



Water rationing CONTINUES

Goldsby residents on odd-even watering days

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The Purcell Register

Water rationing continues for commercial and residential customers in the Town of Goldsby.

Mayor Mike Herrin issued the proclamation noting the proclamation be posted in 10 prominent places in the Town of Goldsby and be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

Herrin was heeding the advice of the Public Works Director of the municipal water system saying usage at the current levels would create an immediate threat to public health or safety.

Among things not allowed under the proclamation are watering of lawns or grounds,

outdoor landscaping, hosing or washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas and other paved surfaces.

Also prohibited is hosing or washing exteriors of buildings and filling or refilling swimming pools.

The community has moved to an odd-even watering program. Homes whose address ends in an even number may water on even numbered calendar days from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Homes whose address ends in an odd number may water those same hours on odd numbered calendar days.

The proclamation will be for 30 days ending near the end of October, Goldsby officials reported.

Also related to the current drought situation, McClain County Commissioners voted Monday morning at the courthouse to extend the burn ban for another 14 days.

Water discussion at Goldsby Town Hall

Goldsby residents need to circle October 12 on their calendars.

No, not because it's Columbus Day but because there will be an important meeting to discuss Goldsby's water systems.

The meeting will be at the Goldsby Town Hall, located at 100 E. Center Road at 7:30 p.m.

"We would like as many people as possible to have the opportunity to get in-

formed," a town flyer said. "Your input is vital to ensure the continued safety, quality and sustainability of our water resources."

The meeting will be a question and answer style meeting addressing current water facilities, how the system works, what are the challenges and what officials are going to address issues.

For more information call the town hall at 405 288-6675.

Applications for Operation Christmas NOW AVAILABLE



• Photo provided

Operation Christmas preparation

It's time to start preparing for the McClain County Operation Christmas event! Peggy Christian, long-time volunteer, set up a toy and canned goods drop-off location at the Purcell Library. Librarians Becky Roberts and Karen Fielder will be happy to help you with your donations.

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The holidays will be here before you know it and the way we know is because

Peggy Christian is already gearing up for another run of food and toy donations.

Operation Christmas applications must be turned in by November 28 with

the designated "give out" date set for December 15. Applications may be

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Harjo enters plea Gets life without parole

Stacy Harjo, 47, one of three people charged in the murder of Shaliyah Toombs and her unborn child, entered a guilty plea in McClain County District Court Monday.

She was charged along with Daniel Vasquez, who received the death penalty, and Joshua Finkbeiner, who received two life without parole sentences.

Investigating authorities said Toombs and the seven-month-old fetus were killed April 29, 2018.

There were five counts against Harjo.

On count 1 she received life without parole, count 2 life without parole, count 3 20 years, count 4, 10 years and count 5 two years with all sentences to run concurrently.

Columbus Day Holiday

It's a mixed bag who will have a 3-day weekend coming up in order to observe Columbus Day on Monday.

Federal workers, McClain County employees and city staff in Purcell, Lexington, Goldsby, Washington and Wayne will have the day off.

The Post Office will be closed and there will be no mail delivery.

State offices, however, will be open, as will public schools in Purcell, Lexington, Washington and Wayne.

Mid-America Technology Center will be open, as well.

McClain Bank and First United Bank are both closing for the day. The Purcell Pioneer Library and **The Purcell Register**, however, will be open.

Brush pickup

The City of Purcell has set free limb/brush collection for curbside pickup for the time frame of October 1-27.

Purcell residents living south of Highway 39 need to have brush and limbs at the

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OHP: Purcell man killed

Motorcycle accident on H.E. Bailey Norman Spur

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reports a 40-year-old Purcell man was killed in a traffic accident on the Norman spur of the H.E. Bailey Turnpike last Saturday night.

The accident occurred at 8:33 p.m. at mile marker 106 one mile east of Blanchard when a 2007

Honda Motorcycle driven by Edward C. Tabor for unknown reasons stopped in the road.

A 2021 Kia Soul driven by Kayte D. Madero, 31, of Tecumseh struck the motorcycle and killed Tabor.

Madero had three passengers in her vehicle including Logan K. Madero, 34,

of Tecumseh, a three-year-old and a one-year-old.

Both vehicles were east-bound on the highway. After the collision the two vehicles left the roadway to the left, coming to rest against the cable barrier,

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Mark Codner • For The Purcell Register

Fatality

While riding his motorcycle Saturday night, a 40-year-old Purcell man, Edward C. Tabor, was killed on the H.E. Bailey Turnpike.



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Deadlines

- **News:** 12 noon, Tuesday
- **Display Ads:** 12 noon, Tuesday
- **Classifieds:** 11 a.m., Tuesday
- **Legal Notices:** 2 p.m., Tuesday

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Ready for riders

Just before 3 p.m. buses are all lined up at Wayne Schools expecting students to dismiss from class and take a ride home.

OFE seeking submissions for Academic All-State, Educator

The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence is seeking submissions for its 2023 Academic Awards, which honor five exceptional educators and 100 outstanding high school seniors in Oklahoma's public schools.

Awards criteria and online nomination/application forms can be accessed on the foundation website at www.ofe.org.

Founded in 1985, the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence is a statewide nonprofit organization that recognizes and encourages academic excellence in Oklahoma's public schools.

Awards totaling \$175,000 will be presented at the foundation's 37th annual Academic Awards Banquet on May 20, 2023, at the Cox Business Convention Center in Tulsa. The celebration has been described as the "Academy

Awards for public education in Oklahoma."

"Oklahoma public school educators and students need and deserve our recognition and encouragement," said Elizabeth Inbody, executive director of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence.

"We are calling on Oklahomans to help recognize extraordinary educators in their communities by nominating them for Medal for Excellence Awards and to encourage eligible students to apply for Academic All-State Awards. Together, we can shine a bright light on students and educators who go above and beyond to achieve academic excellence in our public schools," she said.

Nominations are now being accepted for Oklahoma Medal for Excellence Awards, which recognize public school

educators for their passion and innovation, commitment to professional development, and extraordinary impact on student learning.

Awards will be presented in each of the following categories: Elementary Teaching, Secondary Teaching, Elementary/Secondary Administration, Regional University/Community College Teaching and Research University Teaching. Each recipient will receive a \$5,000 cash award and an etched glass Roots and Wings sculpture.

Anyone, including colleagues, parents, students, former students or community members, can nominate a public school educator for an Oklahoma Medal for Ex-

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7 Day forecast from [@PurcellRegister](#) @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
77° 57°	71° 45°	68° 47°	72° 47°	75° 54°	80° 59°	82° 60°
80% T-storms	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy

Cooler temperatures on way

We had some warmer temperatures earlier in the week before we saw a series of scattered showers and thunderstorms to help cool off our temperatures. Lingering morning showers and storms will remain for your Thursday as afternoon highs

rise into the upper 70s. Skies will clear out into the afternoon hours and certainly by Friday, with temperatures only in the lower 70s for daytime highs. Temperatures will fall into the upper 60s by the first part of the weekend under sunny skies.

Sunshine will continue into Sunday and Monday as well, with temperatures in the lower to middle 70s. Temperatures will return to the lower 80s by Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, with a mix of sunshine and clouds.

Proposed education budget has more bonuses for teachers and tutors

Jennifer Palmer
Oklahoma Watch

The state Department of Education's next budget ask includes a \$61 million proposal to entice new teachers and reward teachers and tutors with bonuses.

The Board of Education approved the request for fiscal year 2025 totaling \$3.92 billion at its regular meeting Thursday.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Ryan Walters pitched the proposal as fiscally responsible because they're asking for \$47 million less than this year's record appropriation.

But funding for this year included one-time payments of \$150 million for a three-year pilot program to fund school police officers and \$10 million for literacy resources. Excluding those one-time expenses, the new budget is \$112.9 million larger.

"We are requesting a budget that is no higher than last year,"

Walters said. "When we see President Biden pushing this rampant inflation across the country and our state, I don't believe it would be responsible



for us to come in after a record investment from the legislature last year and ask for additional money on what they've already sent to us."

The Legislature infused \$785 million in new funding for education this year for teacher raises, paid maternity leave,

and other programs. Walters said his goals for the agency are to eliminate indoctrination and refocus on the basics of reading, science, math and civics, and he proposed using a slate of bonuses to address it.

The \$60.5 million Back to Basics plan includes \$10 million for signing bonuses to recruit math and science teachers, enough to provide \$25,000 to 350 teachers who commit to teaching for five years.

It also includes \$15 million for bonuses for teachers whose students demonstrate growth in literacy, \$5 million for bonuses for teachers whose students demonstrate growth in math, and additional programs to train and pay tutors in reading and math.

Other notable changes in the budget proposal:

- A \$4.8 million increase in the cost of required student assessments;
- \$2.4 million for Imagination Library, a program to mail books to children under five years old started by country singer Dolly Parton;
- Elimination of state funding for Imagine Math and Imagine Language & Literacy, supplemental online curricula programs, a \$2 million savings;

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NEWS In Brief

City of Purcell Meetings Changed

The October 2 regular meetings of the City of Purcell, Purcell Public Works Authority and Purcell Economic Development Authority have been rescheduled.

The meetings will now be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, October 5, in the community room of the Police Service Building, 1515 N. Green, in Purcell.

Foreign Wars Meeting

Lexington-Purcell Post 12103 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 5, at 104 E. Broadway in Lexington.

The group also meets for coffee and conversation on

Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to approximately noon.

All veterans are invited to attend.

Auxiliary Luncheon

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 301 bean luncheon will be Tuesday, October 10, starting at 11 a.m.

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

Donations are used for Unit programs.

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

C.A.R.E. Coalition

The monthly C.A.R.E. Coalition meeting will be held Tuesday, October 17, from 8:30

to 10 a.m.

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

Senior Dance at Purcell

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

Join your friends for fun and dancing!

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

Proceeds will benefit the Purcell Senior Citizens Center.

Museum News

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

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



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City foursome

Playing with Police Chief Bobby Elmore and Assistant Chief of Police James Bolling in the chamber of commerce scramble last Friday were police officer Jeremy Pittman and William Miranda from the water department.

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excellence Award. Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday, November 29.

Nominators are encouraged to complete their nomination statement early so nominees will have time to provide information and collect letters of recommendation prior to the November 29 deadline.

The foundation is also accepting applications for \$1,500 Academic All-State Awards, which recognize 100 exceptional public high school seniors for academic achievement, leadership and community service.

To be eligible, students must meet any one of the following criteria: a composite ACT score of at least 30, a combined SAT evidence-based reading & writing and math score of at least 1370, or be selected as a National Merit Scholarship Program semi-finalist. Academic All-

State applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Thursday, December 1.

Awards recipients are chosen by an independent selection committee comprised of business, education and civic leaders, as well as former Academic All-Staters and Medal

for Excellence winners. Since 1987, the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence has awarded more than \$5.2 million in academic awards. For more information, visit the foundation's website at www.ofe.org or call 405-236-0006.

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• Elimination of funding for Teach for America, a program to place young college graduates and professionals into classrooms with a two-year commitment, a \$2 million savings.

Board members unanimously approved the budget proposal. Only one member asked any questions.

The request moves to the Legislature, which has the final say on state education funding. Last session, lawmakers gave Walters' \$150 million performance-based teacher pay plan an icy reception and instead gave all teachers raises based on years

of experience.

Walters implemented a smaller bonus program using \$16 million in federal funds. He touted the success of that program on Thursday but details have yet to be released.

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

Chickasaw Nation cooking shows

The Chickasaw Nation "Get Fresh!" cooking show will present making healthy choice programs at the Purcell Nutrition Services site, 1530 Hardcastle 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, October 5, at 10 a.m. and noon.

For more information call 527-6967.



NEWS from the City of Purcell

§ 106-405 Junk Vehicle on Private Property Prohibited

No person in charge or control of any property within the city, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, shall allow any partially dismantled, non-operating, wrecked, junked, or unlicensed vehicle to remain on such property longer than seven days and no person shall leave any such vehicle on any property within the city for a longer time than seven days.

This section shall not apply with regard to a vehicle in an enclosed building, a vehicle on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner when necessary to the operation of such business enterprise, or a vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the city.

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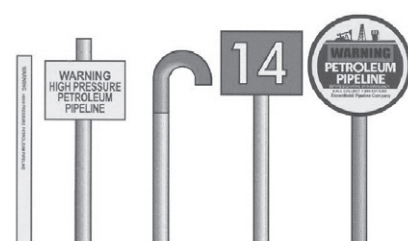
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most cases, exceed these standards. Our commitment to safety begins before a pipeline is built or expanded. We build safety into our system by:

- carefully researching and planning the safe construction of each project;
- using pipe that is inspected and tested at the factory to comply with both federal and industry standards;
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- testing the finished pipeline at pressures higher than normal operating pressure before it's placed into service.

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- advising periodically, state and local emergency officials to review accident-prevention and emergency-response procedures

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- **DO NOT** attempt to operate any valves.

What to DO...

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Opinion

It makes you wonder

Here are a couple of real head scratchers.

The first one is from the state of Maine where Soren Stark-Chessa is competing in the female division of the 22nd edition of the Maine Cross Country Festival of Champions.

Last year as a freshman boy, Stark-Chessa's best finish was 14th twice.

In the boys's division he ranked 172nd in the 5K.

But this year since he identifies as a girl, he's won one race and finished runner-up in another and is up to No. 4 in the state.

One anonymous female cross country athlete said, "It's not fair to a female who has trained hard. Males are biologically faster than females, and they have testosterone. They need to run under their biological gender."

Ironically, the 'Gender Equity and Inclusion Policy' in

Editor's Notebook



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the Maine Principals Association Handbook states athletes "should have the opportunity to participate in MPA activities in a manner that is consistent with their gender identity, unless such participation would result in an unfair athletic advantage."

Looks like a pretty good case for an unfair athletic advantage.

Parents of female athletes are also speaking out on this one.

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The second one is downright nuts.

The socialist Democratic Mayor of Burbank, CA., says police and prisons need to be abolished.

By the way, Konstantine Anthony is currently running for a higher office.

It's been reported Anthony not only supports defunding the police and restricting officers' use of force in hostile scenarios along with other stringent measures, but also wants to work to create a future without police and prisons.

The mayor thinks police have no affect on crime.

He's been quoted as saying when your five-years-old if you do something wrong you get punished.

But for adults he wants to get them back in society.

Sounds like it could be a little dangerous.

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Letters to the Editor Policy

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

The Purcell Register does not print anonymous letters to the editor. Only two letters per month will be printed from the same author. Letters should be kept to a maximum of one (1) single spaced typed letter-sized page.

The Purcell Register reserves the right to edit any and all letters.

Letters to the editor during any campaign cycle which seek to endorse a candidate or discredit another will not be published during the campaign cycle. Letters to the editor published in The Purcell Register do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the newspaper.

Your Views

Mark Thomas Executive Vice President Oklahoma Press Association



The value of a hometown newspaper

There's an old saying that you don't really appreciate something until you don't have it anymore. We all know that to be true in our personal life with each loss of a lifelong friend or family member.

It's no secret many newspapers in the United States have closed in recent years. Every time it happens it feels like losing a lifelong friend or family member.

There are 165 Oklahoma communities that enjoy the benefits of having a hometown newspaper. Oklahoma Newspaper Week is October 1-7, and I hope you will take a moment to appreciate your local newspaper.

People take it for granted the paper will always be there, covering local news, events and people. Studies show that when a local newspaper closes, taxes creep up, corruption sneaks in and voters are less informed. However, running a hometown newspaper isn't always about taxes, crime, politics or being a watchdog. It's about people.

Everyone has their own personal interests. Some care about sports and school activities, including homecoming, marching bands and rivalry games. Others care about Senior Day, FFA, 4-H and county fair results. Maybe you love hunting and fishing or rodeos and revival meetings.

Maybe you're a Rotarian, Lion, Jaycee or Kiwanian. Who doesn't love a pancake breakfast, spaghetti supper or community service project?

Community celebrations only happen with dedication and recognition of volunteers who organize Christmas parades, Easter egg hunts and July fireworks. Every town has a special celebration touting a unique feature of the community.

Who cares about all these things? The local newspaper. They have always been there to cover community history, events and people. In the modern world readers enjoy newspaper content on multiple platforms, both in print, mobile and online. Without a doubt, local newspapers are the leaders in local news coverage.

It is often said a newspaper is a reflection of the community it serves. Sometimes we like what we see, sometimes we don't. Sometimes the news is good, sometimes it's not.

Great communities and newspapers know the only way to improve is to take an honest look in the mirror, recognize and respect different points of view, and work together to improve

our quality of life. If you think social media is the answer or an alternative to a local newspaper, think again. Social media is helpful to quickly spread breaking news, and used properly it can be beneficial. The irony of social media is it can be one of the most anti-social things we do, tearing apart relationships and communities with a few keystrokes.

Some people suggest all news should be free. We should all remember there is a cost when something is free. Free kittens aren't free. Think twice before accepting a free horse or boat. Freedom isn't even free. Ask any veteran or their family.

A local newspaper is a business that must be supported by its own community. Like any business, income must exceed expenses. That means other businesses in town must advertise and be ready to help support special promotions or events that help the community.

People must subscribe and tell their friends to subscribe. If you think the subscription price is too high, look at an entire year's worth of news coverage and add it up. You'll start to realize your subscription is more than worth it.

The reality is that if local businesses, the chamber of commerce, city government, school and citizens in the community don't want a local paper, they won't have one. A local paper can only be published if the community is willing to pay for it.

There are people who would be thrilled to see the local paper disappear. They no longer worry about showing up on the front page when they do wrong. They want you to think nobody reads the paper. You're proving them wrong right now.

Publishing a local paper comes with a multitude of joys and sorrows. The old joke is half the town is mad every week and the trick is to figure out which half. Straddling that fence can make you feel like a monkey on barbed wire.

Please take a moment this week to thank an employee of your local paper for their effort. If you work at a local paper you must know how government works and how the community plays.

You must stand up and ask questions when everyone in town is wondering what's going

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Congress must finish the job

Congressman Tom Cole

In recent years, the process of passing the 12 annual government funding bills, also known as appropriations, has grown increasingly difficult. When Republicans regained majority of the U.S. House of Representatives this year, one of our top priorities was to restore regular order by passing appropriations bills to provide full government funding at more sensible spending levels and with priorities that address the crises our nation is facing.

Although the fiscal year lapsed this past weekend without completing this process, Congress managed to avoid a dangerous government shutdown by passing a Continuing Resolution (CR) and allow House Republicans to finish the funding process before the end of this year.

A clean CR is not ideal, and by simply putting the federal government on autopilot, these funding resolutions cause a

great deal of inconvenience to our federal agencies, our military and ultimately, to the American taxpayer. Passing all 12 bills and striking a deal with the Senate before the September 30 deadline is certainly the more ideal scenario, but the truth of the matter is that we are not there yet.

However, a government shutdown in the interim is not the answer and it never works as a negotiation tactic to get what you want. A government shutdown only punishes the American people, our service members and civilian workforce.

And given the vast number of civilian workers and service members located in the Fourth District of Oklahoma, a shutdown is not something I could support. I am glad the House did the right thing this weekend to keep the government open while Congress works toward finishing the job.

Funding levels set by Democrats previously in control of

both chambers of Congress are unsustainable. Republicans have already passed four bills to send to the Senate that would fund roughly 70 percent of our government.

These bills would cut wasteful spending, support our service members and military retirees, secure the border and strengthen our national defense. We will also remain in Washington, D.C. for the rest of this month to finish these funding bills so we can begin to work with the Senate on a final agreement.

It is crucial that we complete the appropriations process before January 1, 2024. At that point, if all 12 bills have still failed to be enacted, a new law will automatically enact a CR to fund the government until the end of the next fiscal year, September 30, 2024, with a one percent across-the-board cut to all programs and agencies.

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Get front and tax benefits with Oklahoma 529

By Todd Russ, Oklahoma State Treasurer

Student academic success is top of mind as families settle into school routines. I encourage Oklahoma families to take the next step in setting a game-plan for a tax-free education savings path this month.

It's understandable if the thought of saving for future education seems overwhelming. With tax-free benefits available on payroll contributions and educational expenses, that is where Oklahoma 529 can help start a savings journey for future education expenses for your child, grandchild and loved ones.

From Oklahoma 529's launch in 2000 through June 30, 2023, Oklahoma 529 has helped more than 87,000 students with their financial education needs.

Learn about the benefits of Oklahoma 529 and start building a strong foundation for your loved one's future educational

success. Here are four ideas to help Oklahoma families start on the path toward saving:

Open an Account: Oklahoma 529 accounts are easy to open. Visit oklahoma529.com for full details.

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Ask for Gifts at Holidays, Birthdays and Special Occasions: When asked for gift ideas, remember a contribution gift to an Oklahoma 529. Grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends can all join in and help save for a child's education at holidays, birthdays, and spe-

cial occasions. Plus, Oklahoma tax payers may qualify for the state tax deduction.

Save Consistently: Once an Oklahoma 529 account is opened, contribute regularly to maximize your tax benefits. Some families set up recurring contributions from a bank account, while others may prefer to make payroll direct deposits.

You can even encourage your student to start early savings habits by giving to their own account that eventually benefits them – through money earned from a job or allowance.

Enter the Bright Future Sweepstakes: Oklahoma 529 launched the Bright Future Sweepstakes that gives six Oklahoma families \$529 to start an Oklahoma 529 account or add to their existing account. The sweepstakes runs through Dec. 31, 2023, with one winner drawn each month.

Learn more by visiting oklahoma529.com/brightfuture for prize details, official rules and to enter.

Hell's fire - Treat others the way you want to be treated

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Do you worry about going to hell? Will you burn there in hell's fire? Will you be in the hands of the Devil?

Hell may be a place where people are locked into a room with endless Presidential candidates hollering and speaking over each other to the point that nothing makes much sense and everybody ends up sounding crazier and crazier.

I accept what Jesus taught about heaven and hell. He actually talked more about hell than he did heaven. Hell is described as a very sad place of pain and suffering.

I certainly do not want to leave my body and go somewhere worse. I have chosen to go to the better of the two places and I am trusting in Jesus to get me there. As you know there is plenty of hell on earth. Why would we want to leave the hell of earth and go to more hell?

A dear friend told me recently about his sweet wife being in Intensive Care in Alabama. She has battled multiple sclerosis for 20 years. All the medication she

takes has impacted her heart.

She recently had a heart attack and is now intubated. "MS sucks," my friend said.

Most of us have watched loved ones die from lung cancer, pulmonary fibrosis, dementia, diabetes, and various neurological diseases. It's hell for the person and hell for the loved ones.

Most likely if we live long enough, we will all go through some form of severe suffering.

You might die suddenly and escape the long valley of suffering or you may not. Being intubated, struggling to breath, walk, talk, and eat is not a way any of us want to spend our days.

So where is hell? There's plenty of it on planet earth. Almost two billion people live in poverty. Many of these people have to walk somewhere every day for just a bucket of water. Every day, millions are desperate for medical care but have access to none.

Millions of Americans are homeless. Six million more immigrants have entered our country over the last three years. So, there is more homelessness,

poverty, misery, and hell in the streets of America than ever before.

Life and planet earth are great if you are relatively healthy, have a place to sleep, food to eat, and a little money to spend. However, health can change fast and often does.

The point is there are lots of suffering people and suffering caregivers. Do everything you can to be kind to people. Give them a smile. A good word. A good deed.

Be helpful when you can. You will appreciate it when it's your turn to suffer.

Many people are suffering in hell every day. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Visit GlennMollette.Com. Find his books and music on Amazon.Com. Read *UncommonSense*, 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.



• By Elisabeth Baker

Addressing Rotary

State Senator Jessica Garvin spoke to the Purcell Rotary Club at its regular meeting Wednesday. Sen. Garvin held a Q&A with members on concerns of constituents.

God-fearing people lie perfectly

By Andy Bowman, CoffeeTime Columnist

Don't kid yourself. It's not just criminals attempting to escape punishment. It's not just a teenager who missed curfew and is coming up with excuses. Not just the employee who walks in the door an hour late, full of 'reasons.' Or the employer who takes advantage of employees and creates 'plausible explanations.'

They all will lie, but so do people who look perfect on the outside. People who attend their church every Sunday they can. People who truly love their God with all their heart.

Lies pour out of all our mouths for a lot of different reasons. With fear being the main reason why folks will shade the truth a little, or just downright create a whole 'nuther truth out of thin air.

But what about my statement that 'god-fearing people can lie perfectly?' I am talking about people who would absolutely

never even consider cheating, lying, stealing, or any of the other '...ings' they have been taught are wrong.

Yep, they can lie with the best of 'em, and it all starts with lies to themselves.

Here's some real scenarios to illustrate my point.

"I do not use my tongue to hurt others, I would never do such a thing!"

Or this one. "I will not lose my temper ever again, 'cause I made a promise to myself." But the Bible says in James 3:8, "But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." Hmmmm... caught in our own lie right there.

How about this one: "I have decided to always honor God by keeping my thoughts totally pure, like He wants."

But Scripture says in Isaiah 64:6, "All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away."

Ouch. No matter how much we try to monitor and protect our thought life, our thinking betrays us. Doesn't matter who we are.

Make no mistake, we can, and do lie to ourselves, and we dislike having to admit that. We like to see ourselves as honorable, caring, trustworthy... or at the very least that's the person we try to present to the world.

But according to our Creator, we have uncontrollable tongues and thoughts and our brains and tongues need a good cleanup every day of our lives. So, He provided the bristle brush to do just that. But no bristle brush just automatically does the work without someone picking it up and using it. We have to apply it to ourself.

Check out what He wrote for us in 1 John 1:8-9, "8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Great stuff.

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Thomas:

on. You must accept criticism, admit when you're wrong and publicly correct mistakes. Most importantly, you must believe the community can be a better place tomorrow than it is today and have the vision to work with others who support making that dream a reality.

I have lived in several Oklahoma small towns and have a love for those communities. We all know the tightknit nature of small towns and how important they are to Oklahoma.

Recently I went to the Oklahoma Historical Society to read hometown newspapers from my youth. It was fun to read and remember those days until I was hit with a historical reality. The local publisher unexpectedly died, and nobody was willing to continue the paper. My joy turned to sorrow.

Community history was no longer being recorded. No coverage of the high school sports victories or friends enlisted in military service. No obituaries

appeared. No reports of homecoming events or pictures of our kids. Service club efforts went unheralded. Anniversaries and celebrations passed without mention. Local achievements were no longer saved for posterity. How sad.

You don't really appreciate things until you don't have them anymore. During Oklahoma Newspaper Week, think about the value of having your own local newspaper. It's worth more than you know.

Donation time

Dear Business Owner:

The time has come again for our volunteer department to ask for your help.

For the past 33 years our department has held Christmas for the Kids. This is a time when area children get to come see Santa ride around town on a fire truck and then go back to the station for the chance to warm up with a cup of hot chocolate and a doughnut, sit on Santa's lap and tell him about what they would like for Christmas.

The children get to go home that day with a special sack full of goodies and a picture of them with Santa Claus. This is a tradition that the kids look forward to every year.

This year's event will be December 9. We are asking for any donations you can give that will help meet the needs of about 300 children. The department can use any monetary donations, candy, fruit, toys, etc.

Donations and fundraisers strictly run this event. Therefore, any assistance is deeply appreciated. Please make checks payable to Fire-Rescue V14.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sarah Kennedy at 405-570-2478, or Meghan Claunch at 405-412-7848.

Sincerely,
Sarah Kennedy, Assistant Chief
Volunteer Firefighter No. 301

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Cole:

While this reduction may initially seem like a good outcome, an across-the-board cut would lock in unfavorable funding levels and policies from a Democratic majority and be an abdication of House Republicans' ability to adjust spending to reflect the country's priorities.

In Article I, section 7, clause 1 of the United States Constitution, our Founding Fathers laid out the framework for the Congressional "Power of the Purse." Funding the government is Congress's most essential duty and a job we must complete.

House Republicans can enact real policy changes and spend our dollars more wisely through full year appropriations, and that is just what we should do.

OSU EXTENSION News

Plant spring bulbs during the prime months of fall

Trisha Gedon
Extension Educator

The petals on the summer flowers may be curling and turning brown now, but gardeners can look forward to vibrant colors next year by planting spring-flowering bulbs soon.

Late September through mid-November is the ideal time for gardeners to start planting, depending on the location in Oklahoma, said David Hillock,

Oklahoma State University Extension consumer horticulturist.

"To get the best quality bulbs, order early or visit the local garden store soon," Hillock said. "Gardeners will have a larger variety of cultivars and species to choose from in a catalog, but selecting bulbs in person gives gardeners a chance to inspect them before making a purchase."

Why are spring flowering bulbs planted in the fall?

"Planting the bulbs in the fall gives them time to establish a root system. They also need a chilling period in order to bloom in the spring," said Casey Hentges, OSU Extension specialist and host of "Oklahoma Gardening."

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Society

Fielder Heritage Reunion October 7

The Fielder Heritage Reunion will be held October 7. The descendants and ancestors of John Franklin Fielder and Ida Magnolia Thompson and their 12 children include Marcus Edgar Fielder, Charley Fielder, Elizabeth Fielder (Murray), Mary Rhoda Fielder (Lynn), Anna Jane Fielder (Murray), Maggie Fielder (Lynn), Duluth Estell Fielder (Ten Penny), Cora Odell Fielder (Wingate), John Franklin Fielder Jr., Curtis Fielder, Iva Jewel Fielder (Powell), Clarence Dawson Fielder, John Franklin Fielder's two children from his first marriage, Clara Jossie Fielder and William C. Fielder.

The reunion will be held at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Wayne, Okla. Light refreshments will be served.



• Photo provided

Door prize winners

Mother's Entwined members gathered September 27 at the home of Becky Galyean in Purcell to discuss upcoming community service projects. Door prize winners for the night were (from left, front) Brandi Kroth, Julie Wofford and Karla Sitton. Hostesses for the meeting were (from left) Carol DiRienzo, Becky Galyean, Kim McGregor and Dalene Bay (right).

Marilyn McReynolds to be honored on 90th birthday



McReynolds

Marilyn McReynolds, longtime Purcell resident, will be celebrating her 90th birthday in October. Her family will be honoring her with a birthday celebration from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, October 8, in the St. Thomas More Catholic Church Hall, 100 Stinson St., in Norman.

Your presence is her present. She would love all her friends to attend.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to Brad Clark, Dr. Bryan Dye, Donald Sherman, Virgil Hope, Kandy Wollenberg, Jackson Ewing, Kevin Jones, Allen Biggs, Phyllis Norvell, Cooper Lynn, Ann Black, Patsy Branam, Shantel Maxon, Adrian Arriaga, Brandon Fisher, Debra Fisher, Erica Montelongo, Dutzie Nabonne, Henry Dumas, Lisa Clark Robertson, Gustavo Chacon, Cristina Hernandez, Carlos Pacheco and Pat Sheehy.

tips on how to set a holiday budget and stick to it, how to avoid the year-end credit crunch, and what to do now to avoid getting into debt in the future.

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

The Purcell Public Library will present "Learn It! Quilting for Beginners" a four-part series beginning Thursday, October 5, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. In this introduction to quilting we will build confidence in your sewing skills. This class is designed for adults who are beginner quilters.

Strengthen your sewing/quilting skills. In this 4-part program we will create a unique quilted wall hanging through hands-on exploration in a supportive learning environment. Each week we will learn a different aspect of quilting. All materials will be provided.

October 5—Cutting your pieces

October 12—Piecing your blocks

October 19—Sandwich and simple quilting

October 26—Binding the quilted wall hanging

It is recommended that you come with basic machine sewing skills.

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

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about Halloween. This year's Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Halloween of the Heart will be held Saturday, October 28, from 3-6 p.m. at the Purcell Lake.

House-to-house trick or treating in Purcell will be held on Tuesday, October 31.

This is so good and sooo easy.

Honey Bun Cake
 1 box yellow cake mix
 4 eggs
 1 c. sour cream
 3/4 c. vegetable oil
 1 c. brown sugar
 2 tsp. cinnamon
Frosting
 2 c. powdered sugar
 6 Tbsp. milk
 1 tsp. vanilla
 Preheat oven to 325°.

By hand mix together cake mix, eggs, sour cream, and oil until well combined. Set aside.

In a separate bowl combine brown sugar and cinnamon and mix together until well combined. Pour half of cake batter in a greased 13 x 9 pan. Spread it out real well.

Add half of brown sugar mix on top of that covering all the batter. Pour rest of batter and spread until even. Top with rest of brown sugar mix. With a knife swirl your batter around.

Bake 45-50 minutes until a toothpick comes out clean.

Meanwhile mix ingredients for frosting. When cake comes out of the oven pour the frosting on the hot cake. Let cool or serve warm.

School Menus

Week of October 9

Wayne

MONDAY BREAKFAST Bagel topper, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.	WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
LUNCH Chicken noodles, carrots, peas, roll, pears, milk.	LUNCH Toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable beef soup, chips, peaches, milk.
TUESDAY BREAKFAST Cereal, banana, juice, milk.	THURSDAY No School.
LUNCH Beef taco salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fruit, milk.	FRIDAY No School.

Purcell

MONDAY BREAKFAST Cinnamon toast and yogurt or cereal and toast, applesauce, juice, milk.	juice, milk.
LUNCH Pig in a blanket, macaroni and cheese, green beans, side salad, fruit, milk.	LUNCH Waffle and syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage patty, seasoned potatoes, baby carrots, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY BREAKFAST Scrambled eggs and toast or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.	THURSDAY BREAKFAST Muffin or cereal and toast, apple, juice, milk.
LUNCH Pizza, Italian salad, baby carrots, fruit, milk.	LUNCH Breaded chicken sandwich, tater tots, side salad, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST Biscuit and sausage gravy or cereal and toast, peaches,	FRIDAY BREAKFAST Pancakes and toppings or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.
	LUNCH Taco soup, chili beans, chips and salsa, milk.

Lexington

MONDAY BREAKFAST Cereal or biscuit and gravy, peaches, fruit juice, milk.	fresh fruit, fruit juice, milk.
LUNCH Steakfingers or sandwich, cheezy potatoes, steamed broccoli, mandarin oranges, milk.	LUNCH Frito chili pie or chef salad, steamed carrots, pinto beans, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY BREAKFAST Cereal or strawberry bagel,	WEDNESDAY No School.
	THURSDAY No School.
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Some agencies cancel more public meetings than they hold

YasmeenSaadi
Oklahoma Watch

That meeting could have been an email.

It's a constant cry of frustration among many in private industry. Meetings take time, preparation and attention, and poorly run meetings sap productivity for everyone involved.

But for governments at all levels, regular meetings are how public business is conducted. They are important forums for transparency, and in many cases, allow residents to confront their officials in a constructive, orderly manner.

For some state agencies, boards and commissions, though, not meeting is the norm. Meeting cancellations pile up for some entities, including those with direct regulatory or consumer protection functions. A few years ago, the state auditor and inspector criticized the former leaders of online Epic Charter Schools for a lack of board meetings.

"Community Strategies has routinely scheduled quarterly board meetings and typically holds one or two special meetings annually," said the investigative audit from October 2020. "How does a board properly oversee one of the largest school districts in the state conducting four to six board meetings per year? The infrequency of meetings is further compounded by the incredibly poor attendance record for the current board members."

More recently, the board overseeing the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics canceled a special meeting for September 12 at 7 a.m. that day, just hours before

the meeting. It was rescheduled as another special meeting on September 14.

The OSSM board had to postpone most action items in a special meeting set for July 25 after an Oklahoma Watch reporter pointed out the agenda posted to the door was from a previous meeting. The board does not post agendas to its website.

The OSSM board is considering reforms in the wake of a lawsuit by a former employee and an Oklahoma Watch investigation into a pattern of sexual harassment among staff not being investigated at the elite, state-run boarding school.

Oklahoma Watch used data from the secretary of state's office, which keeps track of statewide meeting notices, to determine the agencies, boards and commissions with the most canceled meetings in the past five years. That period encompasses meetings scheduled before and after the COVID-19 pandemic, when many entities moved to virtual meetings during the public health emergency.

Mark Thomas, executive vice president of the Oklahoma Press Association, said cancellations happen for many reasons, including lack of a quorum or planned presentations not being ready. Meetings are supposed to be set for the convenience of the public, not the public body, he said.

"We all want order in our government, and that's why the law requires them to set regular meetings," Thomas said. "It's only the ones where they're intentionally trying to evade the public and mislead people that are bothersome to me. If every meeting was canceled or rescheduled, you would start

to frustrate the public that's interested in the functions of the boards."

Among the biggest offenders since 2019 were the Oklahoma Commission of Consumer Credit and the State Banking Board. Others included the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability.

The Corporation Commission, made up of three members elected statewide for six-year terms, is an outlier when it comes to meetings. The commission, which regulates everything from oil and gas to utilities and cotton gins, is scheduled most weeks to meet on Tuesday mornings and in Thursday morning and afternoon sessions. That frequency has dropped to weekly as it has relocated during renovations to the Jim Thorpe Building.

The commission has canceled more than 85 meetings in 2023 alone, according to the secretary of state's office. Some of those were rescheduled as special meetings, an option available to all public entities if they provide notice to the public at least 48 hours in advance.

Corporation Commission spokesman Matt Skinner said most meeting cancellations were actually continued to another time or date. He said that happens most often when a meeting is scheduled in a rate case and there are settlement

talks that may need a little more time to resolve before a posted meeting.

Skinner said when he began working at the commission, it met daily during the week, with agenda for some meetings stretching to 40 pages. Its meeting frequency changed to Tuesdays and Thursdays about a decade ago under former Commission Chairwoman Patrice Douglas.

Meeting Schedule Notices
State agencies, boards and commissions are supposed to approve their schedule of regular meetings by December 15 each year and notify the secretary of state. That deadline is the same for city and county governments, which are supposed to notify either the municipal clerk or county clerk of their regular meeting schedules.

The Banking Board, which schedules regular monthly meetings, has met just three times this year. It canceled eight monthly meetings in both 2022 and 2021. The board supervises the State Banking Department, which regulates state-chartered banks, trusts and credit unions.

Banking Commissioner Mick Thompson, who has been the commissioner for more than 30 years, said by statute the board has to meet just twice a year. The other meeting times are filed with the secretary of state's office as placeholders.

"A lot of things that are going on (at the department) do not have to go before the board," Thompson said. "Unless we

have some activity that requires board attention, it's a waste of time for them to drive in from Tulsa or Elk City or wherever."

Cancellation notices are usually sent a week before the scheduled monthly meeting, Thompson said. The board always meets in November, when board assessments are set for banks for the next year. The Banking Department is a non-appropriated agency and gets its funding from bank examination and assessment fees. The department and commissioner run the bank examinations, while the board oversees general industry issues like approving charters, mergers or new branches.

"You're going to be examining people who are on your board, and you don't want them controlling the examinations," Thompson said.

Adrian Beverage, executive director of the Oklahoma Banking Association, said he doesn't have any problems with meeting cancellations at the Banking Board.

"They have plenty to do," Beverage said of the Banking Department. "Mick calls me frequently, so we keep in touch. And if they're not meeting, it's good because there's not anything that is coming up that could cause friction among my members."

Thompson is chairman of the Banking Board, but votes only in case of a tie, he said. He and other board members are appointed by the governor with the consent of the state Senate.

Because Gov. Kevin Stitt and his family have financial stakes in Gateway First Bank, a state-chartered bank, the Banking Department defers to the Federal Depository Insurance Corp. when it comes to regular

bank examinations.

"We signed an agreement that we would never be the lead examiner on his banks," Thompson said. "The FDIC is a federal agency and one where the governor has no control over. They are the lead agency for all Gateway's examinations."

The Oklahoma Department of Consumer Credit also is a non-appropriated agency and funds itself with fees on the industries it regulates. The department oversees most credit companies, including mortgage brokers, payday lenders and pawn shops. The commission doesn't play any role in the department's enforcement cases against companies.

The Commission on Consumer Credit has had more than 40 monthly cancellations since 2019, including two dozen since the beginning of 2021, according to the secretary of state data.

The commission's rules used to require regular monthly meetings, but now they meet as needed, said Ruben Tornini, deputy administrator. The commission's chairman and administrator decide if there are any reasons to convene a meeting or if it should be canceled.

"Our commission delegates the authority to make the day-to-day decisions to the administrator," Tornini said. "There are certain exceptions, like the annual budget, large purchases, approval of the annual report to the Legislature and policy recommendations. (The commissioners) get monthly data for informational purposes, but that doesn't require any action."

At the Legislature, bills have

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Big chunks

Big chunks of concrete were being removed as part of the StreetScape work on-going in front of Purcell City Hall earlier this week.

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Meetings:

been filed to allow agencies, boards and commissions to take advantage of the additional flexibility offered by virtual meetings.

House Bill 2108, by Rep. Daniel Pae, R-Lawton, and Sen. Brent Howard, R-Altus, remains active for the 2024 regular session after stalling

in the Senate earlier this year. It expands the situations where teleconferencing would be available to public bodies outside of emergency situations like a pandemic.

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Plant:

“This will help ensure a strong plant in the landscape next spring.”

Like most plants, site selection is vital. Choose a site that drains well because bulbs don't thrive in soggy conditions, which is common in Oklahoma due to an abundance of clay soil. “Raised beds are a great option for bulbs, as well as planting on a slope to help with drainage issues,” Hillock said. There are several garden tools

that can make short work of bulb planting, including a bulb planter, an auger, a dibble or a hand trowel.

“Most hand trowels have measurements on them that will help gardeners determine how deep they're digging the hole for the bulb,” Hentges said. “Bulbs typically are planted two to three times the diameter of the bulb. A two-inch bulb should be planted four to six inches deep. There are exceptions to

the rules, so be sure to read the directions that come with the bulbs. Also, bulbs should be planted with the roots facing down.”

Hillock suggests planting generously for the best visual interest in the landscape.

“If planting tulips, plant in groups of 20 or more, spaced about a foot apart,” he said. “Daffodils provide a fantastic display when organized in swaths, much like a lazy river. Also, mixing different species and varieties of species will provide a longer display of blooms in the landscape. There are early, mid- and late-season blooming varieties, so mix and match for the best effect.”

During the planting process, Hentges advised to top-dress them with bone meal because it's a great phosphorous fertilizer that helps with root stimulation and growth.

In addition to spring-flowering bulbs, gardening enthusiasts can plant pansies, ornamental cabbage and other cool-season flowers. The pansies will add a pop of color throughout the winter.

Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between September 21-27, 2023.

Traffic

Robbie L. McKinley, no valid driver's license.
Bryson Talbott, no seatbelt.
Kimberly N. Wiest, no valid driver's license.
Jaquez Thompson, no insurance.
Jaquez Thompson, violation of license restriction.
Wilson M. George, speeding, 80/70.
Jose A. Granados Aristondo, expired registration.
Jose A. Granados Aristondo, no valid driver's license.
Kaleb M. Pearson, no insurance.
Kaleb M. Pearson, DUS.
Kaleb M. Pearson, texting while operating non-commercial motor vehicle.
Ricky N. Townsend, failure to remain at scene.
Ricky N. Townsend, operator not reasonable and proper.

Misdemeanors

Raymond D. Arterberry, possession of CDS (methamphetamine and marijuana).
Zachary Pesicka, possession of CDS (methamphetamine, fentanyl and cocaine).
Draysen B. Murdaugh, domestic assault and battery in presence of minor.
Wallace Smith, possession of CDS - cocaine.
Travis C. March, domestic abuse - assault and battery.
Ryan J. Taylor, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
Donovan R. Law, trespass after being forbidden.
Donovan R. Law, trespass after being forbidden.
Donovan R. Law, trespass after

being forbidden.

Felonies

Samuel J. Burton, domestic assault and battery by strangulation - AFCE.
Chance L. Appleton, unauthorized use of a vehicle.
Caleb Himes, attempted larceny of an automobile/aircraft/etc.
Jordan T. Lawson, burglary, second degree.

Small Claims

TPR Investments vs. Stacie English, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
Joetta Meyer vs. Donna K. Helling, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
Larry Quigg vs. Jerry Wolf, small claims over \$5000.
Jerl Jones vs. Peggy S. Spanglo, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Travis W. Todd, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Blanca J. Resendiz, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Damian V. Reinhold, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Cody J. Mander-ville, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Mikeal R. Roberts, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Shawna Holman, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Summer N. Wall, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Kaleb O. Reed, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Breana R. Ward-rip, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. James M. Pullin II, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Patricia L. M. Newman, small claims under \$5000.
McClain Bank vs. Melinda J. Lynn, small claims under \$5000.
Tom W. Sparks vs. James B. Bennett, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Civil

Discover Bank vs. Christina T. Trumbo, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Discover Bank vs. Brandon B. Acord, civil action \$10,000 or less.
CKS Prime Investments LLC vs. Eric D. Bryant, civil action \$10,000 or less.
CKS Prime Investments LLC vs. Eric D. Bryant, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Villages at Gateway, LLC vs. Abigail Pantoja, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Cavalry SPV ILLC vs. Tina Dobbs, civil action \$10,000 or less.
LVNV Funding LLC vs. Tonya Cronister, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Nationstar Mortgage LLC vs. Wesley H. Pierce, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Laura Bartimoccia vs. Bob Howard Chevrolet, Inc, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Discover Bank vs. Lyndel W. Williams, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Midfirst Bank vs. Tamera R. H. Phillips, civil action \$10,000 or more.
The First United Bank & Trust vs. Kyle D. Parasich, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Capital One, N.A. vs. Cynthia A. Tibbitts, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Marriages Filed
Kamryn R. Slover, 27, and Destiny C. Bopp, 26, both of Purcell.
Richard L. Wright, 59, of Lexington and Reba J. Carlton, 68, of Chickasha.
Terry L. Childs, 62, of Lexington and Evette G. Jackson, 61, of Oklahoma City.
Terry H. Kelso, 67, of Lexington and Recie M. Ketcher, 65, of Mustang.
Divorces Granted
Chelsea Fisbeck vs. Scott A. Fisbeck.
Reagan E. Clouse vs. Matthew Clouse.

Big-game hunting forecast positive despite challenges

By Kelly Bostian

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation predicted another banner year as big-game hunting seasons opened this week. But like any good hunting expedition, the season ahead has some challenges.

Archery seasons for deer, elk, antelope, and black bear opened Sunday, and big-game muzzleloader seasons and a youth-only weekend rifle hunt lie ahead this month. The popular 16-day rifle season opens next month, November 18-December 3.

For the first time, deer and elk seasons opened with Chronic Wasting Disease documented inside state lines, a factor of particular interest to northwest Oklahoma hunters. And while the department has consistent methods for tracking game harvest numbers, it no longer has a clear handle on how many hunters put in the effort.

The license-numbers chal-

lenge puts a glitch in long-term hunter success-rate data and could be a sign of potentially serious revenue issues ahead.

However, hunters are reaping the benefits of suitable habitat and plenty of game, according to the state's top big-game biologist. The department's 2022-23 Big Game Report shows a record-smashing total

white-tailed deer harvest of 134,158, which firmly eclipsed the previous record of 126,290 in 2020, presumed at the time to be a result of more hunters afield due to COVID pandemic shutdowns that season.

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Big-game hunting

A mature white-tailed buck passes a doe at sunrise on a frosty Oklahoma morning.

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“For better or for worse, in heat and cold ...”

Leslie Plemons and her husband, Lemmie, didn't write that into their original wedding vows, but the heat and air technicians may want to consider that if they ever renew those vows. The couple owns and operates Statewide Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration HVACR in Noble, Oklahoma, and both are licensed HVACR technicians.

Lemmie Plemons is a third-generation technician who received his formal training at Mid-America Technology Center in Wayne. He had been in the business for several years while Leslie worked on the home front as a stay-at-home mom. When their son turned 14, Leslie decided it was time to get back in the workforce.

After living the HVACR life vicariously through her husband, Leslie wanted to learn more about the technical side of the business. She chose the HVACR program at Moore Norman Technology Center.

“The HVACR industry is always needed and never going away,” Leslie said.

Leslie said she uses the skills she learned at Moore Norman every day. Those skills include problem-solving, diagnosing a system, brazing and fabricating several pieces of ductwork. The



Lemmie and Leslie Plemons

hands-on approach to training was a key to her success.

“My teacher, Danny Hogue, was awesome,” she said. “His curriculum takes everything in steps and allows you to work hands-on with the equipment. That is so important in this industry, to not just look at the book, but put what you're learning to work so you can succeed in the field.”

Learning to do the job was the obvious first step but convincing herself she could do the job was an equally important component.

“I've gained confidence in myself and my ability to perform the job in a male-dominated industry,” she said.

In addition to learning essential job skills, Leslie also earned several scholarships

that she applied to tools and equipment. She received several certifications during the program, including OSHA 10 (a 10-hour safety course), EPA-universal (which indicates you are certified as a Type I, II and III technician), and three Snap-on training certifications.

“I would tell any employer that technology centers are great partners for the future workforce,” Leslie said. “CareerTech grads are equipped with the skills and attitude to get the job done.”

Together, Leslie and Lemmie Plemons demonstrate that every day, taking care of customers in Noble and the surrounding area at their HVACR business, a marriage of two Oklahoma technology centers.

REC's 84th Annual Meeting set for this Thursday and Saturday

REC members are invited to the 84th Annual Meeting. A drive-thru early registration will be Thursday, October 5, from 3 to 7 p.m. and the in-person meeting will be on Saturday, October 7, starting at 8 a.m.

Both the drive-thru early registration and the in-person meeting will be held at REC's Multi Purpose Center on Highway 76 North in Lindsay.

During the early drive-thru registration on Thursday, members will stay in their vehicles and enter the circle driveway of the Multi Purpose Center off of Highway 76 and go through the registration line.

For members attending on Saturday, please follow the signs to park and attend in-person. Each member who registers will automatically receive a one-time \$25 bill credit in addition to their registration gift.

Members should bring their registration card, prize drawing card and ballot with them to help with the ease in the registration process.

On Saturday, members will be entertained by Zach Ray beginning at 8:45 a.m. Ray was raised on country music and Jesus and likes to incorporate his upbringing into his music. Originally from Blanchard, Ray got his start singing at his home church. He currently lives in Nashville, Tenn., with his family.

The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and members will hear reports from Board President, Gary Jones, and CEO, Dusty Ricks, updating members of activities from 2022.

Members driving through on Thursday can find these reports on REC's website, www.recok.coop, under the Annual Meeting tab after the in-person meeting on

Saturday. REC will give out seventy-five, \$75 gift certificates for electricity during the business session and three grand prize drawings of \$500 gift certificates for electricity.

All members registered on either Thursday or Saturday will be eligible for the seventy-five, \$75 gift certificates for electricity. During the in-person meeting on Saturday, three members will win \$500 gift certificates for electricity. To be eligible to win the grand prize drawings members must be present on Saturday.

Registration gifts include an REC baseball cap, four-piece stainless steel measuring spoons, a granny paring knife, LED bulbs, a calendar, 2024 Farmers' Almanac and an ink pen.

For more information about the 84th Annual Meeting, call 405-756-3104 ext. 238.

Judge Balkman tapped to join prestigious American Law Institute

Judge Thad Balkman has been selected to join the American Law Institute.

The group, made up of judges, lawyers and law professors from across the United States and several foreign countries is the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law.

“I am thrilled to be a member of such a prestigious and respected entity,” Balkman said. “I hope to bring my experiences as a judge for the past decade to help the ALI.”

A 1998 graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Law, Balkman said he is honored to have this opportunity and aims to put his practical experience to further the institute's mission.

In addition to his work as District Judge for Cleveland, Garvin, and McClain counties, Balkman has been a member of the Oklahoma Uniform Jury Instructions Criminal Committee, responsible for amending and improving jury instructions and the Uniform Laws Committee, serving on study and drafting committees for uniform laws.

“Working with legal scholars, judges and distinguished attorneys from across the nation is a valuable opportunity for me to learn from others and gain new insights on the law,” he said. “One of the ALI's current projects that I want to participate in is becoming a member of the consultative group looking at updating the Restatement of the Law on constitutional torts.”

The American Law Institute was founded in 1923 in response to concerns that the body of American common law was both uncertain and complex. A group of prominent judges, lawyers, and academics formed the “Committee on the Establishment of a Permanent Organization for the Improvement of the Law” and published a report recommending that an organization be formed to improve the law and its administration. This led to the creation of ALI. The Institute's mission, as set out in its charter, is “to promote the clarification and simplification of the law and its better adaptation to social needs, to secure the better administration of justice, and to encourage and carry on scholarly and scientific legal work.”

Balkman joins a number of members of the OU faculty in ALI including Steven Henderson, Evelyn Aswad, Steven Gensler, Katheleen Guzman, Peter Kutner, William McNichols, Liesa Richter, Lindsay Robertson, Robert Spector, Joseph Thai and Stacey Tovino.

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2

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Obesity, lack of physical activity, alcohol consumption, family history of breast cancer, other breast conditions and hormone therapy after menopause all increase the risk of breast cancer. Making healthy lifestyle changes and discussing these factors with a doctor can help reduce risk.



3

Join a Fundraiser or Make a Donation

The American Cancer Society®, National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc®, Susan G. Komen® and other organizations host various races, walks and fundraisers you can participate in during October and throughout the year. You can also donate to one of these organizations online, or research nonprofit breast cancer assistance organizations you can support in your area.

4

Raise Awareness of Support Resources

Research, support and spread the word about organizations in your area that can help breast cancer patients and survivors with things like meal delivery, transportation, counseling and other support services. The American Cancer Society's Reach To Recovery website and app help match breast cancer patients with trained support volunteers. Learn more at reach.cancer.org.

5

Voice Your Support for Fighters and Survivors

The National Breast Cancer Foundation's Community Ambassador program and the Susan G. Komen Center for Public Policy both offer resources to help individuals become advocates for breast cancer awareness and support programs. Visit nationalbreastcancer.org or komen.org for more information. Wearing a pink ribbon - the international symbol for breast cancer - is also a way to show your support for breast cancer awareness.



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Helpline highlights connection between smoking and diabetes

The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline, a program of the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET), is launching a statewide campaign highlighting the link between smoking and Type 2 diabetes.

In Oklahoma, diabetes is one of the ten leading causes of death, affecting nearly half a million residents (14 percent), and more than one million Oklahomans are affected by prediabetes.

Studies show that people who smoke have up to a 40 percent higher risk of developing Type 2 diabetes than non-smokers. Additionally, people with diabetes

who smoke are more likely to have trouble with insulin dosing and managing their condition.

“While most people are aware of the cancer risks, there are many other health risks associated with tobacco use, including Type 2 diabetes,” said Julie Bisbee, TSET executive director. “This new campaign highlights these additional harms.”

The “Diabetes Kitchen Counter” ad follows a man through several decades as he places items on a table, such as his keys, wallet, phone and cigarettes.

As years pass, diabetes medication gets added to the items because of his tobacco use.

Ultimately, he decides to quit tobacco with the Helpline.

Type 2 diabetes is preventable and manageable by focusing on making healthy lifestyle choices each day.

The “Diabetes Kitchen Counter” campaign will be broadcast on TV and radio statewide and also includes social media content and print and digital ads. To see this campaign and learn more about health risks involved with tobacco use, visit OKhelpline.com.

Ready to quit? Call the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline at 1-800-QUIT NOW to get started.



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City tent

Working in the city of Purcell tent at the annual Heart of Oklahoma Golf Tournament last Friday were Brandi Idlett, Hayleigh Fowler and Serena Melton.

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Big:

Game Biologist Dallas Barber credited healthy populations, good habitat conditions, and cooperative weather for the new record. Hunters also killed more does, which made up 45 percent of the 2022-23 harvest and fully met the Department’s percentage-harvest goal for the first time.

Lost numbers, lost revenue
Hunting effort appears sharply reduced in the report, but it’s a forced inaccuracy. For the first time, the statewide report fell short on data for the number of hunters afield.

While the Department’s 2021-22 report noted consistently growing, record-setting participation in archery and rifle seasons, but a slight decrease in muzzleloader use, the most recent report comes with a giant asterisk and a huge drop.

The annual Game Harvest Survey, a scientific survey used by the Wildlife Department to track hunter participation for decades, was thrown askew when Gov. Kevin Stitt refused to renew hunting and fishing compacts with the Cherokee and Choctaw nations in late December 2021.

The tribes issued their li-

censes and that removed tribal members from the Wildlife Department’s license survey system.

It also erased the revenue from compact license sales. Fiscal 2021 was the last time the department received tribal-compact license sales. It totaled \$689,240.

The combined GHS estimates for archery, muzzleloader, and firearm participation in 2021-22 totaled 457,020. The estimated numbers afield dropped to 294,796 for last season, an on-paper reduction of more than 35 percent.

“It’s something we’re still figuring out,” Barber said. “We don’t know yet what it will mean for long-term trends. We’ll have to analyze that.”

The numbers also might indicate another financial hit in the making. The department receives its share of federal matching funds for wildlife conservation based on a formula that relies heavily on the number of certified Oklahoma hunting license holders compared to the numbers of hunters in other states.

Department spokesman Michah Holmes said federal funding from excise taxes on firearms, ammunition and hunting tackle is distributed to all 50 states under a somewhat com-

plicated formula. The amount available fluctuates annually. Hence, the ultimate change on that budget line is hard to predict.

“The loss of federal grant funds related to license certifications is unknown due to fluctuating fund availability and changes in other states’ license certifications,” he said.

The Wildlife Department is a non-appropriated agency, meaning it receives no state tax money. It relies on hunting and fishing license fees, which state legislators have refused to increase for two decades. Federal matching funds, private and non-profit organization donations, and other smaller fundraising efforts also contribute to the department’s bottom line.

CWD precautions widen
Regardless, Barber said another record-setting hunting season could be in the books for 2023.

“I think deer season will be at least close to that number again,” he said. “We’ve been in an upward trend, and habitat, on a statewide basis, looks good. We had rain where we needed it, and there is a lot of good habitat, so hunters have a lot to look forward to.”

Kelly Bostian is an independent writer working for the Oklahoma Ecology Project.

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Christmas:

picked up at the Delta Community Action on Main Street in Purcell, **The Purcell Register**, the Purcell Library, the McClain County Health Department, the OSU Extension Office and Senior Citizen centers in Wayne, Purcell, Newcastle, Washington, Byars and Dibble. Applications are also available at schools in Purcell, Washington, Wayne, Dibble and Newcastle.

“Parents need to fill out the applications and either take them back to the school or fax them to the number on the application,” Mrs. Christian said.

Senior citizens will get a box of groceries including canned goods, meat and bread.

We are starting to contact people now,” Mrs. Christian said.

Anyone with a question may call her at 405 990-4001.

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Accident:

according to investigating Trooper Dalas Anderson.

He was assisted by Trooper Russell Boswell, Lt. Eric Foster, Trooper Zachary Wright,

Trooper Shayne Ballard, Blanchard Fire Department, McClain/Grady EMS and the Oklahoma Medical Examiners Office.

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Brush:

curb by Sunday, October 8. The city will pick up that debris between Monday, October 10, and Friday, October 13.

Purcell residents living east of Green Ave. between Grant Street and Highway 39 need to have brush and limbs at the curb by Sunday, October 15.

The city will pick up that debris between Monday, October 16, and Friday, October 23.

of Green Ave. between Grant Street and Highway 39 need to have brush and limbs at the curb by Sunday, October 22.

The city will pick up that debris between Monday, October 23, and Friday, October 27.

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Buzzer Beater!

Purcell drives the field for game-winning touchdown in win over Lindsay

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

In one of the most dramatic and exciting finishes at storied Conger Field, Purcell came from behind to nip district arch rival Lindsay 35-34 last Friday night.

With 4:17 to play Purcell had a one point lead and the ball when disaster struck.

Lindsay picked up a Drag-on fumble for a scoop and score giving the Leopards a

finished the hook and lateral play to Boston Knowles who picked up the first down on third and long.

“That was a huge play in the game,” Dillard confirmed. “It really got us going to continue the drive.”

During the 14-play drive the Dragons converted a couple of fourth and short situations. During a measurement on the second one Dillard called two plays in

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34-29 lead with about four minutes remaining.

After the ensuing kick, Purcell faced 66 yards of real estate. The drive sputtered at first with one negative play and one play for no gain.

“We thought we had time,” head coach Aaron Dillard said.

Dillard said the playbook was wide open and the Dragons took advantage.

Kash Guthumeller zipped a pass to Oscar Wren who

the huddle so they could go on tempo.

“The first one was a dive followed by a quick pass,” Dillard said.

A clutch catch down the seam by Carter Bennett on a pass from Guthmueller got the ball down to the one.

“That was an incredible reception and clutch,” Dillard said. “Big time play.”

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Passing fancy

Cantrell throws for 6 touchdowns but defense stole show

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Senior quarterback Major Cantrell threw for six touchdowns in Washington’s 51-0 victory over Community Christian last Friday night but his performance may have been overshadowed by the defense.

Washington’s first team defense yielded one first down and 12 total yards.

With reserves playing mop up duty for almost the entire second half, CCS could only muster two first downs as a team for the night.

“Our defense played un-

believably well the entire game,” head coach Brad Beller said.

The Warriors limited CCS to 61 total yards for the game. Beller, who swept the bench in the blow-out victory, began rotating players in the third period.

His stingy defenders picked off three CCS passes and recovered two fumbles.

Mayson Thomas was on top of the two fumble recoveries while Case Alexander, Dawson Thomas and Tatum

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Pay dirt

Washington senior Max Wilson hauls in a touchdown pass by senior Major Cantrell Friday night during the Warriors’ 51-0 win over CCS. Cantrell threw six touchdowns to five different wide receivers in the win.

Ticket punched

Washington makes it 14 in a row for State fast-pitch

JohnDennyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington Warriors defeated Sperry twice in the Super-Regional tournament to punch their ticket to the State fast-pitch tournament.

It marks the 14th consecutive trip for the Warriors and

27th consecutive appearance when slow pitch is included.

The streak doesn’t go unnoticed among the players and coaches.

“At times it weighed on us as a group,” head coach Tylor Lampkin said. “We know what the program is.”

The Warriors dug down deep late in the season and are on a five-game winning streak heading into the State tournament where they’ll play Keifer at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday).

The Warriors are also playing at their highest level of

the year.

“We’re playing our best softball of the season right now,” Lampkin confirmed.

Sperry
Washington defeated Sperry

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Super Regional champs

The Washington Warriors defeated Sperry 3-0 and 15-3 to claim the Super Regional championship. With the wins they advanced to the State fast-pitch softball tournament at the Ballfields at FireLake in Shawnee. Pictured are, from front left, Bailey Hyde, Alexis Gay, Emjay Lucas and Halle Andrews. On the second row are, from left, Breanna Lindert, Shelbie Caveness, Addy Larman, Olivia Palumbo, Sage Ryan, Taylon Elliott, Mikala West and Ava Grimes. On the third row, from left, are Abigail Austin, Dorothy Shepard, Aly Reyes, Bree McHughes, Kelby Beller, Presley Lucas, Emersyn Massey and Reese Schrader. On the back row, from left, are head coach Tylor Lampkin, assistant coach Jennifer Gay, Daphne Palumbo, Chloe Mallory, Tatum Hyde, Elena Lopez, Isabella Castillo, Kinzlee Pogue, Laney Gay, Raelee Adkins, Julie Hoehner, Ava Salcedo, Mackenzie Miller, assistant coach Raylee Pogue, assistant coach Alicia Blackburn and assistant coach Brad Lucas.



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Regional champions

The Purcell fast-pitch softball team defeated Perkins-Tryon 10-3 and 8-3 to secure the Regional championship. With the wins, they moved on to the Super Regional against Plainview. Pictured are, from front left, Kelly Anderson, Payci Constant, Savanna Edwards and Kailynn Helton. In the middle row are, from left, McKinly Miller, Jasey Baker, Anika Raper, KK Vazquez, Kenna Esparza, Ellie Reed, Aubrey Elmore and Lili Del Toro. On the back row, from left, are assistant coach Roger Raper, Emma Renfro, Mac McKay, Rosie Smith, Kylee Barrett, Brynley Jennings, Hadleigh Harp, Hannah Whitaker, Ella Resendiz, head coach Sarah Jones and manager Haley Kretchmar.

Dragons are Regional Champs

Knock off Perkins-Tryon twice to advance to Supers as hosts

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The Purcell Register

After knocking off Perkins-Tryon twice in last week’s Regional Tournament, Purcell advanced to the Super Regional they were to host Tuesday and Wednesday.

Purcell dusted the Lady Demons 10-3 in the opening game September 27 with a blistering 15-hit attack.

KK Vazquez and Ella Resendiz carried the big lumber for the Dragons both going 3-5 at the plate. They both knocked in a pair of RBIs.

Hannah Whitaker and Kenna Esparza both went 2-3, Whitaker with an RBI and Esparza with two.

Mac McKay was 2-4 with an RBI. Brynley Jennings, Payci Constant and Savanna Edwards all had hits in the contest.

Resendiz went the distance in the circle striking out seven and scattered three hits.

“It was a heck of a game,” Jones said. “We made things happen throughout our entire lineup. We scored every inning but the sixth and when you do that, it makes

It’s the first time since 2019 that we’re Regional Champs! It feels good to be one step closer

— Sarah Jones,
head coach

things a lot easier and doesn’t put as much pressure on pitching and defense.”

“It was a great way to start off Regional play,” she said.

The following day Purcell tamed Perkins-Tryon 8-3 punching their ticket to host the Super Regional this week.

Coach Sarah Jones said her Dragons were seeded fifth.

Purcell was hosting Plainview Tuesday at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. with the “if necessary” game scheduled for Wednesday weather permitting.

Resendiz fanned five Lady Demons in the second game but was touched for 10 hits. Perkins-Tryon scored all three runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Purcell got off to a fast start pushing across four runs in the top of the second.

Resendiz helped her own cause going 3-4, including a double and a triple, at the plate with two RBIs.

Constant and Whitaker were both 2-3. Whitaker had two RBIs while Constant had one.

“We kept finding ways on and not leaving people on base and that’s what

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ry 3-0 and 15-3 in two games in the Super Regional.

Lampkin was pleased with his team's performance in the tournament, especially on the defensive side.

"Olivia Palumbo was unbelievable in the circle in the first game," Lampkin said. "She makes us really tough when she's pitching like that and she gives us a chance to win ball games."

Palumbo recorded seven strikeouts in seven innings of work, retiring 21 batters. She allowed three hits and walked two batters.

Behind her, the defense played a clean game with no errors to ensure the shutout.

Offensively, Emersyn Massey was 3-3 at the plate and scored a run. Emjay Lucas homered in the sixth inning to

give Washington a little breathing room.

"Emjay's homer was a big moment," Lampkin said.

Shelbie Caveness went 1-3 with a trip and knocked in a run. Daphne Palumbo was 2-3 with two doubles.

Game two
Washington opened things up offensively in the second game.

They got off to a fast start with a seven-run first inning.

They scored at least two runs in each of the next three innings to steamroll Sperry.

Julie Hoehner was on fire, going 4-4 with three RBIs.

"Julie Hoehner hit it really well in that second game," Lampkin said.

Halle Andrews was 2-3 and scored twice.

Ava Salcedo went 2-4 with

an RBI and scored twice.

All together, Washington had 15 hits in the game.

"Overall we hit the ball better," Lampkin said.

Emjay Lucas got the start in the circle and worked three innings.

Salcedo came on in relief for the final two innings and struck out two batters.

Once again, the defense was clean with no errors.

The defense got the Warriors out of a sticky situation in the first inning when Sperry loaded the bases with no outs.

"We got out without giving up a run," Lampkin said.

State
So the Warriors find themselves back in familiar territory in the State tournament; this time at the Ballfields at FireLake in Shawnee.

Lex going Wildcat hunting

Friday's game at Coalgate starts at 7:30 p.m.

Lexington's Bulldogs have been emphasizing better play from their offensive line during drills this week in preparation

said. "Our goals are still ahead of us."

"We had a good practice Monday. We are still 1-1 in

Lexington at Coalgate

Donald Mike Mayer Field • 7:30 p.m. kick off

for Friday's important district contest at Coalgate.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 with the Wildcats.

"Coalgate is a big game for us," head coach Keith Bolles

district and have a goal of making the playoffs which was our goal when the season started,"

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High and tight

Lexington sophomore Cameron Weatherford fights for yards Friday night during the Bulldogs' game against Davis. Lexington was defeated 53-0.

Saving a run

Washington junior Breanna Lindert makes a diving tag against Sperry during the Super Regional tournament. Washington won 3-0 and 15-3 to punch their ticket to the State tournament at the Ballfields at FireLake in Shawnee.

"I'm hoping we'll be relaxed and go do what we can do," Lampkin said. "If we can put three games together we have a shot. We just have to take care of us and what we do."

They open with senior-dominated Keifer, who is 31-5 this season.

"They have eight or nine seniors and most of them start," Lampkin said. "They swing it really well (at the plate) and have been to the tournament before, getting beat by Tishomingo last year."

The Warriors are now 24-12 this season.

"I'm really proud of this group of girls for answering the call and doing what we need to do," Lampkin said. "They've kept fighting this whole season."



WARRIORS VS. ROYALS

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WASHINGTON	21	23	7	0	51

TEAM OFFENSIVE STATS

	ATTEMPTS	YARDS	TDS
RUSHING	31	161	1
PASSING	16/23	311	6

TEAM DEFENSIVE STATS

TACKLES	SACKS	INT
C. ALEXANDER - 7	N. SPAULDING - 1	C. ALEXANDER - 1
C. TAYLOR - 6	C. TAYLOR - 1	D. THOMAS - 1
B. HEILIGER - 5		T. WILK - 1
K. HOWARD - 5		
W. WILK - 5		
N. SPAULDING - 4		
K. LAMPKIN - 4		

SCORING PLAYS

1ST QUARTER

- M. CANTRELL 9 YARD PASS TO C. ALEXANDER, M. THOMAS PAT
- M. CANTRELL 48 YARD PASS TO C. MORRIS, M. THOMAS PAT
- M. CANTRELL 46 YARD PASS TO H. HOWARD, M. THOMAS PAT

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- M. CANTRELL 64 YARD PASS TO N. ROBERTS, M. THOMAS PAT
- M. CANTRELL 20 YARD PASS TO M. WILSON, M. THOMAS PAT
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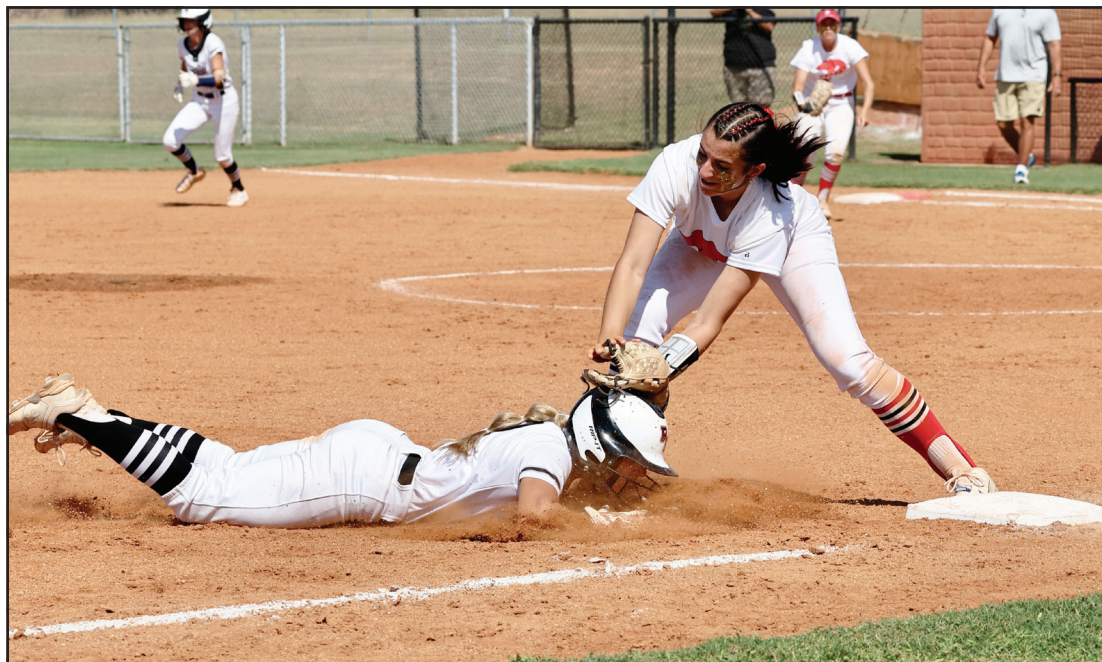
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Out by a mile

Purcell junior Hannah Whitaker tags a Perkins-Tryon base runner during the Regional tournament. The Dragons won 10-3 and 8-3 to advance to the Super Regional against Plainview.

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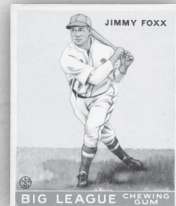
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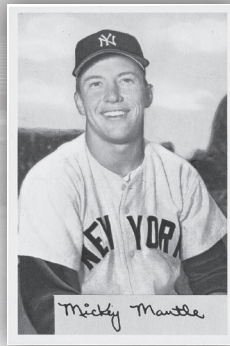
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Champs:

we needed," the coach confirmed. "Ella pitched another great game. We didn't hit as well as the day before but we put the ball in play, had good at-bats that turned into walks and worked off their mistakes."

"It's the first time since 2019 we were Regional Champs! It feels good to be one step closer," she concluded.

In a regional warmup, the Dragons dropped a 2-0 contest at the hands of Lone Grove.

"Lone Grove is a State Championship caliber team," Jones said. "We did a really good job holding them off until the seventh inning. Ella pitched a heck of a game in the circle and our defense was really solid. They were just able to string a couple hits together and we weren't able to close."

"We had people in position multiple innings to make something happen and we didn't get the clutch hit. It was a really good game though before Regionals," the coach said.

Whitaker went 2-3 while Purcell got hits from Edwards, Resendiz and Vazquez.

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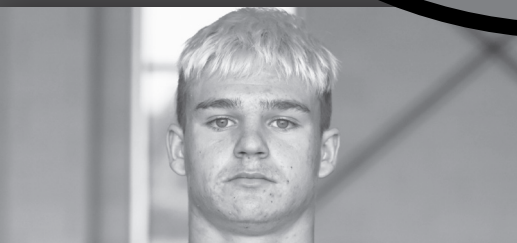
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Co-Offensive Player
KASH GUTHMUELLER
Purcell Dragons
The Purcell quarterback rushed 19 times for 275 yards, the third highest single game rushing performance in Purcell Dragon history and number one for a quarterback. He scored on runs of 78, 69 and 21 yards.



Co-Offensive Player
MAJOR CANTRELL
Washington Warriors
The Warrior signal caller was 14-21 passing for 272 yards and six touchdowns in Washington's victory over CCS. Among the touchdown strikes were 48, 46 and 64-yards.



Offensive Lineman
EASTON BERGLAN
Washington Warriors
Berglan graded out at 95 percent last Friday night.



Defensive Player
BOSTON KNOWLES
Purcell Dragons
Knowles led the Dragons with 12 tackles and had one pass break-up last Friday night in Purcell's victory over Lindsay.



Defensive Lineman
BRODY HOLDER
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Holder registered six tackles last Friday night.

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Religion

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

We welcome all to the first week of October and some cooler weather -- and to the 'Front Porch'!

I want to give a short answer to a question some ask about Revelation: Why would Christians of the second century be concerned with the state of the church hundreds of years in the future?

I think one mistake people make with Revelation is that they think it is only written for that immediate period, thus its scope is just for a few years. Revelation, as with all the Bible, is written for all the world of all ages.

It certainly would be an encouragement to the Christians of the first century to get a bit of a grasp on the outcome of the church through the ages. The church of the Lord will not only survive in your lifetime; it will survive in the ages to come. She will be triumphant.

Looking at prophecy in the Old Testament, we note that the nature of prophecy is to depict events that are going to take place far down the road as well as events that perhaps would take place in an immediate context. The prophecy of Daniel 2, for example, depicts events that

would come quickly -- the fall of Babylon -- but it also depicts the rise and fall of the Medes and Persians, Alexander the Great and the Grecians, and eventually, the Roman empire hundreds of years later.

The point of the great prophecy in Daniel's day is to show that the coming kingdom is going to outlive and triumph over any kingdoms that come into the world. "In the days of these kings," Daniel says, speaking of that fourth kingdom, the Romans, "the God of

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Sunray Baptist Church

James Kyzersang "Sheltered in the Arms of God" for the morning special.

Brother John used Mark 1: 40-45 for his sermon and told of "Jesus' Authority Over the Laws of Moses." These verses relate Jesus' cleansing and healing of the leper.

Leprosy was a very devastating disease. The leper was desperate and called to the only One who could help him. He had some faith and did not question Jesus' ability to heal him.

Jesus was moved with compassion for the man and touched him which was against the law of Moses. It did not render Jesus unclean. The leper was healed.

No law gets in the way of doing good. We are like the leper. Our sin is like a leprosy. Jesus can cleanse us and bring us back.

The evening message was from Genesis 41:37-40. These verses related how Pharaoh chose Joseph to oversee the growing and storage of food during the years of famine.

The wisdom Joseph had came from God. We were reminded that when we do business, we need the Spirit that God imparts and His wisdom. We should see it as a service to the Lord. If we don't have an answer, we should go to the people who God has given wisdom to. It all

requires wisdom from above.

We concluded our day with a quarterly business meeting, followed by a time of snacks and fellowship.

This coming Sunday, Pastor Appreciation Day, we will have our annual Ladies Casserole CookOff following our morning service. There will be a devotion after lunch and no evening service.

The BMA State Meeting will be held at New Heights in Oklahoma City October 13-14.

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Green Avenue Church of Christ

Last Wednesday we pushed into the second chapter of Titus. This study may go fairly quickly since it is so much like the letters to Timothy, so if you want to join with us you'd better come on by soon!

We learned that perhaps the biggest difference in the letters is that Titus was written with regard to the poor character of the people of Crete at that time, and the Christians on Crete had been most likely of that character themselves. Therefore Paul wrote to help Titus encourage these Christians to become fully transformed in Christ.

Now, this coming Wednesday is the first one of the month and so we will be looking at the songs we sing, but by the 11th we'll be back in Titus.

Our Sunday morning Bible study has moved into an examination of the modern issue of free speech. This Sunday we began the new material noting basic Biblical principles related

to this issue.

"The Scholarship of Jesus" was the title of the Sunday morning sermon. The study was taken from John 7:10-29. In it we learned that the Lord was recognized as a teacher although He did not attend the religious schools of the day. Instead, He proclaimed He taught whatever the Father told Him to. He had both supporters and detractors.

His teaching was always well founded in the Law and prophets, and He frequently made use of simple illustrations (parables) to get the point across. The sermon's application was made to Christians who need to learn what the Father says and teach it, not embellish it. We can have the same fundamental scholarship Jesus had if we will.

Three different passages comprised the center of Sunday evening's sermon: 2 Cor. 8:6; Gal. 3:3; and Phil. 1:6. Keith

Shackleford titled the sermon, "Finishing What Was Started." He pointed out that there is one Greek phrase repeated only in these three verses, which are rendered slightly different in English.

The words "began" along with "perform," "accomplish," and "perfect" make up this phrase, which is identical in the Greek. Keith examined the three texts and pointed out ultimately that when God begins a work, He finishes the work.

In Philippians it was noted that they were a continuing work of God, and so really is any Christian.

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

October 8, 2023, is the twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time.

In the first reading, Isaiah 5:1-7, Isaiah is singing a song for his friend and the hard work he has done in his vineyard. Unfortunately, the vineyard failed to produce fine grapes but only wild grapes.

The vineyard owner bemoans the poor production and lets it go to waste, unpruned, undug, and overgrown by brambles and thorn bushes. He even commanded the clouds to withhold rain for it.

Just as Jesus does when telling a parable, Isaiah explains that the vineyard is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are the plant God cherished.

He expected fair judgement, but found injustice;

uprightness, but found cries of distress.

The responsorial Psalm is Psalm 80. The writer praises God for clearing a space for the vineyard and planting a crop which took root and filled the whole country.

Then the people failed to care for it and the fences were broken, passers-by plucked its grapes, boars tore at it, and wild beasts fed on it.

He asks God "to bring us back, let your face shine on us and we shall be safe."

The Gospel reading is Matthew 21:33-43. Jesus tells a parable about a landowner who planted his vineyard, fenced it well, dug a winepress and built a tower. He leased it to tenants and went abroad.

When it was time for harvest,

he sent servants to collect his share. The tenants thrashed one servant, killed another, and stoned a third. The landowner then sent his son because he was certain they would respect him.

Instead, the tenants seized and killed him. Jesus asked the group, what will the landowner do with those tenants. The group answered that he would bring the tenants to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver produce to him at the proper time.

The Pharisees are the tenants and God is the landowner. God sent prophets to the Israelites, but they rejected them. Finally, he sent his son, Jesus, but the

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The Chickasaws crown 23-24 princesses

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby crowned three new princesses October 2 who will serve the remainder of 2023 and into 2024 as ambassadors of goodwill on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation.

Abby Gaines, 24, was crowned Chickasaw Princess, Jadyce Burns, 13, won the title of Chickasaw Junior Princess and Jagger Underwood, 11, was crowned Little Miss Chickasaw.

Miss Gaines is employed by the Chickasaw Nation and is a skilled artist. For her talent portion of the evening, she unveiled a charcoal rendering of three Chickasaw women engaging in a game of stickball that brought thunderous applause from a packed Ada Cougar Activities Center.

The 30-by-22-inch drawing was inspired by a photograph Miss Gaines snapped during the May 2023 Chikasha Itafama (Chickasaw Reunion).

"I was raised by a strong Chickasaw mother, so every time I look at this piece, I can't help but smile. My hope is for others to look at it and see their mothers, sisters and themselves being represented," she said.

Miss Gaines is the daughter of Wendell Gaines and the late Kimbrey Gaines of Allen, Oklahoma. The drawing has been entered into this year's Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) and may be enjoyed by art patrons beginning Friday through Saturday, October 6-7, on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw National Capitol Building.

Chickasaw Junior Princess Jadyce Burns, 13, celebrated the dynamic Chickasaw women who have graced her life as loved ones and blazed trails



• Photo provided

Chickasaw Princesses

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, left, crowned the 2023-24 Chickasaw Nation Princesses at the Ada Cougar Activity Center October 2. With the Governor are (from left) Little Miss Chickasaw Jagger Underwood, Chickasaw Junior Princess Jadyce Burns, Chickasaw Princess Abby Gaines and Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Chris Anoatubby.

for Chickasaw women that she wishes to carry on in her life.

Her great-great-grandmother was Pauline Walker, a fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language and a 2000 Silver Feather Award winner for promoting and teaching others the culture, heritage and traditions of the Chickasaw Nation.

Her great-grandmother was 2007 Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee Pauline Brown, also a fluent speaker and winner of the Silver Feather Award in 2018. Her grandmother, Gina Brown, director of genealogy for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Culture and Humanities, carries on the tradition by telling Miss Burns about the history and culture of the tribe.

Miss Burns is the daughter

of Jalena Walker and Sentro Burns. She is an eighth grade student at Ada Junior High School.

Little Miss Chickasaw Jagger Underwood, 11, featured storytelling as her talent with a rendition of "How Poison Came to the Chickasaws." She told the story of how all of the poisonous animals – bee, wasp, rattlesnake, copperhead and others – pledged they would not use venom on Chickasaws without first giving tribal citizens a warning before striking. The agreement was imparted through a poisonous vine who asked a blessing of the great spirit to stem unnecessary sickness and death of Chickasaws.

Storytelling is a centuries old tradition passed down

from many generations of Chickasaws and is celebrated for its poignant messages and lessons. Miss Underwood is the daughter of Shannon and Spencer Underwood of Mill Creek. She is a fifth grade student at Mill Creek Elementary School and is active in 4-H. The three young ladies will represent the Chickasaw Nation at various important Chickasaw Nation functions as well as joining with other tribal nations at functions across the United States.

Each contestant was judged on a preliminary interview, answers to questions and talent, and each was adorned with beautifully colored and crafted dresses, necklaces, aprons and attire passed down for centuries by the Chickasaw people.



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Hall of fame class

The Purcell Sports Hall of Fame Class was honored Friday night before the kickoff of the Purcell-Lindsay football game. Inductees this year were Mike Gowens, Wes Stone, Michael Thompson, John McCurdy, Johnny Mooneyham, Julie Hodge Dollins, Julie Clements Stewart, Devon Magness, Kristin Wollenberg, Mike Robinson, Mark Savage, Dale Bebout, Earl "Tex" Bartlett and Henderson "Bubba" Cheadle.

Legal Publications

No. 716-October 5-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff, v. TAMMY MCALVAIN AKA TAMMY L. MCALVAIN; KEVIN MCALVAIN AKA KEVIN L. MCALVAIN; JOHN DOE, OCCUPANT; AND PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC, ASSIGNEE OF U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Defendant(s). Case No. CJ-2018-00061 NOTICE OF ALIAS HEARING MOTION TO CONFIRM SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO: Tammy McAlvain; Kevin McAlvain; John Doe, Occupant; Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC, Assignee of U.S. Bank National Association that the hearing on Plaintiff's Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale is set on the 1st day of November, 2023, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., before Judge Edwards, at the McClain County Courthouse, 121 North 2nd Street, Purcell, OK 73080. LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP 770 NE 63rd St. Oklahoma City, OK 73105-6431 (405) 848-1819 Attorneys for Plaintiff File No. 17-129459

No. 717-October 5-2 Times TOWN OF GOLDSBY PLANNING COMMISSION The Town of Goldsby is seeking a Purcell resident to fill an open position on the Planning Commission. Duties/qualifications required are the Planning Commission meets once a month on the 4th Thursday, the Planning Commis-

sion powers are to hear, review and decide requests pertaining to zoning and/or subdivision regulations for the Town of Goldsby. Interest in the position can be submitted in writing or via email to 100E. Center Rd., Goldsby, OK. Email Adam Vossen at adam@townofgoldsbys.com for more information. The applications will close October 20th, 2023.

No. 718-October 5-3 Times NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns of LEO WILLIAM CALHOUN s/p/a BILL CALHOUN, Deceased; and any other unknown claimants to the subject lands. GREETINGS: You and each of you are hereby notified that you have been sued in the District Court of MCCLAIN County, State of Oklahoma, in Cause No. CV-23-203, wherein KAY DONNA ERHO is plaintiff, The heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns of LEO WILLIAM CALHOUN s/p/a BILL CALHOUN, Deceased; and any other unknown claimants to the subject lands, are defendants, and the plaintiff alleges that she is entitled to have her title quieted in and to the following-described real property: An undivided interest in and to all the oil, gas, and other minerals in, under, and that may be pro-

duced from the W SW SE of Section 29; and the NW NW NE and the SW NW NE of Section 32; all in Township 6 North, Range 4 West of the I.B.M., And you, the said defendants, are further notified that unless you answer said petition of the plaintiff, filed herein against you, on or before November 22, 2023, the allegations of said petition will be taken as true, and a decree quieting Plaintiff's title to the above-described property will be entered against each of you, the said defendants. Witness my hand this October 2, 2023. (SEAL) COURT CLERK OF MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA By /s/ Karen Weltmer Deputy

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GARAGE SALE: 24430 State Highway 39, Purcell. Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Bundles of Bargains. Remodeled house, cleaned and decorated. Area rugs, lamps, pictures, 6T boys clothing, men's and women's clothing, 14x14 above ground pool and some hand tools. 10/05/1tp

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

HUGE YARD SALE: 409 E. Broadway, Lexington. Wednesday - Saturday, October 4-7, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Antiques, furniture, lawn and garden decor, hand and power tools, lots of Christmas decor and much more. 10/05/1tp

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