



Arrests made after pursuit

McClain County Deputies assist Lighthorse Police

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McClain County Sheriff Deputy Justin Wright responded to Interstate 35 at northbound mile marker 106 for an agency assist October 8 just after 11 a.m.

Wright was working with Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department who had been involved in a pursuit of a stolen vehicle.

Lighthorse Police initiated the pursuit with a vehicle

stolen from the Love's Convenience Store at SH 9 and I-35.

The report states four subjects exited a vehicle stolen in Texas and commandeered another vehicle at the Loves.

During the pursuit, Lighthorse Police reported two pistols were thrown from the vehicle near the 106 underpass.

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Burn ban lifted

For McClain County

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McClain County Commissioners voted Tuesday morning to lift the current burn ban for the county.

The burn ban had been in place for the past several weeks.

In other county business, on October 2 commissioners accepted a general budget in the amount of

\$11,860,125.74 to be kept on file at the County Clerk's office.



At that meeting commissioners voted an increase of \$200 per month for all county full-time employee's salaries beginning with the January 2024 payroll with the exception of the election

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FIRE DESTROYS STRUCTURE

Renter taken to OU Medical for injuries from fire



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On the scene

A structure fire at 910 W. Grant St. Monday evening injured resident Earl McCormik and destroyed a garage and all its contents. A total of 12 Purcell fire personnel responded in addition to Wadley's EMS and the Purcell Police Department, as well as Purcell Electric staff.

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One person was injured and a structure was a total loss in a structure fire that was reported at 5:47 p.m. last Monday at 910 W. Grant

in Purcell.

A pickup was also destroyed in the blaze.

Renter Earl McCormik was transported by Wadley's EMS to OU Medical for treatment of injuries

sustained in the fire.

When firemen arrived at the scene, the structure was fully involved.

Fire Chief Greg Cypert had command at the scene. Firefighters deployed two

cross lays off Engine 21 for attack lines.

Engine 22 caught the hydrant on the corner of West

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Skeleton crew

On guard and getting ready for Halloween are numerous skeletons at the Allen Dorman residence on North 8th Avenue in Purcell.



Audit accepted

Purcell Board of Education

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Purcell's Board of Education accepted the 2022-23 School District Audit Report at its regular monthly meeting Monday evening at the school administration building.

"We pass all the expectations of what they were auditing," superintendent Dr. Sheli McAdoo said.

The board called for the annual school election to

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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 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.

Purcell residents living west 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.

There will be no collection of debris left in alleys and any brush put out after the scheduled dates will be invoiced to the resident.

For more information, call City Hall at 405-527-6561.

Storm dumps inches of rain

Intense rain blows through area Wednesday evening, October 4

A strong thunderstorm that moved through the Heart of Oklahoma around 6 p.m. last Wednesday, October 4, dumped a ton of water on the area.

Rain gauges in Purcell

and the surrounding areas measured anywhere from 1.5" to 2.27".

In town, in Purcell 2.2"

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Book signing

Lexington Native Harold Hamm

Lexington native Harold Hamm will hold a book signing Thursday, October 19, at Lexington High School.

He recently released a book "Game Changer - Our

50-year Mission to Secure America's Energy Independence."

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Outdoor scene

Purcell High School students Emma Garcia, Linzee Ruggles, Arely Resendiz and Lauri Abney work on their sidewalk art at the 2nd Annual Lexington Chalk Art contest.

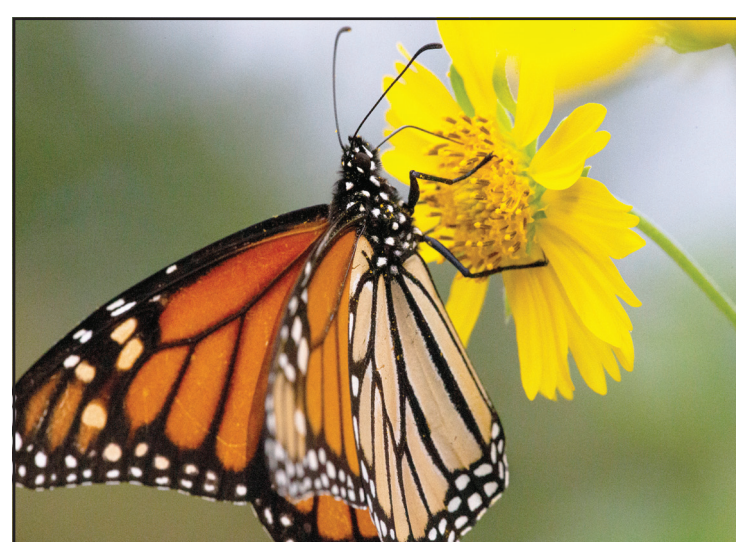
Monarch migration makes strong Oklahoma showing

By Kelly Bostian

With a showing reminiscent of better times, monarch butterflies pushed through Oklahoma this week, high and low, and, in selected spots, gathered in groups. Some may have dropped out of the sky to pause here and there, and more still may continue to trickle through for weeks, according to experienced watchers, but a “push” with northerly winds Thursday and Friday likely marked the main migration event for this year. “I think they came ahead of

this cold front and on this north wind,” Sandy Schwinn said just after noon Friday, about an hour after she posted to the Oklahoma Friends of Monarchs Facebook page that she was seeing 50 to 100 every five minutes in south Tulsa County, near Bixby. Schwinn, a retired Tulsa school teacher known for her years teaching school children about monarchs and who just completed a stint as Oklahoma’s conservation specialist for Monarch Watch, said the event Friday reminded her of migrations of the late 1990s and early 2000s.

“I would sit out on a chaise lounge or lay on the kid’s trampoline and just count them flying over,” she said as she counted five, then six and a dozen more flying overhead as she spoke. “Less than this morning, but they’re still coming through.” Ray Moran, a pollinator ecologist at Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, alerted monarch fans Thursday that he estimated 800 to 5,000 passed his farm southwest of Stillwater and that more were seen moving south and southwest near Pawnee. Facebook participants reported evening roosts, with large gatherings of monarchs hanging on tree limbs like leaves, at Talala and in the Oklahoma City area. Schwinn said polarized sunglasses and binoculars are great things to have for a migration day. To the naked eye, some migrators are little more than tiny dots high in the sky, while others may drop out to find nectar on a flowerbed or zoom past just on a breeze just over the rooftops or treetops. Monarchs migrating through Oklahoma this week are part of the eastern U.S. population, with generations that migrate as far north as southern Canada in the summer months, with a fourth generation that emerges to return to Mexico to overwinter. A western population inhabits parts of California and migrates to overwinter along the Pacific Coast near Santa



• Photo by Kelly J. Bostian/KJB Outdoors

Monarch time

A migrating monarch butterfly pulls nectar from a cowpen daisy in south Tulsa County on Friday morning.

7 Day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
82° 54°	70° 46°	64° 44°	65° 42°	68° 44°	70° 50°	75° 53°
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy

More seasonable temperatures

We started the week off with sunny skies and temperatures in the middle to upper 80s across much of the area, well above average for the beginning to middle part of October. Warmer, above average temperatures will carry us through

Thursday under a mostly sunny sky, before a cold front pushes through the area. Temperatures will drop into the lower 70s by Friday and into the middle 60s for daytime highs this weekend under sunny skies. Sunshine continues Monday

as temperatures climb into the upper 60s. A few clouds will enter the forecast by Tuesday and Wednesday of next week as temperatures return to seasonable averages in the lower to middle 70s.

– Hunter Brittingham

OMRF scientists awarded \$1.3 million to study ovarian health

Two Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientists are among 28 internationally to receive grants announced Wednesday by the Global Consortium for Reproductive Longevity & Equality (GCRLE). Research by OMRF scientists Sarah Ocañas, Ph.D., and Michael Stout, Ph.D., will take separate approaches toward a goal of delaying menopause. Accomplishing that feat would extend a woman’s reproductive years as well as her overall period of good health, as the risk of chronic disease accelerates rapidly after menopause. Ocañas received a two-year, \$500,000 Junior Scholar Award

from the GCRLE. Stout received a two-year, \$800,000 Senior Scholar Award. The GCRLE is an initiative to tackle female reproductive aging. The California-based Buck Institute launched the consortium in partnership with the Bia-Echo Foundation in 2019. Ocañas’ lab focuses on how neuroinflammation and disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease manifest differently between men and women. Of particular interest to her is whether changes in a woman’s hormones after menopause are connected to the onset of Alzheimer’s, which is more

prevalent and more severe in women. With the grant, Ocañas will study an early sign of ovarian failure, inflammation, which normally begins when a woman reaches her mid-30s. “That’s when reproductive success begins to decline rapidly, but it’s another 15 years or so until menopause begins,” she said. “So, we will look at how inflammation affects the lifespan of ovaries and whether that accelerated aging in the ovaries, marked by decreasing estrogen production, sends

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Special recognition

The McClain County Bar Association, represented by Graham Fishburn, presented former long-time Special Judge Lee Schilling an appreciation plaque for all his dedicated service to the county and the bar. Schilling served as McClain County Special Judge from July of 2015 to May of 2023.

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Getting to know the COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES



Gracie Rolin

How long have you worked for the McClain County Assessor’s office? 1½ years.

What are your duties? Filing, disposing of old records, and research.

Where is your hometown? Purcell, OK.

Tell us a little bit about your family? I was born and raised in Purcell like both of my parents, Jana and Randy. My mother also works for the county and my older sister Emma teaches science at Purcell High School. I graduated from OSU in December of 2022 with a degree in political science and a minor in campaigns and lobbying.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work? I enjoy running, cooking, knitting and spending time with my family and friends.

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NEWS In Brief

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery will be held on Monday nights at Landmark Church, 1106 W. Grant, in Purcell.

Big group will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. followed by small group from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling your life.

For more information contact Niki Steadman at 405-595-1337 or Mark Rillema at 405-496-5954.

Democrats to Hold Meeting

The McClain and Grady County Democrats will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 17, at the Blanchard Library.

Guest speaker for the event is the past senator of district 43, David Perryman, who will speak to the nuts and bolts of running a campaign.

Come and enjoy the fellowship of your Democrat activists.

Styrofoam Recycling

The Purcell Public Library will sponsor styrofoam recycling Saturday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The recycling will be held in the library parking lot at 919 N. 9th.

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.

Conservation Meeting

The McClain County Conservation District, along with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, will hold an informational meeting about watersheds in our area. They will also have information on programs available to local

producers in the area.

It will be held at the McClain County Farm and Home Community Center, 1721 Hardcastle Blvd., in Purcell on Tuesday, October 24, at 6 p.m.

Dinner will be served. Please RSVP by Friday, October 20, by calling Patti Christian at 405-527-3160, ext. 101.

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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Search is on

Purcell police search the former Purcell First Christian Church last week for Kameron Jenkins, who was accused of shooting Cleveland County Sheriff's Deputy Sean Steadman. The search for Jenkins ended Tuesday when his body was discovered near the scene of the shooting. The passenger of a dump truck, Gwaun Frierson, was killed as Jenkins and Dep. Steadman exchanged gunfire. Dep. Steadman is recovering from his injury.

Indictments stem from our county

Kansas man facing numerous federal charges on firearms

A federal grand jury returned a five-count indictment against Rigoberto Alexander Murillo, 44, of Wichita, KS charging him with interstate stalking.

The indictments, that came down October 3, also included interstate violation of protection order, felon in possession of firearms, possession of unregistered firearms and unlawful possession of a machine gun.

That's the word from U.S. Attorney Robert J. Troester.

According to the indictment, on or about August 7, 2023, Murillo traveled from Sedgwick County in Kansas to McClain County with the intent to harass another person.

The indictment further alleges Murillo traveled to Oklahoma to violate a Kansas protective order that prohibited him from contacting the victim.

According to the indictment, Murillo removed a victim's license plate and battery from their vehicle.

Murillo is charged with unlawfully possessing two machine gun conversion kits, which modify firearms to automatically shoot more than one shot by a single pull of the trigger, court officials said.

Murillo will be arraigned in federal court on the charges. If convicted he faces up to 10 years in federal prison on each charge.

If he is found guilty of being a felon in possession of firearms, he faces up to 15 years in prison for that charge, officials said.

The case is a result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the McClain County Sheriff's Department.

Assistant U.S. Attorney

Stan J. West is prosecuting the case.

The officials report the case is also part of "Operation 922."

Operation 922 is the Western District of Oklahoma's implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods the Department of Justice's signature initiative to reduce gun violence and enforce federal firearms laws.

Operation 922 prioritizes prosecution of federal crimes connected to domestic violence.

For more information about Project Safe Neighborhoods, visit <https://justic.gov/psn> and <http://justice.gov/us-aowdck>.

The public is reminded these charges are merely allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

StreetScape remains on schedule

Set to be completed by November 15

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At its regular monthly meeting last Thursday at the Community Room of the Police Service Building, Purcell's City Council was told the StreetScape project remains on schedule to be wrapped up by mid-November.

Planning is currently underway for landscaping of the project. Upkeep of the landscaping will be handled by Parks and Street Department personnel.

The council voted to ban the use of tobacco and vaping on city owned or leased properties and vehicles.

The board approved a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to learn more about domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who are providing advocacy efforts, services and assistance to victims.

Council members gave the green light to rezone the old hospital property at 1500 N. Green Avenue from R-2 to C-2.

The board also:

- approved a new hydraulic swivel for Ladder 21 in the sum of \$34,813.37.

- approved the white vinyl fencing be deemed surplus and a new metal fence to be installed at Hillside Cemetery.

- approved a budget of \$10,000 for recruiting expenses.

- approved Adam Demorest to replace Matt Simon on the Parks & Recreation Board.

- approved the purchase of a 2024 4WD Crew Cab 3/4 ton Silverado from Carter Chevrolet for the low bid of \$51,590.

- approved calling for the annual city election to be February 13, 2024.

- approved to declare bricks removed from Main Street during the StreetScape project to be surplus.

During his treasurer's report Victor Lohn told the council sales tax through August is up 7.71 percent over last year and up 7.99 percent over budget.

The use tax and tobacco tax are also both above budget. Lohn said electricity and water both had positive variances and that both the general fund and the Purcell Public Works Authority (PPWA) expenses were below revenues.

In the PPWA portion of the meeting the board voted to approve the city manager or Mayor to execute the residential subdivision reimbursement agreement with Rausch Coleman concerning Southbrook Addition phase 1.

Final approval must come from the city manager and city attorney.

Board members approved establishing policies and fee schedules related to increasing new user impact fees and sewer tap fees.

They also approved a budget of \$10,000 for recruiting expenses.

McClain County GOP meeting October 16

Save the date! McClain County GOP continues with its October meeting Monday, October 16, at 7 p.m. at the Newcastle Storm Shelter.

A meet and greet will be held from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

Our speakers Sandy Dean, Western Oklahoma Patriots, and Linda Murphy, Oklahoma educator, will be speaking on President Biden's well-funded agenda to take 30 percent of

American land out of production for food and human use by 2030.

He is directing agencies to return the land to "original condition" through Conservation Agreements and Federal designations. In Oklahoma, Federal legislation for the Great Western and Chisholm Trails are a concern.

The Newcastle Storm shelter is located at 851 North Carr Drive in Newcastle.

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Monarch:

Cruz and San Diego.

The large orange-and-black butterflies are iconic, with much of their migration still a mystery, and both have seen dramatic population decreases in the past two decades, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The populations remain under consideration for listing as endangered species, and federal biologists expect the species to continue to decline for at least the next 60 years.

The Service also noted in its

most recent evaluation, "the chance of both populations persisting above the extinction threshold over the next ten years is 27 percent to 33 percent (under future conditions) and drops under 10 percent within 30 years."

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Where is the wood?

In the past 30 or more years I've never had as much trouble finding a rick or two of seasoned firewood.

I saw on Channel 4's morning show Kent Ogle talking about having ordered his firewood for the coming winter.

I wish I had his phone number so I could call his supplier.

I've been able to find firewood over the years from different sources but someone has always come through.

So far not this year.

And that's not good because of the El Nino scenario we are predicted to have more snow than usual this winter.

We're going to be needing some firewood and that need isn't far off.

So if any of you out there know of someone who has wood for sale please let me know.

jdm

Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

Here's something very cool that going to take place at Purcell High School next week.

The Sons of the American Revolution will present the high school a flag certificate October 18 at a pep assembly at 1:55 p.m.

The pep assembly will have a patriotic theme in

recognition of veterans and the military at the Purcell-Washington football game later that evening.

Mark Atterson is President of the Sons of the American Revolution.

He reported to high school principal Jason Sanders a similar presentation was recently made at Blanchard High School.

It's good high school students learn about veterans and the sacrifices many of them have made for all of us over the generations.

The Purcell National Honor Society has an annual Veterans Day program and luncheon every year around Veterans Day.

It's a very worthwhile event and one from which the veterans get a good feeling and it one that helps educate young people of today's society.

Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



Update from the Capitol

Between meetings and events in the district and work at the Capitol, I've had a busy schedule in recent weeks.

We're currently focused on getting through the dozens of interim studies that were approved this year. These provide us more time to fully research important, complicated issues than we have during the four-month regular legislative session.

Several studies have already been completed in the Senate and we have many more scheduled prior to the November 3 deadline.

Some of the studies that have been conducted so far looked at the benefits to the state and agriculture community of expanding Oklahoma's industrial hemp production; efforts underway to stop invasive woody species like the Eastern Red Cedar that are a major fire hazard and also an extreme allergen for many

Oklahomans; and best practices for legislation relating to DUIs for medical marijuana.

Committees have also looked into deputy sheriffs' salaries and department shortages; ways to better support women-owned businesses and entrepreneurs, as well as workforce development overall; Oklahoma's housing crisis and steps being taken to increase the number of affordable rentals and single-family homes; and Oklahoma Tax Commission fees, fines, and penalties and how those are affecting taxpayers and small business owners.

In a couple of weeks on October 23, our Tourism and Wildlife Committee will examine why our state's turkey population is declining and what actions can be taken to increase their numbers. Then on October 25, our committee will be provided with a cost analysis of reauthorizing

Hugo Lake as a state park and transferring it back under the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department as it was around a decade ago.

On October 24, we'll get an overview of county purchasing procedures in the General Government Committee and how those might be improved. We'll also look into government accountability and President Biden's 30x30 executive order, which seeks to conserve 30 percent of U.S. lands and waters by 2030.

No resolution came from special session last week regarding an income tax reduction, but I want you to know that work has been underway in the Senate for quite some time. We have a tax reform working group that has been studying our tax struc-

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Chaos in the Middle East

Congressman Tom Cole

In recent years, the enemies of the U.S. and our allies have become increasingly more aggressive. Unfortunately, this weekend aggression once again came to a head when Hamas invaded parts of Israel and carried out the deadliest attacked seen in 15 years.

The results have been nothing short of devastating with at least 800 innocent lives lost, more than 150 hostages kidnapped and taken to Gaza and more than 2,600 seriously injured, far worse than the United States' own September 11th. Moreover, at least 11 American lives have been lost and Americans are still trapped and unable to escape.

In the wake of this unprovoked war, I was proud to co-sponsor a House Resolution with more than 230 of my House colleagues to formally condemn Hamas in the strongest terms and express unconditional support for Israel

and its right to defend itself. It is essential Congress stand together in support of Israel.

Hamas has been a longtime threat to Israel and the Middle East and has repeatedly shown its disregard for human life and sole intention to do harm. This has taken form through numerous unprovoked and unwarranted rocket attacks on Israel by Hamas and Hezbollah, sometimes despite supposed ceasefire agreements, and use of its own civilians as human shields. Now, we have seen that barbaric and disturbing acts of violence against innocent civilians.

Under the last administration, the Middle East experienced historic peace and stability with agreements between Israel, the United Arab Emirates, Sudan and Bahrain. Now, Afghanistan has been retaken by the Taliban, Iran has been emboldened and Israel is at war with Hamas.

The world has unquestionably changed and become more dangerous. It is now more im-

portant than ever to make critical investments in our national defense and provide support to our allies – and that is just what Congress's priority should be.

Israel has been an indispensable ally and partner to the U.S. for decades. In the hard days and weeks ahead, the United States offers its unwavering support to Israel in its changing posture in defense of itself and in pursuit to bring Hamas to its knees and cripple its enablers.

In addition to this support, I urge the Department of State and Department of Defense to exercise every power they have to bring Americans to safety.

Our nation has a duty to stand with Israel, who are courageous defenders of western values. There is no room to sympathize with the terrorist organization of Hamas.

America has always remained Israel's longest and most loyal ally, and this partnership will certainly continue during our friend's time of dire need.

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Your Views

News from District 42

• Rep. Cindy Roe •



Special session and interim studies

This week, the Oklahoma Legislature returned to the State Capitol on October 3 for special session.

The governor announced in September that the Legislature would hold a special session to work on bills related to budget transparency and reduced taxes.

Prior to meeting on the floor, the House Republican Caucus met to discuss options, and we spent quite a bit of time discussing the four bills we passed the House this year to provide tax relief. Unfortunately, those were not heard in the Senate this year, which led to the governor to call the special session.

If we waited to provide tax relief until our next session starts in February, Oklahomans wouldn't receive the tax relief until the following year.

The Senate adjourned the special session on Tuesday afternoon, but the House only adjourned to the call of the chair, meaning we could return next week or even later. We are prepared to discuss avenues forward with both our colleagues in the Senate and the governor, we left this week with little progress.

While we consider possibilities, legislators continue to work on our interim studies.

I am working with Rep. Toni Hasenbeck and Rep. Danny Sterling on a study examining how we could encourage physical education in public schools.

Encouraging kids to be active from a young age is tied to an increase in healthy habits throughout their lives, including combating obesity, providing stress relief through exercise and a decrease in the need for medication.

We expect to hear from representatives from the State Dept. of Health, who will share about childhood obesity and recommendations and the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET), who will provide in-

formation about resources for educators.

We have also lined up Shana Classen, the Director of Health and Physical Education at the State Department of Education, who will speak to current P.E. requirements in schools and changes that have been made to lower the P.E. time requirements over the years.

Lastly, we'll hear about the connection between youth nutrition, physical activity and diabetes from Joel Romo of The Cooper Institute.

This should be a very enlightening morning, and I'm looking forward to hearing what these experts have to share and asking questions about how we can best prepare our students for lifelong healthy habits.

The committee will be held before the House Common Education Committee and is open to the public if you'd like to attend in-person.

Before I wrap up my column this week, I want to briefly share the best ways to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or issues with a state agency.

There is a "Contact Me" area on my House page, which can be found at okhouse.gov/representatives/cynthia-roe.

However, I strongly encourage you to email me directly at cynthia.roe@okhouse.gov. I get hundreds of emails every day, especially during our legislative session, and a direct email is less likely to get lost in my inbox than the automated form.

Additionally, you can always call my office directly at 405-557-7365 to visit with me or my legislative assistant or leave a voicemail if neither of us are in the office.

Thank you for the honor of representing you at the State Capitol!

Rep. Cynthia Roe, a Republican, serves District 42 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, which covers Garvin and McClain Counties.

Rants? Raves?

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America in chaos

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

New York's mayor Eric Adams has recently been on a trip to Mexico and parts of South America preaching the urgent message, "Don't come to New York City!"

It's good that he is making this evangelistic crusade to convert those being fooled in third world countries. New York has become a migrant magnet with over 100,000 migrants housed in hotels or wherever they can find shelter.

This should be a trip for President Joe Biden. He seems totally indifferent to the chaos on America's border. Chaos that has now taken over some of America's cities.

Mayors and Governors are going to have to lead this parade since we do not have a President who cares enough to do anything about the mass invasion of our country.

Mayor Adams went on to declare, "Don't count on working in NYC. Don't plan on being housed in a five-star hotel. Life is going to be much more difficult than what is being falsely communicated on the Internet."

Has Homeland Security become an oxymoron?

While chaos from the millions of illegal immigrants engulfs America, Congress, of course, cannot get their act together.

For the first time in America's history the Speaker of the House was ousted from his position. Kevin McCarthy was punished for trying to keep the country going for a couple of more weeks.

Military personnel, Social Security recipients, government workers and more could go without pay. It is definitely time to make serious spending cuts and decisions but not at the expense of America's most vulnerable.

Some of our leaders in Congress would rather make our nation's elderly and military members suffer than to come up with a bipartisan plan.

While chaos erupts in Congress, our border and our cities, Fentanyl is killing more in America every day than Russia is killing in Ukraine. Over 106,000 drug related deaths were reported in 2021.

The chaotic flow of drugs coming into this country must be stopped. Families are being shattered every day in this

nation because of America's chaos.

While all this is happening, our auto workers, Kaiser health care workers, the Writer's Guild and most everyone else is demanding more money. If enough people continue to strike for larger pay increases there won't be enough business left in America to pay anybody anything.

We are in chaos in this country. We must have a change of leadership or Americans will be looking for someplace to go. Or, everybody will be fighting. Then, that will be the end.

While all this craziness is happening, millions of Americans are breaking their necks trying to catch a glimpse of Taylor Swift at a football game.

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.

Lonely and hurting

By Andy Bowman,
CoffeeTime
Columnist

She finally looked up from her computer and stretched her neck after several hours of working nonstop. As she glanced around the room, she noticed the blinds were still open on the window of her home office, giving her a clear view of the falling evening twilight.

Realizing her workday should definitely be finished, she saved her work and closed down her computer.

At that point, her stomach growled and she mentally agreed, "Yep, I know, it's past time to get something to eat." Looking for a quick and easy something that she could call a meal, she was soon sitting at her kitchen bar with a green salad and a sandwich in front of her, holding a book in one hand while she ate. A nightly routine in her little world.

Most evenings this loner lifestyle fit her to a T. But some nights it would hit her, "It's Friday evening, I'm sitting here reading a book and eating all

alone – again."

Sadness and isolation would suddenly cloak her and she would feel an enormous welling up of loneliness inside. A loneliness that made her thoughts dwell on all the people outside of her front door who were with others, talking and laughing while they headed to a movie or a restaurant. Just enjoying life together.

The blackness of her mood began to mirror the darkness outside. She felt alone, forgotten, ostracized and totally insignificant. Finally, desperation caused her to consider picking up her phone— just to hear a voice to break up this downward spiral that was sending her into an emotional quagmire.

But then, "Who can I call? I really am not close to anyone. Sure, I have my sisters, but there is no doubt they're all busy with their own families. And people from work? I don't know any of them on a personal basis."

She then thought of people she saw at her church, but that caused pain immediately. After all, everyone one she knew there were basically only 'pew

buddies,' giving and getting a brief greeting as they settled in to their seats before the service began. No personal interaction ever happened before or after, she usually just smiled her way back to her car.

Sound familiar? Many people today are living emotionally all alone, even while surrounded by people. And that works for them, most of the time.

But once in a while, the loneliness catches up with them, and they realize they need others. But the learned ability to socially connect with others has been lost somewhere along the way.

If this is you, deliberately stop the flow of your life. You and you alone can change this loneliness.

Risk doing something a little different. Open up, and ask questions, don't just smile and walk away.

Invite someone to get coffee or a meal with you. Eventually, you will probably stumble across someone who is lonely and needing someone also.

Because you are definitely not alone in your aloneness, it is a plague everywhere.

Playing it safe online

By Dusty Ricks,
Manager/CEO
Rural Electric Cooperative

In today's world, most of us would not leave the front door unlocked. We protect our homes, loved ones and valuables from intruders with locks, alarms and other security measures.

Cybersecurity is no different. It is the practice of protecting other valuables such as your identity, banking and health records and other sensitive information from digital attacks and theft.

Given our increased reliance on internet-connected devices and gadgets, this month, I'd like to share a few cybersecurity tips and let you know how REC is working to boost our own cybersecurity efforts.

According to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA), an agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security responsible for strengthening cybersecurity and infrastructure protection, these are the four best ways to keep you and your family safe online.

1. Implement multi-factor

authentication (also known as two-step verification) on your accounts. The additional layer of protection makes it much harder for criminals to access your information.

Even if a hacker obtains your password, they may be unable to access your accounts with multi-step verification enabled.

2. Update your software. This is one of the easiest ways to protect your personal data. When downloading software updates, make sure it is coming straight from the company who created it. Beware of fake pop-ups requesting urgent downloads.

3. Think before you click. Most successful cyber attacks start with a phishing email. Do not take the bait when cyber criminals go phishing. Avoid emails (or texts) looking too good to be true, oddly urgent, poorly crafted or include unusual requests.

4. Create strong passwords, using long, unique and complex words or phrases. Consider using a password manager to save time, work across all devices, protect your identity and notify you of potential phishing websites.

Talk with your children about ways to stay safe online. Help them understand the public nature of the internet.

Just as you would guard your money or valuables, children need to learn to guard their personal information, especially on social networks and gaming sites.

We are doing our share on the cyber front. Part of offering excellent service is keeping service secure and reliable.

For REC, reliability means repairing wear-and-tear, upgrading our equipment to withstand storms and severe weather and using technology and best practices to keep our system secure from cybersecurity issues.

We also work together with co-ops across the country to develop new technologies and infrastructure, learn from each other and keep the grid's network secure.

While we can not stop a storm or predict every disruption, as your Co-op, we do everything we can to keep the lights on and our members protected. If we all do our part, our interconnected world will be safer and more secure to everyone.

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Garvin:

ture for more than a year now, along with fiscally responsible ways to provide tax relief to all Oklahomans while protecting our state services.

This is a complicated issue that can't be addressed overnight as we must consider both current and future state and national economic trends.

While we all would like to pay less taxes, we have to remember that those revenues support the budgets of more than 60 state agencies and hundreds of public services that our families and neighbors depend on like safe roadways, nutrition programs for seniors, mental healthcare, disability services, public edu-

cation, and so much more.

Let's also not forget the thousands of hardworking state employees and teachers who make those services possible every day either. I'm looking forward to reviewing the working group's tax reform proposals in the coming regular session.

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

Overdose prevention campaign saves lives

October marks National Substance Use Prevention Month, making it an ideal time to ramp up messaging about overdose prevention and the increasing threat of fentanyl. Amid the ongoing fentanyl epidemic, drug education and prevention have become critical.

Drug education campaigns and prevention organizations in Oklahoma, along with reliable information about opioids and fentanyl, play an important role in preventing overdose and saving lives. Some prevention messaging should be placed on repeat and reach every community.

Most people can agree the opioid epidemic began with overprescribing pain medications like OxyContin. Pharmaceutical companies' deceptive marketing and advertising claiming the drug was safe and effective created a tidal wave of overdose and addiction.

Since the 1990s, the opioid epidemic has gone in waves, beginning with legal pain medication, followed by a strong resurgence of heroin, and now illicitly manufactured synthetic opioids.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic worsened the overdose epidemic. The border closures and supply chain disruptions caused most drug users to turn to local supplies of unknown drugs. The lockdowns and social isolation meant people were dying without support or treatment.

In Oklahoma, fentanyl overdose deaths in 2022 skyrocketed to 300 from 47 deaths in 2019.

There is specific prevention messaging that should be available to everyone, especially recreational drug users or anyone exposed to fentanyl. For instance, fentanyl is found in other drugs like cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine.

Fentanyl is also made into illegal counterfeit pain medications made to look like the real thing. These illegal pills are sold on social media platforms. Drug dealers use code words and emojis to advertise products. It's nearly impossible to tell if a drug has been laced with fentanyl without using a fentanyl test strip.

It's also important to know that mixing drugs increases the risk of overdose, especially if one of those drugs is laced with fentanyl. Mixing opioids with other depressants drastically slows breathing.

Fortunately, Naloxone is a life-saving medicine and reverses the effects of opioid overdose. Naloxone is available in all 50 states without a prescription, and everyone should know its availability.

Finally, people in treatment and recovery need support to break down the stigma associated with mental health problems and addiction. Showing compassion for people who use drugs and offering support during their treatment and recovery journey are the best ways to remove stigma.

Communities that come together to share resources and campaign information with people of all ages are taking the necessary steps to prevent overdose and save lives.

Editor's note: Jody Boulay is a mother of two with a passion for helping others. She currently works as a Community Outreach Coordinator for Addicted.org to help spread awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



Boulay

20-year-old accident victim

A 20-year-old Washington man was injured in a one vehicle accident Monday about 2:34 on SH 74 1/10th of a mile south of 260th Street in Goldsby.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Ellis Tontz was transported by Wadley's EMS to OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City where he was admitted in good condition.

The OHP reported Tontz was driving a 2019 Chevrolet Bolt when the vehicle made an unsafe lane change into oncoming traffic swerving to the left.

Investigating OHP Trooper Wilson said the vehicle departed the roadway, striking a fence and rolling an unknown number of times coming to rest in a field.

Tontz was wearing his seat belt at the time of the accident, the trooper said.

Purcell election

The Board of Education of Purcell Public School District hereby announces that statutorily qualified individuals interested in running as a candidate for the #4 seat on the Purcell Board of Education may file to run as a candidate for this seat at the McClain County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, December 4th, through Wednesday, December 6th, 2023.

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REC youth programs available

Rural Electric Cooperative is offering youth programs to students within REC's service territory.

High school juniors could win an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. or Steamboat Springs, Colo., while eighth graders could win a trip to Canyon Camp in Hinton. High school seniors could win a scholarship to help with college expenses.

Representatives from REC will visit the schools to distribute information about these programs in October. Students may pick up the necessary information at their schools, from

the Cooperative or may visit www.recok.coop and click on the "Programs and Services" tab, then select the program for details.

Energy Camp

Energy Camp is available for eighth graders within REC's service area. Eight students will be selected to attend a four-day camp near Hinton to gain a better understanding of electric cooperatives, enhance leadership skills and meet new friends.

To participate in this contest, students must be attending a school within REC's service area and write a short essay on

a topic provided by REC.

Youth Tour

Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. is a week-long, all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for three students to attend the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour. These three students will join approximately 70 other Oklahoma high school juniors this summer.

To participate, students must be classified as a high school junior and are required to write a speech on a topic provided by the Cooperative.

Six finalists will be chosen to present their speeches to determine the winners. The top three scores will win the Washington, D.C. trip, while the three runners-up will earn a week-long, all-expense paid

trip to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Scholarships

In addition to trips, REC offers ten scholarships to area high school seniors. Seniors whose parents are members of REC are eligible to apply for the scholarships. Scholarships will be applied to the students' freshman year of college starting in the fall semester of 2024.

REC will award two \$1,500 scholarships and eight \$1,000 scholarships.

All materials for any of these programs will be available at area schools and on REC's website, www.recok.coop. Students may also contact REC's Member Services Department with additional questions at 405-756-3104, Extension 238.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to Laura Clark Smith, Jim Blevins, Mike McGregor, Brandon Powell, Mike Foshee, Shelly Matthews, Alyssa Rooker, Cannon Haynes, Ryki Gay Hudson, Barbara Lambert, Jerrett Haynes, Candice Clark, Avery Wren, Seth Berger, Peggy Rauser, Leigh Anne McGregor, Fernando Ivan Auz, Jeffery D. Wood Jr., Diana Legarda Del Toro, Tammy Burton, Thelma Arriaga, Micah Chavez, Jacob Dumas, Wyatt Mills, Darren Michael York, Sharon Barton, Leslie Clouse, Lee Anna Forster and Sherri Sikes.

The Purcell Public Library will present "Community Matters: Internet Safety Program - alert!" Tuesday, October 17, from 4-5 p.m.

Engage with your community and discover more about internet safety with presenter Ronni Roney from Abbott House Child Advocacy Center in Norman. Designed for students in the fifth through 12th grades.

Ignite your civic engagement and learn more about topics that are important in your community. Become engaged and informed by connecting with Ronni Roney from Abbott House Child Advocacy Center and diving into their new internet safety program "alert!"

"alert!" is a comprehensive, evidence-informed prevention education program for middle school students in grades 5-8 and high-school students in grades 9-12. The program educates and empowers teens and all relevant adults with information and strategies to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to bullying, cyberbullying, all types of abuse, relationship abuse, sex trafficking and other digital dangers.

Get information from the source and share your voice through open dialogue with others.

This program is intended for students grade levels 5th-12th. If you are parent or guardian, please register for our 5:30 p.m. session which will be geared for parents or guardians.

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

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

The Purcell Public Library will present "Learn It! Quilting for Beginners" a four-part

series which began on 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 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.

Here's another good recipe that's a little out of the ordinary.

Caramel Cream Cheese Bread

8 ounces softened cream cheese
1 cup room temp unsalted butter
1.5 cups white sugar
4 room temp eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup caramel topping
Optional: Add 1/2 cups nuts of choice

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease two 9x5 inch loaf pans.

In a large bowl, cream together the cream cheese, butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla.

In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt; gradually stir into the creamed mixture until well combined. Stir in nuts, if using.

Spread 1/4 of the batter into prepared loaf pans. Drizzle 1/4 of the caramel topping over the batter. Cover with the remaining batter, then drizzle with the remaining caramel topping.

Bake for 45-50 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean. Allow to cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.



REC's 2023 Energy Camp winners



REC's 2023 Cooperative Youth Leadership winners



REC's 2023 Youth Tour winners

Mantooth Family Storytelling October 15

Enjoy another historic story from the Mantooth family whose grandparents, John Columbus "Lum" and Lula Mantooth, established their home in the Lindsay Community in the early 1900s.

The Mantooth story will be told on Sunday, October 15,

at 2 p.m.

They raised six sons in their large Victorian farmhouse. This story will be told by Jim Mantooth who grew up in the Lindsay area with his siblings, Betty, Mike, Linda, Jo Ellen and Marilyn children of Wes and Ruth Mantooth. Mike and Pat Mantooth now live in that family home.

Storytelling is hosted by the Lindsay Community Historical Society each month at the Pikes Peak School Museum in Erin Springs, south of Lindsay, and across from the historic Murray Lindsay Mansion.

Follow these storytelling adventures on Facebook and on YouTube under the name Lindsay Community Historical Society.

This LCHS Event is free to the public. Community support is always appreciated and your donations help us maintain this historic two room rural school.

Learn more about the history of the Lindsay Community by calling for a tour of either or both museums at 405-919-6146 or 405-756-6502.

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Youngsters flock to compete in special cornstalk shoot

Seven young Chickasaw archers competed for top honors at the 2023 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival cornstalk shoot September 29.

While the contest was not particularly close, the crowd that gathered delighted in watching four archers age five and under compete, two of them finishing in second and third place, respectively.

Evan Scribner, 13, put on a stellar performance ending with a total of 47 points to take first place honors. In an interview following the event, he was asked how many times he "missed" the target.

"Twice," the teenager said quietly.

Evan also was first place winner in youth cornstalk

competition during Chikasha Ittafama (Chickasaw Reunion) conducted annually each May.

Denton Brown, 5, finished in second place with a total of 16 points. Everly Brinska, 4, finished third with eight total points.

Denton is the son of Zac and Tamra Carlon and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Shackelford of Noble. Mrs. Carlon said she and her family recently moved back to Noble from the Washington, D.C., area.

"I really was missing my family and my tribe. We came home, and it was a great decision," she said. She did not have to give up her job in the Pentagon. She works remotely now.

Mrs. Carlon finished in third

place during cornstalk competition among Chickasaw women.

Everly is the daughter of Michael and Katie Brinska of Ada. Everly needed some help from her father, while Denton was enlisting sage advice from his grandfather, who also is a cornstalk competitive archer.

Ben Scribner, 2, was just a point behind Everly. He finished with a final score of seven, and he used his father, Matt Scribner, to assist him while competing, as did Miles Scribner, 5, who leaned on his father, Andrew, for a little help.

A large gathering of contest spectators cheered on each contestant, offering congratulations for winning strikes and yelling encouragement if an arrow fell short of the target.



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Champion archers

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, left, and Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Chris Anoatubby, far right, presented trophies to the 2023 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival youth cornstalk winners. They are (from left) Everly Brinska, Denton Brown and Evan Scribner.



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Adult cornstalk champions

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, left, and Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Chris Anoatubby, far right, awarded adult men and women with 2023 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival trophies for cornstalk archery competition. Winners included (from left) Josh Scribner, third place; Wayne Scribner, second place; women's champion, Andra Freeman; men's champion, Chris Foreman; women's second place finisher, Wakeah Vigil; and women's third place finisher, Tamra Carlon.

Opry has great night of fellowship

It was a most memorable night at the Pauls Valley Opry. The weather was perfect and it was a great night of fellowship and music. All of the guests did a fabulous job and Buck Swindell (pronounced Swin-dell) had his star, Checkers, ready for his debut appearance.

Tracy Watts-Felan made her second appearance at the Opry and she just knocked it out of the park! This hometown sweetheart wooed the crowd with the Band Perry/Glen Campbell hit, "Gentle on My Mind," and she took us to church with the Kim Hill classic, "Revive Us Again."

We are always glad when the unbelievable Dea Newsom is on the show. Dea has a beautiful voice and this little gal tore it up! She rocked the house with the Linda Ronstadt tune, "When Will I Be Loved." We fell in love with her all over again with the Patty Griffin tune, "Heavenly Day."

Wayne Gibbs is truly the real deal, one of the last singing western cowboys. He always has a song or story and he always does such a terrific job. You could have heard a pin drop in the auditorium when Wayne sang the Lefty Frizzell classic, "Long Black Veil." He got everyone in the aisle with the Merle Haggard hit, "I Think I'll Just Stay Here and Drink."

April Davis is a little package of talent. She thrilled everyone with the Teri Gibbs song, "Somebody's Knockin'." Then, she got us all in a moment of worship when she sang the Barbara Mandrell gospel classic, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee." April warmed our hearts and soothed our spirits with her heavenly voice.



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Pauls Valley Opry

Annie Reed will be one of the featured performers at the next Pauls Valley Opry on November 4. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley Junior High School auditorium.

an original tune, "I Know." The reigning Female Vocalist of the Year, Missy Rude stepped up to the plate when one of our original October guests cancelled. Missy stepped in and sang the songs (that she had never done) already scheduled and she nailed them all! That is why Missy is a Pauls Valley Opry Hall of Fame Member.

Whatever or whenever we ask, Missy is always there to pick up the slack-helping us in whatever capacity. She got everyone in a two-steppin' mood with the Trisha Yearwood hit, "Cowboys are My Weakness" and she took our breath away with another Trisha Yearwood love song, "To Make You Feel My Love."

The much-anticipated wait for the Country Rock & Roller, Checkers was over and Checkers along with his fan base, management staff and security detail were in full blossom! Checkers appeared with his manager, Buck Swindle, making their way through the

crowd, alongside his trusted body guards, Francis & Dutch.

After several stops along the way from avid fans wanting a photo, autograph or just a touch from Checkers, he finally made it to the stage. Checkers rocked the house with the Robert Gordon hits of "The Way I Walk" and "Lonesome Train (On a Lonesome Track)."

Then, Checkers showed a less known aspect of his persona - he slowed it way down with the Elvis tune, "Funny How Time Slips Away." Not only can this guy rock the house but he has a sweet, tender side to him, too. His manager assured us, "this guy can sing." This phenomenal performance will be remembered for a long time at the Pauls Valley Opry.

Buck, Dutch and Francis did an outstanding job as well of the P-P-P's - preparing, promoting and protecting the "Star." Great fun!

John Williams, our "Friendly Undertaker" handled the emcee duties with class and was featured on the Alan Jackson song, "Pop-a-Top." The Memory Makers Band added to the mix with a few selections of their own. One selection "Jackson" featured the newlyweds of the group - the Pratts.

Please join us next month on Saturday, November 4, when we welcome guests Cathy Lake, Michael Webb, Annie Reed, Paul Lopez, Betty Archer, Larry Darnell and Donna Kilmurray along with emcee John Williams.

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Cutting and enjoying fall perennial flowers

Melinda Myers
For The Purcell Register

Bring a bit of your fall garden indoors. Many of your fall flowering perennials make great cut flowers to enjoy in arrangements for your home and bouquets to share with others.

Harvest your flowers early in the morning whenever possible. This is when they are fully hydrated, helping to extend their vase life. Early evening is the next best time, but any time you need to cut your flowers will work.

Take along a clean bucket of water and a sharp pair of bypass pruners or snips to the garden. Immediately place the flowers in the water to help prolong their vase life.

Picking flowers at the right stage for the variety you are cutting is important to ensure the flowers showcase their best display and will last the longest in your arrangements.

In general, spike-type flowers should be harvested when one-fourth to one-half of the individual flowers on the spike are open. Daisy-type flowers like rudbeckias, coneflowers, Heliopsis and Helenium are harvested when the flowers are fully open.

Asters and golden rods make a great combination in the garden as well as a vase. Harvest the golden rod as soon as the flower color is visible with half of the individual flowers in the cluster open.

Look for and pick asters when one-fourth of the flowers in the cluster are open to enjoy them for as many as seven to 12 days.

The native Agastache, you may know as lavender or anise hyssop, is a pollinator favorite and makes an excellent addition to flower arrangements. Wait for one-half to two-thirds of the flowers on the spike to open before picking. With proper harvesting and care, these flowers can last six to 10 days in your arrangement.

Watch as the individual flowers on the Liatris spike open from the top down. Harvest these when less than half of the flowers at the top of the spike are open and the remainder are in bud.

Once rudbeckias and coneflowers shed their petals, which are actually non-fertile ray flowers, the remaining seed heads still make an attractive addition to fall bouquets.

Don't overlook the wispy seed heads and foliage of ornamental and native grasses growing in the garden. These can be harvested at any time after the seed head emerges and last about a week.

Consider adding a few seed pods for added fall flare in your bouquets. The pods of native baptisia and milkweed as well as Siberian iris are a few to try.

Condition fresh flowers before arranging to further extend their vase life. Set the flowers in tepid water and place them in a cool place out

of direct sunlight for at least several hours and preferably overnight before arranging.

Recut the stems on a 45° angle to the desired length when creating your arrangements. The angled cut prevents stems from sitting flat on the bottom of the vase, exposing more surface area to absorb water.

Remove the lower leaves that would otherwise end up submerged in the water in the vase. Foliage in the water encourages microbial growth that can shorten the vase life of your cut flowers.

Always use a clean vase filled with fresh water. Add a floral preservative to the water to further extend the vase life of your flowers. Change the water often to keep flowers looking good for as long as possible.

Remove individual flower stems as they fade and rearrange the remaining ones that still look fresh. Recut the stems as needed to keep the

flowers absorbing water and lasting longer.

Add your own perennial flower favorites and evaluate how they perform as cut flowers. Make a few notes on those that worked well and do a bit of research to improve the vase life of those that did not.

Even a short-lived arrangement will generate a smile and brighten your mood when bringing a bit of your garden indoors.

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Seasonal selection

Purcell High School students Erica Luna and Selina Suarez chalked a Halloween scene while they competed in the 2nd Annual Lexington Chalk Art contest. Purcell won three of the four competitions including Best in Show.

Purcell man faces prison time

65 months for possession of "glock switches"

A Purcell man was sentenced last week to 65 months in federal prison for illegally possessing a firearm after a previous felony conviction.

U.S. Attorney Robert J. Troester said Michael Adrian Allen Smith, 37, also was convicted of unlawful possession of machine guns.

A federal search warrant was issued for Smith's residence after probable cause was shown Smith was in possession of ammunition.

Smith is a convicted felon in the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside,

for possession of a controlled substance for sale by an armed person with a firearm. Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Explosives served the warrant.

They found two machine gun conversion devices commonly known as "glock switches", which enable a firearm to fire more than one round for each pull of the trigger.

Smith pleaded guilty to counts one and two. As part of his plea, Smith admitted to possessions of two machine gun conversion kits, the possession of which is prohibited

under federal law.

At the sentencing hearing last week, U.S. District Judge Bernard M. Jones sentenced Smith to 65 months in federal prison.

In announcing the sentence, the court noted Smith's criminal history which includes convictions for domestic violence offenses and the illegal sale of firearms present in the community.

The case, prosecuted by U.S. Attorney Mary E. Walters, is a result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.



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Purcell Students of the Month

Purcell Elementary School Students of the Month for September include (from left) Kensley Wallace and Jagger Gray, pre-kindergarten; Olivia Anderson and Miguel Rodarte, kindergarten; Susanna MacLeod and Kal-el Roof, first grade; and Sawyer Creswell and Trevor Bloodworth, second grade. Students are chosen for making excellent Dragon CARES.

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OMRF:

an inflammatory signal to the brain."

Stout's research underscores that reproductive cells in women do not regenerate.

Females are born with the pool of eggs, called primordial follicles, that she will have for her reproductive life, Stout said.

As a woman ages, some will develop, while others remain dormant or deteriorate. Once the pool of primordial follicles is exhausted, the ovaries stop producing estrogen, which indicates the transition to menopause.

"Recent studies have shown

that it's possible to slow down ovarian aging, but we don't know why this happens," said Stout. "We also know very little about which cells in the ovaries age the fastest and whether a certain cell type plays a major role in causing ovarian failure."

Stout will study the impact of a protein complex called mTORC1 in a particular group of ovarian cells and how this may promote ovarian declines. While mTORC1 plays a significant role in cell division, wound healing and inflammatory responses, its role in age-related ovarian failure is unknown.

Ocañas and Stout hope their research could lead to new treatments that extend the period of healthy ovarian function.

"We are thrilled to support groundbreaking scientific research that will change the narrative around reproductive longevity and reveal the key factors that contribute to ovarian aging, ultimately extending the overall health and well-being of women," said GCRLE Co-Founder and Director Jennifer Garrison. "Our mission goes beyond addressing fertility and menopause; it's about equality."

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Spooky

High School students from Purcell, Lexington and Wayne competed Wednesday at the 2nd Annual Lexington Chalk Art contest.

David Johnson wins at National TMC Future Tech

David Johnson, a 2023 graduate of MATC's Diesel program, recently competed in the Technology & Maintenance Council's (TMC) National Technician Skills Competition held by the American Trucking Association in Cleveland, Ohio.

Johnson's skill and expertise garnered him a first place

win in the Preventive Maintenance Inspection portion of the competition, where he was awarded a plaque and gift card to help him with this career.

Johnson secured his spot in the national contest by placing in the Oklahoma Future Tech Competition, which was held in May 2023.

Appreciation goes to

Johnson's sponsors, Mark Winchell with Whiting Systems, George Arrants with the ASE National Headquarters and Bonne Karim with the Oklahoma Trucking Association.

These individuals and their companies covered all the expenses of Johnson's trip to Ohio.

Open meeting and records seminars

Free meetings ongoing around state

The Oklahoma Attorney General's Office is partnering with the Oklahoma Press Association to host seminars on Oklahoma's open meeting and open records laws in five locations across the state beginning September 25.

The seminars will be presented by Thomas R. Schneider, Deputy General Counsel to Attorney General Gentner Drummond.

"I am excited to meet with Oklahomans across the state and engage with them on two of the most important laws in the Oklahoma statutes," Schneider said. "These laws safeguard democracy and preserve integrity in state and local government."

He will answer questions concerning the state's open meeting and records laws and inform elected or appointed officials about their responsibility under the acts. Schneider will also discuss requirements on access to public records and

the conduct of public meetings. Drummond has made clear that openness and transparency in government are among his top priorities.

"It is important to establish the standard of transparency to ensure our public officials are acting with honesty and integrity," he said. "I am thankful for the hardworking individuals in my office who are also dedicated to these principles, and who work tirelessly to educate others about the Open Meeting and Open Records Acts across the state."

Seminars will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at five locations:

September 25—Lawton, Cameron University, 501 SW University Dr.

October 16—Tulsa Technology Center Riverside Campus, 801 E. 91st St.

October 30—Enid, Autry Technology Center, 1201 W. Willow

November 13—McAlester,

Eastern Oklahoma State College, 1802 E. College Ave.

December 11—Oklahoma City, Metro Tech Conference Center, 1900 Springlake Dr.

The seminars are free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required.

Continuing education credits are available for attendance. Attorneys will receive three CLE credit hours. New school board members can get three credit hours from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, and new technology center board members can earn three credit hours from the State Department of Career and Technology Education.

Law enforcement officials are eligible to receive three credit hours from the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training.

For more information, visit www.okpress.com/seminars or call OPA at 1-888-815-2672.



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My Favorite Book student writing contest announced

The Oklahoma Center for the Book in the Oklahoma Department of Libraries has announced 2023-2024 My Favorite Book statewide writing competition for students in fourth through 12th grades.

Students attending public, private, charter and home schools are invited to participate in the competition, which requires them to write a letter to the author of a favorite book and explain how the book or one of the book's characters impacted their life.

Timeline for submissions is now through Dec. 15, 2023.

Cash prizes are awarded with first-place winners receiving \$500; second-place \$250; and third-place \$100. In addition, the first-place winners will select their school or public library to receive a \$1,000 grant. An awards ceremony will be held in May 2024, at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

The My Favorite Book competition is sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, the Friends of the Oklahoma Center for the Book, and the Kirkpatrick Foundation.

"The contest is designed

to encourage young people to think critically about the books they read," according to Connie Armstrong, director of the Center. "The letter writing exercise also emphasizes formal and important ways to communicate in a world filled with texting and social media posts."

For more information about the My Favorite Book writing competition and other programs of the Center, visit Oklahoma.gov/libraries/ocb, or contact Connie Armstrong at 405-522-3383 or connie.armstrong@libraries.ok.gov.

Split personality

Wayne High School students work on their masterpiece during the 2nd Annual Lexington Chalk Art contest.



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First place award

It's award time on the TMC Future Tech stage. On hand for the presentation were Dave Kegley from Ryder, David Johnson receiving his award, Randy Patterson with Bridgestone Americas, and Todd Cotier with Bison Transportation.

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Brighten your fall landscape with mums

Melinda Myers
For The Purcell Register

Mums are a favorite fall flower that adds weeks of seasonal color to containers, gardens and fall displays. They are also a popular gift plant in garden centers and floral shops. Choosing the right one for the purpose and providing proper care will help you achieve your desired results.

Start by selecting the best mum for your gardening goals. You'll find mums labeled as garden, perennial, gift or florist mums. All these names for plants that look alike can be confusing. The answer lies in their response to day length, hardiness and use.

Mums set flowers based on day length. Growers can force them into bloom by covering them to create shorter days that initiate flowering. Those grown as gift mums, often called florist mums, usually require the longest periods of uninterrupted darkness or shorter days.

When these mums are grown under natural daylight they usually don't flower until late fall or early winter. These late bloomers are usually killed by cold temperatures before or soon after the flowers appear

in colder areas.

Nurseries selling mums ready to flower in the fall often refer to them as garden mums. These may be perennial mums or "florist" mums forced to flower for fall displays. The intent is to use them as annuals.

Select ones with lots of buds and just a few if any open flowers to maximize the bloom time and your enjoyment. Place one or two mums on the front steps, plant them in vacant spots in the garden or combine them with other fall favorites in containers.

These garden mums may be hardy and suited to the area but since all the energy is directed to the flowers little is left to establish a hardy, robust root system. If you have success overwintering your garden mums, feel free to brag.

If your plants don't survive or you don't try, don't worry. You are using them as a fall annual as they were intended. This also provides space for new plants in the spring and an opportunity to try a different color mum next fall.

Those mums sold as perennials are hardy enough to survive the winter and flower in late summer or early fall providing weeks of color in the garden.

They are often sold alongside other perennials, labeled as perennials, or promoted as hardy for the area.

Increase your success by planting them in spring. This allows the plant time to develop a robust root system before it begins flowering in the fall which will increase its ability to survive cold winters.

Place mums in an area with full sun and water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil moist but not soggy wet. Check the soil in containers daily and water when the top few inches of soil are starting to dry. Always use a container with drainage holes or a self-watering pot.

Increase overwintering success by leaving the plants intact in the garden over winter. Those gardening in colder regions may opt to cover the plants with evergreen boughs after the ground freezes, providing extra insulation.

Remove the mulch when temperatures begin hovering above freezing. Whether covered or not, prune out the dead stems in spring as new growth appears.

Whatever you call them, add a few colorful mums to your fall displays. You are sure to enjoy the blast of color they provide to your landscape before winter arrives.

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Perfect shading

Lexington High School students compete at the the 2nd Annual Lexington Chalk Art contest on Wednesday morning.

From page 1A

Burn:

board secretary and the election board assistant secretary who both received significant state raises in May 2023.

The emergency management director will receive an increase

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Pursuit:

The vehicle stopped and all four occupants jumped out and ran off on foot.

Several searches for the guns were unsuccessful.

Deputy Wright had assistance from Norman Police, fellow Deputy Shane McCraw and K-9 Spike.

Soon an Oklahoma Highway Patrol airplane was over the area and spotted the oc-

From page 1A

Fire:

Grant and Luglena Lane. The hydrant was out of service and not marked, according to the official report.

Assistant Chief Rocky Claunch tried the hydrant at West Grant and North Ninth and it too was out of service and not marked.

Firemen then went back to the station to bring in a second tanker.

The building and its contents

of \$100 per month due to the raise granted in July 2023 to that position.

Salary increases for officials include \$87 per month to District One Commissioner,

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cupants heading east toward the Tri-City Gun Club.

The two deputies plus OHP Troopers, Norman PD and Lighthorse units set up a perimeter around the area where they were last seen.

At that time one of the occupants had been placed in custody.

The OHP plane reported the suspects were headed back

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to the West so the perimeter was switched to the West and another occupant was apprehended at 3:39 p.m.

Using ATVs, the OHP plane and multiple K-9 teams a third suspect was taken into custody with the last one still at large.

Multiple firearms were recovered from both of the stolen vehicles, authorities reported.

From page 1A

Hamm:

The signing in the high school commons area will be from 5:30-7 p.m.

All proceeds raised will benefit the Lexington Athletics Department.

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Storm:

was recorded. The Oklahoma Mesonet reported Washington received 1.84" and Byars, 1.02".

The mesonet reported 3.84" in Pauls Valley.

The deluge didn't last very long but it rained so hard that inches fell in about 1/2 hour.

The rain brought Purcell's year-to-date rainfall to 30.72" compared to 30.12" at Will Rogers World Airport.

Normal for this time of year is 30.06".

From page 1A

Audit:

be held February 13, 2024 and voted to close the Mama Dragons account and cut them a check for \$1,861.91.

In her report to the board, McAdoo reported October is National Principal's Month and noted the excellent work of Cindy Stone, Tina Swayze, Jason Sanders and Carole Testa.

The home football game with Washington October 19 will be the game honoring veterans.

McAdoo reported the flu clinic at the school will be October 16 and 17 with vaccines free to students and staff.

Fall break will be October 19, 20 and 23.

High school principal Jason Sanders presented the board with a detailed report on drop out rates and remediation progress.

He said since the pandemic Purcell's numbers are trending in the right direction.



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Seasonal color

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Washington 49
Crooked Oak 0



Rush Springs 27
Wayne 8

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SECTION

Dragons ground Bombers

Defenders don't yield a point in 27-0 victory

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell pitched a shutout last Friday night at Frederick pinning a 27-0 loss on the Bombers.

"The defense played really

pretty good about it."

Dillard said Frederick did have two big plays offensively but other than that the Dragons' defenders pretty well



Purcell vs. CCS

Thursday • Conger Field • 7 p.m. kick off

well," head coach Aaron Dillard confirmed. "We got lined up (correctly) and made things tough on them."

"We got off the field," Dillard continued. "Any time you pitch a shutout you feel

held them in check.

"They had one trick play, a halfback pass and had one 40-yard run when they got

Please see **Dragons**, page 4B



Stephanie Knowles • For The Purcell Register

Stand him up

Purcell senior Nathan Teka (33) stops a Frederick runner and waits on friends like Oscar Wren (15) during Purcell's 27-0 win over the Bombers Friday night. The Dragons host CCS tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

State Bound

Dragons begin tournament against Poteau Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell topped Plainview in the best two out of three in the Super Regional here last week but they took the long way around to do it.

With the Super Regional victory, the Dragons find themselves in the mix for a shot at the State Championship.

They will face Poteau in the opening round at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Ballfields at FireLake.

The winner of that contest will face the winner of Tuttle and Blanchard in the semifinals, also at FireLake.

The finals will be at noon Saturday at the OU softball stadium.

Also in the field of eight are Newcastle, Cache, North Rock Creek and Weatherford.

The Super Regional was a three-day marathon that started with the Dragons stubbing their toe in the opening game, losing to Plainview, 5-1.

"We came out playing like we were scared to lose, rather than win," head coach Sarah Jones said.

Jones said her club didn't hit well, made mental errors and mistakes.

"We had to get that out of the way," she confirmed.

Ella Resendiz, who was in the circle, and Brynley Jennings had the only two hits for the Dragons in that contest.

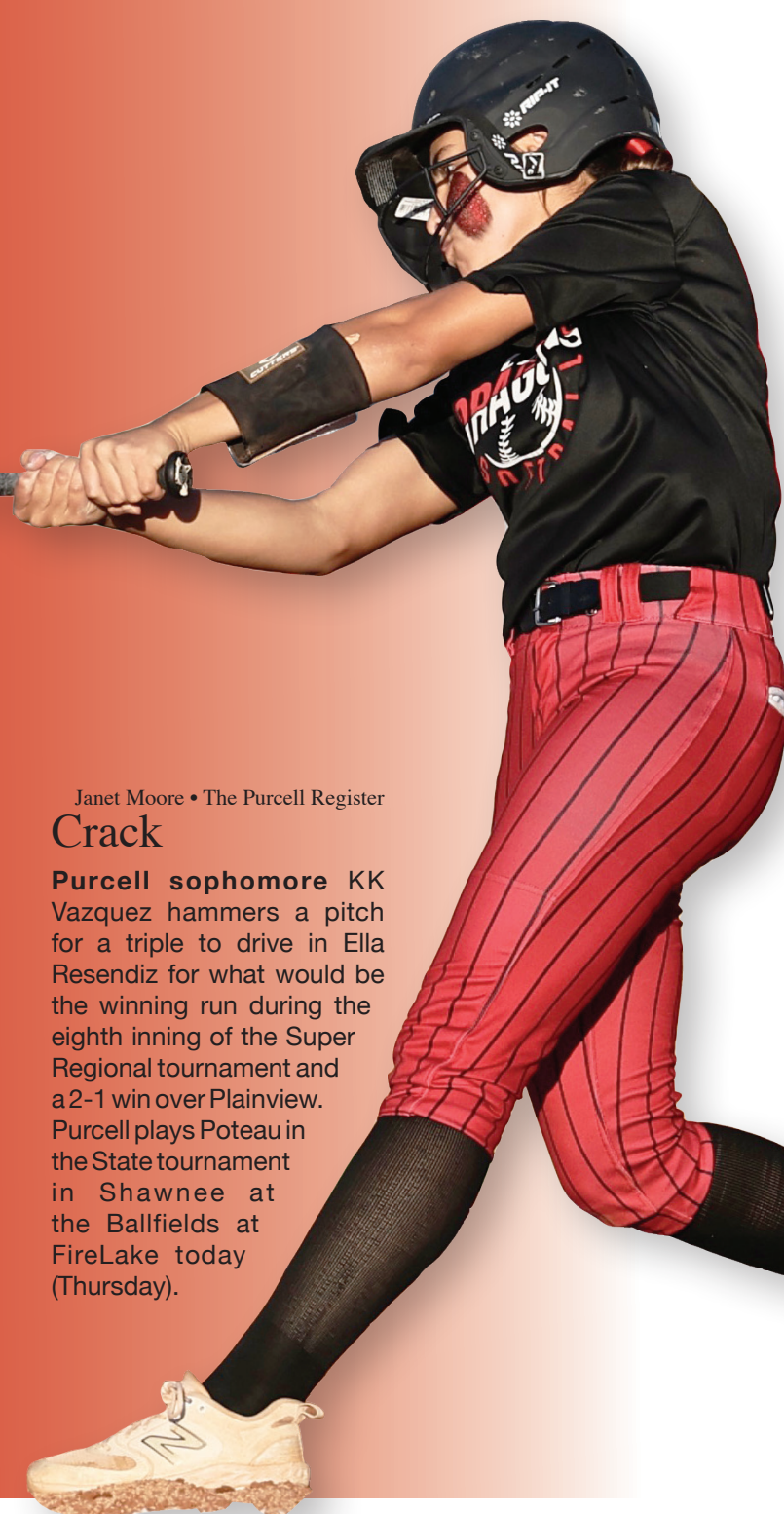
"Ella struck out seven but we didn't back her up on defense," Jones said. "They had zero earned runs. We knew we had to get it together before game two if we wanted to give ourselves a chance. Our next goal became, push them to the 'if game'."

And they did just that spanking the Indians 7-2 to end day one.

Since the Dragons were the visitors Jones elected to put Resendiz at lead off and after her first at-bat they walked her four times in the game.

"Everyone else had to step up and they did," Jones said.

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Janet Moore • The Purcell Register
Crack

Purcell sophomore KK Vazquez hammers a pitch for a triple to drive in Ella Resendiz for what would be the winning run during the eighth inning of the Super Regional tournament and a 2-1 win over Plainview. Purcell plays Poteau in the State tournament in Shawnee at the Ballfields at FireLake today (Thursday).

Running clock at Crooked Oak

Warriors run 12 plays in 49-0 victory on the road

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Washington scored in multiple ways but they had to do it quickly in their 49-0 victory over Crooked Oak last Friday night.

That's because after the

game's third play the clock didn't stop. Period.

"We were finished by 8:20 and got back in time to watch the fourth quarter of games on SKORDLE," head coach Brad Beller said. "I've never been a part of anything like it.

"No one got any playing time," he said.

Washington ran a total of 12 plays. Crooked Oak ran 23.

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Ron Ladlee • The Purcell Register

Opening a hole

Washington sophomore Dawson Thomas (21) picks up a block by Sam Cantrell (58) as he houses a 95-yard kickoff return during the Warriors' 49-0 shutout win over Crooked Oak.

'Dawgs cage Wildcats, 35-22

Cameron Weatherford makes 15 tackles to lead defense

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Lexington scored the first four touchdowns on their way to a 35-22 district victory at Coalgate last Friday night.

Cadyn Krueger opened the scoring on a 77 yard cross-country romp. The sophomore scored in the third quarter on a one-yard plunge. He finished the night with 19 carries for 140 yards.

Cameron Weatherford got

the rock 14 times for 119 yards and scored a touchdown.

Reagan Smith returned an interception back to the house in the second period.

Dalton Brewer closed out the Bulldog scoring in the fourth quarter on a three yard run. Kaden McCraven booted all five PATs.

Head coach Keith Bolles praised the play of his offensive line, especially Ean

Caywood, who moved to center with less than a week of practice.

"He did an outstanding job for his first game with less than a week to prepare," Bolles said.

He also praised the blocking of running backs Weatherford, Cormany and Brewer. "They all blocked well for

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Wayne travels to Ringling

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Bulldogs travel to Ringling Friday night for a 7 p.m. showdown with the Blue Devils.

Ringling (4-2) will bring their signature brand of football to the game, according to Wayne head coach Brandon Sharp.

"Their defense will fly to the football and have bad inten-

tions when they get there," he said.

The Ringling defense is a "hybrid" 4-3 according to Sharp.

"They walk their two outside linebackers down to the line of scrimmage and it gives you a 6-1 look," he said. "They just smother you."

Offensively they will get into multiple formations and rush the football.

"They run power and the counter and rush the ball about 80% of the time," Sharp said. "They run the ball hard."

Their biggest weapon offensively is their senior tailback Will Inselman, who has track speed. A key for the Bulldogs will be limit-

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Warriors one run from finals

Gritty playing team digs in heels for the playoffs

JohnDennyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

Not many people predicted Washington to make the State fast-pitch softball tournament.

Even fewer expected them to make noise the way the Warriors did in their two games at the Ballfields at FireLake in Shawnee.

"A lot of people didn't think we'd be in the State tournament, much less be in a one-run game to get to the finals," said Washington head coach Tylor Lampkin. "From where we started to where we ended; not many people thought we'd be there."

After sweeping their way through the Regional tournaments, the magic finally ran out for the Warriors in the State

semifinals.
Kiefer

Washington defeated Kiefer 8-1 in the opening round of State.

said. "She had a really solid day."

Senior Emjay Lucas also went 3-4, including a double, with three ribbies.

I was super proud of the team at the end of the year. ... They came out and worked hard every day.

— **Tylor Lampkin, head coach**

Olivia Palumbo was dealing in the circle.

The junior hurler struck out eight batters in seven innings on the way to the opening round win.

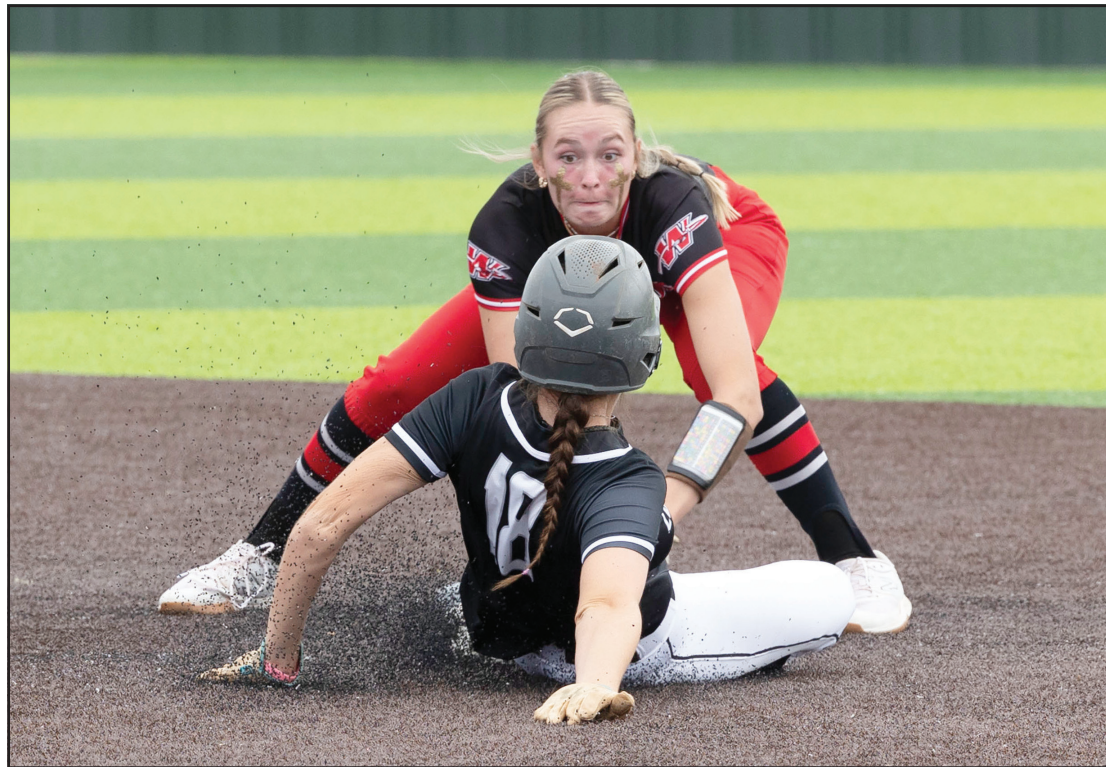
Julie Hoehner went 2-4 with three RBIs in the game.

"Julie wore in out," Lampkin

Ava Salcedo was 2-4 as well and scored two runs.

"We hit the ball really well and had timely hitting," Lampkin said. "We played some awesome defense too. Olivia

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Recording an out

Washington junior Breanna Lindert slaps a tag on a Lone Grove base runner for an out in the semifinals of the State fast-pitch softball tournament. Washington fell 3-2.

From page 1B

State:

After Resendiz reached base Kenna Esparza moved her over and KK Vazquez's sharp line-drive double plated Resendiz.

"After scoring that first run we took off from there," Jones said. "We were still a little shaky on defense but Hannah (Whitaker) pitched a heck of a game and had them off balance," the coach said.

Esparza, Vazquez and Mac McKay had two hits apiece with Vazquez finishing with a trio of RBIs. Esparza, Whitaker and Jennings all had RBIs in the contest.

"We had great at-bats that led to walks," Jones said.

Savanna Edwards walked twice while Jennings, Kailynn Helton and McKay all had walks on top of Ella's four.

The rubber match was a dual that lasted over two days with the Dragons finally prevailing 2-1 to punch their ticket to State.

"We started off slowly but hit the ball hard," Jones said.

Plainview scored their run in the bottom of the first before the Dragons started cooking in the top of the fourth.

That's when Whitaker tripled followed by a Hadleigh Harp's sharp hit to second scored Whitaker.

New ball game.

Then came the bottom of the sixth with the game knotted at one all with two outs, a runner on first and an 0-2 count.

Lightning was detected six miles away so the teams immediately exited the field.



ates the work put in by Mike Robinson and Matt Maral who worked from 6 a.m. until game time to get the field ready for play.

The game went into extra innings. In the top of the 8th, Resendiz walked and moved over to second on a passed ball followed by a Vazquez triple.

The Dragons held in the bottom of the frame.

"It was a very long three days," Jones said. "No one on this team has experienced the feeling of what making the state tournament feels like."

"We have to remind ourselves to stay within ourselves and not let it get too big. They did that on Thursday and I couldn't be more proud of them. It

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Ticket punched!

Purcell junior Ella Resendiz celebrates with fellow junior Hannah Whitaker (8) after retiring the final Plainview batter Thursday in the Super Regional softball tournament. Purcell will face off against Poteau in the State tournament in Shawnee at the Ballfields at FireLake today (Thursday).

The game was suspended until Wednesday. Initially it was set to resume at 3 p.m. but that was pushed back to 6 p.m. to allow the field more drying time.

Jones said she really appreci-

is going to be a fun week.

"It is a good feeling to be able to practice this week and be playing on the very last week of this fall season. We hope to see everyone in Shawnee," Jones concluded.

The Dragons are 27-9 heading into the State Tournament.

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Wayne:

ing him.
Ringling is coached by Phillip Koons.

Rush Springs
Wayne fell to Rush Springs 27-8 last week.

The Redskins scored a touchdown in each quarter and held the lead for the entirety of the game.

Wayne struck pay dirt in the third quarter on a 60-yard kickoff

Wayne at Ringling
Rick Gandy Field
7 p.m. kick off

return by Sloan Jackson.
The two-point conversion try was made good by Jaxon Dill.

"I keep telling the team we have a weapon in the return game," Sharp said. "Sloan has had two punt returns and a kick-off return called back and still has had two that counted. He does a good job in the return game."

The Wayne offense struggled to gain traction during the night as the Rush Springs defense pressured Dill for much of the night.

"He was under pressure and we're still shooting ourselves in the foot," Sharp said.

Fierce up front
The defense got a boost up front from defensive lineman Duke Moore, Kody Kern and Brandon Logston.

"Our defensive line played pretty well," Sharp said. "Our defensive tackles and two ends are playing well and getting after it."

Moore finished with seven tackles and two sacks while Kern had six tackles and two sacks.

Logston came in at end and had four tackles and three sacks.

Wayne held Rush Springs to 96 yards rushing and 82 yards through the air.

"They weren't dominating us," Sharp said.

Wayne is now 1-5 on the year.

Notes
Wayne head coach **Brandon Sharp** nominated **Duke Moore** and **Kody Kern** for Heart of Oklahoma Defensive Linemen of the Week.

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TEAM OFFENSIVE STATS

	ATTEMPTS	YARDS	TDS
RUSHING	13	177	4
PASSING	2/2	66	1

TEAM DEFENSIVE STATS

TACKLES	TFL	INT
M. THOMAS - 4	J. BYRD - 2	C. ALEXANDER - 1
C. ALEXANDER - 3	M. THOMAS - 1	
J. BYRD - 3	C. TAYLOR - 1	
C. TAYLOR - 2	K. BRAKEFIELD - 1	
K. BRAKEFIELD - 2	J. COLES - 1	
R. GAY - 2	K. LAMPKIN - 1	

SCORING PLAYS

1ST QUARTER

- D. THOMAS 95 YARD KICKOFF RETURN, PAT FAILED
- C. ALEXANDER 35 YARD INTERCEPTION RETURN, M. THOMAS PAT
- K. NORMAN 15 YARD RUN, M. CANTRELL TO C. ALEXANDER 2-POINT CONVERSION

2ND QUARTER

- M. CANTRELL 21 YARD PASS TO C. MORRIS, PAT FAILED
- M. WILSON 20 YARD RUN, M. THOMAS PAT

3RD QUARTER

- J. COLES 63 YARD RUN, M. THOMAS PAT

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- W. WILK 34 YARD RUN, WILK 2-POINT CONVERSION

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Offensive Player
KASH GUTHMUELLER
Purcell Dragons
Guthmuller rushed 16 times for 122 yards and two touchdowns and was 4-6 passing for 62 yards and two touchdowns.



Defensive Player
RYKER FINK
Purcell Dragons
To go with his 15 tackles Friday night, two for losses, Fink also recovered a fumble.



Offensive Lineman
CHRISTIAN KIRK
Purcell Dragons
In his first action at center due to an injury, Kirk graded out at 81 percent last Friday night.



Defensive Lineman
GAVRIE WILLIAMS
Lexington Bulldogs
Williams registered 10 tackles last Friday night, with three behind the line of scrimmage.

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outside,” the coach said. Dillard praised the play of both linebackers Ryker Fink and Christian Kirk. Both registered 15 tackles with two of Fink’s for losses. He also recovered a fumble.

Guthmueller finished right on their heels with 14 tackles from his free safety position.

“Our D-line did a good job all night,” Dillard said speaking of Jonathan Minor, Tavian Engert and Derek Cravens.

Minor led the group with nine tackles including a sack while Engert and Cravens both finished with seven stops. “They played really, really well,” the coach said.

Boston Knowles had 11 tackles,” Dillard continued. “We had a lot of guys who did their jobs really well. Colt Taylor came around from the back side and saved a touchdown to preserve the shutout.”

Brody Holder, Engert and Minor all had quarterback sacks in the contest. The Dragons turned a tight 7-0 lead at halftime into a 20-point second half breather.

Noah Mason hauled in a three yard pass off the arm of quarterback Kash Guthmueller for the lone score of the first half.

Offensive Coordinator Payton Broome and the staff made halftime adjustments that propelled the Dragons into a rushing machine in the final two periods.

Nathan Tekaat caught a 29-yard scoring pass from Guthmueller, who also scored twice with his legs one from nine yards out and one from the 11 yard line.

“Give credit to Frederick,” Dillard said. “They were making it very, very tough on us blitzing and sending guys all over the place. We struggled to finish drives. We didn’t capitalize.”

“I call it an ameba defense. It’s hard to identify with guys going everywhere. But it can be feast or famine. If you get a couple of guys sealed off you can hit some home runs.

“But give credit to coach Broome and the other coaches for making adjustments at halftime. After halftime we ran the ball really well with the adjustments.”

Boston Knowles led the Dragon rushers picking up 130 yards on 23 carries.

“He continues to carry the load for us,” Dillard said.

Guthmueller rushed the rock 16 times for 122 yards and two touchdowns and was 4-6 passing for 62 yards and two more touchdowns.

“Noah Mason’s touchdown catch was huge. We had a fourth and one and ran a boot. He made a great catch on the play reaching across his body. “That got us going with some momentum,” the coach confirmed. “Nathan Tekaat played slot because we were banged up with Noel Chavez and Jett (Tyler). He stepped up and made some big time plays.”

Maybe the hero of the night was Christian Kirk filling in for Carter Goldston, who went down in the second quarter.

“It was still close and Christian came in and played exceptionally well filling in at the center spot,” Dillard confirmed.

Up next are the CCS Royals for the first of three Thursday night games in a row.

Kickoff this week at Conger Field has been moved back to 7:30 p.m.

CCS is 2-4, 2-1 on the season while Purcell is 5-1 and 3-0 heading into a key district matchup.

The Royals will be a spread offensive team showing a lot of doubles and trips.

“They like to throw is around. They like to spread you out and run when you vacate the box, the coach said.

On defense the Royals will use an odd front, most of the time in an odd stack alignment.

The key for a Dragon victory? “We’re got to run right at them,” Dillard said. “We need to be a lot more physical. They’ve got good athletes that can stretch the field. We want to control the tempo and pace of the game. We want to contain them. They’ve got a good running back and two good receivers.”

Dragon notes: Head Coach **Aaron Dillard** nominated **Christian Kirk** as the Offensive Lineman of the Week. He graded out at 81 percent filling in for the injured **Carter Goldston**.

Dillard nominated **Jonathan Minor** as the Defensive Lineman of the Week. He had nine tackles including a sack last Friday night.

Ryker Fink got the nod as the Defensive Player of the Week for his 15 tackles including two for losses and recovered a fumble.

The nominee for Offensive Player of the Week is **Kash Guthmueller** who scored two rushing touchdowns and passed for two more.

He finished with 184 total yards running and throwing.

Purcell-CCS series history

Year	Score	Winner
2016	38-7	Purcell
2017	46-6	Purcell
2020	28-21	CCS
2021	38-17	CCS
2022	14-6	CCS
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Getting a read

Washington senior Easton Berglan runs Friday night during the Warriors’ 49-0 shutout of Crooked Oak.

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Warriors:

The Warriors led 21-0 at the end of the first quarter but had only run one offensive play.

Dawson Thomas returned a kickoff 95 yards for the first Warrior score and Case Alexander took an interception to the crib for the second touchdown.

The one play they ran was a 15 yard run by Kade Norman with Major Cantrell legging in the two point conversion.

One of the two passes Cantrell threw was a 21 yard touchdown to Cage Morris.

Max Wilson scored on a 20-yard run. Jake Coles scampered in from 63 yards out and Wyatt Wilk closed out the scoring on a 34 yard run and added the two point conversion.

Washington rushed for 144 yards on 10 carries and was 2-2 passing for 65 yards.

Mayson Thomas led the tackling chart with four stops. Case Alexander registered three stops and had the pick

six. Jaxon Byrd made three tackles while Case Taylor and Kale Brakefield both had two tackles. Taylor recovered a fumble and had one tackle for

Beller said the key for a Warrior victory is limiting Lindsay’s big plays on offense.

“They have some really good playmakers especially their

Washington vs. Lindsay
Thursday • Reed Field • 7:30 p.m. kick off

loss. Likewise, Brakefield had a tackle for loss.

“Mayson Thomas played well defensively for us,” Beller noted.

Washington has a big district game at home tonight (Thursday) when the Lindsay Leopards prowl around Reed Field. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Senior night will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Leopards will operate out of a 4-3 set on defense and are very multiple on offense.

“They run a lot of spread and pro formations with two backs,” Beller said. “They are pretty multiple.”

wide receiver Manuel Aguerro,” the coach said. “Their calling card is they want to be physical and run the football.

“On offense we have to control the front line. They are really big up front. If we can control the line we can keep them from pinning their ears back and rushing. We have to remain balanced.”

Warrior notes: Due to the lack of plays both offensively and defensively in the Crooked Oak game, head coach **Brad Beller** had no nominees for Player of the Week.



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Suffocating defense

Purcell junior Christian Kirk (55) wraps up a Frederick ball carrier as Nathan Tekaat (33) moves in during the Dragons’ 27-0 shutout win over the Bombers.

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the quarterback,” the coach said.

“We are improving in the offensive line,” Bolles said of Wyatt McBride, Issac Martin, Caywood, Trace Bradsher and Cash Lippel.

On the defensive side of the ball Weatherford lit up

Atoka Wampus Cats starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Wampus Cats operate out of the I-formation on offense and base their defense out of a 3-4 alignment.

Bolles said the key for the Bulldogs, “is to just play within ourselves.”

The Wampus Cats are coming off a 43-6 loss at the hands of Holdenville.

Bulldog notes: Head coach **Keith Bolles** nominated **Cadyn Krueger** as the Offensive Player of the Week. Krueger rushed 19 times for 140 yards and two touchdowns against Coalgate. He was also 7-9 passing for 26 yards.

The Offensive Lineman of the Week nominee is **Issac Martin**, who graded out at 80 percent last Friday night.

Getting the nod as the Defensive Player of the Week was **Cameron Weatherford** with 15 tackles.

Bolles nominated **Gavrie Williams** as the Defensive Lineman of the Week. He had 10 tackles in the Coalgate victory including three for losses.

“We are gaining experience and getting more confidence each week. I am so very proud of these kids,” he said.

“If we keep progressing I like our opportunities,” Bolles said.

Atoka is 1-5 on the season and 1-2 in district play. Lexington is 3-3 and 2-1.

Lexington vs. Atoka
**Thursday • Floyd West Field
 7:30 p.m. kick off**

the Wildcats making a team-leading 15 tackles.

Gavrie Williams finished with 10 tackles including three for losses. To go with his interception, Cormany registered five tackles.

Up next for the Bulldogs is a date tonight (Thursday) at Floyd West Field hosting the



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Convoy

Big eaters Hunter Sanders (60) and Chance Phillips (79) run out in front of Kale Brakefield (16) during the Warriors’ 49-0 win over Crooked Oak.



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Busting through

Wayne sophomore Sloan Jackson runs with the ball against Rush Springs. Jackson took a kickoff return 60 yards for a touchdown in the game. Wayne fell 27-8.

Good Luck

Purcell Dragons FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL at STATE

1:30 PM vs Poteau at the Ballfields at FireLake in Shawnee



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Religion

Sunray Baptist Church

Dennis and Debbie Clark sang "All Glory Be to Christ" for the morning special.

Brother John preached from Mark 2: 1-12. These verses relate the healing of the paralytic man and the authority of Jesus over sin. At an overcrowded venue, Jesus preached the Word and proclaimed the gospel message.

Four men brought their friend to be healed. Showing persistence and great faith they broke through the roof and lowered their friend down to Jesus. He pronounced the man forgiven of his sins and healed him.

The scribes in attendance questioned Jesus, saying God can only forgive sins. They said Jesus was guilty of blasphemy. The Son of Man has the power

on earth to forgive sins. The paralytic man was healed and the people glorified God.

We should be like the four friends. The Lord has respect for and responds to great faith. We should bring others to Christ in anyway necessary.

We enjoyed our annual Ladies Casserole Cookoff at lunch. There was plenty of good food and fellowship. Winners in this year's competition were Pam Kyzer, third place; Gina Solomon, second place; and Jessica Butler, first place.

Sunday was also Pastor Appreciation Day. Our pastor, John Wylie, began his ministry at Sunray in October 2022. We love this man and his family. His after-lunch devotion was from II Timothy 4. He said the

pastor's main focus should be preaching the Gospel, feeding and protecting the flock of God. The Bible has all the answers and the message of salvation.

There was no evening service.

Our senior adults will be taking their monthly trip to have lunch at 11 a.m. this coming Monday. Lifeward Sunday will be on October 22.

We will observe the Lord's Supper at our evening service on October 29.

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Singing Church Women of Oklahoma to perform at Lexington First Baptist

The Singing Church Women of Oklahoma will be performing at the First Baptist Church in Lexington Thursday, October 19, at 7 p.m. They will be performing "The Artistry of Praise."

Dr. Randy C. Lind is the Director of The Singing Church Women of Oklahoma. A native Oklahoman, Dr. Lind became the worship and music specialist for Oklahoma Baptists and

The Singing Church Women's fourth director in June 2012.

Since taking over leadership of The Church Women, Dr. Lind has led the women on a mission to Latvia and Estonia in 2016; a Memorial Weekend celebration in Washington, D.C., featuring concerts at the Kennedy Center and on the National Mall; and in the recording of two CDs.

Dr. Lind believes music

transcends culture, language and style and wants the Church Women to encourage churches spiritually as well as musically. He is quick to state that the fellowship among the women is almost as valuable as the music they share. Under Lind's direction, this call to ministry and camaraderie is clear the moment the Church Women take the stage.

The public is invited to attend.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

October 15, 2023 is the twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is the time of the liturgical year that is not a major season like Lent, Advent, Christmas, or Easter.

During Ordinary Time, the readings focus on Christ's time on earth and the miracles he performed.

Jesus teaches using parables and sometimes we need an interpreter to understand. The Gospel Reading is from Matthew 22:1-14. "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come."

Most of us can easily identify the king as being God and his son is Jesus. The messengers who tried to summon guests were the prophets.

The invited guests who refused to come were those people who rejected the teachings of the prophets.

In verses 4-6, the king told the servants to tell those who were invited that everything was ready and to come to the

feast. Some ignored the invitation, but others laid hold of the servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

In verses 7-9, the outraged king sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then the king has the servants to invite anyone they can find because those previously invited were not worthy of coming.

This welcoming of the rest of the population tells us that God is inviting everyone to the banquet, not just the Israelites. The hall was filled with guests.

Now the king has invited everyone but in verses 11-13, he seems to change his mind.

"But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

What does this mean? God (the king) has invited all of us to eternal salvation through his son (Jesus). If we choose to accept the invitation, our lives need to reflect that commitment.

A proper wedding garment (our demeanor) should reflect love, compassion, faith, and fidelity. If we present ourselves as Christians and our daily lives do not reflect that, we are like the man who was not dressed in a wedding garment. Like him, we will be cast out.

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Peace be with you.

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Front-Porch-Gospel: 'I Know Who Holds Tomorrow'

Welcome, Oklahoma friends, to the 'front porch.' (And, yes, we're still friends, even though the Sooners came out ready to play and snatched a win down in Dallas this past Saturday.)

I've been thinking: One of the first reactions I had to this renewed study of the book of Revelation is just how much people miss by steering away from the book or, equally, by making the bBook something it is not, thus missing its grand scheme regarding the plight of the Lord's church through the ages.

Notice how much we can glean from this apocalyptic book just by noticing a word or two: When the Lord steps into the midst of the seven churches of Asia, the seven golden candlesticks, He immediately identifies Himself in a unique way. He does this in the salutations to all seven of these churches of Christ, beginning with the church at Ephesus, the first church He addresses and the first church on the map, as it lies to the west of the others and borders the banks of the Aegean Sea

To Ephesus, first, He writes: "These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands." (2:1).

What a magnificent image it is! There, the glorified Lord walks in Immaculate Power in the midst of the churches holding those seven stars,

the stars no doubt being the evangelists or elders of the particular churches. I read this verse again recently, and it hit me: Jesus is holding these stars -- and, by extension, He is holding all the stars of those in the body of Christ in His hand. He knows all: He knows our sitting down and our rising up, our thoughts, words, and our deeds!

Provisionally, He holds us in the palm of His hands, He holds all that we are and all that we ever have been. He holds our yesterdays, our todays, and our tomorrows. Yes, in His blessed nail-scarred hands He holds our tomorrows.

When my mind goes to our tomorrows, I naturally thought of the old 1950 Ira Stanpill song: "I don't know about Tomorrow, I just live from Day to Day. I don't borrow from its sunshine, For its skies may turn to gray."

"I don't worry over the future, For I know what Jesus said, And today I'll walk beside Him, For He knows what Is ahead"

And then the grand chorus: "Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand, But I know Who holds tomorrow, And I know Who holds my hand."

The story of songwriter Ira Stanpill's life is not unlike the life of many today as well as many Christians in the day when John pens these words near 95 A.D. Mr. Stanpill faced his own tragedies and depres-

sions and uncertainties, so much so that in 1950, a pivotal year in his life, he hummed a tune along one day in the car that he had been working on in his head, as songwriters do. It was a tune about not knowing what lies ahead. He would later tell how he hummed it all the way home, then immediately went to his room and penned this immortal hymn: "I know Who holds tomorrow."

I've wondered if the latter verses came at a different time in his life. Probably not, because circumstances are not what usually change for the Christian, it's the mindset and the understanding that change. By the time he came to the latter two stanzas, no doubt, he understood better the plight of a man who puts his hand in the hand of that great One who holds all of our tomorrows in His hand. Listen, "Every Step Is Getting Brighter," he writes, "As The Golden Stairs I Climb; Every Burden's Getting Lighter; Every Cloud Is Silver Lined."

"There The Sun Is Always Shining, There No Tear Will Dim The Eyes, At The Ending Of The Rainbow, Where The Mountains Touch The Sky."

"I Don't Know About Tomorrow, It May Bring Me Poverty; But The One Who Feeds The Sparrow, Is The One Who Stands By Me. And The Path That Be My Portion,

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<p>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 405 W. Grant, Purcell Rev. Bill Crawford 405-820-8184 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Adult Studies: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Emmanuel BAPTIST CHURCH Purcell, OK 2705 N. 9th • 527-2535 Mike Bailey, Pastor Sunday services 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 6 pm Evening worship Wednesday services 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Awana's & Youth www.ebcpurcell.org</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LEXINGTON Connecting People With God and One Another Children's Activities - Youth Activities Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m. Sunday School 9:15 Morning Worship 8:15 • 10:15 Rusty Canoy Pastor 527-6758 900 E. BROADWAY • LEXINGTON</p>	<p>newlife TABERNACLE 715 W. Harrison, Purcell Sunday Morning - 10 a.m. Revival Service - 11 a.m. Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Mark A. Stacy Office Ph. 405.527.3045</p>
<p>Johnson Road Baptist Church 4 mi. N. of Purcell on I-35 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. 405-818-8848</p>	<p>Westside Church of Christ 401 W. Broadway Lexington Sunday Morning 10:30 am Sunday Evening 3:00 pm Wednesday Evening 7:30 pm</p>	<p>CALVARY Holiness Church Pastor David Bittle 403 N. 4th, Purcell 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Independent Pentecostal Holiness Church</p>	<p>Lighthouse Worship Center Rev. Nathan Mullins 405.442.0155 2726 N. 9th, Purcell Sunday Morning - 10:30 am Sunday Evening - 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm www.lwcpurcell.com</p>
<p>Memorial Assembly of God 7th & Monroe, Purcell Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Services 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Services 6:30 p.m. We Invite You to Worship With Us. 527-2769</p>	<p>LANDMARK CHURCH Sunday Worship 8:15, 9:45, 11:15 am Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm Pastor Justin Blankenship 1106 W Grant Street, Purcell (405) 527-3342</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Purcell Growing In Grace 4th & Main 405-527-3327 www.purcellfbc.org Come worship with us! Sundays 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Activities for all ages & child care provided for all services!</p>	<p>Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church CORNER OF THIRD & JEFFERSON Saturday - 5 pm (English) Sunday - 11 am (English) 1 pm (Español) Daily Mass Tues. & Fri. 9 am • Wed. Noon • Thurs. 7 pm (Español) Parish Office/Oficina: 527-3077 Priest House/Padre Juan Pedro: 527-4242</p>
<p>Trinity United Methodist Church Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. Pastor Mark Whitley 211 N. 2nd, Purcell 527-2256 Office</p>	<p>9th & Pierce Church of Christ 1207 North 9th Purcell, OK 73080 405-527-3176 Sunday Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Class 7 p.m. Search Ministries Sunday 7:30 a.m. Channel 34 www.searchtv.org</p>	<p>Goldsby Church 153 W. Center Road Goldsby, OK 73093 288-2514 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:45 a.m. Evening - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>SUNRAY BAPTIST CHURCH 2223 N. 9th, Purcell, OK 73080 Pastor John Wylie 527-6808 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship: 5:00 p.m.</p>

Washington Senior Center news

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Washington Senior Center

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

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

Menu for October 19-27:
Thursday, October 19—White bean chili with chicken, cornbread.

Friday, October 20—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans.

Monday, October 23—Taco salad, tortilla chips, chili beans.

Tuesday, October 24—Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans.

Wednesday, October 25—Smoked sausage, baked beans, corn casserole.

Thursday, October 26—Chicken and noodles, peas/carrots.

Friday, October 27—Pulled pork barbecue, baked potatoes, green beans.

Menu may change at the discretion of the cook.

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

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

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

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

Washington School Board Meeting Schedule

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

Meetings are scheduled for November 6 and December 11.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

October 11—PSAT.

October 12—HS Football, Lindsay home, Senior Night, 7 p.m.; Fall Break.

October 13—Fall Break.

October 14—Marching Band, Claremore High School.

October 16—No School.

October 17—7/8/9 football at Purcell, 5 p.m.

October 18—All-State Cheer, WEC, all day.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

Last week we received notification from VA that there were 10 veterans who were awarded a 100 percent disability rating for their service-connected disabilities. There were also 46 veterans who received disability ratings from 10-90 percent.

Most of the veterans who we are assisting continue to be approved for VA benefits that they have filed for when using our evidence-based claims process. For over 20 years we have encouraged veterans to obtain medical evidence that supports their request for service connection of a disability or when asking VA to re-evaluate a service-connected condition.

The Department of Veterans Affairs uses Disability Benefit Questionnaires (DBQ) to evaluate veterans' claims for disabilities and the severity of the conditions the veteran has filed on. We encourage the veterans we assist to visit a medical provider who can evaluate their disabilities using the same DBQ that the VA providers use. We have found that when a veteran provides medical evidence that supports their application for benefits, they will have a much better chance of being approved.

Most other organizations that assist veterans with their applications for VA benefits will file their claims without providing any type of evidence



• Photo provided

Lady Warriors fast-pitch

Lady Warrior Fast-pitch 2023 made it to the semi-finals and fell to number one ranked Lone Grove. See you in the spring for slow-pitch!



• Photo provided

Guitar donation

Huge shoutout to Toby Keith for his contribution of a signed guitar for the 3rd Annual Helping Heroes Golf Tournament benefiting the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation!



• Photo provided

Special visitors

The Lady Warriors Softball Team opened doors and welcomed elementary students to school at the drop-off lane last week.



• Photo by Ron Ladlee

Scoring run

Dawson Thomas, a WHS sophomore, runs the ball in for another score against Crooked Oak last Friday night.

that supports their request for service connection or re-evaluation of a disability.

I am encouraging married veterans who we have helped over the years to consider updating their VA information in our digital system to help their spouse and dependents to receive VA benefits after the veteran's death. When the veteran dies the VA will automatically remove our access to their VA files. That in turn prevents us from knowing what the veterans service-connected disabilities were or service medical records. For those of you who would like to provide information to help your dependents or spouse to apply for benefits go to www.dkgvf.org or stop by our location at 1233 West Lindsay in Norman.

If you would like to join us as a volunteer helping us to improve the lives of veterans and their families, please visit our website or stop by our Norman

Office at 1233 West Lindsay Street.

To start our process, login to dkgvf.org to fill out and scan your information into our Intake Q program. By using our digital system, veterans do not have to stand in line to receive our assistance with their VA claims and questions. Some of the men and women who we assist live in other states or countries.

Using our digital system some of them will not need to visit us in person as we can triage them electronically or by phone. We encourage veterans or surviving spouses who we have previously assisted to register in our dkgvf.org system so we will be able to help their surviving spouse when the veteran passes on.

I would like all veterans to tell their spouse and family members what their service-connected disabilities are. When a service-connected dis-



• Photo by Ron Ladlee

Band leader

Taylor Hayden, a WHS senior, leads the band in the halftime show.

ability is listed on a veteran's death certificate as a primary cause of death or a contributing condition the surviving spouse and dependents will be eligible for VA DIC benefits.

We accept the donation of cars and trucks that can be given to veterans or sold to raise funds to help more veterans and their families. As always, we appreciate all donations that can be used to make a difference in the lives of our men and women who have served in the military.

All of us at our Veterans Foundation are proud to do everything we can to assist the men and women who are serving or have served in the United States Military. We have been making a difference in the lives of veterans and their families for over 20 years. For those of you who would like to join our team, volunteer applications are available on our website. We are a free service to all veterans and their families. We are open Monday through Friday starting at 9 a.m.

We are a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization and there is never a charge for the services we provide to veterans and their families. We do accept financial contributions to be used to support veterans and this organization. We also accept donations of wheelchairs and other types of handicap equipment that can be given to other veterans or their families.

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

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

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

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

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

Angie Steele

No. 730-October 12-2 Times INVITATION TO BID

The Purcell Public Works Authority, Oklahoma a Municipal Corporation is accepting bids for: CONTRACT FOR HARVESTING GRASS HAY, CROP HARVEST, AND/OR GRAZING AT THE LEXINGTON WELL FIELD, NO CHEMICALS SHALL BE APPLIED TO CURRENT OR FUTURE CROPS.

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk located in Purcell City Hall, 230 West Main Street, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080-422 until 11:00 a.m. November 8, 2023,

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the office of the City Clerk at the time and date stated above. Bids received after the stated time, postmark notwithstanding, shall be rejected. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids shall be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope "SEALED BID FOR HAY- Lexington Well Field". Lease agreement is available for review at the Purcell City Hall, Office of the City Clerk. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

No. 710-October 5-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID EARL HOWARD, DECEASED.

Case No. PB-23-40 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that Gary Howard, Personal Representative of the Estate of David Earl Howard, Deceased, having filed in this Court his Final Account of the administration of said Estate and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Distribution of said Estate and for final discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for the 9 day of November, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock A.M. in the courtroom of the below signed Judge of the District Court

at the McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma and all persons interested in said Estate are notified in and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of David Earl Howard, Deceased, determined, said Estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

Dated this 29 day of September, 2023.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
GERALD E. KELLEY, OBA #4923
GERALD E. KELLEY LLC
One Leadership Square
211 North Robinson, Suite 800
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102
(405) 235-4671
(405) 234-5511 (fax)
gekelly@swbell.net

No. 703-September 28-3 Times NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

Rachid Ayare You will take notice that you have been sued by Plaintiff, Tanner Cole, who has filed a petition in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, Case No. CJ-2023-16, against Harker Meats, Inc., and Goldsby Meat Co., LLC, in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, including punitive damages, plus court costs, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, and unless you answer said petition on or before the 1st day of November, 2023, said petition will be taken as true, and judgment rendered against you. WITNESS MY HAND and the

Seal of this Court this 21st day of September, 2023.
Kristel Gray by Lynda Mauldin
Court Clerk
(Seal)

APPROVED:
/s/ Brad W. Wicker
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Attorney for Plaintiff
and
/s/ Greg Barnard
Greg Barnard, OBA#16107
P.O. Box 722458
Norman, Oklahoma 73070
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(405) 389-4373 Fax
Attorney for Plaintiff

No. 722-October 12-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF TEDDY RAY KRAPP, Deceased ILENE KRAPP, Deceased, and LOUIS WALLACE KRAPP, Deceased

CASE NO. PB-2023-99 NOTICE TO CREDITORS All creditors having claims against the Estate of TEDDY RAY KRAPP, Deceased, ILENE KRAPP, Deceased, and LOUIS WALLACE KRAPP, Deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal

Representative at the Law Office of BILL C. LESTER, Attorney at Law, 212 West Main, P.O. Box 1407, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, on or before the following presentment date: December 12, 2023, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Earla K. Tate
Earla K. Tate, Co-Personal Representative
/s/ James Louis Tate
James Louis Tate, Co-Personal Representative
BILL C. LESTER
Attorney for Personal Representative
212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407
Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-5623
OBA #5389
blester@lesterlawoffice.com

No. 720-October 12-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY ALAN DAWSON, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-54 NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given that Kathleen M. Fowler, formerly Dawson, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of Gary Alan Dawson, Deceased, has filed her Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution and Discharge of Personal Representative.

A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 2nd day of November 2023, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., in the District Courtroom of

the County Courthouse, Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the Account should not be settled and allowed, the Estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED this 4th day of October 2023.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731
George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223
Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC
138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565
Purcell, OK 73080
Phone: 405-527-7575
Fax: 405-527-7574
Attorney for Personal Representative

Come be a part of our FIRST EVER annual Warrior Madness night! Meet and support your 2023-2024 high school Warrior and Lady Warrior basketball teams **Monday October 23rd at 6 pm** at the Washington Event Center. Tons of fun activities to watch and participate in including: 3 pt contest, player introduction, 3 v 3 and other player competitions. Games for HS STUDENTS, CROWD GAMES and a game or two for your LITTLE WARRIORS to take part in! We want our entire community there and there will be a chance for everybody to be included in the fun! There will be pulled pork baskets available for dinner, concession, t-shirts available to order and a raffle for a large Yeti ice chest with the winner drawn that night. We can't wait to see you and your family there!

Go Warriors

No. 732-October 12-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES HAROLD NICHOLSON, Deceased Case No. PB-23-61 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,

DEWISEES AND LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE AND DISCHARGE Notice is hereby given that the duly-appointed and qualified personal representative of the above-captioned estate has filed in this court her Petition for Determination of Heirs, Devises and Legatees, Distribution of Estate and Discharge; and that hearing of the same has been set by the

judge of the court for November 2, 2023, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. at the courtroom of said court in the McClain County courthouse in McClain County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said estate should not be distributed and the personal representative discharged. Dated October 5, 2023.

/s/ Charles N. Gray JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT James W. Carlton, Jr.; OBA #12600 Garvin Agee Carlton, P.C. Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 10 Pauls Valley, OK 73075 405-238-1000 Fax: 405-238-1001

No. 712-October 5-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter Of the Estate of Charles Eldwyn Bradley, deceased, Case No. PB-22-25 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL INVENTORY AND ACCOUNT ALLOWANCE OF EXPENSES DISTRIBUTION TO PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED HEIR DISCHARGE AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION TO VACATE THE FINAL ORDER ENTERED PREVIOUSLY ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Notice is hereby given that as Benjamin Merrill Bradley, Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles Eldwyn Bradley, deceased, has filed his Final Inventory and Account, his Petition for Order allowing the same and for Allowance of Expenses and for Distribution to the previously determined sole heir and devisee and for Discharge of the Personal Representative, the hearing for the same has been set by the Court for the 2nd day of November, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Courtroom of the Honorable Judge Charles Gray, in the McClain County Courthouse, 121 N. 2nd Ave., Purcell, OK 73080, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and

there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the accounts should not be settled and allowed and the estate distributed to the heir and devisee as previously determined and the Personal Representative discharged. Dated: 2 October, 2023. AND Notice is hereby given that the Motion of Benjamin Merrill Bradley, Previously Discharged Personal Representative and Sole Heir of Charles Eldwyn Bradley, deceased, for Vacation of the Previously Entered Final Order Entered on September 15, 2022, is set for hearing on the 2nd day of November, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the Courtroom of the Honorable

Judge Charles Gray, in the McClain County Courthouse, 121 N. 2nd Ave., Purcell, OK 73080, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said Final Order should not be vacated. CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE Honorable Charles Gray, Judge of the District Court /s/ Gordon A. Harness Gordon A. Harness, OBA #3872 Attorney-at-Law 1900 N. Rockwell Ave. Newcastle, OK 73065 405-823-2796 Email - GAHarness@gmail.com

No. 721-October 12-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Danny Gene Lang, Deceased. Case No. PB-2023-116 NOTICE FOR HEARING PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE, APPOINT PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND DETERMINE HEIRS-AT-LAW, DEVISEES, AND LEGATEES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all persons interested in the estate of Danny Gene Lang, Deceased, that

on the 2nd day of October, 2023, Sherrie Lang filed in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, a Petition in this Court praying to administer the Estate, asking that Letters of Administration be issued to Sherrie Lang upon the Estate of Danny Gene Lang, Deceased, and requesting this Court determine the identity of all the heirs-at-law, devisees and legatees of the Decedent. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the 2nd day of November, 2023, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A.M., of that day, has been appointed as the time for hearing the Petition in Courtroom of the District Court,

Probate Division, in the McClain County Courthouse, in Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same by filing written opposition thereto on the ground of incompetency of the applicant, or may assert their own rights to the administration and pray the Letters be issued to them. DATED this 2nd day of October, 2023. CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE Judge of the District Court By /s/ Karen Weltmer Deputy Court Clerk

(Seal) Prepared by: /s/ H. Terrell Monks H. Terrell Monks, OBA #17474 Shanika Chapman, OBA #31516 Spencer Allred, OBA #35299 Oklahoma Estate Attorneys, PLLC 2909 NW 156th Street Edmond, OK 73013 Telephone (405) 733-8686 Terrell@terrellmonks.com Shanika.chapman@terrellmonks.com Spencer.allred@terrellmonks.com Attorney for Petitioner Notice of Hearing – Est of Lang

No. 727-October 12-1 Time ORDINANCE NO. 23-07 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PURCELL; SPECIFICALLY, CHAPTER 46 (HEALTH AND SANITATION), ARTICLE 3 (TOBACCO; SMOKING), DIVISION 2 (USE OF TOBACCO AND VAPOR PRODUCTS BY MINORS); AMENDING SECTION I (DEFINITIONS) AND SECTION VI (REPORT OF VIOLATIONS AND COMPLIANCE CHECKS); REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PURCELL, OKLAHOMA: CHAPTER 46 (Health and Sani-

tation), Article 3 (Tobacco; Smoking), Division 2 (Use of tobacco and vapor products by minors), Sections 1 (Definitions) shall be amended with Subsection J by adding the following, to wit: SECTION I. DEFINITIONS J. Nicotine product: means any product that contains nicotine extracted or isolated from plants, vegetables, fruit, herbs, weeds, genetically modified organic matter, or that is synthetic in origin and is intended for human consumption; provided, however, this term shall not include products approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for smoking cessation; CHAPTER 46 (Health and Sanitation), Article 3 (Tobacco; Smoking), Division 2 (Use of tobacco and vapor products by minors), Sections V (Report of Violations

and Compliance Checks) shall be amended to include the following as Subsection C, to wit: SECTION VI. REPORT OF VIOLATIONS AND COMPLIANCE CHECKS C. For the purposes of determining second or subsequent violations, both the offenses penalized by the ABLE Commission as administrative fines and the offenses penalized by the municipality and reported to the ABLE Commission shall be considered together in such determination. SECTION II. SEVERABILITY If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such

holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. SECTION III. REPEALER All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Purcell, Oklahoma, on the 5th day of October, 2023. SIGNED by the Mayor of the City of Purcell, Oklahoma, on the 5th day of October, 2023. /s/ Graham Fishburn Mayor (Seal) ATTEST: /s/ Andrea Millsap City Clerk Approved as to form this 5th day of October, 2023. /s/ Greg Dixon Greg Dixon, City Attorney

No. 729-October 12-1 Time RESOLUTION NO. 23-P05 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PURCELL PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY, PURCELL, OKLAHOMA ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND FEE SCHEDULES RELATED TO INCREASING NEW USER IMPACT FEES AND SEWER TAP FEES. RESOLUTIONS AND POLICIES THAT ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THIS RESOLUTION ARE HEREBY RESCINDED. WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Purcell Public Works Authority (herein after referred to as the Authority) are lessees of the utility system owned by the City of Purcell, Oklahoma; and WHEREAS, the Trustees are charged with the duty of establishing rates for said system; and WHEREAS, the Trustees deem it necessary and in the best interest of the Trust Estate and for the beneficiary of the Authority, the City of Purcell, Oklahoma, to adjust water tap fees to cover the cost of installation of such taps and plan for a reserve necessary for future capital water system improvements and any corresponding debt service; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE PURCELL PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY: SECTION 1. TAPS A water tap is essentially the right to receive water from the Public Works Authority and is a physical connection between the Authority's main and the private line that includes installation of meters and hardware. All sewer taps are to be made by the Purcell Public Works Authority, or an authorized developer, or a licensed plumber to ensure that proper installation and health standards are met. The installation, whether in the city limits or not, must pass final inspection by the City Building Codes Manager and the City Water Department Supervisor because it is a connection to a main line that is City property serving multiple members of the community. All work is to be in accordance with City code and State health standards. SECTION 2. FEE SCHEDULE From and after the adoption of this Resolution, the sewer tap fees and sewer impact fees will be as reflected on EXHIBIT "A" attached hereto. SECTION 3. AUTHORITY'S RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING SERVICE LINE. Authority shall establish an annual budgeted plan that sets forth

the committed projects for each fiscal year. Should the PPWA committed projects for the fiscal year be the same as the developers and individuals submitted project, the developers and individuals shall not pay for the extension. Developers and individuals' extension requests shall be submitted to PPWA/CITY staff for review. Each residential, commercial, and industrial extension shall be submitted to PPWA/CITY staff. Staff will formulate recommendations and submit them to PPWA Trustees for review. Trustees shall determine, as funds become available, the cost and economic benefit, so as to determine PPWA's potential funding and/or reimbursement. Sewer meters will be installed by the Authority in the utility easement at the beginning end of the customer service line. This is in accordance with adopted sewer extension policies and procedures. SECTION 4. INSTALLATION AND FORFEITURE OF FEES Taps must be physically completed and as appropriate the meter installed within one year of the purchase date or fees will be forfeited. Applicable minimum monthly billing will commence once tap is made. SECTION 5. DENIAL OF SERVICE If an existing rural main is not accessible, available, and/or insufficient capacity, as judged by the Authority's General Manager, a request for water service shall be denied. SECTION 6. GENERAL PROVISIONS The General Manager may cause a proposal to be formulated allowing for a new requesting sewer customer to financially participate with the Authority in causing the sewer system to be enlarged and/or expanded so as to provide sewer service to the new customer. The General Manger shall submit the proposal extension and reimbursement plan to the Authority Trustees for final approval. Each proposal or agreement submitted and approved shall be based on individual merits of that transaction and is not required to conform to any other proposal, agreement or transaction. Any such improvement to the sewer system shall become the property of the Authority. SECTION 7. REPEALER Resolutions Nos. 00-P01 (City Limits Area Water and Sewer Taps), 14-P09 (Water & Sewer Tap

& Impact Fees), and All resolutions or parts of resolutions, and all ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith, are hereby rescinded, or repealed. SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this resolution is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution. THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 17, 2023, AND IS PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023. /s/ Graham Fishburn Graham Fishburn, Chairman (Seal) ATTEST: /s/ Andrea Millsap Andrea Millsap, Secretary EXHIBIT "A" Sewer Tap by Licensed Plumber • Residential: + \$155 Minimum, or 15 cents per square foot of living space, whichever is greater, + Sewer Impact Fee Based on the Size of the Water Meter, as Detailed Below, + \$500 Inspection Fee • Commercial: + \$200 Minimum, or 15 cents per square foot, whichever is greater, + Impact Fee Based on the Size of the Water Meter, as Detailed Below, + \$500 Inspection Fee Sewer Impact Fees Based on Water Meter Size 5/8" Meter \$ 1,842.00 1" Meter \$ 3,131.40 1.5" Meter \$ 6,078.60 2" Meter \$ 9,762.60 3" Meter \$ 18,420.00 IMPACT FEE METHODOLOGY The incremental cost method, as presented in AWWA Manual M1, Principles of Water Rates, Fees, and Charges, was used to determine the Sanitary Sewer Impact Fees for Purcell, Oklahoma. This method calculates the total anticipated cost of system expansion and assigns it incrementally to new customers. The objective of this method is to provide for system expansion to serve new customers without an undue impact on existing users. A. System Improvements The following improvements are anticipated for Goldsby to provide future customers with sanitary sewer service as it continues to

grow. 1. Collection - The City of Purcell currently owns and maintains an extensive system of gravity sewer lines, lift stations, and force mains to serve the "core area" of the city. Expansion of the collection system from this area shall be the responsibility of the new customers. 2. Treatment - The City of Purcell currently owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) that treats wastewater and discharges the treated effluent to the Canadian River. The current capacity of this system is 650,000 gallons per day (gpd). The next step in expansion would be to add an additional primary, secondary and storage cell to the lagoons (Phase 2). This will bring the capacity to 975,000 gpd (See attachment A for Cost Estimate). B. Impact Fee Calculation 1. Total Cost of Improvements i. Construction Costs, \$2,275,000.00 ii. Engineering, Surveying, Geotech Fees, \$197,500.00 iii. Construction Admin. Inspection and Testing Fees, \$128,000.00 iv. Permit Fees \$7,100.00 v. Contingency (10%), \$227,500.00 Total Cost of Improvements, \$2,855,100.00 2. Planning Period and Development Unit The development unit used for the impact fee calculation was the average wastewater flow for customers with a 5/8" water meter (210 gpd). This meter will flow a maximum of 30 gpm through it. The improvements discussed will allow Purcell to provide sewer service for 1,550 development units. For meter sizes larger than 3/4" the following capacity factors will be used. Meter Size; Maximum Flow; Equivalents Relative to 5/8" Meter 3/4"; 30 gpm; 1.0 1"; 50 gpm; 1.7 1.5"; 100 gpm; 3.3 2"; 160 gpm; 5.3 3"; 300 gpm; 10.0 Source - AWWA Manual M6, Water Meters - Selection, Installation, Testing, and Maintenance. 3. Impact Fee Impact Fee = Total Estimated Cost/ Total Development Units \$2,855,100.00/ 1,550 = \$1,842.00 per 5/8" meter C. IMPACT FEES BY WATER METER SIZE 5/8" Meter \$ 1,842.00 1" Meter \$ 3,131.40 1.5" Meter \$ 6,078.60 2" Meter \$ 9,762.60 3" Meter \$ 18,420.00

No. 733-October 12-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ENOCH KELLY HANEY, DECEASED Case No. PB-2023-117 ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, APPOINTMENT OF CO-ADMINISTRATOR, AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS WHEREAS, WILLIAM MICHAEL HANEY AND KELLI BROOKE HANEY-BRADY ("Petitioners") have filed a Petition in this Court representing that ENOCH KELLY HANEY died intestate on April 23, 2022, a resident of McClain County, Oklahoma; Petitioner prays that Letters of Administration be granted, that they be appointed Co-Administrators, and that the heirs-at-law of the Decedent be judicially determined. After review of the file and being fully advised in the premises, THE COURT FINDS, AND IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DE-

creed, and NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ENOCH KELLY HANEY, that the Petition is set for hearing on the 2nd day of November, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in the District Courtroom of Judge Charles Gray in the McClain County Courthouse at Purcell, Oklahoma and all persons interested may appear and contest the same. THE COURT FINDS, AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this notice of the hearing be given as required by law. WITNESS my hand this 2nd day of October, 2023. CHARLES N. GRAY JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT APPROVED: /s/ Tara M. Penick Tara M. Penick, OBA #34300 Tara@BethanyLaw.com Direct Phone: (405) 981-3999 THE BETHANY LAW CENTER, LLP 6666 N.W. 39th Bethany, OK 73008 Attorney for the Petitioner



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The Washington and Kiefer softball teams shared a moment of prayer before their fast-pitch softball game in the State tournament to honor 15-year-old Kiefer softball player Hadley Wood, who was tragically killed in a car crash shortly after their Super Regional win over Comanche.

Coming together

Washington drew Kiefer in the opening round of State. The Trojans were still reeling from the loss of 15-year-old softball player Hadley Wood, who was tragically killed in a car crash shortly after Kiefer's Super Regional win over Comanche. "From an emotion side of things it was tough to be there with them with what they had going," Lampkin said. "Our girls showed respect." Washington prayed with the Kiefer team and presented them with purple Kiefer shirts with Wood's last name on them before the game.

From page 2B Wash:

got hot in the circle and that always gives us a chance to win ball games." Lone Grove Salcedo singled and got the scoring going after Hoehner knocked her in with a base hit. Salcedo went 2-4 in the game while Hoehner was 1-3 with a walk. The Warriors kept the lead until the fifth inning when Lone Grove put a run up on the board.

The Warriors answered in the sixth inning when Shelbie Caveness scored on a Lone Grove error. The Longhorns would win the game in the seventh inning on a walk-off double. "It was a great ball game and both kids pitched it unbelievably," Lampkin said. The Warriors finished the season 25-13. "I was super proud of the team at the end of the year," Lampkin said. "They heard some of the outside noise that

they wouldn't make it to State but they never bought into that. That's all them. They came out and worked hard every day." Notes The Warriors graduate four seniors from this year's team. Alexis Gay, Halle Andrews, Bailey Hyde and Emjay Lucas will all be lost to graduation. Lampkin said their loss will be felt within the program. "Those four are all great people and mean a lot to me," Lampkin said. "Being around them made me a better person and I'm super proud of them." The team's State appearance marked the 14th consecutive trip for the Warriors and 27th consecutive appearance when slow pitch is included.



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Teeing off
Purcell sophomore Mac McKay rips a pitch against Plainview during the Super Regional tournament. Purcell advanced to the State tournament after defeating the Indians twice.



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For the out

Purcell junior Brynley Jennings steps on the bag for an out against Plainview during the Super Regional softball tournament while KK Vazquez (25) looks on. The Dragons punched their ticket to the State tournament this week where they play Poteau.

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