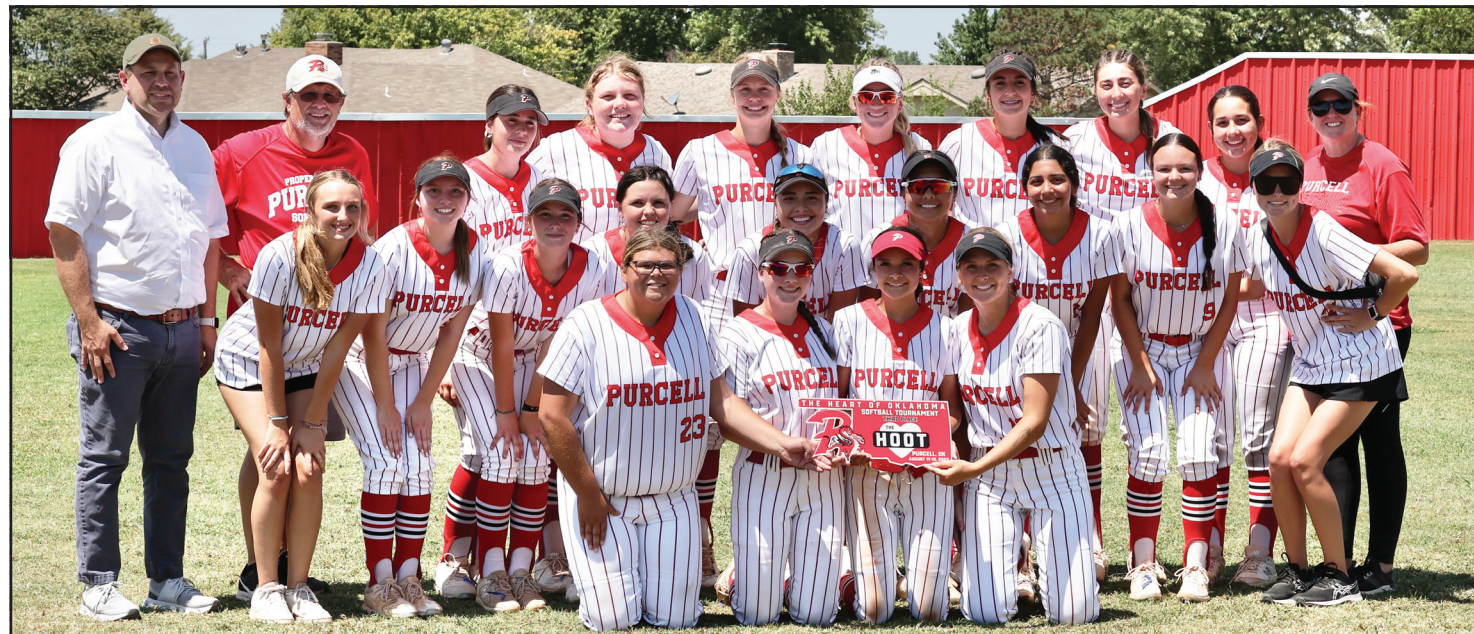
Sophomore Presley Lucas is making her presence be known on the field as well.

"Presley is getting back and playing more," Lampkin said. No doubt she helps

Please see **Tinkering**, page 2B

## Claiming hardware

The Purcell softball team took third place in the inaugural Heart of Oklahoma Softball Tournament over the weekend. They had wins over Norman (10-4), Tuttle (4-3), Alva (7-2) and Cache (1-0) and a loss to Blanchard (2-0). Pictured are, from front left, Kelly Anderson, Kailynn Helton, Payci Constant and Savanna Edwards. In the middle row are, from left, Anika Raper, Ellie Reed, Jasey Baker, Mac McKay, KK Vasquez, Kenna Esparza, Lili Del Toro, Aubrey Elmore and Emma Renfro. On the back row, from left, are tournament sponsor Jason Bridwell, assistant coach Roger Raper, Kylee Barrett, McKinly Miller, Hadleigh Harp, Brynley Jennings, Hannah Whitaker, Ella Resendiz, Rosie Smith and head coach Sarah Jones.



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# Tinkering:

when she's in there. She's hitting around .600 right now."

Lucas was 3-3 against Cache with an RBI and scored a run.

Daphne Palumbo was 2-3 with a double and a triple. She knocked in two RBIs.

While the outfield has remained fairly consistent with Massey, Salcedo and Shelbie Caveness, Lampkin is still tinkering with the lineup in the infield.

"The outfielders are getting pretty comfy with each other," Lampkin said.

The coach will continue to tinker with the infield and the addition of Julie Hoehner will help in the field and at the plate.

"Julie will be a huge stick in the lineup," he said.

We need more consistency and I'm trying to see who will step up and take control. When we do we'll start rolling a little."



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## Inside out

**Washington freshman** Ava Salcedo connects with a ball during the Warriors' 8-7 win over Cache during the Heart of Oklahoma Softball Tournament. Salcedo was 2-4 with a double from her leadoff spot.

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# PHS:

"The first Annual Heart of Oklahoma Tournament was a huge success with a lot of tough competition. You could potentially have seen a few Super Regional or State Tournament matchups in 4A," Jones said.

Purcell came up short in the tournament opener, falling to Blanchard 2-0.

were able to make some things happen," the coach said.

Savanna Edwards went 3-3, McKay 2-3 and Whitaker were both 2-3. Constant went 2-2 with Esparza, Resendiz and Jennings had hits as well.

Helton started the game with Resendiz coming in in relief. She fanned nine straight batters

The Dragons next opponent was Alva. Purcell posted a 7-2 win.

"We were glad that Alva decided to join the HOOT. They needed to see some teams from this side of the state and the same for us. They are normally sent this way for playoffs. We strung our hits together nicely

Aside from the heat, we worked through a lot of adversity last week from keeping everyone healthy, different game plans to give Ella and Hannah a little break from pitching

— Sarah Jones, head coach

"We didn't make our adjustment at the plate. We knew how she was going to pitch us and we couldn't find a way to make things happen."

Blanchard strung a couple hits together to get their runs across and Purcell didn't.

Vazquez, Jennings and Constant were Purcell's lone three hits in the game.

"We are excited to see them later on in the season," Jones said.

In the second game of the tournament the Dragons pounded out 12 hits and knocked off Norman, 10-4.

"We tried a new game plan and it didn't work out for us the first few innings but our bats started working and we

to end the game.

Next up was the Tuttle Tigers, a 4-3 Purcell victory.

"It was a great matchup," Jones confirmed. "They have beaten some really good teams and we knew it was going to be a dogfight. The heat started to take over a little this game."

Resendi went 2-3 at the plate and pitched a solid 5.2 innings. Whitaker mopped up in the circle.

Whitaker, Edwards, Constant and Jennings all had hits in the game.

Edwards started the Dragon rally in the bottom of the sixth. Jennings followed and McKay hit the game-winner, hitting an opposite field line drive to win the game.

in this game and made them work," Jones said.

McKay went 3-3 and with three RBIs. Resendiz went 2-3 Edwards going 2-2. and Hadleigh Harp, Vazquez and Jennings all had hits.

Hannah pitched a really well game in the circle," the coach said.

Purcell scored a run in the first inning against Cache and that proved to be the final at 1-0.

"We wanted to steer clear of district matchups like Tuttle and Cache, Purcell and Plainview, and Bethel and Washington," Jones said. "Cache is a really good squad that we could possibly see later on in the season."

Purcell out-hit Cache 9-4. "But we left too many runners on base," the coach lamented.

She praised the pitching of Resendiz, who struck out nine.

Both Whitaker and Resendiz went 2-3 with Vazquez, McKay, Esparza, Harp and Constant all having hits.

"We got the job done though with having solid defense," Jones said.

The way the winners went down was an overall record, head-to-head, runs allowed, then runs scored against. Tuttle, Blanchard and Purcell all had the same record 4-1.

"However, we all beat each other. We beat Tuttle. Tuttle beat Blanchard and Blanchard beat us. It then went to runs allowed. Both Tuttle and Blanchard had less runs allowed than we did. Therefore, it went to their head-to-head. Tuttle beat Blanchard. So Tuttle was first, Blanchard second and us third," the coach explained.

Purcell was to play at Ada Tuesday for a district game. Purcell will play at Dibble on Thursday with junior high starting at 6 and varsity at 7:15 p.m. due to the heat.



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## Light it up

**Purcell sophomore** Mac McKay was the Heart of Oklahoma Softball Tournament's leading hitter with a .583 average and six RBIs. She also had Purcell's walk-off hit in their 4-3 win over Tuttle.



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## Rip it

**Purcell junior** Hannah Whitaker gets a hold of a pitch during the Heart of Oklahoma Softball Tournament. Purcell finished third in the first year of the event.

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# Warrior cross country

The Washington Warrior cross country team placed third at the appropriately named Blanchard Burner on August 19.

It was their first meet of the season.

Rielyn Scheffe placed first individually with a time of 12:46.79 over the two-mile course.

Other Warriors placing were: Jayden Wells - 6th, Aubrey Grimes - 25th, Shiloh Phelps - 31st, Giselle Rodriguez - 38th, Addison Lanham - 60th and Addi Jackson - 76th.

The team had an average finishing time of 14:36.48.



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## Race winner

**Washington junior** Rielyn Scheffe (right) won the Blanchard Burner cross country meet Aug. 19 with a time of 12:46.79 on the two-mile course.



• Photo provided

## Running Warriors

The Washington Warrior cross country team placed third at the appropriately named Blanchard Burner on August 19. Pictured are, from left, Rielyn Scheffe, Jayden Wells, Addi Metcalf, Jay Calvert, Brinley Thomas, Addy Lanham, Addi Jackson, Emma Flick, Giselle Rodriguez, Valerie Hernandez, Hannah Hosley, Aubrey Grimes and Shiloh Phelps.



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## Tuck and run

**Washington junior** Nate Roberts runs with the ball during the Warriors' opening scrimmage last week. Their regular season begins Friday when they host Vian at Reed Field at 8 p.m.

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## Warriors:

"He has amazing power and can throw the ball well. He's a big, strong physical quarterback," Beller said.

"Vian's other running back/wide receiver is Draighton Fletcher. They are all about the same size six feet and 185 pounds," Beller said. "They are all strong, fast and like to hit."

Beller said Vian's offensive line is big and physical.

"But where they make their money is on defense," Beller confirmed. "They run a 3-4 but they are very multiple. They want to get penetration and then use their athletes to run the football. They use their

speed to get to the football."

Beller said the key for the Warriors is to limit Vian's big plays and take care of the football.

"Last year they had 200 yards on us in just four plays," the coach recalled. "We've got to maintain our blocks and take care of the ball. That's very crucial for us."

Last Thursday's scrimmage was eye-opening according to the head coach.

"It was one of the best scrimmages we've had at showing what we have and what we need to work on," Beller said.

Washington faced a variety of different type of offenses

and defenses.

"There were spread teams and power teams," Beller said of the scrimmage. "Some were big up front and some were fast. It was a well-balanced scrimmage."

The Warriors went up against Heritage Hall, Lawton Mac, Yukon, Southmoore and Tuttle.

"Defensively it was hard to tell who did well but I was proud of our offensive line more than any other group because they had so many different defensive fronts.

"I was pleased with how well they were able to adjust to all the fronts we saw," he said.

# 10-0 win over Alex Monday

Lady Bulldogs in Asher tournament starting today

**Emily Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Lady Bulldogs picked up a 10-0 win over Alex on Monday. That improved their record to 4-6.

Freshman Audra Watts led the team with four hits and three RBIs in the win. Faith Brazell, Jordynn Debaets and Cylie Jones each had two hits. Alyssa Hobson, Taelynn Ringwald and Addison Keeler had a hit apiece.

The win started with Debaets hitting a dinger in the first inning. That scored three runs.

Wayne scored seven more runs, including five in the fourth inning.

Brazell was in the circle where she walked one batter, fanned four.

Over the weekend, Wayne was in the Stratford tournament where they dropped three games. A 16-1 loss to Turner, a 7-3 loss to 4A Pauls Valley and a 3-2 walk-off loss to Stratford.

Wayne was at Central High on Tuesday and will be in Asher starting Thursday for the Asher tournament.



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## Catcher's life

**Wayne sophomore** Alyssa Hobson takes a breather in the dugout after catching a hot inning behind the plate.



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## Squeeze it

**Wayne junior** Liz Bunner squeezes the ball as a Ninnekah base runner runs through her glove. Wayne won 12-0

# Roff tourney on tap for Lex

**Emily Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

The Lexington Lady Bulldogs canceled their trip to Jones on Monday due to the excessive heat. That district matchup is rescheduled for August 30 at 3 p.m.

They will be in the Roff tournament starting today (Thursday). They play Madill at 5 p.m.

Late last week, Lexington

played in the Murray County Bash and came up short in three of their four games.

The Lady 'Dawgs lost an extra-inning game with Sulphur, 9-8. Then had another heartbreaker in a 5-4 loss to Davis.

Their third game was a 10-1 loss to Latta.

Lexington finished off their tournament with a commanding 9-0 win over Wynnewood.

They got off to a strong start, scoring five runs in the first inning. They added one run each in the second and third innings then notched two insurance runs in the fourth.

The Lady 'Dawgs finished the game with four hits, one each from Mackenzie Manuel, Kiely Givens, Kora Parker and Jocelyn Senn.

Givens, Parker and Senn also had one RBI apiece.



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## Fastpitch seniors

**Lexington Lady Bulldogs'** fastpitch team has five seniors. They are, from left, Marisa Northrup, Abby Sample, Kiely Givens, Maison Sissney and Abi Clifton.

# Chickasaw Nation offering multiple cultural activities

The Chickasaw Nation is offering an assortment of activities and workshops for Chickasaws, First Americans and those interested in learning more about Chickasaw culture. These events are varied and take place throughout the year.

Upcoming events include art classes with Mary Wilds and Leanne Parker West. Other activities include the Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw Language Club) and numerous Chickasaw Community Choir practices. These activities are open to the public and all ages.

## Handmade Postcards with Mary Wilds

Chickasaw artist Mary Wilds will be sharing her artistic abilities with others in a one-of-a-kind handmade postcard workshop. Using a range of mediums, participants will create unique postcards stamped with each artist's personal touch. Creating postcards is quick and easy to learn and requires little concentration as designs are completed.

Wilds recently moved from Norfolk, Va., to Sulphur. Living in the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory has given her many opportunities to participate in tribal activities. These include participating with the Chickasaw Dance Troupe and weaving at Mahota Studios, located inside the ARTesian Gallery & Studios. Her artwork has been shown in many locations and has won numerous awards.

The handmade postcards workshop will take place from 10 a.m. to noon September 9 and 23 at the ARTesian Gallery & Studios, 100 W. Muskogee Ave., in Sulphur.

There will be a \$10 fee that includes instruction and materials. To register for classes and workshops, or for more information regarding other upcoming events, call 580-622-8040 or email ArtistInfo@Chickasaw.net.

## Art Classes with Leanne Parker West

Public art classes taught by artist Leanne Parker West (Muscogee Creek) will take place at the ARTesian Gallery & Studios, 100 W. Muskogee Ave., in Sulphur on select Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. The dates include September 13, 23 and 27.

Additional classes will take place at the ARTesian Gallery & Studios on select Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. These dates include August 26, September 16 and 30.

West has been a junior high and high school art teacher for more than 20 years. She is a local artist in Sulphur. As a recurring art instructor for Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy, she has worked with hundreds of Chickasaw children.

There will be a \$10 fee that includes instruction and materials. To register for classes and workshops, or for more information regarding other upcoming events, call 580-622-8040 or email ArtistInfo@Chickasaw.net.

## Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw Language Club)

Chipota Chikashshanompoli is designed to use interactive teaching techniques, games, activities and stories to teach the Chickasaw language. Eligible participants must be between the ages of two and 13. Food and drinks will be provided.

Meetings in Ada will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, on September 18, October 23, November 20 and December 18. Dates for 2024 include January 22, February 26, March 18, April 22 and May 13.

Meetings in Ardmore will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 907 Locust St., on September 11, October 16,

November 13 and December 11. Dates for 2024 include January 8, February 12, March 11, April 15 and May 6.

For more information, call the Chickasaw Nation Language Preservation Division at 580-272-5318 or email LanguageDepartment@Chickasaw.net.

## Chickasaw Community Choir Practice

Engage with the Chickasaw community by attending Chickasaw Community Choir practice. Practice takes place each month at local Chickasaw Nation Community Centers. Practice is open to the public, at all ages and skill levels. Learning Choctaw hymns strengthens the connection to Chickasaw culture.

All classes are from 6 to 8 p.m., taking place in Ada, Ardmore, Oklahoma City and Tishomingo.

Chickasaw Community Choir practices will take place in Ada at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi Ave. Classes will be September 7 and November 3.

Chickasaw Community Choir practices will take place in Oklahoma City at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 4001 NW 39th St., on September 15, October 20 and November 17.

Chickasaw Community Choir practices take place in Ardmore at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 907 Locust St., on September 8 and October 13.

Chickasaw Community Choir practices take place in Tishomingo at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 818 E. 6th St., on August 25, September 22, October 27 and November 30.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Language Preservation Division at 580-272-5318 or email LanguageDepartment@Chickasaw.net.

# 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 10-16, 2023.

## Traffic

None filed.

## Misdemeanors

Mandy L. Johnson, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.

Roberto J. Cobos, driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked.

Carrie L. Bischoff, trespassing after being forbidden.

Finis T. Yocum, possession of CDS - fentanyl.

Gary D. Leflar, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.

Donovan R. Law, trespassing after being forbidden.

Steven D. Cooper, threaten to perform act of violence.

Jose M. Ramirez, DUI - under age of 21.

## Felonies

Lewis F. Chacon, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Rigoberto A. Murillo, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.

Alvin C. Lewis, possession of firearm after conviction or during probation.

## Small Claims

Liberty National Bank vs. Kenneth Moore, small claims under \$5000.

Purcell Park Apartments vs. Nikki

Hannan, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Adkins Hill Mobile Home Park vs. Matthew McCarty, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Bryans Car Corner vs. Kaye Sauer, small claims over \$5000.

## Civil

State of Oklahoma, Ex Rel vs. Rosario Trejo, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Discover Bank vs. Jackson C. Brien, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Discover Bank vs. Larry Abney, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Capital One, N.A. vs. Robert C. Glasco, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Absolute Resolutions Invest. vs. Daniel R. Kirtrell, civil action \$10,000 or less.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Tonya J. Wolfe, civil action \$10,000 or less.

First National Bank of Omaha vs. Lessa Bowen, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management vs. Anne Verne, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Credit Corp Solutions Inc. vs. Oscar Cannon, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Credit Corp Solutions Inc. vs. Kurt Brown, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Cavalry SPV LLC vs. Amber McCollum, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Cavalry SPV LLC vs. Drew J. Nix, civil action \$10,000 or less.

State of Oklahoma Ex Rel vs. Douglas Kuykendall, civil action

\$10,000 or less.

Citibank NA vs. Victor J. Harrison, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Hartford Underwriters Insurance Co vs. David H. Gomez, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Li Qu Chen vs. Ye Wenwu, civil action \$10,000 or more.

PHH Mortgage Corporation vs. Blaine Storts, civil action \$10,000 or more.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Nathan K. James, civil action \$10,000 or more.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Carl D. Shipley, civil action \$10,000 or more.

First National Bank of Omaha vs. Danny R. Lacaze, civil action \$10,000 or more.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Rodney L. Johnson, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC vs. Leona Walls, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Darin Perry vs. Allstate Vehicle & Property Insurance, civil action \$10,000 or more.

## Marriages Filed

Matthew J. Cowley, 22, and Hannah G. Finley, 28, both of Tampa, Fla.

Derrick D. Harris, 35, and Marissa L. Hutchison, 30, both of Blanchard.

Theodore A. Barba, 47, and Sara R. McMillan, 42, both of Goldsby.

## Divorces Granted

None filed.

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## Scrimmage:

Jaxon Dill and senior Isaac Hill. The pair connected for a couple touchdowns through the air.

"Jaxon threw the ball well," Sharp said. "We struggled at

times in the run game and missed some reads where if we make the right read it busts off a big play. But that's the reason you want to have these scrimmages."



Greg Gaston • double g images

## Open lines of communication

Washington head softball coach Tylor Lampkin visits with an umpire during the Heart of Oklahoma Softball Tournament.



Janet Moore • The Purcell Register

## On fire

Purcell senior Savanna Edwards heads for a cooling fan as the Dragons battled blistering heat conditions during the Heart of Oklahoma Softball Tournament. Purcell took third place in the inaugural event.

# Yellow lights make mellow summers for insects

By Kelly Bostian

Yellow "bug lights" won't chase insects away from your porch, but a switch from white lights to a yellow glow can mellow out the summer months for both you and the local insect population.

Lights drive insects crazy, fatally crazy. Anyone who has watched a moth or June beetle repeatedly slam into the base of a porch light, or swept their carcasses off the porch in the morning, knows this.

Enter the yellow "bug light," and a lot of research over the past decade that shows yellow or amber LED lights, or switching to motion-sensor lights that pop on briefly only for security reasons, can be good for the comfort of humans and a boost for wildlife.

In his book "Nature's Best Hope," Douglas Tallamy warns that worldwide illumination threatens what scientists worldwide recognize are massively dwindling insect populations. Insects by the millions die nightly—drawn away from otherwise productive tasks like mating and pollinating plants, he writes.

Flying insects that breed can give rise to millions of eggs and offspring, those yummy grubs and caterpillars that provide vital nutrition for young birds, and dozens of other growing critters each summer.

Several ecology studies note the important role of lighting and insects in disturbances to wildlife, losses to agricultural

systems, and increased human health risks with insects unnaturally concentrated near artificial light sources.

"Yellow/amber lights are good because they do not attract insects," Tallamy said via email. "You could interpret that as 'keeping insects away,' but they don't actually repel insects; they just don't attract them. Every light in the U.S. has the potential to kill nocturnal insects, so even one homeowner converting to yellow lights will help."

Marisano James, a Ph.D. candidate studying insect vision at the University of California Davis, said that how insects respond to light in a specific situation might depend on the species, the type of light waves, or several other factors.

That artificial lights influence insects is without question, however. James said insects navigate by light and learned the tricks of navigating thousands of years before the advent of electricity.

At least one nocturnal moth species is proven to navigate by the moon, and diurnal insects take note of the sun's position in their daily navigation.

"In a nutshell, lights confuse flying insects," he emailed. "Insects do not have large brains, so they're using a lot of tricks to navigate efficiently... Furthermore, those (once) well-honed tricks were apparently crafted over millennia of evolution without local bright lights. Thus, the confusion."

James said the topic has re-

newed interest in recent years for several reasons. New efficient LED lights allow more control over the spectra of artificial lights. Insect populations are declining, and people are searching for solutions. Attracting insects to areas where humans gather increases the chance of people coming into contact with disease vectors worldwide.

Not just any yellow light is best, either, he said. Studies have shown that a yellow or amber LED light is easier on the bugs than old-fashion incandescent yellow bulbs.

"A yellow (or any other color) light isn't good enough," James said. "You want to know that the light's spectrum is limited to the yellow (or longer) wavelength range. LEDs are typically quite good at this, but other lights are not without explicit filtration. Beware of 'color temperature,' which is actually a reference to black body radiation. It refers to the dominant color of light, but by no means the only light given off by a light source of a given temperature range."

James noted that lights are a cure-all, especially when it comes to pesky mosquitoes, which are attracted to people with or without nearby lights because they cue off the carbon dioxide we exhale.

Kelly Bostian is an independent writer working for the Oklahoma Ecology Project, a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to in-depth reporting about environmental issues for Oklahomans.

# Washington opens season on Friday

**Angie Steele**  
**Washington Correspondent**

Warrior football opens the season this Friday at home, August 25. The Warriors will take on Vian.

Please Note: Kickoff has been moved to 8 p.m.

## Washington Farm Market

Washington Farmers Market is this Saturday, August 26, from 9 to 11 a.m. located behind Washington Nutrition at the corner of Morehead and Main. Stop in and support your local farmers.

## 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 24-September 1:

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

August 25—HS Football vs. Vian, home, 7 p.m.; HS JV Fast-pitch at Westmoore JV Tournament; HS Fast-pitch vs. Casady.

August 26—HS Cross Country at Mustang, 7 p.m.

August 28—MS Fastpitch, home, vs. Blanchard.

August 29—HS Fastpitch vs. Community Christian.

August 31—MS Fastpitch, at Lone Grove Tournament.

August 31—MS football, Lindsay, home, 5:30 p.m.; HS Fastpitch at Little Axe; 7th/8th football at McGuinness.

## Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

Each week we receive decision letters from the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans who are represented by our Veterans Foundation. Some of them are rating decisions that were either approved or denied.

Our organization helps veterans with their applications differently than most others do as we established an evidence-based claim system over twenty years ago. We believe that having medical evidence that supports a veteran's request for service connection or to increase a current rated dis-



• Photos by Ron Ladlee

## Round Robin scrimmages

The Washington Warriors attended a Round Robin scrimmage last Thursday at Carl Albert.

ability is a veteran's best option when dealing with the Veterans Administration.

Fourteen veterans received disability ratings of 100 percent for their service-connected disabilities last week. We also had 36 veterans who received disability ratings from 10 to 90 percent. Many of the veterans that I know have paid a price either physically or emotionally while serving in the military. We are all very proud to volunteer our time to help make a difference in the lives of all the men and women who have served.

As we all know the cost of living has increased significantly from what it was a few years ago. When talking to a lady who is the purchasing agent for a local church's food pantry, she said that their food cost had increased over 60 percent. On another note she also told me that they have seen a significant increase in the number of people who need assistance.

As I have written before we are seeing more veterans and surviving spouses who are also having financial difficulties. All of us who are on a fixed income certainly know how to stretch our budgets to their limit in these trying times. As always, we are a free service that is dedicated to helping to improve the lives of the men and women who have served.

We are in Norman at 1233 West Lindsay Street. For those of you who we have helped go to [www.dkgvf.org](http://www.dkgvf.org). Fill out our intake forms and scan in the information requested. For those of you who don't have internet access stop by from 9 a.m. to 12 noon or stop by any Monday through Thursday to use our computer lab to register.

Volunteers are needed to help us 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 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 serv-

ing 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.

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

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

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

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

**Angie Steele**

No. 612-August 24-1 Time  
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
 OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
 STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS ANN HORN, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-88  
 NOTICE OF HEARING  
 PETITION FOR PROBATE  
 OF WILL, APPOINTMENT  
 OF PERSONAL  
 REPRESENTATIVE AND  
 DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,  
 DEVISEES AND LEGATEES  
 NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of PHYLLIS ANN HORN, Deceased, that on the 21st day of August, 2023, Laura Lynne Peterson, formerly Brandenburg, produced in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, an instrument in writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of PHYLLIS ANN HORN, deceased, and also filed in said Court her Petition, together with a copy of said Will praying for the probate of the Will and asking that Letters Testamentary issue to Laura Lynne Peterson, formerly Brandenburg, as Personal Representative and for a judicial determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees of said Decedent.

Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 21st day of August, 2023, notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of September, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., the Petition will be heard before the Honorable Judge Charles Gray, in his chambers in the McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of August, 2023.  
 CHARLES GRAY  
 ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE  
 Judge of the District Court  
 /s/ Bill C. Lester  
 BILL C. LESTER (OBA #5389)  
 Attorney for Personal Representative  
 212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407  
 Purcell, OK 73080  
 (405) 527-5623  
[blester@lesterlawoffice.com](mailto:blester@lesterlawoffice.com)

No. 615-August 24-3 Times  
 2018 Kawasaki Mule Pro FXT  
 LE VIN #JKBAFSC14JB510771.  
 Contact Paul A. Peters at 405-764-6000.

No. 605-August 24-1 Time  
 WAYNE PUBLIC  
 WORKS AUTHORITY  
 RESOLUTION #23-8  
 THIS IS A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE FEE FOR SEWER TAP AND CONNECTION FEES FOR THE WAYNE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY, THE INCREASE BECOMING EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2023.

WHEREAS the Wayne Public Works Authority deems it necessary to increase the sewer connection and tap fees for residential customers from three hundred fifty (\$350.00) or \$.25 per sq. ft., whichever is greater to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or \$.35 per sq. ft., whichever is greater to cover the increased costs of utility construction.

WHEREAS the Wayne Public Works Authority deems it necessary to increase the sewer connection and tap fees for commercial

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 Charollette Bray and Jimmy Longan, at the law office of

No. 606-August 24-2 Times  
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
 OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
 STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID GLEN FRENCH, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-68  
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 All persons having claims against David Glen French are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by

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

No. PB-2023-00050  
 NOTICE  
 Take Notice the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns of Robert Jones, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns of Ellis Jones, also known as Nellis Jones, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns of Lawrence Washington, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees,

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),

No. 602-August 17-2 Times  
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
 OF MCCLAIN COUNTY,  
 STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Rebecca Ann Reinboldt Averitt, Deceased

Case No. PB-2023-19  
 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR FINAL DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given that William Rodney Averitt, Personal Representative of the Estate of Rebecca Ann Reinboldt Averitt, deceased, has filed in this Court his Final Account of the administration of said estate and Petition for Final Determination of Heirs, Devisees and Legatees, Distribution of Estate, and Discharge of Personal Representative. Hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of the District Court for the

customers from three hundred fifty (\$350.00) or \$.25 per sq. ft., whichever is greater to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or \$.35 per sq. ft., whichever is greater to cover the increased costs of utility construction.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wayne Public Works Authority is implementing the following cost to its customers. The increase will become effective September 16, 2023.

Upon a vote thereon, the result was as follows:

Votes Cast 4  
 Votes Yes 4  
 Votes No 0  
 RESOLUTION #23-8 adopted, approved and signed the 16th day of August, 2023.  
 /s/ Hailey Herrin, Mayor  
 Attested  
 /s/ Cindy Reed  
 Cindy Reed, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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

each creditor with respect to such claim, to the estate personal representative, Jennifer Simon, P.O. Box 701, Newcastle, OK 73065, on or before the presentment date of October 27, 2023; or the same will be forever barred.

Hodges Law Firm PLLC  
 SHAWN D. HODGES, OBA #19122  
 P.O. Box 701  
 Newcastle, Oklahoma 73065  
 (405) 387-3711

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

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

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

7th day of September, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock A.M., in the District Courtroom of the undersigned Judge, in the McClain County Courthouse, 121 N. 2nd Street, Ste 231, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 and all persons interested in said estate are notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why said Account should not be settled and allowed, heirs, devisees, and legatees finally determined, said estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2023.

CHARLES GRAY  
 ASSOCIATE  
 DISTRICT JUDGE  
 Honorable Charles Gray  
 Judge of the District Court  
 Dan Barney, OBA #19043  
 Attorney at Law  
 100 E. Paul Street  
 P.O. Box 1014  
 Pauls Valley, OK 73075  
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# Religion



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## Special guests

**Southern Gospel** trio 8th Street will be singing at Sunray Baptist Church's Grandparents Day service on September 10.

## Sunray Baptist Church

Debbie Clark and Donna Stillwell played an instrumental medley of hymns for the morning special.

Brother John began a series of sermons over the book of Mark using Mark 1:1-8. These passages told the beginning of the Gospel and the ministry of John the Baptist.

John was a messenger preparing the people for the arrival of the Messiah. He preached a message of repentance for the remission of sins. He taught the supremacy of Christ and baptized with water, a "ritual baptism."

Jesus brought spiritual baptism, a new covenant baptism. He was the sacrifice for our sins. He saved us and forgave our sins.

The evening message was

from Nehemiah 8:1-8. A lot of modern worship is based on this chapter. Ezra was concerned with worship. He was dealing with people hungering for the Word of God. They did not have the Word for 70 years.

Ezra read and taught from the book of the law. He blessed the Lord before reading. These proceedings were participatory. The people stood for six hours to hear and understand the Word. They were engaged. The Lord's name was blessed.

This coming Sunday at our evening service there will be a Movie Night after prayer requests and a devotion. "Running the Bases" will be shown with popcorn and soda refreshments.

On September 10 we will be having our annual Grand-

parents Day service. Musical guests will be the southern gospel trio 8th Street from Sapulpa singing at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The group is made up of Jonathan Thompson and brothers, Byron and Ivan Hughart. They grew up and began singing together on 8th Street in Sapulpa at a little church called Pentecostal Mission. They formed their group in 2017 and have recorded three albums.

The mission is simple - take the message of Jesus Christ to everyone they reach with their music ministry and see those same people walk away forever changed by the mercy of God.

The group has traveled

Please see **Sunray**, page 9B

## Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

August 27, 2023, is the twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time. In the Gospel reading, Matthew 16:13-20, Jesus asked his disciples "who do people say the Son of man is?" The disciples told him that people said he was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

Then Jesus asked, "who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Have you ever been in a class where another student keeps asking questions that are only minimally relevant? Arg!!! Such questions could be called curiosity questions. Jesus tended to respond to curiosity questions by instead answering the relevant question that should have been asked.

For example, the question

was "will only a few be saved" asked by someone who thought his people were the only ones. Instead, Jesus answered the question, "How can I be saved?" He said, "Strive to enter through the narrow door."

As people sometimes do, we may think we are above such nonsense as asking curiosity questions. Not so fast. Have you ever fallen into the trap of buying something with a credit card because you wanted (not needed) it? Why should I wait when I can have it now and pay later? Sometimes it works out fine, but many times people find themselves in a mess.

In real life, we must prepay. For example, an athletic team prepares for many hours before competing. A student studies before taking an examination. The outcome of a game or a test

would be awful if we decided to practice or study later.

Doing the work and denying ourselves less important things has a name: discipline. We start small teaching children to make their bed, brush their teeth and wash their hands. We move further along teaching them to do homework before playing. We teach them early to bed and early to rise. We teach them to put down their cell phones.

As we mature, our skills increase. Our discipline helps us to discern what is most important and defer other things. We must not become smug and self-satisfied. Our discipline is having the courage to speak the truth, doing what is right, and

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## Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Front-Porch Gospel: Be Kind

Good 'warm' fourth week of August to all. Welcome to the 'front porch.'

The church at Ephesus had begun well, around A.D. 54 A.D. It had such a promising early history, such potential. We have all read Paul's noble and eloquent Epistle to the up-and-coming church as it arrives to the coastal city somewhere around A.D. 62. As a sort of thesis to his Christian loved ones, he reminds them in the beginning that our God has "blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ (1:3).

Ah, there's a great deal of glory in that thesis and in the letter to the Ephesians. But the apostle, still, is not passive in

the letter. He knows there are dangers, and they are of the most fundamental kind.

He warns them in the latter half of the letter of dangers that can seep into the church, into any church, particularly improper behavior from among the members. In the fifth chapter, he leaves no stone unturned offering admonition to husbands and wives, to fathers and children, and to bondservants and masters. In other words, to all of us.

He admonishes them, in short, to learn how to behave themselves. But it is in the fourth chapter that the apostle almost surprises us with one of the most simple commands ever given. He says, simply, "And be kind one to another

..." (4:32).

Wait a minute: Be Kind? Surely Christians do not need the reminder to be kind? Perhaps Paul was talking to the worldly people who are hustling and bustling throughout this busy city trying to make their fortune.

No, sorry, he is talking to Christians.

And, to make it even more startling, he intimates -no, he declares - that those who cannot be kind are "grieving the Holy Spirit" (4:30).

I am sad to say that as the years go by and by the time Christ sends a letter to Ephesus by John the Revelator, it seems

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## Lexington United Methodist Church

Our next monthly Food Give Away will be Saturday, September 16, from 12 to 4 p.m. For the August give-away, we fed around 76 families, or approximately 209 people.

We anticipate that the number served will be increasing as food prices continue to rise. We realize that with the beginning of the new school year, people will have less money available in their budgets, even for food.

We are intending to get all of the Food Pantry storage consolidated into the Pantry building itself. We also want

to have more room to serve our customers. To do this we are planning an 20' x 14' expansion to the pantry. We anticipate it will cost approximately \$5,000 to do this. Currently, we are pursuing sources of funding by applying for grants, but we are also asking for donations toward the building addition, with anything left over going for food itself.

If you can help in providing funds for this and other mission-related projects, please make a donation to our Mission Outreach or to the Food Pantry accounts. No donated amount

is too small—we know that times are rough for everyone. You can send your donation to the church at the Lexington UMC, PO Box 2693, Lexington, OK 73051. Note as to where you would like for your money to go: the Food Pantry, the Mission Fund, or the General Fund.

In these and other church-related subjects, we at the Lex UMC aim to fulfill what Christ taught us to do: "Take care of my sheep." We could repeat

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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 6:30 pm Bible Study  
Wednesday services 6:30 pm Awana's & Youth  
6 pm Evening worship  
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.



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

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.

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, if any; SHEREE GREGORY, 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

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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) ELLERLEGALPLANNING, LLC 539 W. Commerce St Suite 1386 Dallas, Texas 75208 405-254-7526 - Phone 405-766-8457 - Fax www.EllerLegalPlanning.com

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 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.occeweb.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.

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

DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 9th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023. BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION Secretary

No. 609-August 24-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CURTIS WAYNE ANDREWS, DECEASED. Case No. PB-2023-24 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE AND DISCHARGE Linda Andrews, having on this day presented for settlement and filed in this Court her Petition for Determination of Heirs and Distribution of the Estate of Curtis Wayne Andrews, Deceased, and Discharge as Personal Representative. NOTICE is hereby given that the 14 day of September, 2023, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A.M., of said date in the Courtroom of the undersigned Judge, or the Judge to whom this cause is assigned on said hearing date, in the County Courthouse in the City of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, has been duly fixed and appointed by the Court for the hearing thereon, at which time and place any person interested may appear, and show cause, if any they have, why the heirs of said Decedent should not be determined, the distribution of said Estate should not be made as prayed for, and said Linda Andrews discharged as Personal Representative.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT /s/ Haley J. Dennis Haley J. Dennis, OBA #32766 PLAINVIEW LEGAL GROUP, PLLC 515 S. University Blvd Norman, Oklahoma 73069 Telephone: (405) 310-0183 Facsimile: (405) 561-4003 hdennis@plainviewlegal.com ATTORNEY FOR LINDA ANDREWS

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Publication Sheet - Board of Education Financial Statement of the Various Funds for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 Estimate of Needs for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 Wayne Public Schools, School District No. I-10, McClain County, Oklahoma

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF MCCLAIN, ss: We, the undersigned duly elected, qualified and acting officers of the Board of Education of Wayne Public Schools, School District No. I-10, of Said County and State, do hereby certify that at a meeting of the Governing Body of the said District begun at the time provided by law for districts of this class and pursuant to the provisions of 68 O. S. 2001 Section 3003, the foregoing statement was prepared and is a true and correct condition of the Financial Affairs of said District as reflected by the records of the District Clerk and Treasurer. We further certify that the foregoing estimate for current expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, as shown are reasonably necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the said District, and that the Estimated Income to be derived from sources other than ad valorem taxation does not exceed the lawfully authorized ratio of the revenue derived from the same sources during the preceding year.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

	GENERAL FUND DETAIL	BUILDING FUND DETAIL	CO-OP FUND DETAIL	NUTRITION FUND DETAIL
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Cash Balance June 30, 2023	\$ 1,542,730.66	\$ 1,122,978.98	\$ 7,108.91	\$ 121,394.91
Investments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,542,730.66</b>	<b>\$ 1,122,978.98</b>	<b>\$ 7,108.91</b>	<b>\$ 121,394.91</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:</b>				
Warrants Outstanding	\$ 210,301.11	\$ 187,833.37	\$ 1,816.84	\$ 20,218.58
Reserves From Schedule 7	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</b>	<b>\$ 210,301.11</b>	<b>\$ 187,833.37</b>	<b>\$ 1,816.84</b>	<b>\$ 20,218.58</b>
<b>CASH FUND BALANCE (Deficit) JUNE 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 1,332,429.55</b>	<b>\$ 935,145.61</b>	<b>\$ 5,292.07</b>	<b>\$ 101,176.33</b>

ESTIMATED NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

GENERAL FUND	SINKING FUND BALANCE SHEET
Current Expense \$ 6,179,522.52	1. Cash Balance on Hand June 30, 2023 \$ 10,063.66
Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation \$ 0.00	2. Legal Investments Properly Maturing \$ 0.00
Total Required \$ 6,179,522.52	3. Judgments Paid To Recover By Tax Levy \$ 0.00
<b>FINANCED:</b>	4. Total Liquid Assets \$ 10,063.66
Cash Fund Balance \$ 1,332,429.55	Deduct Matured Indebtedness:
Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue \$ 3,696,527.85	5. a. Past-Due Coupons \$ 0.00
Total Deductions \$ 5,028,957.40	6. b. Interest Accrued Thereon \$ 0.00
Balance to Raise from Ad Valorem Tax \$ 1,150,565.12	7. c. Past-Due Bonds \$ 0.00
<b>ESTIMATED MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE:</b>	8. d. Interest Thereon after Last Coupon \$ 0.00
1000 Other District Sources of Revenue \$ 100.00	9. e. Fiscal Agency Commissions on Above \$ 0.00
2100 County 4 Mill Ad Valorem Tax \$ 84,400.00	10. f. Judgments and Int. Levied for/Unpaid \$ 0.00
2200 County Apportionment (Mortgage Tax) \$ 24,400.00	11. Total Items a. Through f. \$ 0.00
2300 Resale of Property Fund Distribution \$ 0.00	12. Balance of Assets Subject to Accrual \$ 10,063.66
2900 Other Intermediate Sources of Revenue \$ 0.00	Deduct Accrual Reserve if Assets Sufficient:
3110 Gross Production Tax \$ 131,900.00	13. g. Earned Unmatured Interest \$ 0.00
3120 Motor Vehicle Collections \$ 181,400.00	14. h. Accrual on Final Coupons \$ 0.00
3130 Rural Electric Cooperative Tax \$ 97,600.00	15. i. Accrued on Unmatured Bonds \$ 0.00
3140 State School Land Earnings \$ 64,200.00	16. Total Items g Through i \$ 0.00
3150 Vehicle Tax Stamps \$ 0.00	17. Excess of Assets Over Accrual Reserves **(Page 2) \$ 10,063.66
3160 Farm Implement Tax Stamps \$ 0.00	
3170 Trailers and Mobile Homes \$ 0.00	<b>SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS FOR 2023-2024</b>
3190 Other Dedicated Revenue \$ 0.00	1. Interest Earnings on Bonds \$ 7,837.50
3200 State Aid - General Operations \$ 2,343,084.13	2. Accrual on Unmatured Bonds \$ 285,000.00
3300 State Aid - Competitive Grants \$ 0.00	3. Annual Accrual on "Prepaid" Judgments \$ 0.00
3400 State - Categorical \$ 29,656.94	4. Annual Accrual on Unpaid Judgments \$ 0.00
3500 Special Programs \$ 0.00	5. Interest on Unpaid Judgments \$ 0.00
3600 Other State Sources of Revenue \$ 0.00	6. PARTICIPATING CONTRIBUTIONS (Annexations): \$ 0.00
3700 Child Nutrition Program \$ 0.00	7. For Credit to School Dist. No. \$ 0.00
3800 State Vocational Programs \$ 23,520.00	8. For Credit to School Dist. No. \$ 0.00
4100 Capital Outlay \$ 0.00	9. For Credit to School Dist. No. \$ 0.00
4200 Disadvantaged Students \$ 250,483.72	10. For Credit to School Dist. No. \$ 0.00
4300 Individuals With Disabilities \$ 115,783.06	11. Annual Accrual From Exhibit KK \$ 0.00
4400 Minority \$ 0.00	Total Sinking Fund Requirements \$ 292,837.50
4500 Operations \$ 0.00	Deduct:
4600 Other Federal Sources of Revenue \$ 350,000.00	1. Excess of Assets over Liabilities (if not a deficit) \$ 10,063.66
4700 Child Nutrition Programs \$ 0.00	2. Contributions From Other Districts \$ 0.00
4800 Federal Vocational Education \$ 0.00	Balance To Raise \$ 282,773.84
5000 Non-Revenue Receipts \$ 0.00	
Total Estimated Revenue \$ 3,696,527.85	

BUILDING FUND

Current Expense \$ 1,109,512.06	Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation \$ 0.00
Total Required \$ 1,109,512.06	<b>FINANCED:</b>
Cash Fund Balance \$ 935,145.61	Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue \$ 10,000.00
Total Deductions \$ 945,145.61	Balance to Raise from Ad Valorem Tax \$ 164,366.45

CO-OP FUND

Current Expense \$ 46,792.07	CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS FUND \$ 326,276.33
Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Required \$ 46,792.07	\$ 326,276.33
<b>FINANCED:</b>	
Cash Fund Balance \$ 5,292.07	\$ 101,176.33
Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue \$ 41,500.00	\$ 225,100.00
Total Deductions \$ 46,792.07	\$ 326,276.33
Balance \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

SINKING FUND

13d. j. Unmatured Coupons Due Before 4-1-2024 \$ 0.00
14d. k. Unmatured Bonds So Due \$ 0.00
15d. l. Whatever Remains is for Exhibit KK Line E. \$ 0.00
16d. Deficit as Shown on Sinking Fund Balance Sheet. \$ 0.00
17d. Less Cash Requirements for Current Fiscal Year in Excess of Cash on H \$ 0.00
18d. Remaining Deficit is for Exhibit KK Line F. \$ 0.00

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CERTIFICATE - GOVERNING BOARD

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT /s/ Haley J. Dennis Haley J. Dennis, OBA #32766 PLAINVIEW LEGAL GROUP, PLLC 515 S. University Blvd Norman, Oklahoma 73069 Telephone: (405) 310-0183 Facsimile: (405) 561-4003 hdennis@plainviewlegal.com ATTORNEY FOR LINDA ANDREWS

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President of Board of Education

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August, 2023

Notary Public



• Photo provided

## Lucky winner

**Landmark Church** is very involved with the annual Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce sponsored Back to School Bash, along with other congregations and businesses in Purcell. In addition to the Bash, a teacher from each of the four local school districts is selected by a drawing and receives a gift/cash prize of \$1,000. Each gift is sponsored by a local business. The Wayne teacher recipient was Deanna Caler who was sponsored by Blackwell Enterprises. On hand to present the check were Greg Wheat, President of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Toby Ringwald, Wayne Superintendent; Caler; and Elisabeth Baker, executive director of the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce.

No. 611-August 24-2 Times  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
The Town of Wayne will receive separate sealed bids at Town Hall, located at 117 N. Shannon, Wayne, Oklahoma 73095, until 11:00 AM, on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at Town Hall.

Water System Improvements West Standpipe  
The project includes surface prep and painting the interior and exterior of the west standpipe.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 11:00 am, at Town Hall.

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

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

1. Town Hall  
117 N. Shannon  
Wayne, Oklahoma  
73095  
(405) 449-3451

A complete set of Plans and Specifications, to prospective bidders, may be obtained from Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc. upon receipt of non-refundable fee of \$50.00. An electronic set of Plans and Specifications is available at no cost and may be obtained by emailing a request to planroom.gsa@gmail.com.

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

specifications and furnish the required bonds within seven (7) days after the acceptance of his bid.

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

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

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

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

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

No. 613-August 24-1 Time  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF HAROLD COOK, Deceased.  
Case No. PB-2023-87  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
PETITION FOR  
DETERMINATION OF  
HEIRS-AT-LAW,  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND  
ISSUANCE OF LETTERS  
OF ADMINISTRATION  
WITHOUT BOND

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Harold Cook, Deceased, that on August 17, 2023, Scott Harold Cook filed his petition requesting (i) that Letters of Administration for the estate of Harold Cook be granted to him, (ii) that he be appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Harold Cook to serve without bond; and (iii) that the Court determine the identity of all heirs-at-law of Harold Cook, Deceased.

Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 17th day of August, 2023, notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of September, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. the Petition will be heard before the Honorable Charles Gray, Judge of the District Court at the McClain County Courthouse, 121 North Second Street, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

Signed this 17th day of August, 2023.

CHARLES GRAY  
ASSOCIATE  
DISTRICT JUDGE  
JUDGE OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT  
/s/ Brenda J. Huff  
BRENDA J. HUFF OBA #4448  
EDWARD F. SIMMONS OBA #13777  
HUFF, SIMMONS & DAVILA  
5100 North Brookline  
Suite 850  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
73112  
Telephone: (405) 843-9779  
Facsimile: (405) 843-9785

No. 614-August 24-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN  
AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF  
JEANA L. STEAD, Deceased.  
Case No. PB 2023-00080  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
TO THE CREDITORS OF JEANA  
L. STEAD, DECEASED:

All persons having claims against Jeana L. Stead, Deceased, are required to present same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the Personal Representatives, Velnda L. Tower and Sheri

L. Elliott c/o Kelli J. Goodnight, attorney for the Personal Representative, 1332 S.W. 89th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73159, on or before the following presentment date: October 19, 2023, or same will be forever barred.

DATED this 18th day of July 2023.  
/s/ Kelli Goodnight  
Kelli J. Goodnight,  
OBA #34361  
Goodnight Law, PLLC  
kelli@goodnightlawpllc.com  
1332 S.W. 89th St.  
Oklahoma City,  
Oklahoma 73159  
Telephone: 405.871.5981  
Attorney for Personal  
Representative

No. 601-August 17-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF HATTIE ADAMS, A/K/A HATTIE L. ADAMS; BILLY REX ADAMS, A/K/A BILL R. ADAMS, A/K/A BILLY R. ADAMS; AND PATRICIA ANN ADAMS, A/K/A PAT ADAMS, ALL DECEASED

CASE NO. PB-2023-75  
COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
To: All persons interested in the estates of Hattie Adams, a/k/a Hattie L. Adams (hereinafter "Hattie Adams"); Billy Rex Adams, a/k/a Bill R. Adams, a/k/a Billy R. Adams (hereinafter "Billy Rex Adams"); and Patricia Ann Adams, a/k/a Pat Adams (hereinafter "Patricia Ann Adams"), all deceased.

You are hereby notified that Billy Don Adams, a/k/a Bill Don Adams (hereinafter "Billy Don Adams" or "Personal Representative"), filed in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, his Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Personal Representative.

At the hearing on August 10, 2023, the Court found that proper application had been made and entered its Order Approving Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Personal Representative, and Order for Combined Notice, appointing Billy Don Adams as personal representative of the above-referenced estates.

The Personal Representative alleged that the decedent, Hattie Adams, died intestate on September 30, 1983, an adult, domiciled and residing in Gentry County, Missouri; and that the total probable value of her property is less than \$200,000.00.

The Personal Representative further alleged that Hattie Adams was not married at the time of her death.

The Personal Representative further alleged that the names, ages, and last-known addresses of the administrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, heirs, legatees, and devisees of the decedent, Hattie Adams, so far as known to the Personal Representative, are as follows:

Name	Age	Last-Known Address	Relationship
Billy Rex Adams	Adult	Now Deceased	Son
Helen E. McKenny, f/k/a Helen E. Adams	Adult	Now Deceased	Daughter

The Personal Representative further alleged that the names, ages, and last-known addresses of any known interested parties of the decedent, Hattie Adams, so far as known to the Personal Representative, are as follows:

Name	Age	Last-Known Address	Relationship
Patricia Ann Adams	Adult	Now Deceased	Spouse of Billy Rex Adams
Billy Don Adams	Adult	3012 Oxford Road Lawrence, Kansas 66049	Grandchild; Child of Billy Rex Adams
Gail Ann Hoddick	Adult	2418 NE 79th Street Kansas City, Missouri 64118	Grandchild; Child of Billy Rex Adams
Charles W. McKenny	Adult	4718 Grayhawk Ridge Drive Sioux City, Iowa 51106	Grandchild; Child of Helen E. McKenny, f/k/a Helen E. Adams
Robert P. McKenny	Adult	4049 Stanford Avenue Dallas, Texas 75225	Grandchild; Child of Helen E. McKenny, f/k/a Helen E. Adams

The Personal Representative further alleged that the decedent, Billy Rex Adams, died testate on September 20, 2020, an adult, domiciled and residing in Nodaway County, Missouri; and that the total probable value of his property is less than \$200,000.00.

The Personal Representative further alleged that the names, ages, and last-known addresses of the administrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, heirs, legatees, and devisees of the decedent, Billy Rex Adams, so far as known to the Personal Representative, are as follows:

Name	Age	Last-Known Address	Relationship
Patricia Ann Adams	Adult	Now Deceased	Spouse
Billy Don Adams	Adult	3012 Oxford Road Lawrence, Kansas 66049	Child
Gail Ann Hoddick	Adult	2418 NE 79th Street Kansas City, Missouri 64118	Child

The Personal Representative further alleged that the decedent, Patricia Ann Adams, died testate on January 31, 2021, an adult, domiciled and residing in Nodaway County, Missouri; and that the total probable value of her property is less than \$200,000.00.

The Personal Representative further alleged that Patricia Ann Adams was not married at the time of her death.

The Personal Representative further alleged that the names, ages, and last-known addresses of the administrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, heirs, legatees, and devisees of the decedent, Patricia Ann Adams, so far as known to the Personal Representative, are as follows:

Name	Age	Last-Known Address	Relationship
Billy Don Adams	Adult	3012 Oxford Road Lawrence, Kansas 66049	Child
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In the Order Approving Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Personal Representative, and Order for Combined Notice, entered herein, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and the Final Account and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Devisees, and Legatees, Distribution of Property, and Discharge.

Pursuant to the Order Approving Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Personal Representative, and Order for Combined Notice, filed herein, all creditors having claims against the above decedents are required to present same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim to the Personal Representative, c/o Munson & McMillin, P.C., 247 North Broadway, Suite 103, Edmond, Oklahoma 73034. The claim of any creditor will be barred unless the claim is presented no more than thirty (30) days following the granting of the Order Approving Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Personal Representative, and Order for Combined Notice.

Notice is hereby given that this matter has been set for hearing on the 28th day of September, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., before the Honorable Charles Gray, Judge of the District Court, McClain County Courthouse, 121 North 2nd Street, Suite 225, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Final Account and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Devisees, and Legatees, Distribution of Property, and Discharge which will be filed herein no less than twenty (20) days before the hearing.

You are hereby advised that you must file any objections before the

hearing and send a copy to the Personal Representative's attorneys, Munson & McMillin, P.C., 247 North Broadway, Suite 103, Edmond, Oklahoma 73034, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections. If you have no objections, you need not appear at the hearing or make any filings with the Court.

If an objection is filed before the hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing, whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estates will be distributed and to whom the estates will be distributed.

Dated this 10th day of August, 2023.

/s/ Charles N. Gray  
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
Tiffany K. Peterson, OBA No. 31186  
Rhonda J. McLean, OBA No. 30642  
Munson & McMillin  
A professional corporation  
247 North Broadway  
Suite 103  
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034  
Telephone: (405) 513-7707  
tpeterson@munsonmcmillin.com  
rmclean@munsonmcmillin.com  
Attorney for Personal Representative

No. 594-August 10-3 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
RIKARD C. CARTER, KENNETH L. CARTER, VANCE L. MYERS and MARY JOSEPHINE YUHAS, a/k/a MARY JO YUHAS, a/k/a MARY J. YUHAS, Plaintiffs, vs.

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

CASE NO. CV-2023-163  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Defendants Virginia F. Padgett, Deceased, Linda S. Myers, Deceased, Richard J. Yuhas, Deceased, and The Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Virginia F. Padgett, Deceased, Linda S. Myers, Deceased and Richard J. Yuhas, Deceased.

The above-named Defendants will take notice that in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in the above-styled and numbered case, an action has been filed by Rikard C. Carter, Kenneth L. Carter, Vance H. Myers and Mary Josephine, a/k/a a Mary Jo Yuhas, Mary J. Yuhas to quiet any right, title, or undivided interest in and to the surface and an undivided interest in the oil, gas and mineral interest that may be produced from the subject lands described hereinbelow which you have or may claim to have, and you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiffs on file in said cause on or before September 29, 2023, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that the Plaintiffs Rikard C. Carter, Kenneth L. Carter, Vance H. Myers and Mary Josephine, a/k/a a Mary Jo Yuhas, Mary J. Yuhas are the owners of the surface and an undivided interest in the oil, gas and minerals that may be produced from the subject lands in and under the following described property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma as follows, to-wit (the "Property"):

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

acres of Lot Four (4), in Section Thirty-One (31), Township Seven (7) North, Range Four (4) West, I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma, and that the Plaintiffs Rikard C. Carter, Kenneth L. Carter and Vance H. Myers and Mary Josephine, a/k/a a Mary Jo Yuhas, Mary J. Yuhas are the owners of an undivided interest in the oil, gas and minerals that may be produced from the subject lands in and under the following described property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma as follows, to-wit (the "Property"):

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

free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances, Defendants Virginia F. Padgett, Deceased, Linda S. Myers, Deceased, Richard J. Yuhas, Deceased, and The Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Virginia F. Padgett, Deceased, Linda S. Myers, Deceased and Richard J. Yuhas, Deceased, have no right, title, interest, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, or assessment in or to the said hereinabove described surface and an undivided interest in and to the oil, gas and mineral interest that may be produced from the subject lands, and a Decree quieting and confirming the Plaintiffs' title and possession thereto, as against said Defendants and their unknown successors, and forever barring and enjoining the Defendants and their unknown successors from any and all right, title, estate, interest or equity of redemption in and to the said lands and premises, or any part thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 7th day of August 2023.

(Seal)  
McClain County Court Clerk  
By: /s/ Karen Weltmer  
Deputy Court Clerk

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

No. 604-August 24-1 Time  
WAYNE PUBLIC  
WORKS AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION #23-7  
THIS IS A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE FEE FOR WATER CONNECTION AND TAP FEES FOR THE WAYNE PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY, THE INCREASE BECOMING EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2023.

WHEREAS the Wayne Public Works Authority deems it necessary to increase the water connection and tap fees for residential customers on 3/4 inch line from seven hundred fifty (\$750.00) to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) plus costs and an increase to residential connections for 1 inch line from one thousand (\$1,000.00) to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to cover the increased costs of utility construction. WHEREAS the Wayne Public Works Authority deems it necessary to increase the water connection and tap fees for commercial customers on 1 inch line from

one thousand (\$1,000.00) to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) plus costs and an increase to residential connections for 2 inch line from one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) plus costs to cover the increased costs of utility construction.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wayne Public Works Authority is implementing the following cost to its customers. The increase will become effective September 16, 2023.

Upon a vote thereon, the result was as follows:  
Votes Cast 4  
Votes Yes 4  
Votes No 0  
RESOLUTION #23-7 adopted, approved and signed the 16th day of August, 2023.  
/s/ Hailey Herrin, Mayor  
Attested

/s/ Cindy Reed  
Cindy Reed, Town Clerk-  
Treasurer

No. 610-August 24-1 Time  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE  
Pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Service Storage Facility Lien Act, Monday, September 11, 2023, at 10:00 A.M., Gizmo Storage will sell to the highest bidder via on-line public auction, CASH ONLY, (subject to occupant's right of redemption prior to sale), all right, title, and interest to miscellaneous personal property remaining in the below listed storage units located at Gizmo Storage, 2200 Weedn Blvd., Purcell, Oklahoma, to wit:  
Unit No. 1028, occupied by Daniel McCanley-Kosht, last known address: 118 Owens St., Lexington, OK 73051,  
Unit No. 216, occupied by Cora Bahling, last known address: 111 W. Iowa St., Purcell, OK 73080,  
Unit No. 917 and 934, occupied by Steven Camire, last known

address: 1523 N. Midwest Blvd. Apt. 1, Oklahoma City, OK 73110,  
Unit No. 815, occupied by Amanda Faye Lacher, last known address: 2361 Tecumseh Rd., Blanchard, OK 73010,  
Unit No. 530, occupied by Joshua Gary Carter, last known address: 22821 McArthur Ave., Blanchard, OK 73010,  
Unit No. 929, occupied by Lindsey Michael Lee, last known address: 18066 Francis Lane, Purcell, OK 73080,  
Unit No. 627 and 628, occupied by Stacey Lynn Estes, last known address: 7898 Bradley Way, Lexington, OK 73051,  
Unit No. 1030, occupied by Brian Reed, last known address: 13571 108th St., Lexington, OK 73051.  
The sale will be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com.

# MATC employees recognized at 56th Oklahoma Summit

Mid-America Technology Center employees took their place in the spotlight at the 56th Oklahoma Summit as the Oklahoma Association of Career and Technology Education (OkACTE) and Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education

(ODCTE) honored outstanding Oklahoma CareerTech educators and professionals for 2023. Jona Kay Squires, MATC Business and Industry Agriculture Management, was awarded the OkACTE Postsecondary Professional of the Year. A \$7,500 cash award was also

provided by Robert A. Funk, Sr., president of Express Employment and Professionals. Amy Wilkey, MATC Health Careers Explorer teacher, was named the OkACTE New Professional of the Year. Dallas Krout, MATC Director of Student Services, was honored with the Dennie Ports Rising Star Award.

Amanda Cummings, MATC Pre-Engineering teacher, was named the OkACTE STEM Division New Teacher of the Year.

Kristin Frankenberg, MATC Practical Nursing instructor, was awarded the OkACTE Health Careers Division Postsecondary Professional of the Year.

David Graham, MATC Criminal Justice Officer teacher, was awarded the Carl Perkins Community Service Award for the OkACTE Trade & Industrial Education Division.

Please join us in congratulating these individuals who were recognized for their time and commitment to making MATC an asset to the communities and students we serve.



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## New Professional Award

**Amy Wilkey** received her New Professional of the Year award at the Oklahoma Summit Awards Banquet from Dr. Brent Casey, OkACTE President, and Rickey Wilkinson, OkACTE Past President.



• Photo provided

## Award winners

**MATC award winners** at the 56th Oklahoma Summit Dallas Krout, Amanda Cummings, Kirstin Frankenberg, Jona Kay Squires and David Graham received their awards at the Oklahoma Summit General Session.



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## Appreciation

**High school principal Jason Sanders**, right, expressed his appreciation to the Purcell Public School Foundation, represented by Kerry Wilhoit, left, and Char and Jeff Page for their support and donations to the Dragon Esports lab and program.

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## OLV:

keeping the commandments of God. It may be inconvenient momentarily. However, it brings us the rewards of joy, peace, and the contentment of a good conscience both in this life and in the world to come.

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 405-527-5077.

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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## Methodist:

our sermons and describe our weekly special music, but we would prefer to invite you to hear them in person and to help our outreach to the community.

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

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.



• Photo by Bri Blackwell

## Welcome to senior year

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



• Photo by Raedyn Saunders

## Wayne FFA Officers

**The 2023-2024 Wayne FFA Chapter Officers** introduced themselves at the Wayne FFA Ice Cream Social held August 16. Officers include (front) Beatriz Perez, treasurer; Addison Keeler, vice president; Jenna Fielder, president; (back) Raedyn Saunders, reporter; Jaxon Dill, Sentinel, and Adam Lee, secretary. Drew Hardaway is the Chapter Advisor. After the introduction they served the chapter members lunch and ice cream.



• Photo by Raedyn Saunders

## Lunch and ice cream social

**Wayne FFA Chapter Officers** served a charcoaled hotdog meal along with ice cream to all Wayne chapter members in grades eighth through 12. This event allowed the eighth graders and new and old members to meet and enjoy a chapter cookout and ice cream with all kinds of toppings. Everyone had a great time and is excited for another great year in agricultural education!

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## Westside:

that kindness has faded as has a love that had once burned so brightly. Their candlestick itself is in jeopardy – not for false doctrine, not for immorality.

No, for a lack of the most fundamental quality: Kindness.

I had to kind of shake my head at this, and it brought something home to me. If you want a church to fall apart, let kindness fade like a poor withered rose. If you want a church to grow, start right here. Start just by

being kind -- to everyone, all the time, with a genuine love for one another.

Now, you want to see beauty, there's true beauty there, I can tell you.

coachbowen1984@gmail.com

From page 6B

## Sunray:

extensively throughout Oklahoma and has appeared at the National Quartet Convention. A love offering will be taken to help with their expenses.

A youth-sponsored lunch will be served following morn-

ing worship. An afternoon service with more singing will begin at approximately 1 p.m. There will be no evening service.

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school, worship and all activities at Sunray Baptist Church. We are located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell.

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