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## New hangars at Purcell airport

### Council gives stamp of approval for two 50' x 50' buildings

Purcell's City Council voted to begin the construction of two new hangars at the airport.

The two 50' x 50' hangars could house up to four additional airplanes.

The regular monthly meeting was held in the Community Room of the Police Service Building.

City officials report there are currently 15 people on a



waiting list to house planes here.

Still with the airport, the council voted to approve the owner-engineer agreement

concerning the runway rehabilitation project and the erection of an electric gate on the

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## Quake confirmed

### 1.8 magnitude in Dibble area Friday

The US Geological Survey (USGS) in Virginia has confirmed a weak earthquake struck in the Dibble area last Friday, September 8 just after 1 p.m.

The USGS reported it was a 1.8 magnitude quake that

rattled some nearby homes and residences occurred about 1:10 p.m.

There were no reports of injuries or damage.

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# Queen to be CROWNED Friday

### 6:30 p.m. at Conger Field

Purcell High School's 2023 Football Homecoming "Once Upon a Friday Night", will be held at Conger Field Friday at 6:30 p.m.

The homecoming parade will be beside the football field at 1:30 p.m. starting on the corner of Van Buren and Third Street and ending with a pep assembly

on Conger Field. Kick off for the football game

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### Dragon court

The Purcell High School Homecoming court includes, from front left, crown bearer Olin Sweeney, Halle Madden, Kaylin Vazquez, Gracie Pruitt, Katy Keith, Avery McWhirter, Payton Lawson and flower girl Laiklynn Harper. On the back row, from left, are Brody Holder, Derek Cravens, Noah Mason, Carter Goldston, Jett Tyler and Ryker Fink. Coronation is set for Friday night at 6:30 p.m.

# Wayne homecoming Friday

### Coronation at 6:30 p.m. prior to game with Crooked Oak

Wayne's homecoming will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday prior to the football contest with Crooked Oak.

Senior queen candidates are Jayden Blackwell, Faith

Brazell and Jordynn Debaets. The junior attendant is Morgan Cross while the sophomore attendant is Alyssa Hobson.

Senior king candidates

include Ethan Bloodworth, Jesse Hartless, Eli Hobson, Braden McClendon, Casey Kane and Bradey VanSchuyver.

The crown bearer is Major

Moreno and the flower girl is Isabel Casteel.

Blackwell is the daughter

Please see **Wayne**, page 11A



• Photo provided

### Preparing for the worst

A joint exercise on disaster response put on by David Hogg was held at the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center August 31. At least 53 people from the City of Purcell, Purcell Public Schools, The Chickasaw Nation, Wadley's EMS, AirEvac, Purcell Municipal Hospital, the National Weather Service and the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security attended the event.

# Joint disaster drill completed

### 53 participants from multiple agencies across Purcell

The City of Purcell recently hosted a severe weather tabletop exercise, designed to better prepare the city and its partners in the event of a disaster.

David Hogg, a research associate with the University of Oklahoma's Cooperative Institute for Severe and High Impact Weather Research and Operations (OU-CIWRO),

assisted City of Purcell public safety officials in developing and facilitating the exercise.

The scenario simulated a damaging tornado, which affected power, water, transportation, and other services.

Participants worked through the scenario in functional

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### Royal Bulldogs

The Wayne High School Homecoming court includes, from front left, Alyssa Hobson, flower girl Isabel Casteel, Faith Brazell, Jayden Blackwell, Jordynn Debaets, crown bearer Major Moreno and Morgan Cross. On the back row are, from left, Eli Hobson, Jesse Hartless, Braden McClendon, Casey Kane, Ethan Bloodworth and Bradey VanSchuyver. The Bulldogs host Crooked Oak Friday night at 7 p.m. Coronation is at 6:30 p.m. The Homecoming Parade will be at 2 p.m.

#### Inside

### Bridge battle

Purcell and Lexington renew their rivalry Friday night at 7 p.m.



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#### Inside

### 911 Day of Service

The Noble Ward Church of Jesus Christ for Latter Day Saints worked at Red Hill Saturday.



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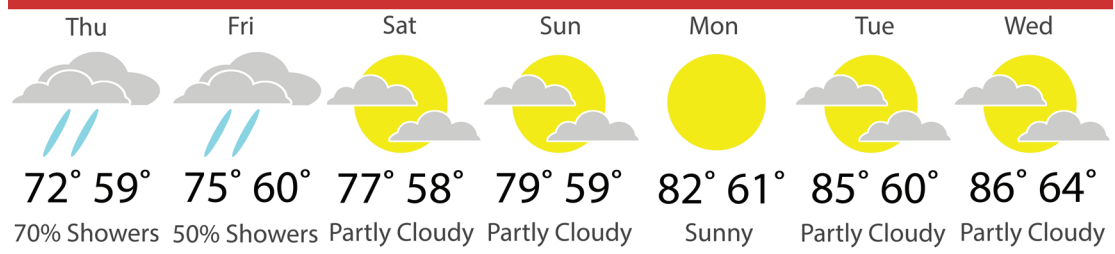
## Parade route

### 2023 Purcell Homecoming

Due to the downtown construction the 2023 Homecoming Parade will start Van Buren and proceed west to Third, south to Monroe where the route goes east for

a block to Second and then back north to Conger Field where a pep rally will be held.

Lineup for the parade is 1:30 p.m. with the parade set to roll at 1 p.m.



### Winner by a hare

Voting lines were long at the county fair last Friday morning. Rudy B. Rabbit defeated Tommy C. Turtle 105-81 in the mock election.



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## Thankfully, cooler, wetter

We have seen a cooler and wetter start to our week as temperatures have been holding steady in the 70s for much of this work week. The cooler temperatures and rainy conditions will linger throughout the remainder of this week and into the first part of the weekend.

On Thursday, there is a 70 percent chance of showers and a few embedded thunderstorms across the region as afternoon highs top off in the lower 70s. Rain will carry into the day on Friday, before tapering off on Saturday as temperatures warm into the middle 70s. We will ap-

proach the upper 70s and lower 80s by the latter half of the weekend as sunshine returns into the sky, accompanied by a few afternoon clouds. The dry conditions will prevail into next week as we will see our temperatures more seasonal. **- Hunter Brittingham**

## School board has busy agenda

Purcell's Board of Education approved the teacher induction program, approved stipends for certified and non-certified personnel and approved the Gifted and Talented Committee at its monthly meeting Monday at the school administration building.

The teachers and their mentors include Cristian Haynes at the elementary school. Her mentor is Paige Brown. At the intermediate school the teacher is Chloe Windam with Cindy McGowen the mentor. At the junior high Sheila Woodell is the teacher with Kenzie Cunnius the mentor. At the high school the teacher is Ethan Scott with Jack McNeely the mentor. John Beal will be

mentored by Kenzie Hay. April Trumbo will be mentored by Stefanie Renfro.

The Gifted and Talented Committee members include Rebecca Franco, Tiffany Cook, Michelle Hall, Sara Nichols, Melissa Feroli, Jon Corea, David Hilger and Jerry Swayze. Personnel evaluators include Dr. Sheli McAdoo, Jerry Swayze, Cindy Stone, Tina Swayze, Carol Testa, Jeff Fink, Jason Sanders, Ricky Hammer, Shelly McGowen and Carolyn Anyong.

The board approved the \$250 retention stipend for non-certified personnel and the \$500 retention stipend for certified personnel to be paid with ARP ESSER III federal funds.

The board approved the 23-24 District Estimate of Needs and approved the shared agreement with the City of Purcell for use of the tennis courts.

The board reviewed the student transfer policy.

"It's something we do four times a year," Dr. McAdoo said.

The board adopted the new Policy EMC-Graduation. It is a new policy that regulates tribal regalia that can be worn at graduation, Dr. McAdoo explained.

The board declared numerous older technology items surplus including such things as Chrome Books, cords, monitors, a projector, Chrome Boxes, desk top powers, keyboards and more.

## OSU EXTENSION News

### Childhood obesity continues to grow nationwide

Trisha Gedon  
Extension Educator

The number of children who are overweight or obese is a major public health concern. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity helps shed light on this issue by sponsoring National Childhood Obesity Month in September.

The United States is the highest-ranked country in the world for childhood obesity, said Deana Hildebrand, Oklahoma State University Extension nutrition specialist.

"Nationally, about 20 percent of children and adolescents are obese, and approximately

40 percent are overweight," Hildebrand said. "Children and adolescents who fall into these categories are at a higher risk for unhealthy weight in adulthood, which can lead to an increased risk for heart disease, diabetes and some cancers. Lack of exercise, increased screen time and unhealthy food choices compound the issue."

In Oklahoma, 13 percent of children ages two to four who participate in WIC are obese, 17.5 percent of children ages 10 to 17 fall into the obese category and 17.6 percent of high school students are obese.

Hildebrand said this data reflects that as children grow older, the risk of developing

obesity is greater.

In most cases, being overweight or obese results from a complex interaction between personal, family, environmental, genetic and cultural factors. To help combat this problem, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends every child be assessed annually for obesity by measuring the body mass index of children between the ages of two and 19.

"Weight problems can be difficult to fix later on, so it's important to try to avoid the issue from happening to begin with. Family-based approaches for treatment of pediatric obesity are essential for achieving desirable outcomes," she said.

"Additionally, this approach is likely the most appropriate for young children because the family setting has the most immediate influence on food and physical activity behaviors. It's important for parents to model

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## Our Blood Institute offers incentive to boost the supply

Our Blood Institute is teaming up with a beloved Oklahoma attraction to help boost the blood supply this fall.

While the leaves may turn, the need for blood never changes, so OBI is asking the public to start the fall season off with a lifesaving blood donation.

Those who give blood this fall play an important role in keeping the blood supply high enough to help patients counting on donations for their care, especially ahead of the busy holiday season.

OBI needs 1,200 donors a day to maintain an adequate blood supply.

Those who donate blood with Our Blood Institute in September and October will receive a free glow-in-the-dark T-shirt and one free entry to the

Oklahoma City Zoo, perfectly timed to take advantage of the cooler weather.

The OKC Zoo is your one-stop shop for all things wild in Oklahoma. Enjoy world-class habitats including Great EscApe, Cat Forest/Lion Overlook, Oklahoma Trails and Sanctuary Asia where you will find the amazing animals of the Asian continent.

Also, opening this year, Expedition Africa is sure to be the exhibit you won't want to miss. The multi-million-

dollar project will feature an expanded barn for the giraffes, a new plaza restaurant, retail shop and so much more.

"We take our role as the community blood provider very seriously," said Dr. John Armitage, president and CEO of Our Blood Institute. "Our blood supply is an essential part of our health care system, so we're extremely thankful for partners like the OKC Zoo who

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## NEWS

from the

## City of Purcell

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# NEWS In Brief

## PHS Homecoming Parade

The Purcell High School Homecoming Parade will be held Friday, September 15, at 1:30 p.m.

The route has changed due to construction on Main Street. It will now be held by the football field.

The public will park in the gravel parking south of the practice field and east of the staging area.

## Warrior Golf Scramble

The annual 4-man Warrior Golf Scramble Fundraiser Tournament will be held Saturday, September 16, at the Brent Bruehl Golf Course in Purcell.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the Shotgun Start will begin at 9 a.m.

All proceeds benefit the Warrior golf teams.

Visit [wvgolftournament.squarespace.com](http://wvgolftournament.squarespace.com).

## Community Coffee

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, September 19, hosted by First United Bank.

The coffee will be held at First United Bank, 324 W. Main St., in Purcell.

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

## Revival at Rose Hill PCG

The Rose Hill Pentecostal Church of God, 19251 State Hwy. 39, located 10 miles east of Lexington invites you to join revival services Sunday, September 17, through Wednesday, September 20.

Service times are Sunday at 9:45 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday 7 p.m.

Evangelists for the revival will be the Rev. Danny Williams and Family.

For more information call Pastor Bruce York at 405-905-1551.

## C.A.R.E. Coalition

The monthly C.A.R.E. Coalition meeting will be held Tuesday, September 19, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

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

## Wilson-Little Anniversary

Wilson-Little Funeral Home will celebrate its 125th anniversary of service in the Heart of Oklahoma.

Join in celebrating this remarkable journey on Friday, September 22, at 10 a.m. for light refreshments and an open house.

## Carp Classic

The Purcell Carp Classic 2023 will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, September 23, at the Purcell City Lake.

The event is hosted by the Purcell Parks and Recreation Department and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife.

The tournament will be divided into three age divisions: 5-12, 13-17 and 18 and up. Ages 5-12 are free to enter and 13 and up are \$10.

Each division will have first, second and third place awards for heaviest stringer weight of carp caught.

For more information visit [www.purcellparks.com](http://www.purcellparks.com) or call 405-527-7227.

## Chamber Golf Tournament

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, September 29, at the Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course in Purcell.

The four-man scramble will have an 8 a.m. shotgun start followed by lunch and an awards ceremony.

For more information or to sign up contact Elisabeth Baker at [elisabeth@theheartofok.com](mailto:elisabeth@theheartofok.com) or call 405-527-3093.

## 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.

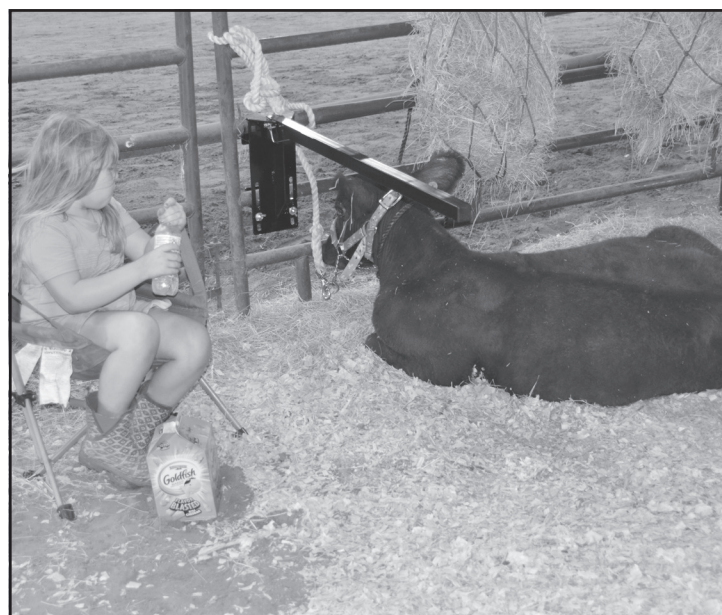
To schedule a tour contact Jerry Hayes at 405-812-8379.



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## Junior livestock show

The banner at the county fair pretty well summed up the junior livestock portion of the annual McClain County Free Fair.



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## Got Goldfish

They make a handy snack that can go just about anywhere including the McClain County Fair.

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## Supply:

help ensure we have a healthy blood supply for patients in need."

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

Donation typically takes only about an hour, and one donation saves up to three lives.

Appointments to donate can be made online at [obi.org](http://obi.org) or by calling 877-340-8777. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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## Obesity:

a healthy lifestyle," Hildebrand said.

Meal planning and meal prepping are a couple of tools that can help parents get nutritious meals on the table, even when the family schedule is busy. Children can help with age-appropriate tasks. Hildebrand

said that when shopping for food, choosing whole grains, fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy products and lean protein and avoiding pre-packaged foods that are high in sugar and saturated fats is recommended.

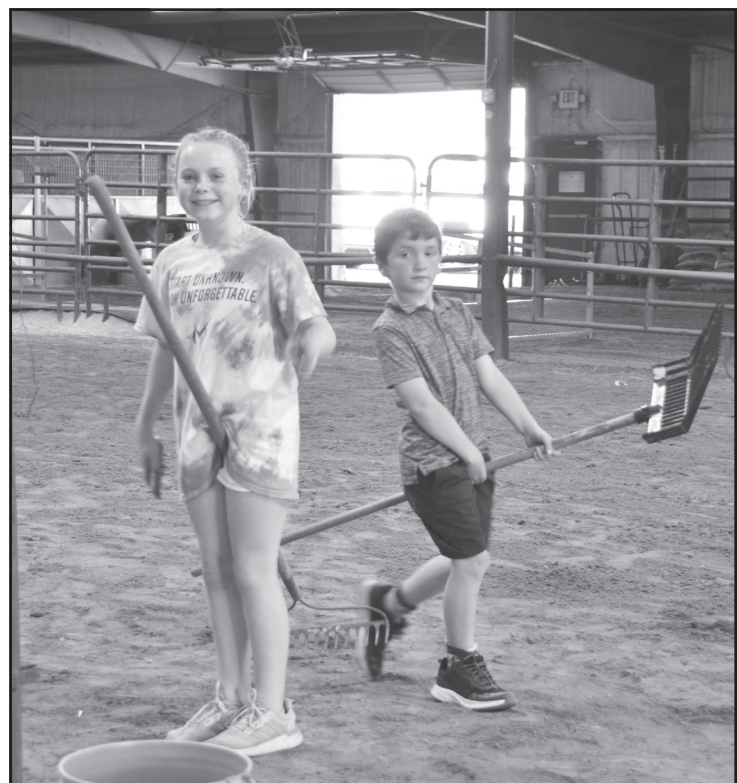
Hildebrand also offers these

tips to parents:

- Avoid using food as comfort or a reward. Instead, read a book together or talk a walk.
- Choose a side salad or fruit cup instead of French fries.
- Limit screen time and encourage activities like riding a bike or playing tag.
- Make physical activity a part of the family's routine. Children should be active for 60 minutes or more each day.
- Be a good role model by choosing healthy foods and being active.
- Children don't have to belong to the clean plate club. Trust them when they say they are full.

"It's not just the obesity rate in children that's alarming. Five years ago, two counties in the state had an adult obesity rate exceeding 40 percent of the population," she said.

"Today, there are 28 counties with adult obesity exceeding 40 percent of the population. The earlier we start with prevention programs in childhood, the better," Hildebrand concluded.



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## Stick horse rodeo

There weren't many competitors but the stick horse rodeo was held during Thursday's activities at the McClain County Fair.

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## I forgot what?

It's happened to a lot of people, maybe even you.

Over the years, people get ready for work and forget their phone.

Once in a great while they might forget to brush their teeth or put on deodorant.

Mine on Monday may take the cake, however.

Now in my Golden Years, I'm a lot more likely to be cold than hot and sweaty.

Monday morning I was in the usual routine preparing to head down to the pad and pencil.

After showering I was getting dressed and I noticed the back of my neck was wetter than usual.

As I finished putting on my shirt I had what I thought was sweat running down my cheeks and my forehead was as damp as the washcloth I used.

Still not having any idea what was really going on.

### Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

Anyway, I finished getting ready, brushed my hair and headed down to the newspaper.

When Gracie walked in and said, "New do?" it dawned on me what I had failed to do.

I hadn't toweled off my head when I got out of the shower and it was wetter than sop.

Made a lot more sense than me breaking out in a sweat.

I was thinking at the time, I'm glad my head is attached, otherwise I might have forgotten to bring it as well.

jdm

Monday's slow and sometimes steady rain dumped .6" on the Purcell area bringing the total for the year here to 27.97".

Oklahoma City, at Will Rogers World Airport, has recorded 29.11".

The normal for the year-to-date in this area is 27.30" with the annual rainfall at 36.52".

The Oklahoma Mesonet reported Washington recorded .56" with Norman coming in at .42".

Additional rain is predicted for Thursday and Friday with highs in the mid-to-high 70s.

Sure is nice to finally have some fall weather and have the triple digits in the rearview mirror.

jdm

## 236th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution

By Gary W. Banz

September 17th marks the 236th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States by delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. With the future of the fledgling United States hanging in the balance, ratification was far from certain until an agreement was reached to add a set of amendments protecting individual rights. Today we call those amendments the Bill of Rights.

As a 28-year Oklahoma public school educator who taught classes on the Constitution, and a 12-year member

of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the principles and promises set forth in the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights have always held great personal meaning for me.

As an American citizen who has reaped the benefits of those ideals throughout my life, I've long felt the responsibility to pass them along to subsequent generations, in the hope that they, too, will be inspired by the extraordinary vision upon which our remarkable nation is based, and find their own way of embracing and defending this unique American legacy.

How do we accomplish this? Through our personal example for one, by striving to uphold and advance the tenets of liberty, equality and justice for all in our daily dealings. Also through our educational institutions, and the teachers charged with bringing to life all the challenges and struggles our nation and its people have endured to provide the freedoms we enjoy today.

One other important opportunity is in our public square, as anyone who has visited our

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## NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

### Takeaways from time in Oklahoma

**Congressman Tom Cole**

This week, lawmakers are returning to Washington, D.C. after spending several weeks in their districts. The extended time during the customary August district work period each year always provides the opportunity to interact directly with constituents and hear firsthand about the issues that matter most to them.

I am always thankful for this time to gain that perspective before returning to legislative work.

This August, I traveled to a total of nine counties in the Fourth Congressional District to visit local communities, organizations and small businesses. I also attended various site tours and had coffees and lunches to speak directly with community leaders.

I also hosted two telephone town halls, in which I provided an update from Congress and answered numerous questions on a variety of national issues from those on the line.

While meeting with small business owners, members of various chambers of commerce and even employees, the most relayed topic of concern was certainly inflation and the di-

rection of the economy.

The 40-year high inflation is directly hitting every American family of every income level. Unfortunately, inflation is not going away soon, but House Republicans are putting an end to Democrats' out-of-control spending that has led to this economic crisis.

Just like Americans across the country, Fourth District constituents are still facing soaring prices on almost everything, including record-high gas prices. In fact, this August prices at the pump reached the highest seasonal level seen in more than a decade.

Oklahoma is an energy-rich state and Oklahomans cannot fathom why President Joe Biden has issued a war on North American energy. Now, the U.S. is instead forced to rely on foreign nations that do not have our best interests in mind as our energy providers when we have the resources right here at home.

I was also glad to meet with leadership from the Fourth District's Tinker Air Force Base, Fort Sill and many other stakeholders in the defense industry. Indeed, we live in a dangerous world with war continuing in Ukraine, growing aggression

from China and North Korea and Afghanistan now retaken by the Taliban.

It is critical we support the men and women in our armed forces both to ensure our military is mission focused, and that our active-duty service members, their families and retirees are taken care of.

This week, the U.S. House of Representatives will vote on its version of the fiscal year 2024 defense appropriations bill that would advance our strategic capabilities, counter our adversaries, promote innovation, optimize the Department of Defense workforce and much more.

Finally, on both telephone town halls held for Fourth District constituents, I had an overwhelming number of questions regarding the crisis at the southern border. Indeed, this historic national security and humanitarian crisis has affected every community across the country as President Biden's open borders have allowed the flow of deadly drugs and bad actors.

America is a nation of laws that must be followed and

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## Your Views

### Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



## Update from the Capitol

Monday marked the 22nd anniversary of 9/11, a solemn and devastating day for our nation, and the world, when nearly 3,000 American lives were tragically lost to terrorism.

Those of us who were old enough to recognize the gravity of the situation that day were forever changed. Today, 9/11 is recognized as Patriot Day because after the attacks Americans banded together like never before.

Neighbors helped neighbors. American flags and patriotic ribbons were proudly displayed. More men and women joined the U.S. military that next year than ever before or since that time.

Iconic songs like Toby Keith's "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue" and Alan Jackson's "When the World Stopped" were written about the cowardice of the attacks but also as a message to the world that we would not be intimidated or silenced.

Two decades later, our country and people are hurting. We're more divided than ever, and that strong patriotism seems all but gone in many areas around the country. A report last month shared that our military is shrinking at an alarming rate as today's youth simply don't have the propensity to join that our parents and grandparents had.

The Army and Air Force together are expecting a 20,000-person shortfall this year while the Navy expects to be 6,000 below their goal. This, along with a lack of patriotism in our country, is extremely dangerous as our enemies, like Russia and China, continually antagonize us and appear to just be waiting for the perfect opportunity to strike us.

As Americans, we must never forget what happened on 9/11 or let that strong spirit of patriotism die. We must teach our children the importance of patriotism and knowing our history, lest we let it repeat itself.

Our prayers and hearts are with those families who lost loved ones that fateful day and the weeks and months following. We remember the innocent bystanders who simply got on a plane or went to work; the first responders and law enforcement who lost their lives trying to save their fellow Americans; and the many military patriots who bravely fought on behalf of those victims and to stop terrorism.

Hopefully, we can come together again as 'one Nation under God' and once again, in the words of the late President Reagan, be the "shining city upon a hill whose beacon light guides freedom-loving people everywhere."

In closing, I want to congratulate the town of Goldsby for recently being awarded two state grants from the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission for the David Jay Perry Airport. These projects will involve constructing two sets of T-hangars and reconstructing the taxilane. These important projects will help further grow this public-use airport to the benefit of local businesses, the county, and our growing aviation industry.

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

# Rants? Raves?

Submit your letter to the editor.

# Holding a grudge - When is long enough?

**By Andy Bowman,  
CoffeeTime  
Columnist**

Jim and Nick had been neighbors for years. Not necessarily close friends who knew each other's daily habits and dislikes, but friendly enough. Except when Jim did something that got under the skin of his neighbor.

Which, unfortunately happened more than once in those years of living next to each other.

Oh yes, Nick would confront Jim with the problems. Telling him exactly why he was upset, and why the problems were Jim's fault.

And Jim? His unfailing response was a nod and a smile, "Okay, I understand, and you have the right to feel the way you do." Then he would turn away and return to whatever he had been doing when he was interrupted. Absolutely unfazed by Nick's irritation and requests.

Needless to say, this was NOT the response Nick wanted. He felt his opinion didn't count to his lousy neighbor - there at

least should have been apologies with some changes made.

So predictably over a period of time, Neighbor Nick developed - shall I say - a bad taste in his mouth when Jim's name was even mentioned. Disappointment had turned to irritation, which quickly upgraded itself to anger, and a newborn started living in their neighborhood - named Grudge.

No question about it, Jim was being self-centered and disagreeable, even as he smiled and nodded. He was going to do what he wanted to do, not matter how it affected Nick. Not exactly being a team player or attempting to get along with his neighbor.

And yes, Nick definitely had obvious reasons for disliking the man's attitude.

So here is my question. How long should Nick hold a grudge? Until Jim abjectly apologized? Given that man's previous track record - good luck with that.

Keep griping at Jim while attempting to convince the other neighbors that Jim was 'a bad seed' who needed to be ostracized, until he finally changed

his behavior? Good luck with that one also - the Jims in life usually don't respond well to anger, bullying and coercion.

Scripture mentions a more effective way.

Proverbs 25:21 "If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. 22 For in so doing, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you. 23 As the north wind brings forth rain, so a backbiting tongue brings angry looks..."

Be honest with yourself. In your own experience, if you are a Jim, are you eager to please a Nick who constantly is carping and angry with you? Not normally.

We humans don't usually fall all over ourself to meet the needs and wants of a person we see as always irritated with us. That kind of willingness we normally reserve for the people who are kind, loving and caring.

So, if you are Nick and wanting the Jim in your life to make some changes, maybe you should heed what your Creator advised. Make your own changes first.

# An empty barrel makes the most noise

**By Bryan Golden**

You know the type. He or she is the loudest at parties, always showing off at work, boasting about their accomplishments to anyone who will listen, or acting as the know-it-all. There is no specific age, occupation, or education level that categorizes this type of person.

People who act in this fashion are big turnoffs to many. Given the option, you probably seek to escape them whenever possible.

Why do people behave in this manner? There are many reasons as well as theories. The cause is unimportant. What does matter is not getting caught by their conduct.

How do you prevent behaving like an empty barrel yourself? Believe in yourself. You don't have to prove anything else to others.

There's no need to convince anyone of the legitimacy of your dreams. You follow your path because it leads to your destination, not to make an impression.

We all strive to be good at what we do. However, brag-

ging about your competence is never appreciated. Those who do boast are viewed as attempting to make up for some deficiency.

It's OK to be proud of your accomplishments. Real achievements speak for themselves. Keep in mind that your objective is to achieve your dreams, not to impress others.

Rather than talking about yourself, show an interest in what someone else has done. Not only is a good listener appreciated, you will learn a great deal. Everyone has something to teach you, but you have to keep your ears open to discover it.

You encounter empty barrels in all settings; at work, socially, with family, and even with strangers in public. How can you avoid being impacted by them? Each situation requires a different strategy.

At work, the offending person can be a boss, a coworker, or a subordinate. In dealing with your boss, you have to endure some contact. Keep your exposure as brief as possible by focusing your communica-

tion on specific work issues. Whenever possible, you can excuse yourself by saying you have to get back to work.

When interfacing with coworkers, also stick to business. If you initiate social conversation, you open the door for annoying behavior. Always be polite. Don't insult, put down, or embarrass anyone. Excusing yourself to get back to work is effective with coworkers as well.

In managing subordinates, lead by example. You set the tone as to the type of behavior you consider appropriate. If someone is out of line, always speak to him or her in private. Never criticize in public.

Family can be more of a challenge. Depending on the relationship, you may not be able to avoid or minimize interaction. What you can do is try to change the subject as often as necessary. You won't be able to change the offending person, so don't waste energy trying.

You have discretion regard-

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# Mitch McConnell - Does he really feel like working?

**By Dr. Glenn Mollette**

Is Senator Mitch McConnell too old to serve in the United States Senate? The same question is being asked of California U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, President Joe Biden, and even former President Donald Trump. How old is too old?

Some people are old and sickly by the time they are 50 or even younger. Some people are robust and very active at age 80. McConnell is 81, Feinstein is 90, President Biden is 80 and Trump is 77.

My grandfather Hinkle ran a country grocery store until two weeks before he died at age 83. My grandmother was almost 80 before she finally closed the doors to the store.

They were still working but in their last couple of years they seemed to be just holding on.

My dad was enjoying fishing and hunting and his mind was clear up until his death at 85. However at age 55 he knew it was time to retire from his 37 years of underground coal mining. There is wisdom in knowing when to make life transitions.

We all know there comes a time to retire. None of us want anyone else forcing that on us but commonsense is imperative. A person is not allowed

to serve as President of the United States until they are 35 years old.

We need to have a number on the other end as well - perhaps 80 or 82. If someone is elected at 81 they still have four years putting them at 85 when they have to step aside.

I've worked with a number of 75 to 85-year-old people. They are overall good workers, dependable and mean well but the aging process overcomes us all eventually.

It's about over for McConnell. He needs to finish his term and retire gracefully. This means he has two more years on his current term. Reelection for him is not until 2026. He can accomplish a lot even yet if his health holds up.

President Biden should try to get through this term and retire. Rehoboth Beach is calling him and he needs to enjoy his remaining years in Delaware. If Trump were to be elected then he definitely needs to retire at the end of his four years.

Most Americans formulate their opinion about this based on their party affiliation. Democrats and Republicans want to stand by their man or woman.

We can hardly blame McConnell for wanting to stay on. He could be once again the

majority leader in the Senate. That's a hard position to pass over for a rocking chair in Louisville.

Feinstein should have quit several years ago. She definitely shows all the signs of not being well enough to do her job.

The problem is we let these people serve too many years in office. A U.S. Congressman or woman should be limited to 12 years as should a U.S. Senator. We limit the President to eight why should these other politicians camp out forever in the Capitol? They have made it America's premier nursing home facility.

This is not to say that we can't all be useful when we hit our 80s. There are certainly millions of Americans still trying to work jobs in their golden years.

Sadly, I don't believe many of them really feel like it or are able to be working at such a late stage of life.

Visit GlennMollette.Com. Find his books and music on Amazon.Com. Read *Uncommon Sense*, or *Spiritual Chocolate* for Christmas season, the *Spiritual Chocolate* series, *Grandpa's Store* or *Minister's Guidebook* insights from a fellow minister. His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states.



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## Signing:

Nation's Capital has experienced. Its monuments and memorials are a powerful testament to America's heritage and ideals. They show each new generation what those before them felt was so important that they literally carved it into stone and forged it into metal, making our nation's history visible, tangible and ultimately personal.

That is why I was honored to be the House author on the resolution approving a monument of the Bill of Rights on the grounds of the Oklahoma Capital and am now honored to be leading the effort to create The Bill of Rights Plaza, an exceptional design by one of America's leading stone sculptors.

When completed, it will

be America's largest display of the Bill of Rights, and a legacy that will inspire generations of visitors to our Capitol, including the thousands of Oklahoma school children who visit each year.

Will you join me during this week of celebrating the United States Constitution by becoming a member of Team Oklahoma, and help make this legacy a reality?

For more information, visit [BillofRightsMonumentProject.org](http://BillofRightsMonumentProject.org), or call 405-919-4881.

*Banz, a 28-year public educator served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives from 2004 to 2016. He was co-founder and Executive Director of Oklahoma Honor flights.*

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## Cole::

enforced, and just about every Oklahoman I speak to wants to see fair immigration reforms and strengthened security at the southern border, so the system is fair and just for all and communities are safe.

These critical conversations are what I take back with me to Washington, D.C. and use this feedback to further inform my votes as I continue to represent the Fourth District of Oklahoma.

If you have any questions, concerns or need help with a federal agency, I encourage you to reach out by calling my office at 405-329-6500 or visiting my website to send an email at [cole.house.gov](mailto:cole.house.gov) contact.

# Society



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## Pauls Valley Opry

Mike Deviney (top) and Wayne Gibbs (bottom) will be the guest performers for the Pauls Valley Opry October 7. The show is at the Pauls Valley Junior High auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m.



## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to Kristin Kotecki, Jeff Page, Pam McCurdy, Cheryl Feigal-James, Dru Niehaus, Brent Holden, Lucas Northcutt, Ryan Abney, Velda Peck, Diana Trejo, Mary York, Sofia Estrada, Adrian Jones, Daisy Resendiz, Adam Still, Carol Bennett, Duvi Diaz, Jade Chaples, Jolene Willis and Rocky Bates.

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The Purcell High School Homecoming Parade will be held Friday, September 15.

The route has changed due to construction on Main Street. It will now be held by the football field.

The public will park in the gravel parking south of the practice field and east of the staging area.

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The annual 4-man Warrior Golf Scramble Fundraiser Tournament will be held Saturday, September 16, at the Brent Bruehl Golf Course in Purcell.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the Shotgun Start will begin at 9 a.m.

All proceeds benefit Washington Boys and Girls Golf.

Visit [wvgolftournament.squarespace.com](http://wvgolftournament.squarespace.com).

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The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, September 19, hosted by First United Bank.

The coffee will be held at First United Bank, 324 W. Main St., in Purcell.

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The Purcell Carp Classic 2023 will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, September 23, at the Purcell City Lake.

The event is hosted by the Purcell Parks and Recreation Department and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife.

The tournament will be divided into three age divisions: 5-12, 13-17 and 18 and up. Ages 5-12 are free to enter and 13 and up are \$10.

Each division will have first, second and third place awards

for heaviest stringer weight of carp caught.

For more information visit [www.purcellparks.com](http://www.purcellparks.com) or call 405-527-7227.

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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 Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, September 29, at the Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course in Purcell.

The four-man scramble will have an 8 a.m. shotgun start followed by lunch and an awards ceremony.

For more information or to sign up contact Elisabeth Baker at [elisabeth@theheartofok.com](mailto:elisabeth@theheartofok.com) or call 405-527-3093.

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With the weather turning slightly cooler, I thought this sounded like a good recipe to make.

### Crock Pot Cream Cheese Chicken Chili

- 2 chicken breasts, still frozen
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes
- 1 can corn kernels, do not drain
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 pkg. Ranch dressing mix
- 1 TBL cumin
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 8-oz pkg. cream cheese

Put the chicken in the crock pot. Top with the tomatoes, corn, the drained and rinsed beans, ranch dressing, cumin, onion and chili powders.

Stir to combine then top with the cream cheese.

Cook on low for 6-8 hours, stirring one or twice to blend in the cheese.

Shred the chicken into large pieces and serve over rice, in tortillas or taco shells.

If using rotisserie chicken, dump everything together and cook 45 minutes.



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## Quilt winner

Cindy Bates was the lucky winner of the McClain County OHCE quilt raffle at the fair last Saturday. Proceeds raised go to the McClain County 4-H Chapter.

## School Menus

Week of September 18

### Wayne

- MONDAY BREAKFAST**  
Biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Burrito, pinto beans, chips and salsa, tropical fruit, milk.
- TUESDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal, banana, juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Chicken casserole, corn, spinach, applesauce, milk.
- WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST**  
Breakfast bar, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Cheeseburger, fries, pickles,

- lettuce, tomato, beans, peaches, milk.
- THURSDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal, oranges, juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Chicken wrap, whole grain chips, carrots, lettuce, tomato, pasta salad, ranch dressing, pears, milk.
- FRIDAY BREAKFAST**  
Bagel topper, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Round pizza, corn, salad, sliced apples, rice crispy treat, milk.

### Purcell

- MONDAY BREAKFAST**  
Muffin or cereal and toast, applesauce, juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Bacon ranch macaroni and cheese, green beans, baby carrots, fruit, milk.
- TUESDAY BREAKFAST**  
Breakfast burrito and salsa or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Spaghetti and meat sauce, caesar salad, cucumber slices, breadstick, fruit, milk.
- WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST**  
Biscuit and sausage gravy or cereal and toast, peaches,

- juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Waffle and syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage patty, seasoned potatoes, baby carrots, fruit, milk.
- THURSDAY BREAKFAST**  
Breakfast calzone or cereal and toast, apple, juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Chili cheese tots, side salad, dinner roll, fruit, milk.
- FRIDAY BREAKFAST**  
Doughnut or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Burrito bowl with chicken, queso and rice, chili beans, chips and salsa, fruit, milk.

### Lexington

- MONDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal or biscuit and gravy, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Macaroni and cheese, steamed carrots, steamed broccoli, lime pears, hot roll, milk.
- TUESDAY BREAKFAST**

- Cereal or breakfast bagel, applesauce, fruit juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Mexican burritos, pinto beans, whole kernel corn, orange smiles, milk.
- WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal or banana bread, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Pig in a blanket, pickle spears, English peas, apple wedges, milk.
- THURSDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal or English muffin, raisins, fruit juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Baked potato with cheese sauce, green beans, grapes, breadstick, milk.
- FRIDAY BREAKFAST**  
Cereal or breakfast pastry, pears, fruit juice, milk.
- LUNCH**  
Corndogs, french fries, steamed carrots, lime pears, milk.

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## Valasco-Comayagua attends National Youth Leadership Forum

This summer, Jennifer Valasco-Comayagua attended the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF) Business Innovation: 7 Days to Startup, an Envision by WorldStrides, held

Technology Center and a senior at Purcell High School, was invited to NYLF based on her exemplary academic record and interest in business.

While attending the forum, Velasco-Comayagua had the opportunity to hear professionals in the field of business share insights from their successful careers and business ventures, take a site visit to the 'Entrepreneurship in Action' local incubator and get a behind the



Valasco-Comayagua

on the main campus of Yale University.

Velasco-Comayagua, a second-year Business Office Assistant student at Mid-America

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# Newsmakers

## Squires elected Angus delegate

**Mark A. Squires** of Purcell has been elected as a delegate to the 140th American Angus Association® Convention of Delegates, set to be held November 6 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel and Convention Center in Orlando, Fla., reports Mark McCully, chief executive officer of the American Angus Association.

Squires, a member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri, is one of 294 Angus breeders who have been elected by fellow members in their state to serve as a representative at the annual meeting. Representing the United States and Canada, the delegates will participate in the business meeting and elect new officers and five directors to the American Angus Association board.

Held in conjunction with the 140th Annual Convention of Delegates, the Angus Convention is set to take place November 4-6, in Orlando, Fla. The Angus Convention offers unrivaled opportunities for real-world education and face-to-face networking.

The American Angus Association is the nation's largest beef breed organization, serving more than 22,000 members across the United States, Canada and several other countries.

For more information about Angus cattle, visit [www.ANGUS.org](http://www.ANGUS.org).

## Lopez named to Dean's List

**Nathaniel Lopez** of Purcell has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2023 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

## McCain named to President's List

**Rodrey McCain** of Purcell has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2023 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

## SONIC donates to local schools

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In August, the SONIC Foundation donated \$1 million to help fund requests on DonorsChoose, a national nonprofit that allows individuals to donate directly to public school classroom requests submitted by teachers.

The \$1 million donation is part of the SONIC Drive-In brand's ongoing Limeade for Learning initiative.

Teachers receiving funding requests included **Lynae Gabehart** for the projects "A Sound System for Family Folk Dance Night!" for grades 3-5 and "It's All About That Bass, 'Bout That Bass, Metallophone!" for grades 3-5 at Lexington Elementary School.

Also **Madison Rea** for the project "Kindergarten Center Resources" for grades PreK-2 at Washington Elementary School; **Justin Mann** for the project "Empowering Creators in Washington America!" for grades 6-8; **Jennifer Gay** for the project "Learning Through Our Mental Obstacles!" for grades 6-8; **Vickie Henderson-Rousey** for the project "Reading Warriors" for grades 6-8 and **Suzy Talley** for the project "Science Research Station" for grades 6-8, all at Washington Middle School; and **Holli Brewer** for the project "Career Activity" for grades 9-12 and **Gena Flick** for the project "Hands On" for grades 9-12 at Washington High School.

And **Wyatt Cummings** for the project "Sphero Robots for STEM" for grades 9-12 at Wayne High School.



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## Groom time

**4-H and FFA** students meticulously prepare their animals for showing last Friday morning during the annual McClain County Fair at the county fairgrounds.

## Sjögren's Foundation awards \$150,000 to OMRF

The Sjögren's Foundation has awarded its first Dynamic Research Award to an Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientist to continue genetics research on Sjögren's, an autoimmune disease.

Scientist Christopher Lessard, Ph.D., leads the international Sjögren's Genetics Network of scientists, which recently discovered 10 new genetic risk regions for the disease by analyzing the genotypes of about 3,200 people with Sjögren's.

This study, the largest to date of its kind, provides a glimpse into how genes associated with Sjögren's may operate in salivary glands and other organs to contribute to the disease.

The Sjögren's Foundation developed the two-year, \$150,000 grant for critical, time-sensitive work that falls outside its normal grant cycle, said Janet Church, the organization's president and CEO.

In Sjögren's, immune cells attack moisture-producing

glands. Its most common symptoms are painful dry eyes and mouth, but Sjögren's can cause wide-ranging complications, including debilitating fatigue, hypothyroidism and an increased risk of malignant lymphomas.

There is no known cure for the condition, which disproportionately affects women and is estimated to affect as many as 3.1 million people in the U.S.

Investigating the complex genetic risk of Sjögren's requires thousands of genotypes from people with the condition. The grant allows Lessard and colleagues to study DNA samples from volunteers worldwide. Their goal is to triple the existing study population to 10,000 people with Sjögren's.

"Our research will provide a glimpse into how genes may function in salivary glands and other organs to contribute to disease," Lessard said. "So far, scientists have identified 22 gene regions, but we suspect many more genes are involved.

By comparison, scientists have identified more than 150 gene regions associated with related diseases, such as lupus."

"The Sjögren's Foundation is thrilled to award our first Dynamic Research Award to expand Dr. Lessard's project,"

Church said. "Sjögren's is a complicated and serious autoimmune disease. This research has potential to uncover mysteries that can improve diagnosis of disease manifestations as well as treatment options for patients."



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## Ready for judging

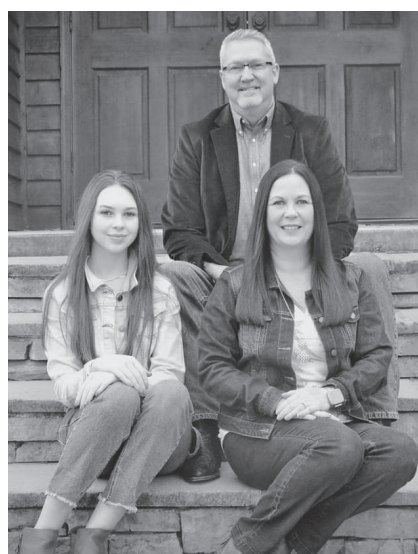
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## Noise:

ing who you interact with socially. Those individuals you find annoying can be avoided. Excusing yourself and walking away is always an option.

When confronted by an empty barrel, you aren't obligated to respond. Just because someone asks you a question or makes an annoying statement doesn't mean you have to answer.

When facing an empty barrel, you won't convince them of anything. You won't change

their behavior. You don't have to defend yourself.

The maxim, "Never argue with a fool, onlookers may not be able to tell the difference," has a lot of validity.

Stand aside and let the empty barrels roll by.

*Bryan is the author of Dare to Live Without Limits. Contact Bryan at [Bryan@columbian.com](mailto:Bryan@columbian.com) or visit [www.DareToLiveWithoutLimits.com](http://www.DareToLiveWithoutLimits.com). Copyright 2023 Bryan Golden*

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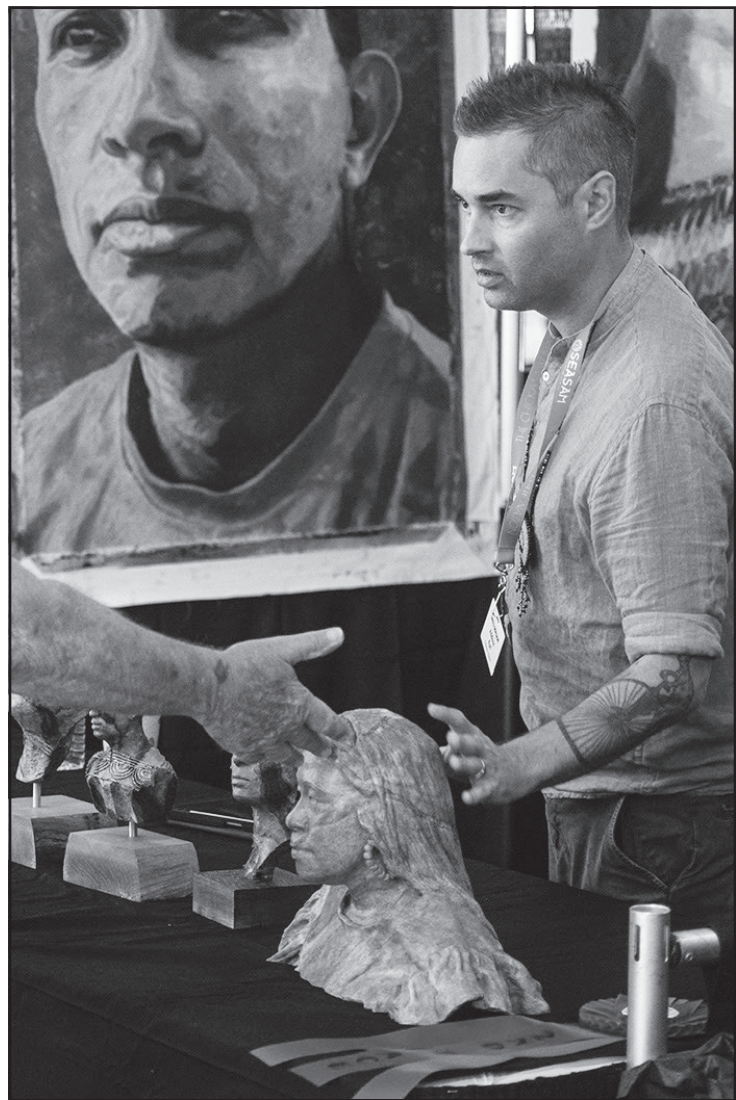
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## Acclaimed Chickasaw artist

National and internationally acclaimed Chickasaw artist Addison Karl visits with a patron during the 2022 Southeastern Arts Show and Market (SEASAM). SEASAM is set to begin October 6 during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby's vision of showcasing Southeastern Indian artists will celebrate its 18th anniversary October 6-7 during Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

A bevy of artists representing the Five Civilized Tribes - Chickasaw, Cherokee, Choctaw, Muscogee and Seminole - along with other Southeastern Indian tribes will showcase authentic Southeastern Indian art.

Jewelry, fashion, weapons, painting, sculpture and much more will be on display at the Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 6 and from 11 a.m. onward October 7 after Governor Anoatubby delivers his annual State of the Nation Address.

Artists have an allotted area west of the Chickasaw National Capitol Building where they will display their work and

visit with patrons, art lovers, tribal citizens and the general public.

SEASAM is a juried show for both youth and adult artists from federally recognized Southeastern Indian tribes. Awards are presented for the very best art at SEASAM representing several differing categories in which artists compete.

In 2022, third-generation Cherokee artist Bryan Waytula took SEASAM Best of Show, following in the footsteps of two master craftsmen and Cherokee Treasures, his grandmother, Betty Scraper-Garner, and mother, Vivian Cottrell.

Many acclaimed Chickasaw artists are expected to show works this year, including master woodworker and artist Richard Thomas who specializes in weaponry; Dustin Mater and his eclectic collection of works that have consistently

wowed art lovers; Joanna Underwood Blackburn, a master potter who has also won awards for fashion; Daniel Worcester, whose forged knives and cutlery are in demand from museums to European art collectors, along with many others.

Governor Anoatubby's vision and determination to see Southeastern Indian art rise to the same level as Southwestern art was enhanced in 2018 when he launched "Visual Voices: Contemporary Chickasaw Art."

This touring exhibition features 60 works by 15 renowned Chickasaw artists from painters, potters, sculptors, metal-smiths, weavers and more.

Chickasaw artists of "Visual Voices" offer unique, intrinsically Southeastern Indian designs and distinction among today's contemporary tribal artists, including abstract, experimental, celebratory and thought-provoking art confirming a strong continuation of contemporary Chickasaw art endeavors going into the future.

Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival officially kicks off September 29 with a social stickball game and traditional stomp dance at Kullihoma, east of Ada on State Highway 1.

A full week of festivities are planned, including the crowning of Chickasaw princesses, the serving of a traditional meal, many cultural demonstrations and, on October 5, the Chickasaw Nation's cultural evening at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Oklahoma, where Chickasaws are honored for preserving the tribe's cultural heritage.

Governor Anoatubby's State of the Nation Address is set for 9 a.m., October 7, at Aitafama' Ishto "large meeting place" on the Chickasaw National Capitol grounds in Tishomingo.

A complete list of events, locations and schedules will become available online at AnnualMeeting.Chickasaw.net. The event schedule is subject to change.

Follow Chickasaw Nation social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and X, formerly known as Twitter, for updates.

For more information, call 580-371-2040 or email Kelcey.Upton@Chickasaw.net.



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## Clean up crew

Members of The Noble Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints worked on Red Hill cleaning out a flower bed and other areas last Saturday morning as a 911 Day of Service project. Among the group was Purcell Mayor Graham Fishburn and Purcell Golf Professional Mike Gowens, left.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2023				
ASSETS:	GENERAL FUND DETAIL	BUILDING FUND DETAIL	CO-OP FUND DETAIL	NUTRITION FUND DETAIL
Cash Balance June 30, 2023	\$ 2,821,109.16	\$ 852,991.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 416,086.74
Investments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,821,109.16</b>	<b>\$ 852,991.50</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 416,086.74</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:</b>				
Warrants Outstanding	\$ 721,813.70	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,075.41
Reserves From Schedule 7	\$ 6,005.73	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</b>	<b>\$ 727,819.43</b>	<b>\$ 6,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,075.41</b>
<b>CASH FUND BALANCE (Deficit) JUNE 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 2,093,289.73</b>	<b>\$ 846,391.50</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 396,011.33</b>

ESTIMATED NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024		SINKING FUND BALANCE SHEET	
GENERAL FUND			
Current Expense	\$ 10,783,858.94	1. Cash Balance on Hand June 30, 2023	\$ 1,458,806.98
Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	\$ 0.00	2. Legal Investments Properly Maturing	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Required</b>	<b>\$ 10,783,858.94</b>	3. Judgments Paid To Recover By Tax Levy	\$ 0.00
<b>FINANCED:</b>		4. Total Liquid Assets	\$ 1,458,806.98
Cash Fund Balance	\$ 2,093,289.73	Deduct Matured Indebtedness:	
Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 6,877,492.48	5. a. Past-Due Coupons	\$ 0.00
Total Deductions	\$ 8,970,782.21	6. b. Interest Accrued Thereon	\$ 0.00
Balance to Raise from Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 1,813,076.73	7. c. Past-Due Bonds	\$ 0.00
		8. d. Interest Thereon after Last Coupon	\$ 0.00
		9. e. Fiscal Agency Commissions on Above	\$ 0.00
		10. f. Judgments and Int. Levied for/Unpaid	\$ 0.00
		11. Total Items a. Through f.	\$ 0.00
		12. Balance of Assets Subject to Accrual	\$ 1,458,806.98
		Deduct Accrual Reserve if Assets Sufficient:	
		13. g. Earned Unmatured Interest	\$ 0.00
		14. h. Accrual on Final Coupons	\$ 3,887.50
		15. i. Accrual on Unmatured Bonds	\$ 1,450,000.00
		16. Total Items g. Through i.	\$ 1,453,887.50
		17. Excess of Assets Over Accrual Reserves ** (Page 2)	\$ 4,919.48

ESTIMATED MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE:		SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS FOR 2023-2024	
1000 Other District Sources of Revenue	\$ 0.00	1. Interest Earnings on Bonds	\$ 26,687.50
2100 County 4 Mill Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 215,024.91	2. Accrual on Unmatured Bonds	\$ 1,555,000.00
2200 County Apportionment (Mortgage Tax)	\$ 61,517.75	3. Annual Accrual on "Prepaid" Judgments	\$ 0.00
2300 Resale of Property Fund Distribution	\$ 0.00	4. Annual Accrual on Unpaid Judgments	\$ 0.00
2900 Other Intermediate Sources of Revenue	\$ 0.00	5. Interest on Unpaid Judgments	\$ 0.00
3110 Gross Production Tax	\$ 600,772.29	6. PARTICIPATING CONTRIBUTIONS (Annexations):	\$ 0.00
3120 Motor Vehicle Collections	\$ 446,472.75	7. For Credit to School Dist. No.	\$ 0.00
3130 Rural Electric Cooperative Tax	\$ 272,433.86	8. For Credit to School Dist. No.	\$ 0.00
3140 State School Land Earnings	\$ 162,550.84	9. For Credit to School Dist. No.	\$ 0.00
3150 Vehicle Tax Stamps	\$ 1,211.43	10. For Credit to School Dist. No.	\$ 0.00
3160 Farm Implement Tax Stamps	\$ 0.00	11. Annual Accrual From Exhibit KK	\$ 0.00
3170 Trailers and Mobile Homes	\$ 0.00	Total Sinking Fund Requirements	\$ 1,581,687.50
3190 Other Dedicated Revenue	\$ 0.00	Deduct:	
3200 State Aid - General Operations	\$ 4,736,929.15	1. Excess of Assets over Liabilities (if not a deficit)	\$ 4,919.48
3300 State Aid - Competitive Grants	\$ 0.00	2. Contributions From Other Districts	\$ 0.00
3400 State - Categorical	\$ 78,519.67	Balance To Raise	\$ 1,576,768.02
3500 Special Programs	\$ 0.00		
3600 Other State Sources of Revenue	\$ 0.00		
3700 Child Nutrition Program	\$ 0.00		
3800 State Vocational Programs	\$ 0.00		
4100 Capital Outlay	\$ 0.00		
4200 Disadvantaged Students	\$ 108,330.35		
4300 Individuals With Disabilities	\$ 0.00		
4400 Minority	\$ 27,614.83		
4500 Operations	\$ 0.00		
4600 Other Federal Sources of Revenue	\$ 166,114.65		
4700 Child Nutrition Programs	\$ 0.00		
4800 Federal Vocational Education	\$ 0.00		
5000 Non-Revenue Receipts	\$ 0.00		
Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 6,877,492.48		

# Oklahoma History Center Museum to host volunteer day

The Oklahoma History Center Museum will host an event on Saturday, September 23, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for anyone interested in volunteering.

Attendees can visit with current volunteers, ask questions and tour the 215,000 square-foot learning center that explores Oklahoma's unique history.

Volunteers serve as gallery hosts, tour guides, class instructors, greeters, special event assistants, collections assistants, research library assistants, archives assistants and more.

The event will take place in the Chesapeake Event Center inside the Oklahoma History Center, located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr. in Oklahoma City. No reservations are required.

For more information, please call Steve Hawkins, volunteer coordinator, at 405-522-0754.

The Oklahoma History Center Museum is a division of the Oklahoma Historical Society and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, National Archives and is an accredited member of the American Alliance of Museums.

The mission of the Oklahoma Historical Society is to collect, preserve and share the history and culture of the state of Oklahoma and its people.

Founded in 1893 by members of the Territorial Press Association, the OHS maintains museums, historic sites and affiliates across the state.

Through its research archives, exhibits, educational programs and publications the OHS chronicles the rich history of Oklahoma. For more information about the OHS, please visit [www.okhistory.org](http://www.okhistory.org).



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## Halftime entertainment

The Washington band performs at halftime of the Warriors' football game against Jones High School on Friday night.

SINKING FUND		BUILDING FUND	
13d. j. Unmatured Coupons Due Before 4-1-2024	\$ 0.00	Current Expense	\$ 1,105,402.46
14d. k. Unmatured Bonds So Due	\$ 0.00	Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	\$ 0.00
15d. l. Whatever Remains is for Exhibit KK Line E.	\$ 0.00	<b>Total Required</b>	<b>\$ 1,105,402.46</b>
16d. Deficit as Shown on Sinking Fund Balance Sheet.	\$ 0.00	<b>FINANCED:</b>	
17d. Less Cash Requirements for Current Fiscal Year in Excess of Cash on H	\$ 0.00	Cash Fund Balance	\$ 846,391.50
18d. Remaining Deficit is for Exhibit KK Line F.	\$ 0.00	Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 365,929.41
		Total Deductions	\$ 846,391.50
		Balance to Raise from Ad Valorem Tax	\$ 259,010.96


  

CO-OP FUND		CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS FUND	
Current Expense	\$ 0.00		\$ 761,940.74
Reserve for Int. on Warrants & Revaluation	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
<b>Total Required</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>		<b>\$ 761,940.74</b>
<b>FINANCED:</b>			
Cash Fund Balance	\$ 0.00		\$ 396,011.33
Estimated Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 0.00		\$ 365,929.41
Total Deductions	\$ 0.00		\$ 761,940.74
Balance	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00

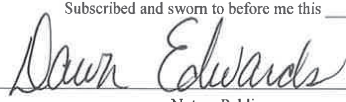
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CERTIFICATE - GOVERNING BOARD

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF MCCLAIN, ss:  
We, the undersigned duly elected, qualified and acting officers of the Board of Education of Washington Public Schools, School District No. , 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, 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.

  
 President of Board of Education

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of September, 2023

  
 Dawn Edwards  
 Notary Public



# Obituaries

## Kathlyn June Boykin

Kathlyn June Boykin was born on September 9, 1948, in Lindsay, Oklahoma to Leonard Gordon Simmons, Jr. and Sarah Elvina (Riley) Simmons and passed away on September 9, 2023, in Lindsay, Oklahoma on her 75th birthday.

Kathlyn was a lifetime resident of Lindsay. She graduated Lindsay High School and went to college where she received a bachelor's degree in special education. She was a teacher for both Purcell and Dibble Public Schools.

Kathlyn was a proud mother, but her grandchildren were her pride and joy. Kathlyn could often be found at sporting events for her children and grandchildren.

In 2000, Kathlyn married Don Boykin at the Noble Assembly of God. After she and Don married Kathlyn enjoyed "glamping." Kathlyn was the vice-president of the softball association and an avid OU football fan. Kathlyn was a member of the Erin Springs Church of God. She loved her church and teaching Sunday School. Kathlyn had a servants heart and will be missed dearly.

Survived by her husband, Don Boykin of Lindsay, Oklahoma; her mother, Sarah Elvina Simmons, of Lindsay, Oklahoma; sons, Casey Coles of Lindsay, Oklahoma, Michael Coles and Sonya of Washington, Oklahoma, and Brent Boykin and Sonya of Georgia; daughters, Jennifer Coles of Lindsay, Oklahoma, Angela Cole and Chris of Foster, Oklahoma, and Amy Hatchett and Greg of Lindsay, Oklahoma; brother, David Simmons and Linda of Lindsay, Oklahoma; sisters, Brenda McKee of Lindsay, Oklahoma and Shirley Shamblin and Jamie of Vian, Oklahoma; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her father, Leonard Gordon Simmons; niece, Julie Ann McKee; nephew, Kevin Kenneth McKee; and brother-in-law, Kenneth George McKee.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at the Erin Springs Church of God with Bro. Doug Brothers and Bro. Greg Hatchett officiating. Burial will be at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma under the direction of John W. Williams of Winans Funeral Home in Maysville, Oklahoma.

Words of comfort can be sent to the family at: [www.winansfuneralhome.com](http://www.winansfuneralhome.com)

## Helen Louise Suter

Helen Louise Suter died peacefully September 9, 2023, in Seminole, Oklahoma, at the age of 86 years 10 months. Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Wadley's Funeral Chapel in Purcell. Interment will follow at Washington Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Helen was born November 9, 1936, in Washington, Oklahoma, to Lester Dee and Hazel Lorraine (Cox) Atkinson. She was raised in Washington and received her education there as well.

For many years, Helen served as the head of housekeeping at Central State Hospital until she retired. In the early 1980s, she found marital bliss upon marrying Howard Suter. Helen embraced life with a vibrant spirit and found joy in collecting knick-knacks and exploring garage sales and thrift stores. She possessed an innate ability to connect with people from all walks of life and never failed to extend her warm heart to strangers.

Helen had an affection for junk food—popcorn, Snickers Ice Cream bars, popsicles—and savored each bite of doublemint chewing gum. Her green thumb flourished through flower gardening and meticulously tending her yard. Above all else, Helen treasured moments spent with her beloved family and eagerly captured those memories through photographs.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Hazel Atkinson; her husband, Howard Suter; her son, Johnny Patterson; and her brothers, Hollis Atkinson, Earl Atkinson, Hobby Atkinson and Wayne Atkinson.

Survivors include her son, L.D. Patterson and wife, Barbara; her daughter, Brenda Shinn and husband, James; her daughter, Shirley Burlingame and husband, Dennis; her son, Charles Patterson and wife, Faye; her brother, Billy Atkinson; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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## 3 admitted after crash

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported a 41-year-old Lexington woman and a nine-year-old male were both admitted to area hospitals after a 12:01 a.m. accident on US 77 at Duffy Road September 5.

Cortnie Bleso was admitted to OU Medical in fair condition with leg injuries, the OHP reported.

There were four passengers in her 2021 Kia Sorento including John Bleso, 34 of Lexington and three juveniles ages five, 12 and nine.

The nine-year-old was admitted to a hospital in fair condition with head injuries.

The collision occurred when a 2012 Ford Fusion, driven by Raedyn Dean, 22, of Norman rear ended the Kia, the OHP said.

Dean was also admitted to OU Medical with leg injuries.

Investigating Trooper Wells and Pittman were assisted at the scene by the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, Lexington Fire Department and Wadley's EMS.

## Charles Dowdy

Funeral services for Charles Dowdy, 85, of Newalla were held Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at the North Side Church of God in Norman. Interment followed at the Washington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Dowdy passed away peacefully on September 8, 2023.

Charles Alton Dowdy was born on February 6, 1938 in Gary, Indiana, the second of five children born to Leonard Alton Dowdy and Ester Pauline (Waters).

Throughout his life, work and love led him to make his home in both Oklahoma and Indiana. Both places held a special spot in his heart and his families'. He attended school in Oklahoma City, and afterwards went to work on the railroad in Indiana. Even though it wasn't his lifelong career, he always loved working on the railroad and was truly fascinated by trains.

After leaving the railroad, he spent some time in the military, worked as a truck driver, and worked in the heat and air industry. He found love early in life with a young lady named, Marie Elizabeth (Kalmar). They began their life together and were blessed with four children - Charles, William, Kim and Kellie. Charles was ornery and stubborn, in all the best ways. He was also very creative and talented, both musically and artistically. He loved spending time with his siblings, singing and playing music together, as they all shared the same passion.

A little later in life, he met and married, Shirley Ann Richmond. He welcomed her and her daughter, Rhonda Richmond, into his family and later her children, Haven and Dakota.

Charles was such a fun person, with an all-around lovable personality, who was loved and admired by everyone he met. He was adventurous and never missed an opportunity to go hunting for treasures with his metal detector. He loved spending time with his family and his fur baby - Babie. Charles was a beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard Dowdy and Pauline Coster; his son, William Dowdy; brother, Reginald Dowdy; grandparents and numerous other loved ones.

Charles is survived by son, Charles Dowdy of Newalla and his daughters, Kim Thomas (Kendall) of Oklahoma City and Kellie Meek (Jimmy) of Billings, Montana; sisters, Patricia Wagner (Dana) of Newalla, Pauletta Holder (Gerald) of Newalla and Florence Oswald (John) of Newalla; seven grandchildren, Charles Andrew, Catherine, Jeremiah, Dustin, Corey, Brandon, and Kristyn; 11 great-grandchildren, several beloved nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

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

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## Brenda Tompkins

Funeral services for Brenda Tompkins, 81, of Purcell were held Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at the Washington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Tompkins passed away on September 8, 2023.

Brenda Sue Love was born on April 6, 1942 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, the second of three children born to David Love and Lockie (Isaacs) Love.

Brenda spent her younger years in Pauls Valley and attended school there, graduating with the Panther Class of 1959. It was around that same time, that she was set up on a blind date by a mutual friend. She was introduced to a young man named, Jimmie Dale Tompkins, and they hit it off instantly. Brenda and Jimmie were married the next year in 1960, and they have been inseparable ever since.

Early on, they found a passion in training and working with race horses. This led them to travel all across the United States, moving from place to place, doing what they loved together. They lived in various places including, Maysville and Moore, and later they eventually settled down in the Washington area. They made it their home, and together, they raised their only son, Larry. He was their pride and joy, their greatest blessing.

Brenda was a determined and driven woman. She accomplished anything she set her mind to, and that is a quality that carried her far in life. She began working as a secretary at the prison, and shortly worked her way up into becoming a marketing manager for OSI. Brenda spent nearly 20 years with OSI, before eventually retiring.

Brenda was strong-willed and she had a big personality, something that everyone loved about her! She was very artistic and loved to collect antiques and other rare items. In her free time, she also enjoyed tending to her garden, taking care of her many plants and flowers. She was passionate about cooking, and always made sure there was more than enough for everyone. She was famously known for her chicken fried steak, and it was made with love every time.

More than anything, Brenda was a family woman. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She never missed an opportunity to spend time with them, and she attended nearly every single sporting event they had. She was always their biggest supporter and their number one fan. Brenda was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and a true friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her father, David Love; mother and stepfather, Lockie and Elmer White; son, Larry Tompkins; and sister, JoAnne Weatherford.

Brenda is survived by her loving husband, Jimmie Tompkins of the home; brother, Kim Paul White of McLoud; two grandchildren, Jeff Tompkins (Hilary) of Asher and Jill Lee (Cody) of Moore; four great-grandchildren, Jace, Tyson, Hailey and Jaxson and a host of other family and friends.

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

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## Karen Lou Lee

Karen Lou Lee died September 7, 2023, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, at the age of 63 years 11 months 20 days. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at the Wadley's Funeral Chapel, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Karen was born on September 18, 1959, in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. She was a precious daughter to John and Margaret Ballard. Growing up in Oklahoma City until the eighth grade, Karen's family then moved to Dibble, Oklahoma, where she graduated from high school in 1977.

In 1991, Karen married Eli Lee, creating a loving home together within the Blanchard area. Karen possessed an artistic soul and found joy in painting. For some time, she worked diligently painting at United Design in Noble, Oklahoma. Karen embraced a new professional path as an insurance agent for State Farm. She displayed commitment and dedication during her tenure there for several years.

In her leisure time, Karen sought solace by embarking on fishing excursions and delighting in the thrill of catching turtles. Additionally, nurturing her yard and singing became some of her favorite pastimes. The allure of visits to the casino brought joy into Karen's life. Moreover, she exemplified pride when it came to maintaining a clean and inviting home environment.

Most importantly though, Karen had a compassionate nature and served as a caregiver for her beloved mother after the passing of her father. Throughout her life, Karen bravely faced multiple health challenges. Despite these struggles, love for her family always remained at the center of her heart. Karen cherished every precious moment she spent with her loved ones and treasured the bonds forged with them.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, John and Margaret Ballard; her brother, John Ballard Jr.; her sister, Brenda Sue Ballard; and her grandchildren, Dominic and Allison.

Survivors include her husband, Eli Lee; her children, Tavia Toles, Tara Desrochers, Jody Staggs, Dakota Lee, Dameain Lee and Deserea Lee; her 14 grandchildren; her great-grandchild; her sister, Sheila Ballard Thornton; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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## Albert "Bud" Leroy Morris

Albert "Bud" Leroy Morris went to be with the Lord, May 22, 2022. He was born June 27, 1938, in Trousdale, Oklahoma to Albert and Dolly Bell (Wheeler) Morris. A double memorial service was held for Albert and his brother, Wayne Morris on April 1st, 2023, at the Lexington Cemetery.

Albert grew up and attended school in Lexington. Joining the Army in August of 1956, and after basic, he shipped to France where he served until July 1958, remaining in the reserves until July 1962. After thirteen days aboard his returning troop ship, he said, "The Statue of Liberty was the prettiest sight he has ever seen in his life."

After the military, Albert worked construction helping to build The Penn Square Mall in Oklahoma City. He then went into the oil field where he worked all positions from floor hand to driller, working for most of the oil companies in Oklahoma and surrounding states, until his retirement.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Dorothy Wolf; his brothers, Larry and Wayne Morris; his niece, Belinda Hector; his nephews, Larry Morris and Zack Hector; and his ex-wife, Frona Wells.

Albert is survived by his wife of 53 years, Verna Morris; his stepdaughters, Billie Jo Little of Slaughterville, Shawna McCormick of Enid and Shelia Myrick of Williamsburg, Iowa; his nine grandchildren, Kim Piggee, John Mayo, Skylar Mayo, Gary Beebe, Guy Beebe, Sarah Ogden, Kera Kusack, Melinda Woolsey and Brandon Young; his 20 great-grandchildren; his sister, Louise Wyche; and his brother, Robert Morris; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Albert was loved by all.

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## Forum:

scenes look to discover how future leaders and innovators connect, and why networking is vital in business, and participate in Envision's Entrepreneurial Challenge.

During the Entrepreneurial Challenge, Velasco-Comayagua collaborated with team members to develop a business idea while maintaining relevance with customer-centric innovations and current market trends. The 'Challenge' culminated with each team making a final presentation

to a business panel.

"My experience at Yale was amazing. I learned a lot about startups and looked at them from the perspectives of inventors and customers. Guest speakers shared their experiences and advice about managing businesses and how to take a life lesson and use it to your advantage. I developed and improved my public speaking skills and learned how to be more confident and bold," Valasco-Comayagua said.

No. 645-September 7-2 Times OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHELLE ANTONETTE HILL, DECEASED.

Case No: PB-2023-82 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against MICHELLE ANTONETTE HILL, 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 each claim, to the named Personal Representative at the office of the

attorney for the Personal Representative, David F. Howell, 1840 S. Douglas Blvd., Midwest City, Oklahoma 73130, on or before the presentation date of the 9 day of November, 2023, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 31 day of August, 2023.

/s/ David F. Howell  
David F. Howell, OBA #12710  
1840 S. Douglas Blvd.  
Midwest City, OK 73130  
Office: (405) 737-5673  
Fax: (405) 737-6507  
Attorney for Personal Representative

**Rants? Raves?**

Submit your letter to the editor.

# Urban Grants now offered by Forestry Services

Urban and Community Forestry Grants will be available to Oklahoma communities again this year. The federal grants, administered by Oklahoma Forestry Services, are intended primarily to help communities and non-profits develop local forestry plans, broaden urban forestry programs, and provide training opportunities.

The Urban and Community Forestry Grants are available to non-profit organizations, local government agencies, educational institutions, and civic or neighborhood associations. They range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Recipients are required to provide matching funds in cash, donations or in-kind contributions and services.

Applications for Urban and Community Forestry Grants must be submitted to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry by 5 p.m. November 17, 2023.

“Research and studies have proven time and time again that trees help improve everything from personal health and quality of living issues, to boosting economic growth opportunities for private homes and local business and business districts,” said Oklahoma Urban Forestry Coordinator Mark Bays. “Trees help solve tough environmental problems commonly found in communities. The bottom line is healthy trees translate into healthy communities and healthy lives.”

“Communities that have participated in the urban forestry grants program have developed a better understanding of the value of the services trees provide,” Bays continued. “We have also been able to enhance the technical skills of those who plan, develop, and maintain trees in urban and community forests. A simple tree inventory can help communities recognize immediate concerns about their trees.”

Bays says it’s vital that rural communities and metropolitan areas take a progressive approach to caring for their trees. “If we don’t plan for the future, we stand to lose these valuable assets in our home-

towns,” Bays said. Successful grant recipients should be notified before January 1st, 2024 and will have one year to complete their projects

once started. Grant applications are available on the Oklahoma Forestry Services website or by contacting OFS.



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## Peeled back

A possible downburst the night of September 5 peeled part of the roof back at Washington’s Ag Show Barn.



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## Through the roof

Powerful winds blew an electric transformer that fell off the wooden pole, landing in the ladies’ bathroom Washington September 5 at the AG Show Barn.

# Chickasaw Nation cooking shows

The Chickasaw Nation “Get Fresh!” cooking show will present making healthy choice programs at the Purcell Nutrition Services site, 1530 Hard-

castle Blvd.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family.

Classes will be held Thursday, September 14, at 10 a.m. and noon.

For more information call 527-6967.

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## Wayne:

of Bri and Shad Blackwell. She is in cheer, serves as softball manager, is the STUCO President, voted class favorite, in the book club, National Honor Society and on the Superintendent’s Honor Roll.

Brazell is the daughter of Jennifer Womack and Mark Brazell.

Her activities include softball, basketball, football manager, STUCO, National Honor Society, book club, senior class treasurer and the Superintendent’s Honor Roll.

She was the 2020-21 fast-pitch Offensive Player of the Year, 2022-23 fast-pitch Defensive Player of the Year, named all conference in fast-pitch three times, 2022-23 fast-pitch Gold Glove, 2022-23 slow-pitch All-Conference and 2022-23 Rebounder of the Year.

Debaets is the daughter of Jeremy and Jessica Debaets.

She plays slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball, basketball and is a football manager.

Her honors include the Superintendent’s Honor Roll, Principal’s Honor Roll, Offensive Player of the Year in basketball and the Golden Glove for softball. She was also named All-Conference in slow-pitch.

Cross is the daughter of Shea Cross, Nathan Cross and Jessica Hallock. She is in cheer, yearbook, STUCO, is the class secretary, basketball manager, is in the book club and on the Superintendent’s Honor Roll.

She was honored as the most improved cheer award winner and the annual Bulldog assistant editor award.

Hobson is the daughter of Tricia and Chris Hobson.

She plays slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball, basketball, shows livestock, is in FFA, weight lifting and the book club.

She played in the All-Star game and was the most improved slow-pitch player.

Bloodworth is the son of Brenda Dunn. He plays football and has been on both the Superintendent’s and Principal’s Honor Rolls.

Hartless is the son of Billy Hartless and Melanie Bebout.

He plays football and is in weightlifting.

Hobson is the son of Chris Hobson and Tricia Hobson.

He plays football and is in weightlifting.

McClendon is the son of Kyle McClendon and Crystal Jones.

He plays football and baseball.

Kane is the son of Jason Kane

and Jocelin Kane.

He plays baseball, basketball and football.

He is the senior class vice president, has been on the Principal’s and Superintendent’s Honor Roll and was the athlete of the month.

VanSchuyver is the son of Tasha Creswell and Stephen and Trina VanSchuyver.

He is the senior class president and plays football and basketball.

VanSchuyver was named the rebounder of the year, Bulldog pride and the Principal’s Honor Roll.

Moreno is the son of Dustin and Megan Moreno.

He loves to swim and plays baseball and soccer. He likes to dress in his costume and pretend to be Spiderman. He likes to spend time with his family and going fishing.

Casteel is the daughter of Cameron and Presleigh Casteel.

She enjoys going to church, playing T-ball, practicing ballet and tap dancing. She also enjoys playing with her friends at school, playing with her Barbies and running around the house.

When she grows up she wants to be a cheerleader for the Wayne Bulldogs.

## PCCC

### to meet

The Purcell Chickasaw Community Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, at the Area Office Building, 1430 Hardcastle Blvd., in Purcell.

Dr. Charles Grim, Secretary of the Department of Health for the Chickasaw Nation, will be the speaker for the evening.

Finger foods will be served and we ask those planning to attend to bring a dessert..

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## Getting to know the COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES

### Susan Parton

**How long have you worked for the McClain County Assessor’s office?** I worked 27.5 years in the McClain County Assessor’s office. I started September 9, 1991, retired December 11, 2018, and started working in the McClain County Court Clerks Office January 2, 2019 so I have been working here for 4.5 years for a total of 32 years working for McClain County.

**What are your duties?** I am the Cost Administrator. I’m in charge of collecting fines and cost through our office and I am responsible for the Rule 8 Docket.

**Where is your hometown?** Purcell is my hometown.

**Tell us a little bit about your family?** My parents were from Anadarko before moving to Purcell. I have one sister and one brother and we all graduated from Purcell High School. My dad went to work for the McClain County Sheriff’s Department as a dispatcher, jailer and an undersheriff under Sheriff Don Hewett, so I have been around the McClain County Courthouse since the 1970s. A fun fact about my family is four of us have worked at the McClain County Courthouse. My sister worked for Nelda Gray in the County Clerk’s office, I have worked for assessors Pat Wren, Glenda Cypert, Kathy Ladlee and Pam Irwin. I now work for Kristel Gray, Court Clerk. I have two sons, Joshua and Dillon, and a dog Tebow. I am a lifelong resident of Purcell and McClain County. I was blessed to raise my two sons in such a great community.

**What do you enjoy doing outside of work?** I enjoy spending time with all of my family. I enjoy going on walks, working in my garden or sitting outside. I have an amazing church and pastors who I am blessed to be part of for close to 50 years.

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## Weather ready

**National Weather Service** Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the Norman Forecast Office Rick Smith presented Purcell Emergency Management Director Rachael Huey with an award at the city council meeting September 5.

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## Drill:

groups where they were able to collaborate with other partners within the city and discuss how they would handle each challenge.

“This exercise would not have been as successful without the participation and input from our partner agencies,” said Rachael Huey, Purcell Emergency Management Director. “It was great to be able to work as a team with Purcell Public Schools, The Chickasaw Nation, Wadley’s EMS, AirEvac, Purcell Hospital, the National Weather Service, the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, David Hogg and everyone else who came out.”

Representatives from the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Norman

participated in the exercise by utilizing and testing their new and improved communication platform, NWSChat 2.0.

This communication tool allows emergency managers, first responders, public safety officials, and members of the media to communicate directly with NWS meteorologists during severe or inclement weather.

Since NWSChat 2.0 is a new tool, having only come online this summer, this exercise allowed NWS meteorologists to experiment with new ways of information sharing during an active severe weather event.

Purcell City Manager, Dale Bunn, said there was good collaboration at the exercise.

“There is sincere interest shown by senior leadership

in the institutions of Purcell,” Bunn said. “It was obvious looking at the roomful of 53 participants who were willing to invest their time. The interaction and feedback to continually improve our performance by building relationships and knowledge will give Purcell area families a powerful union to address a crisis.

“I am proud to be a part of the leadership group that care about each other being successful. That accomplishment is measured by how we can minimize harm and facilitate recovery from a disaster,” Bunn continued.

“Each communication quality and reaction time is critical, performed with care and perfected by training and collaboration.”

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## Council:

west side of the airport fence.

Purcell’s Emergency Management department and director Rachael Huey was honored by the National Weather Service for its storm weather readiness.

The “Storm Ready” award noted that Purcell’s Emergency Management department has invested in the planning, materials and programs to strengthen communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property in hazardous weather events.

Huey’s department was approved by the council for a new Ford F-150 Super Crew Cab pickup and upfitting at a total cost of \$68,238.60.

The council also declared two police vehicles as surplus. One was a K9 Unit and the other was a full cage patrol unit.

In the public works portion of the meeting the board voted to purchase a 2024 Mack Dump truck from Buckner’s Truck Sales, Inc for \$137,376.

The PPWA board also heard reports from Kenneth Sullivan, P.E. of Glenn Sullivan and Associates Consulting Engineers about the wastewater treatment status and water status.

City Manager Dale Bunn said he wanted the council to know how close to capacity the waste water treatment plant was and how the city is doing on water production.

Water Department Supervisor Michael Minor reported Friday that the water levels are back up and the voluntary water rationing may be lifted.

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## Quake:

Nova Boyd called **The Purcell Register** to report her walls at her house shook not once but twice.

The USGS reported there were several minor quakes in this area that day.

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## Dragons:

with Lexington will be at 7 p.m.

Senior queen candidates are Katy Keith, Avery McWhirter and Gracie Pruitt. The junior attendant is Payton Lawson, the sophomore attendant is Kaylin Vazquez and the freshman attendant is Halle Madden.

Senior king candidates are Derek Cravens, Ryker Fink, Carter Goldston, Brody Holder, Noah Mason and Jett Tyler. The flower girl is Laiklynn Harper and the crown bearer is Olin Sweeney.

Keith is the daughter of Krysta Matthews and the late Kody Keith. She has a sister Kora. Katy is the senior class president, a NHS officer, football manager and a four-year member of the PHS tennis team.

She is a graduate of the Youth Leadership of Oklahoma program and a 2023 State Qualifier in one doubles tennis.

After graduation, she plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma and become an elementary teacher.

McWhirter is the daughter of Charla Cheatwood and Michael McWhirter.

She is a four-year member of the PHS cheer and track teams.

Avery was named the 2022 PHS girls’ top runner of the year.

After graduation, she plans to attend OU and obtain a bachelor’s degree in biology.

Pruitt is the daughter of Jason and Melissa Pruitt. She has a brother Titus.

Gracie is the senior class vice president. She is a PHS cheer captain, a four-year member of the PHS track team and a member of NHS.

She is a State Qualifier in cheer and track.

After graduation, she plans to attend college and pursue a sports medicine degree.

Lawson is the daughter of Kylie Lawson and Vanessa Lawson and stepdaughter of Melissa Feroli.

Her siblings are Kenzie, Ellie, Kate, Drew and Regan.

She is a student council officer, a member of the Spanish Club, FCCLA and NHS.

Payton attends Mid-America Technology Center for cosmetology.

After high school, she plans to attend college and get a degree in nursing and become a cosmetic nurse.

Vazquez is the daughter of Jolene Vazquez and Carlos Vazquez.

She has a brother Toby and a sister Cora.

KK is involved in fast-pitch and slow-pitch softball, basketball and track.

After high school, she plans to get a softball scholarship and go into the medical field.

Madden is the daughter of Melissa Madden.

She has a sister Emily.

Halle is a student council class officer and a member of the PHS basketball team.

After high school, she plans to attend college and major in early childhood education.

Cravens is the son of Jayme Jimboy and Steven Cravens and the stepson of Mark Jimboy.

His siblings are Lauren, Elijah, Kaleb, Dylan, Stephanie,

Madison, Kendra, Demist and Kyler.

He is a four-year member of the PHS football and powerlifting teams and enjoys golf.

After graduation, Derek plans to attend trade school and become an HVAC technician.

Fink is the son of Dede and Tim Roberts and Jeff and Allison Fink.

His siblings are Gunner, Bostin, Logan, Andy and Brody.

Fink is a four-year member of the PHS football and powerlifting teams.

He enjoys working out in his free time. He was a 2022 Player of the week for football.

After graduation, he plans to work as a lineman.

Goldston is the son of Joe and Christie Goldston.

He has a brother Parker.

Goldston is a four-year member of the PHS football and baseball teams and a four year student council officer.

Carter was named the first ever lifter of the week, golden glove in baseball and twice named a 2022 football player of the week.

After graduation, he plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma to major in kinesiology and become a physical therapist.

Holder is the son of Kathy Holder and Shannon Holder. He has a brother Dalton.

He is a four-year member of the PHS football and powerlifting teams and is also a PHS academic team captain.

Brody was named 2022 District Lineman of the Year for football.

After graduation, he plans to attend college and become a football coach.

Mason is the son of BJ and Rashelle Mason. He has a brother Titus.

Noah is a four-year member of the PHS football and basketball teams.

He is a member of the golf team and a Letter P award recipient.

Noah has also served as the Spanish Club president.

After graduation, he plans to attend college to major in physical therapy.

Tyler is the son of Josh and Tara Tyler. He has a sister Khia and a brother Shawk.

He is a four-year member of the PHS football, basketball and baseball teams.

Jett is a member of NHS. After graduation, he plans to attend OU and major in biology, then go to medical school to become an anesthesiologist.

Miss Harper is the daughter of Misty Winters and Matt Harper.

Laiklynn is in Mrs. Bradley’s Kindergarten class.

She plays soccer and T-ball and enjoys building legos.

When she grows up she wants to play the drums in the band and become a teacher, chef, or an artist.

Sweeney is the son of Kyle and Kayla Sweeney. He has a brother, Jett.

Olin is in Mrs. Bradley’s kindergarten class.

He plays soccer and T-ball and enjoys building legos.

When he grows up he wants to be a police officer but if he can’t do that he will, “just live with his mom and dad forever.”

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# Battle for the Bridge Friday night

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Conger Field

**John D. Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

Lapses on defense in the first six minutes and the last six minutes spelled defeat for Purcell in their first road trip of the season.

Pauls Valley scored 28 of their 35 points in those two six minute lapses and knocked off the Dragons 35-14.

"In between those six minutes to start the game and the six to end it, we played pretty well," confirmed Dragons Head Coach Aaron Dillard.

Boston Knowles got the Dragons'

scoring started on a brilliant 85-yard kick off return. Devan Martin added the PAT and Purcell had cut the Panthers' lead in half at the end of the first period.

Neither team tallied in the second period but both added a touchdown in the third.

Noah Mason hauled in a 62-yard pass off the arm of Kash Guthmueller with Noah Gracey toeing the extra point.

Dillard liked what he saw from his defensive linemen.

Landry Bacon finished with eight tackles and Tavian Engert had seven stops.

"Tavian Engert had a great game and Landry played really well in the D line. We also got some good production from Brody Holder," the coach said.

Holder finished with a pair of tackles.

The ring-leader of the defense last Friday night was junior linebacker Christian Kirk. He made 12 tackles and had two tackles for losses.

"He had an outstanding game," Dillard said. "He really played well. Kash Guthmueller did some good things stopping the run."

Guthmueller broke up a pass and defended three others, the coach reported.

"They are good but we beat ourselves as well," Dillard said. "It was a combination of things. First, they are a really good team but we didn't get lined up correctly on their first two plays."

To go along with his 85-yard kickoff return, Knowles rushed the ball 20 times for 95 yards.

"We ran the ball better than we did against Alva," Dillard said. "We moved some guys around in the line. Brody Holder graded out at 81 percent after changing positions in the line."

"Carter Goldston did a good job at center grading out at 70 percent."

Sophomore Carter Bennett showed some promise at running back.

"We had some young guys go in that really played well," Dillard continued. "He carried the ball on a second and long and gained 14 yards. We are very

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## On the board

**Washington junior** Hudson Howard scored the first touchdown and chewed up yardage against Jones during the Warriors' 34-8 win Friday night. Howard ran for 142 yards on 21 carries and scored five touchdowns.



Purcell vs. Lexington  
Conger Field • 7 p.m. kick off



## Lex gets gridiron victory

Knocks off Wayne 21-0 with eye on Purcell Dragons

**John D. Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

Lexington rotated four defensive linemen and got outstanding linebacker play from Cameron Weatherford, Ean Caywood and Buddy Cormany shut out Wayne last Friday night 21-0.

Bulldog coach Keith Bolles noted the top-shelf line play from

Avin Morgan, Issac Martin, Dalton Brewer and Gavrie Williams.

"We had a bunch of lineman rotate in and Weatherford, Caywood and Cormany played well at linebacker," Bolles said.

Spencer Vanoostrum had three

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# Defense!

2A's No. 1 defense doesn't yield a point to powerful Jones

**John D. Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

Washington's defense pitched a shutout and Hudson Howard ran wild for five touchdowns last Friday night in Washington's 34-8 victory over the visiting Jones Longhorns.

Jones' lone touchdown came when Washington's third team offense was on the field. A botched snap was recovered in the end zone preventing the overall shutout.

Led by Cole Beller's 12 tackle performance including 10 unassisted out in space, the

"Cole Beller played an amazing game and Case Alexander is not playing like a freshman," Beller noted.

Alexander finished with 10 tackles.

"He's getting more and more comfortable with every game he plays," the coach said.

"And I can't say enough about Naithen Spaulding and Case Taylor," Beller continued.

"Naithen was double teamed all night long. He finished with seven hurries, four tackles, three for losses and two quarterback sacks.

That was overall one of the better defensive performances we've had.

— **Brad Beller, head coach**

Warriors defenders swarmed to the football.

Max Wilson picked off two of Jones' aeriels while Tatum Wilk and Kade Norman each had an interception.

"That was overall one of the better defensive performances we've had," head coach Brad Beller said. "To hold their offense with all their talent and shut them out was special."

Beller noted Jones' starting quarterback Clayton Creasey was out with a shoulder injury.

"But their backup was plenty talented," the coach said.

"I was very pleased with our defense in how they were able to fight through some adversity when the offense turned it over.

"Case was the vocal leader of our defense against Jones," Beller confirmed.

Beller noted the outstanding play of transfer Max Wilson at cornerback.

"He's a new kid who is a great athlete," Beller said. "He's doing an unbelievable job at corner. A lot of teams were going away from Tanner Olson because he played there last year. Wilson already has three interceptions this year. He's no longer an unknown. He has made them pay."

Beller also had high praise for his offensive line.

"They never get enough

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## Claiming hardware

The Purcell fast-pitch softball team was runner up at the Dale/Tecumseh softball tournament over the weekend. They had wins over Tecumseh (7-1), Chandler (4-1) and Caddo (3-2) and losses to Latta (8-2) and Dale (4-2). Pictured are, from front left, Kelly Anderson, Payci Constant, Savanna Edwards and Kailynn Helton. In the middle row are, from left, Ellie Reed, Anika Raper, Mac McKay, KK Vazquez, Kenna Esparza, Hadleigh Harp, Lili Del Toro, Aubrey Elmore and assistant coach Roger Raper. In the back row are, from left, head coach Sarah Jones, Emma Renfro, McKinly Miller, Madison Jarvis, Brynley Jennings, Hannah Whitaker, Ella Resendiz, Jasey Baker and Kylee Barrett.

# Dragons play well in big tourney

Finish as tournament runners-up

Purcell battled back-to-back games two days in a row in 100 plus heat persevering to finish tournament runners-up in the ultra tough Tecumseh & Dale Tournament.

Purcell, riding the arm of junior Ella Resendiz, knocked off Tecumseh 7-1 in the opening contest of the tournament.

Resendiz fanned six and gave up only three hits and the one run.

"It was definitely a pitcher's dual and Ella won, head coach Sarah Jones said.

"We had a complete game," Jones said. "We put a lot of pressure on them out-hitting them 8-3 and working off their mistakes to manufacture runs."

Resendiz helped her own

cause going 2-4 at the plate. Hannah Whitaker, Savanna Edwards, KK Vazquez, Hadleigh Harp, Mac McKay and Rosie Smith all had hits in the contest.

Up next was a 4-1 victory over Chandler.

"It was tough but we made it happen," Jones said. "Chandler has a really good pitcher who got us 12 times at the plate.

Purcell out-hit the Lions, 3-1, but five Chandler errors were handy.

Whitaker tossed a complete game going all seven innings allowing one hit but the Dragons made four errors.

"We let the heat get in our way," Jones said.

In the bottom of the sixth the game was knotted at one-

all as time ran out.

"We had to go to the ITB in the seventh," the coach said.

Jasey Baker started on second. Smith laid down a classic sacrifice bunt moving her to third. Esparza's bunt back to the pitcher caused an error. Baker stayed on third while Esparza made it to second. Payci Constant's sharp hit to the pitcher caused an error to score Baker.

Esparza and Constant scored on another Chandler error after Whitaker put the ball in play.

The Dragons then held on defense.

Caddo was the next opponent with Purcell posting a 3-2 victory.

"What a game," Jones said. "Ella did an awesome job in

the circle, defense made the plays, and we were able to make things happen throughout the lineup. Caddo started the day with a 21-0 record, Tecumseh defeated them before us and we ended their day with their first two losses of the season.

"They are a great offensive and defensive team including an OU commit," Jones reported.

Constant went 2-2 with an RBI and Purcell got hits from Resendiz, McKay, Esparza and Kailynn Helton. KK and Kailynn had the other two RBIs.

"It was a good win," Jones confirmed.

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### A play at second

Washington junior Breanna Lindert awaits the ball at second base during the Warriors' game against Moore. Washington fell 9-5.

# Lead up to the playoffs

Regionals begin next week for Warrior fast pitch

**JohnDennyMontgomery**  
**The Purcell Register**

The Washington Warriors wrapped up the Silo tournament with wins over Durant and Tishomingo.

They had losses against Cyril, Poteau and Silo.

They are fully gearing up for the playoff stretch with only a few games remaining on the schedule before the Regional tournament.

Despite seeing a bunch of new faces in the field this season, their record stands at 18-11.

"We've had some growing pains this year and we're really young," head coach Tylor Lampkin said. "We're hoping to get things ironed out before the playoffs."

**Durant**

The Warriors got a big lift from Julie Hoehner, who was in

### Warrior softball

- 8/7 W Durant 6-2
- 9/7 L Cyril 7-6
- 9/8 W Tishomingo 5-2
- 9/8 L Poteau 9-1
- 9/9 L Silo 5-2

the lineup after a lengthy delay.

The freshman went 3-3 with a double and two home runs. She knocked in five of the Warrior's six runs in the game.

"Getting Julie Hoehner in and her having that big stick in the lineup will help," Lampkin said.

Ava Salcedo was 2-3 and scored a run.

Shelbie Caveness was 1-3 with an RBI and scored two runs.

Olivia Palumbo struck out

seven batters in five innings of work.

**Cyril**

Emersyn Massey went 2-2 with a walk against Cyril.

Alexis Gay and Emjay Lucas both doubled.

Hoehner went 1-3 with two RBIs.

"Emersyn had a good tournament at the plate," Lampkin said.

Salcedo started in the circle and struck out seven batters.

Palumbo came in for the final four batters.

**Tishomingo**

Emjay Lucas doubled against the Indians and drove in one run during the Warriors' 5-2 win.

Palumbo pitched and struck out five batters while walking

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# Homecoming time in Wayne

Crooked Oak visits for 7 p.m. kickoff

**JohnDennyMontgomery**  
**The Purcell Register**

The Crooked Oak RUF-NEX pay a visit the D.S. Zack Powell Field Friday night in a homecoming showdown with

the Bulldogs.

Coronation is set for 6:30 p.m. before the 7 p.m. kickoff.

CrookedOak (0-2) is coached by Thad Cunningham.

The best way to sum up the

RUF-NEX is athletic.

"As a group, they've got the best set of receivers that we've

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### Sweep left

Wayne senior Eli Hobson (21) runs left while Lexington senior Ean Caywood (10) gives chase. Lexington won 21-0.

# Lex on the road this week

Double header with Crooked Oak on Friday

**EmilyMontgomery**  
**The Purcell Register**

Over the weekend, Lexington was in Sterling for the Southwest Shootout. They went 2-2, picking up a 4-3 win over Cashion and a 2-1 win over Comanche. They dropped a 2-0 loss to Elgin and a 4-3 loss to Hydro-Eakley.

In all this season, Lexington has had 11 one-run games. They have won three of those.

Monday night, the Lady 'Dawgs got a decisive 9-2 win over Stratford.

Lex had nine hits and nine RBIs.

They took a 2-1 lead after the first inning. And they piled on seven more in the third to get the run-rule win.

Their seven runs in the third came from a Mackenzie Manuel double that scored three. Then Maison Sissney singled to score two more. Kiely Givens doubled to score one and

Jocelyn Senn was hit by a pitch to score one more run.

Hannah Garrett was in the circle and she struck out two and gave up two runs on five hits.

**Southwest Shootout**

Down 3-0 to Cashion through two innings, Lexington scored one run in the third to chip away.

Late in the game, Lexington was still down 3-2 when Mackenzie Manuel singled in the fourth and Lexington scored two runs to take the lead

The Lady 'Dawgs collected five hits in the win. Kora Parker homered in the fourth.

Their next game was a 2-0 loss to Elgin.

Manuel, Sissney and Abby Sample accounted for Lexington's three hits in the loss.

Lexington picked up their second win of the tournament 2-1 over Comanche.

The second half of the Lady 'Dawgs' line up had Lexing-

ton's three hits—Parker, Sample and Baylee Rillema.

To finish out their tournament appearances, Lexington dropped a 4-3 loss to Hydro-Eakley.

They jumped out on top 1-0 after scoring in the bottom of the fourth. But the Lady Bobcats answered with four runs in the second inning.

Lexington scored two more in the third but it wasn't enough to pick up the win.

Sissney and Sample led the team with two hits. Sissney had a home run in the third and accounted for Lexington's two RBIs.

Manuel, Senn, Givens and Garrett each had a hit.

The Lady 'Dawgs were scheduled to be in Lindsay on Tuesday and at Crooked Oak for a double header on Friday.

District assignments should be released on Monday.



## WARRIORS VS. LONGHORNS

JONES	0	0	0	8	8
WASHINGTON	7	7	14	6	34

### TEAM OFFENSIVE STATS

	ATTEMPTS	YARDS	TDS
RUSHING	34	208	5
PASSING	8-16	161	0

### TEAM DEFENSIVE STATS

TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INTERCEPTIONS
C. BELLER - 12	SPAULDING - 3	SPAULDING - 2	M. WILSON - 2
C. ALEXANDER - 10			T. WILK
C. TAYLOR - 9			K. NORMAN
D. THOMAS - 7			
M. WILSON - 5			
SPAULDING - 4			

### SCORING PLAYS

**1ST QUARTER**

• H. HOWARD 28 YARD RUN, M. THOMAS PAT

**2ND QUARTER**

• H. HOWARD 6 YARD RUN, M. THOMAS PAT

**3RD QUARTER**

• H. HOWARD 1 YARD RUN, M. THOMAS PAT  
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### Play it

Wayne sophomore Lily Whitaker makes a play on the ball in right field during the Bulldogs' game against Allen. Wayne was defeated 9-5.

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# Final stretch for Wayne

District assignments are out and Lady Bulldogs will host

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The Wayne Lady Bulldogs are in their final stretch of the regular season schedule. They were to host Rush Springs on Tuesday and be in Empire for a three-way with the Bulldogs and Bray Doyle.

District assignments are out and Wayne will host Sentinel (16-8) and Bennington (1-13). Games should start on Thursday, September 21.

Monday night Wayne picked up a gritty 1-0 win over Thackerville.

"Thackerville is a good, solid team. They're well coached and we were evenly matched," head coach Nikki Herrin said.

Their one run came from a solo home run by Faith Brazell in the fourth inning.

The Lady Bulldogs collected four hits, one each from Bra-

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*Offensive Player*  
**HUDSON HOWARD**  
Washington Warriors  
Hudson rushed 21 times for 142 yards and five touchdowns.



*Offensive Lineman*  
**BRODY HOLDER**  
Purcell Dragons  
Holder graded out at 81 percent last Friday night.



*Co-Defensive Player*  
**COLE BELLER**  
Washington Warriors  
Beller made 12 tackles including 10 solo in space Washington's victory over Jones last Friday night.



*Co-Defensive Player*  
**CHRISTIAN KIRK**  
Purcell Dragons  
Kirk had 12 tackles last Friday night including two for losses.



*Co-Defensive Lineman*  
**TAVIAN ENGERT**  
Purcell Dragons  
Engert registered seven tackles last Friday night.



*Co-Defensive Lineman*  
**GAVRIE WILLIAMS**  
Lexington Bulldogs  
Williams had seven tackles including four for losses last Friday night.

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## Scorin' in the rain

**Purcell senior** Savanna Edwards scores a run during the Dragons' 10-0 win over Byng as the rain falls Monday afternoon. Edwards was 1-3 with a pair of RBIs. Purcell is 20-4 this season.

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## Dragons:

After expending all their energy against Caddo, the Dragons came out flat and dropped an 8-2 loss at the hands of Latta.

"We were so flat we couldn't make routine plays and didn't back up Ella. It isn't good when your errors match your hits," the coach said.

Even with the loss to Latta the Dragons won their Pool play and made it to the championship game with Dale.

The Pirates posted a 4-2 victory giving the Dragons the runner-up trophy.

"We came out hot in the first innings scoring two but we couldn't get anything else going after that. Both of us had really good defense and Ella pitched a good game, getting us pop flies and ground balls," Jones said.

Dale pushed a couple through in the sixth to take the lead. We

tried to get something going in the top of the seventh but couldn't push a couple across," she said.

Vazquez and Esparza got the only Purcell hits in the game.

The RBI's came from sacrifice flies from Resendiz and Edwards.

"This tournament is one of the hardest tournaments in the state. We played top teams from A-4A, and each of them you will probably see in the state tournament," Jones said.

"They have a combined 106-20 record between the five teams and that's tough. We are super proud of the girls. We haven't played back-to-back in a really long time. Playing full games, back-to-back, two days in a row, in 100+ heat is a lot and fatigue really set in the last two games. We play both of those teams fresh and I can

guarantee they will be different outcomes. But the good thing is, we hit adversity, played three days in a row and that can set us up for October. Over the next couple weeks we will finish District play and will start our Regional. Season is winding down and we are exactly where we need to be."

In regular season games prior to the big tournament they defeated Madill twice, 17-0 and 13-9 and Sulphur once, 13-6. Sandwiched around a 7-5 loss at the hands of Plainview.

The Dragons, who took a 19-4 season mark to Byng Monday night are 9-1 in district play.

They will play Dickson Tuesday and Washington on Thursday.

Saturday they will play in the NWOKC Festival at Oklahoma Christian against Mustang and Westmoore.

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## Warriors:

credit. I can't say enough about how they are playing and it's not necessarily all physical.

"The mental adjustments they made in the game were incredible," Beller said. "They would come off the field to the sidelines and tell us what they are doing. We were able to tell them what to do and they would go out and do it. They really dominated up front and were the reason we were able to have success in the game."

The Warrior Head Coach was talking about the play of Easton Berglan, Baylor Haynes, Kingston Stringer, Jordan Vanya and Tanner Winlock.

"Then there is Nate Roberts. He gets so much attention in every game. For him to go

out and have the grit to make an impact is special. I'm very proud of him. This is only his second year to play tight end. He's doing some really, really good stuff," Beller said.

Roberts finished the night with four receptions for 84 yards. Major Cantrell was 8-16 passing for 177 yards.

Then there is the dynamic junior running back Hudson Howard, who carried the mail 21 times for 142 yards and five touchdowns.

He scored on runs of 28, six, one, two and 24 yards.

"Jones did a good job of stuffing the box," Beller said.

**Warrior notes:**

Washington Head Coach **Brad Beller** nominated **Hudson Howard** as the Offensive Player of the Week for his

five touchdown and 142 yard explosion rushing the football against Jones.

**Easton Berglan** was nominated as the Offensive Lineman of the Week for grading out at 80 percent against the Longhorns.

Beller nominated **Naithen Spaulding** as the Defensive Lineman of the Week. Spaulding had four tackle, including three for losses, two sacks and seven quarterback hurries.

**Cole Beller** was nominated as the Defensive Player of the Week. He registered 12 tackles Friday night including 10 solo stops in space.

The Number 1 ranked and 3-0 Warriors have a bye week this week before traveling to Frederick next Thursday night, September 21.



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## Nowhere to run

**Washington defenders** Cage Morris (6) and Naithen Spaulding (23) bottle up a Jones runner Friday night during their 34-8 win. Spaulding registered four tackles in the game and Morris was credited for three tackles. Washington held the Longhorns to 96 yards rushing.

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## Lex:

tackles including one for a loss and Gage LaGace picked off his second interception of the season.

Cadyn Krueger tossed a pair of touchdown passes finding Dalton Brewer in the first quarter for a seven yard scoring strike and in the third period hitting Gage LaGace for 33 yards and a score.

Krueger was 8-11 for 143 yards with one pass picked off.

Caywood closed out the Lexington scoring in the fourth period on a one yard run. He finished with 110 yards rushing.

Kaden McCraven booted all three PATs.

Up next for the Bulldogs is a trip across the Canadian River to face Purcell at 7 p.m. Friday night.

"We're just leaning toward getting ready for week four and make a run at the playoffs," Bolles said. "Purcell does a great job and we're looking forward to that game."

"Coach Dillard had put in a new offense that is tough to defend. It's going to be a big challenge for us but we're looking forward to it."

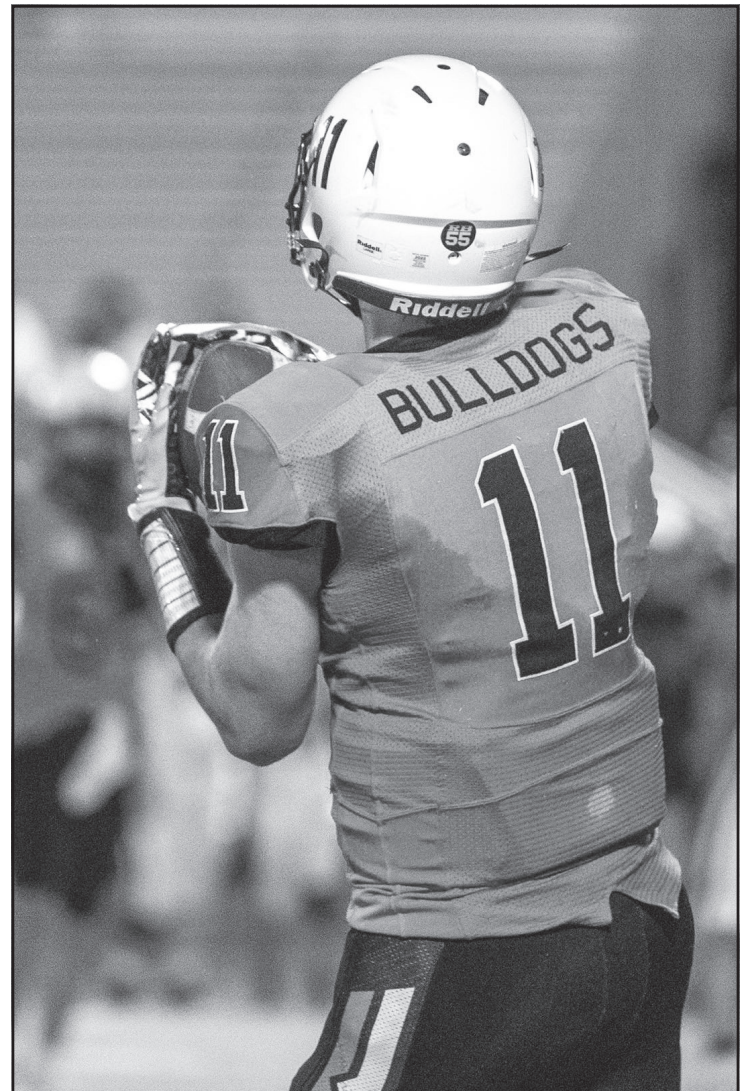
**Bulldog notes:**

Lexington coach **Keith Bolles** nominated **Issac Martin** as the Offensive Lineman of the Week. He graded out at 78 percent against Wayne.

Bolles nominated **Gage LaGace** as the Defensive Player of the Week. LaGace had an interception and broke up three passes.

Getting the nod as the Defensive Lineman of the Week was **Gavrie Williams**. He had seven tackles including four for losses.

**Cadyn Krueger** is the nominee for Offensive Player of the Week. He was 8-11 passing for 143 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 25 yards.



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## Haul it in

**Lexington senior** Skylar Rollins catches a pass Friday night during the 'Dawgs' 21-0 win over Wayne.

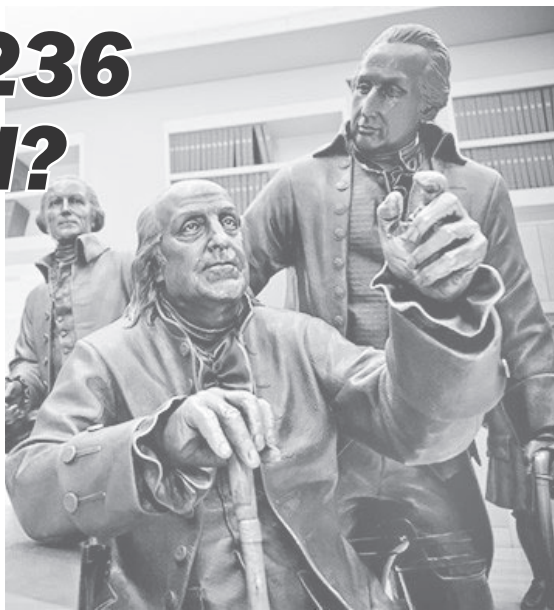
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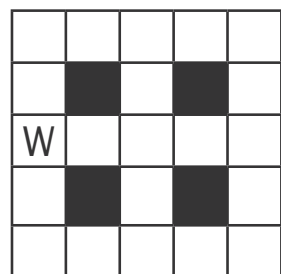
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Robin challenged, "Bet you can't fit 236 candles on it." [www.ConstitutionCenter.org](http://www.ConstitutionCenter.org)



### Cross Five

Place these six words in the crossword grid: Icing, Print, Power, Right, Treat, Write



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# Religion



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Our spirits were lifted and the Gospel message was proclaimed by this wonder group from Sapulpa.

Brother John used Psalm 78:1-7 for his morning message. He said when the Word of God is preached, it should have our complete attention. God reveals Himself to man. He is the only One worthy of our worship.

We should teach our children and grandchildren the works of God. We are to encourage them to keep His commandments.

Grandparents can provide spiritual stability for generations to come. We should tell our kids about Jesus.

Our youth and sponsors provided a hearty lunch enjoyed by those who stayed to eat and have fellowship.

The afternoon message was from Psalm 147:1-6. It is the most appropriate thing in the world to praise the Lord.

God is mighty in power, He knows everything and His

knowledge is infinite.

On September 18 at 11 a.m., our senior adults will be traveling to Norman to enjoy lunch at Cracker Barrel.

On October 1 at our 5 p.m. evening service, we will be having our quarterly business meeting followed by snacks and fellowship.

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

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## All Seasons Palooza September 23

All Seasons Palooza will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Purcell on September 23.

It is a come and go event open to the public in the fellowship hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be decorations for Fall, Halloween, Christmas, Easter, Valentines and 4th of July.

The decor area will have a variety of buntings for your fireplace, wreaths, cutter quilt items (hearts, bunnies, eggs, and more), bowl fillers, and wooden pumpkins, etc. that will highlight all the upcoming holidays throughout the year.

There will be items for your doors, fireplace, tables, sofa, mantles and more. We have gifts for adults through children. Whether you need a pillow for your sofa, a wreath for the door, pumpkins for the table, a laundry bag for your son, ear warmers for your niece, a scrub pad to wash dishes, a Christmas stocking for your dog or a hot pad for the dinner table, there is something for everyone!

The food area will have a variety of jellies and candies, etc. Prices are reasonable and affordable.

A silent auction is going on now till the end of the Palooza. There are four quilts that are being auctioned as well as a wooden bowl, tray, welcome mat and more.

The luncheon will start at 11 a.m. and continue until the food



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## Silent auction items

Silent auction items at the All Seasons Palooza will include quilts and other handmade items.

runs out. A donation may be made for the meal if anyone so desires. There will also be door prizes at the event!

Proceeds from the event will go to support local community projects as well as mission proj-

ects. Cash and checks will be accepted for purchases.

The decorations, gifts, and household items are creative and affordable! Come to the Palooza, you won't be disappointed!

## Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

September 17, 2023, is the twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Gospel reading is Matthew 18:21-35.

Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive his brother. Jesus replies, "Seventy-seven times." Of course, Jesus means for us to stop counting how many times.

Then Jesus tells a parable about a man who owed his master a gigantic debt (think millions of dollars). The man begged his master to allow him more time to pay the debt. The master forgave the debt.

Then the servant ran into a fellow servant who owed him a small debt (think \$50). The first servant refused to forgive the

debt. His fellow servants were deeply troubled by this turn of events and told the master what had happened.

The master chastised the servant he had forgiven and threw him over to torturers until he paid all his debt.

Remember that parables are fiction and are told to illustrate a moral point. We are to forgive others as we are forgiven. Another key point is that we should be advocates for those who have been treated unfairly.

This forgiveness business may cause church members to tell the pastor that he has "quit preaching and started meddling." We tend to proudly retain our righteous indignation

when we have been treated unfairly. We may be inclined to forgive only if the other party apologizes.

Fr. Tommy Lane offers some suggestions to help us forgive those who have hurt us. 1) Forgiveness is a decision and not an emotion. Hopefully our emotions will follow our decision to forgive but first we must decide to forgive.

2) Forgiveness does not mean blotting out painful memories, but it does mean not acting out of them. 3) Repeat to yourself, "I will not allow that person to control my life. I take control

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## Lexington United Methodist Church

Our September Food Give Away is this 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 and other prices continue to rise. We realize that with the beginning of the new school year and approaching the holiday season, people will have

less money available in their budgets for food, housing and medication.

We are restarting our "Munch and a Movie" program for fall. It will be the second Tuesday of the month from 12 to 3 p.m. This month's program was on September 12, which unfortunately has just passed. But put October 10 on your calendar for next month. Don't forget--you just have to bring

yourself. Pastor David cooks for the "munch" part, followed by the movie and discussion.

Our church will be working with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office on a new program called Triad. Triad is a cooperative effort between the leaders of a community's police department, its sheriff's

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Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.

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Purcell, OK 73080  
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Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 5:00 p.m.







# Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello again everyone. I apologize for not writing an article last week. The three-day weekend made me think that Tuesday was Monday, which is the day I usually write this article. Oh well, this one was done on time.

The WSCC garage sale will be open again this Thursday and Friday, September 14 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are still so many bargains to be found. Clothes are still a dollar per bag. Lots of dishes, cookware, housewares, shoes, purses, games, puzzles, jewelry and so much more. We even have holiday decorations for fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Come see and save money. The weather is going to be perfect, so it is not too hot or too cold to shop. See you there!

Delta Senior Nutrition provides a delicious lunch every Monday through Friday, serving promptly at 11:30 a.m. If you are a senior, 60+, and would like to join us, please call me at 405-527-9462 and I will be happy to let you know how to qualify. If you, or someone you know, is needing or in need of home delivered meals, we can do that as well. Just call for the details.

Here is the menu for September 18-22:

Monday—Barbecue polish sausage, roasted potatoes, broccoli salad, dinner roll, strawberries and bananas.

Tuesday—Chicken sandwich with lettuce and tomato, cucumber salad, potato salad, chocolate chip bar.

Wednesday—Cook's choice.

Thursday—White beans

with ham and sliced onions, oven browned potatoes, mixed greens or spinach, cornbread, peach cobbler.

Friday—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, green beans, dinner roll or sliced bread, frosted raisin bar.

Milk is available with each meal. Only one per person please.

I am happy to say that there should be no more closure days until Thanksgiving. Woo hoo! I will be attending a site manager meeting at the end of the month, but the center will be open.

Again, if you have never joined us for lunch, please consider it. We have a great time with a great group of seniors.

I appreciate my cooks and volunteers who give their best every day. God bless you all.

Until next time...



Janet Moore • The Purcell Register

## Feel the rhythm

The Washington drumline readies for their performance during halftime of the Warrior football game against Jones Friday night.

# Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens.

Correction on start day on exercise class. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., starting next month. Tia Chi will begin Tuesday, October 10, at 9 a.m. Make plans to come get fit and fellowship with us.

Also, mark your calendar for Friday, September 29. The McClain County Health Department will bring a mobile

unit to do free health checks. They will be here at 11:30 a.m.

We are so excited for the cool fall weather. We will be making plans for some activities to Medicine Park, and a possible train ride to Ft. Worth, Texas. We will keep you updated on dates for upcoming activities.

The menu for the week of September 10:

Monday—Beans and taters.

Wednesday—Meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

Friday—Pork chops and fried potatoes.

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**

No. 652-September 7-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THERESA "TERI" LYNN BROWN CLARK, DECEASED. Case No. PB-2023-84 NOTICE TO CREDITORS All creditors having claims against the Estate of Theresa "Teri" Lynn Brown Clark, Deceased, are required to present the same, with

a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the attorney for the named Personal Representative, Linda Campbell, as follows, on or before the presentment date, November 10, 2023, or the same will be forever barred: Zachary J. "Zac" Foster, Esq. Mahaffey & Gore, P.C. 300 N.E. 1st Street Oklahoma City, OK 73104

DATED: September 1, 2023. /s/ Zachary J. "Zac" Foster Zachary J. "Zac" Foster, OBA No. 30554 Mahaffey & Gore, P.C. 300 N.E. 1st Street Oklahoma City, OK 73104 Telephone: (405) 236-0478 Facsimile: (405) 236-1840 Email: zfoster@mahaffeygore.com Attorney for the Personal Representative

Table with multiple columns: GENERAL FUND, SINKING FUND BALANCE SHEET, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS, INDUSTRIAL BONDS, SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS FOR 2023-2024, CO-OP FUND, CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS FUND. Includes sub-tables for STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2023 and ESTIMATED NEEDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE - GOVERNING BOARD STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF CLEVELAND, ss: We, the undersigned duly elected, qualified and acting officers of the Board of Education of Lexington Public Schools, School District No. 1-057, 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, 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Sept, 2023

Notary Public HEIDI M SOMERS STATE OF OKLAHOMA Commission # 15004771 Expires 05/21/27

CERTIFICATE - GOVERNING BOARD STATE OF OKLAHOMA, COUNTY OF MCCLAIN, ss: We, the undersigned duly elected, qualified Governing Officers of Cole, Oklahoma, do hereby certify that at a meeting of the 68 O. S. 1991 Sec. 3002, the foregoing statement was prepared and is a true and correct condition of the Financial Affairs of said City/Town as reflected by the record of the City/Town 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 City/Town, 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 fiscal year.

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# Neighbors



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## Popular spot

The cotton candy stand drew a crowd during the annual McClain County Fair.

## Local FFA Chapter Officers attend annual COLT Conference

Officers of the Purcell, Washington, Wayne and Lexington FFA chapters participated in the 2023 Oklahoma FFA Chapter Officer Leadership Training Conference September 5 at the Embassy Suits in Norman.

The eight state FFA officers planned and conducted this year's conference, which was based on the theme "Empower." Elected officers from each of the 67 high school FFA chapters in the Central area attended the

conference. The event aims to encourage students to know their role, identify their strengths and carry their weight as

Please see **FFA**, page 12C

## COLT Conference participants

• Photos provided  
**Purcell, Washington, Wayne and Lexington FFA** chapter officers participated in the 2023 Oklahoma FFA Chapter Officer Leadership Training Conference. Purcell officers (top) include Hudson Andrews, president; Carli Thomas, vice president; Emma Lynn, secretary; Kyleigh Green, treasurer; Kaden Pliier, reporter; Haley Kretchmar, sentinel and Erika Keen, adviser. Also pictured are Caleb Horne, far left, Morrison, state president, and Trey Myers, far right, Perkins-Tryon, central area vice president. Washington officers (second) include Maddie Green, president; Paige Burns, vice president; Noah Price, secretary; Lexi Ralls, treasurer; Presley Strickland, reporter; Cody Dennis, sentinel; Melinda Tague, adviser; Lily Vandivort, historian, and Nikki Cassell, parliamentarian. Also pictured are Caleb Horne, far left, Morrison, state president, and Trey Myers, far right, Perkins-Tryon, central area vice president. Wayne officers (third) include Jenna Fielder, president; Addison Keeler, vice president; Adamm Lee, secretary; Beatriz Perez, treasurer; Raedyn Saunders, reporter; Jaxon Dill, sentinel and Drew Hardaway, adviser. Also pictured are Caleb Horne, far left, Morrison, state president, and Trey Myers, far right, Perkins-Tryon, central area vice president. Lexington officers (bottom) include Landri Bean, president; Regan Boatwright, vice president; Emma Hokett, secretary; Jordan Perry, treasurer; Alie Holler, reporter; Abi Clifton, sentinel and Ronnie Oehlschlager, adviser. Also pictured are Caleb Horne, far left, Morrison, state president, and Trey Myers, far right, Perkins-Tryon, central area vice president.



## Washington OHCE fundraisers

Angie Steele  
Washington Correspondent

It was a pleasure to have three Miss USA Agriculture in Purcell at the McClain County Fair this year. These three young ladies are amazing in sharing their knowledge on agriculture, especially cotton crops, and their experiences with 4-H, while at our McClain County Fair this week.

Emily Taylor, our own McClain County 4-H Educator, was hostess to their tour and visit to the McClain County Fair and Livestock Show. It was a pure delight to meet these young ladies and hear their devotion to both agriculture and 4-H on their mission to make our world a better place and to sustain crops and food sources for years to come.

Dr Lourrinda Renee, McClain County OHCE President Washington Middle School PTO/Masonic Lodge Breakfast

The Masonic Lodge will host a breakfast on Saturday, September 16, from 7-10:30 a.m to benefit Washington PTO. Stop in and grab breakfast at the lodge or take it to go!

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase with a chance to win two Androck chairs and a table built and donated by Gary Perry.

**Football Schedule Changes**

September 21—High School football will now play at Frederick on September 21 instead of September 22, 7 p.m. (due to official shortage)

October 2—9th/JV football at Sulphur, 6 p.m.

October 3—7th/8th football, home vs. Sulphur, 5:30 p.m.

**2023-2024 Oklahoma's Promise**

For information, email middle school counselor Laura Breshears at lbreshears@wps-isd.com or high school counselor Risa Demeter at rdemeter@wps-isd.com.

Oklahoma residents, 8th-11th grade, who meet the requirements can apply.

**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.

Thursday, September 14—Ham, sweet potatoes.

Friday, September 15—Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread.

Monday, September 18—Hot dogs, chips.

Tuesday, Sept 19—Chicken fritters, peas, carrots.

Wednesday, September 20—Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice.

Thursday, September 21—White bean chili with chicken, cornbread.

Friday, September 22—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans.

Monday, September 25—Taco salad, tortilla chips, chili beans.

Tuesday, September 26—Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans.

Wednesday, September 27—Smoked sausage, baked beans, corn casserole.

Thursday, September 28—Chicken and noodles, peas/carrots.

Friday, September 29—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 October 9, November 6 and December 11.

**Washington Public Schools Calendar**

September 14—HS Fast-pitch at Purcell, 6 p.m.

September 15—HS & MS Cross Country at Bethany, 8 a.m.; HS Fast-pitch vs Newcastle, home, 4:30 p.m.

September 16—HS Cheer, Regional, 2 p.m., at Broken Arrow; Mason breakfast for middle school PTO.

September 18—HS Fast-pitch at OBU vs. Bristow, 5 p.m.; 7/8/JV football vs Newcastle, home, 5 p.m.

September 20-21—HS Fast-pitch Regionals.

Please see **Wash News**, page 12C



• Photo provided

## Gold Division winners

**Congratulations to the Junior High Lady Warriors** on winning the Gold Division at the Dale Tournament last weekend.



• Photo by Ron Ladlee

## The hold

**Ball handler** Tatum Wilk holds the ball for kicker Mayson Thomas in the game against Jones last Friday night.



• Photos provided

## Fast-pitch softball teams

**Lady Warrior Fast-Pitch High School Softball Team 2023** (top) and Junior High Softball Team 2023 (bottom).



• Photo provided

## First place finish

**Rielyn Scheffe** bagged her second first place finish of the season!

























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### Prize winner

The mare belonging to Nolan Andrews was judged to be the Reserve Grand Champion at last week's county fair.



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### Sheep shape

Getting ready for the big show at last week's McClain County Free Fair.



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### Bean supper

Sponsored by Kiwanis and McClain Bank a bean supper and ice cream social were held at the Farm and Home Building in conjunction with the county fair last Thursday.

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## FFA:

chapter FFA officers.

Kelly Barnes from Edmond, served as the keynote speaker for the conference. Barnes is an accomplished professional speaker and leadership coach who served as the state FFA president in 2003-2004.

"In today's society, individuals are presented with a

multitude of opportunities to lead," said Caleb Horne, state FFA president. "However, we often lose confidence in ourselves to step up and take action. This year's COLT Conference theme, 'Empower,' aims to equip students with the confidence they need to be leaders in their local com-

munities and FFA chapters.

"We all have special gifts and talents. As future leaders, it is imperative that we empower our youth to make the most of every leadership opportunity they are given so that they, in turn, can empower others to do the same," Horne concluded.

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## Wash News:

### Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

Our weather person was correct when they called for cooler weather for Oklahoma. The last several days have been pretty good for us. Personally, I feel like it gets hotter than it did when I was younger. It might be that at 76 I can't handle the heat as well as I used to.

One thing I do know for sure is that there are 12 happy veterans who received a 100 percent rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs last week. There were also 53 veterans who were awarded disability ratings from 10-90 percent for their service-connected conditions. Of course all of those who received both types of decisions were made up of both men and women. Our state is very veteran friendly, especially for the disabled veterans and their families.

Veterans who have a service-connected disability rated at 50 percent are eligible for free Oklahoma hunting and fishing licenses. Disabled veterans who are rated 100 percent total and permanent by VA are also eligible for exemption of OK property tax on their primary residence. This group of men and women are also eligible for the OK sales tax exemption in our state.

For those of you who would like to support our annual Dale K. Graham Golf Tournament, it will be held at Twin Hills on October 9. The address is 3401 NE 36th Street in Oklahoma City. More information is on our website, Facebook page or stop by our location at 1233 West Lindsay in Norman. The Foundation is a non-profit 501(C)(3) and all donations are tax deductible. Teams are currently eligible to sign up to be a part of this annual fundraiser that helps to support our mission to improve the lives of the men and women veterans who have served in the armed forces of this United States of America.

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 St.

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

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

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

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

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

We are a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization and there is never a charge for the services we provide to veterans and their families. We do accept financial contributions to be used to support veterans and this organization. We also accept donations

of wheelchairs and other types of handicap equipment that can be given to other veterans or their families.

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

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

**Dale K. Graham,  
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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**



• Photo by Dr. Lourrinda Renee

### Ag teens

Miss USA Agriculture stopped in Purcell at the McClain County Fair this year. Making the visit were (from left) Emily Taylor, McClain County 4-H Educator; Halli Johnston, Cotton County Junior Miss United States Agriculture; Cammie Pointer, Cotton County Teen Miss United States Agriculture; Abigail Billings, ArklaHoma Cover Miss United States Agriculture; and Keaston Gonzalez, Cotton County 4-H President.



• Photos by Ron Ladlee

### Junior high players, cheer

Last week the Junior High Warriors took on Jones. Trip Brennan (top) takes down the ball carrier. The Warrior Junior High Cheerleaders (bottom) cheered the players on.



• Photos provided

### First place team

Congratulations to the Washington Cross Country girls for taking home first September 1 at Carl Albert!