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Changes at PMH

Hospitalist to
attend to Dye,
Schmidt patients
in hospital

Effective March 1 a new chapter in the history of Purcell Municipal Hospital began.



Dye

Patients of Dr. Bryan Dye and Dr. Rick Schmidt, both in-patient and observation services, will be admitted and followed by Dr. Jared's TeleHospitalist group.

Dr. Dye and Dr. Schmidt will continue to send patients for IV infusions, according to PMH CEO/CNO Chris Wright.

"The change was requested by doctors Dye and Schmidt in order to lighten their 24/7 commitment to their patients," Wright said.

"This allows them to focus on the out-patient practice and

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Purcell's BUZZARDS always hovering in local airspace

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell's most famous flock of resident birds are spending a little less time in their favorite roost near Jefferson and 7th streets in Purcell. With temperatures warming up as spring approaches, they're more active and noticeable as they make their lazy circles in the sky.

According to McClain County Mesonet Ag Coordinator Wes

Lee, the birds commonly seen in Purcell are black headed buzzards, which are also referred to as a Mexican Buzzard or black vulture.

They are different than the red-headed Turkey Buzzard, which is native to Oklahoma.

Black vultures are a non-native species in Oklahoma.

"It seems like we're seeing the black-headed buzzards more than we're seeing the red-headed lately," Lee said.

The black-headed variety feed on dead animal carcasses but will also occasionally kill live animals for food, which is a key difference from the native Turkey Buzzard – which only eat dead carcasses.

The black buzzard's wingspan is

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Slight price increase at PMH

Purcell hospital considerably less
expensive than others in this area

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell's City Council, in its regular March meeting Monday night at the Community Room of the Purcell Police Service Building, approved a recommendation from the hospital administration of a five percent increase for patient fees.

"Usually hospitals have an increase every year," said PMH Operations/Finance Manager Renee Barber said.

"But PMH has not had an increase for many, many years.

"In working though the financial process, SSM suggested we do an increase of five percent. SSM said we are 50 percent below Norman and considerably below everyone else that would be our competitors even by raising it that slight amount," she continued.

"And, we would still be

lower. It will put us in a little better position when negotiating with insurance.

"We still offer discounts for self-pays and have payment plans. The increase will be very minimal," Barber said.

That action came in the Purcell Public Works Authority portion of the meeting where the board approved a \$25,000 per month financial support for the hospital for the months of April, May and June.

At that time the council will reassess the economic needs of the hospital.

The authority also approved paying PMH the residual of the one percent hospital sales tax after the bond payment has been made through the expiration of the tax Dec. 31, 2039.

PMH officials report they

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Recent PHS grad is author

Haiven Culp has two books out and third in the works

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

A 2020 Purcell High School graduate is fulfilling a life-long dream of being an author.

Haiven Culp already has two books published and is working on a third.

Culp, who went to Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, was a homesick freshman when she took up writing.

"For me growing up, writing was always my safe place," Culp told **The Purcell Register**. "It's a little escape."

She published her first book when she was 18 about a fictional small town.

"I knew I was only three hours away from home but when you grow up in a place your whole life it can be hard."

The book, *Small Town Secrets* was totally fictional, Culp reports, but was based on some of her experiences growing up here. It is about

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Haiven Culp

Accused rapist not guilty

A 12-person McClain County jury found Dennis Michael Campbell not guilty of rape by instrumentation Friday.

Association District Judge Charles Gray presided over

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It's back!

The return of DST

Are you a fan of sunlight hanging around a bit longer in the evenings?

Or do you take comfort in the sun setting not long after you get home from work?

Whichever camp you find yourself in, you will be thrilled or dismayed by the return of Daylight Saving Time at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you turn

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Luck of the Irish

You won't be able to pinch this bag of bones on St. Patrick's Day because he is decked out in green.

Party affiliation change deadline

March 31 looms as due date

Oklahomans who want to change their party affiliation must submit their change no later than March 31, McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said.

Voters may change their party affiliation online using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp or by completing a new Voter Registration Application.

Haley reminds voters that

no party changes are allowed from April 1 through August 31 during an even-numbered year.

"If we receive your request after March 31, we are required by law to hold that request and process it in September," Haley said.

Oklahoma has three recognized parties: Democratic, Republican and Libertarian.

In Oklahoma, voters must be a registered member of a party

in order to vote in that party's primary election. Independents are permitted to participate in a primary election, only if a party officially requests its elections be opened to Independent voters. Currently, only the Democratic Party allows Independents to vote in its primary elections.

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7 Day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd						
Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
73° 49°	60° 36°	55° 34°	64° 40°	70° 39°	69° 43°	68° 48°
50% Storms	40% Storms	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy

Springtime temperatures

We have seen some spring-like temperatures to start off the first full week of March across the region. On Thursday, there is a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms as afternoon highs top off in the lower 70s. A

chance for some isolated showers and storms will linger into the day on Friday as afternoon highs approach 60 degrees. The weekend will be cooler but dryer as temperatures climb into the middle 50s for Saturday

and the middle 60s by Sunday. Temperatures will be nearing 70 degrees for the start of the next work week into the middle of the week, with increasing clouds each day.

– **Hunter Brittingham**

Deadline to request absentee ballot for April 2 election

Voters in McClain County who want absentee ballots mailed to them for the April 2 election should apply now, County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said.

Absentee ballots are available to any registered voter, provided they are eligible to vote in the election requested. No excuse is needed to vote by absentee ballot.

The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is 5 p.m. Monday, March 18. Voters can

submit a request using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp.

Request forms are also available at oklahoma.gov/elections and at the County Election Board office located at 121 N. 2nd Ave. in Purcell.

Haley reminds voters to allow time for an absentee ballot to be received, completed, and returned by mail to the County Election Board.

"With some exceptions, all absentee ballots must be no-

tarized before being returned. Voters should give themselves plenty of time to make sure all steps have been followed and that the ballot is returned correctly in order to be counted," Haley said.

Voters exempt from having an absentee ballot affidavit notarized include those who are physically incapacitated and those who care for physi-

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Early birds

Bradford Pears are beautiful all around Central Oklahoma blooming at least a week earlier than usual due to the unseasonably warm temperatures.

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NEWS In Brief

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time is March 10! Time to spring forward.

Mark your calendar now and don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed Saturday night, March 9.

Purcell Pre-K, Kindergarten

Round-Up

Purcell Elementary School Pre-K registration and Kindergarten Round-Up for the 2024-2025 school year started Friday, March 1.

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Veteran

Breakfast

All veterans, active-duty military and descendants are invited and encouraged to attend a free breakfast sponsored by the local Walmart and American Legion Post 301.

Breakfast will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, in the American Legion building located at 104 E. Broadway in Lexington.

The American Legion Post 301 monthly meeting will follow.

The Post is also accepting applications for the American Legion 2024 Boys State.

Contact Dale Haynes at 405-823-9051 for additional information.

Auxiliary

Luncheon

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 301 bean luncheon will be Tuesday, March 12, starting at 11 a.m.

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

Auxiliary membership is open to all spouses, widows, mothers, sisters, daughters,

and granddaughters of veterans. They meet at 5 p.m. on the second Monday of each month and invite all to join them.

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

Sheriff's Office

Blood Drive

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Kiwanis

Egg Hunt

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The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

The hunt begins at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

Dibble School

Alumni Reunion

The 2024 Dibble School Alumni Reunion will be held Saturday, April 27, in the Dibble School Cafeteria.

The reunion will recognize the Class of 1974 who is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The event will be held from 2-6 p.m. with a meal at 4 p.m. furnished by Heff's Fish & Q.

The \$25 per person fee must be sent by April 13 to Debbie Whitehead Bartels, 21229 Tammarack Road, Blanchard, OK 73010.

For questions or information contact Jackie Christian at 405-203-2465, Debbie Whitehead Bartels at 405-823-6999 or Mike Spivey at 405-320-0819.

New OK Election

Board Website

The Oklahoma State Election Board has launched a new website making it easier to view candidate information.

Candidates running for coun-

ty, state or federal office may be viewed on the new website.

Put the filing dates in like 12-04-23 to 12-06-23 and view a copy of the actual candidate declarations.

Go to <https://filings.ok-election.us>.

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.

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.

SafeCare

SafeCare, a program of Northcare, is a free, home based parenting support program with the goal of reducing stress for caregivers.

SafeCare provides education on parenting, health, safety and communication skills along with connecting families to community resources.

SafeCare services are provided to caregivers that have at least one child under the age of six and live in McClain or Cleveland counties.

For more information call 405-858-2725, email safecarereferrals@northcare.com or online at www.northcare.com.

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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Water line repair

Purcell water department employees were busy repairing a water leak at the corner of Fourth and Main last Monday morning.

Applications accepted for Leadership Oklahoma Class 37

Leadership Oklahoma, a statewide leadership program in its 37th year, is now accepting applications for its 2024-2025 adult class.

The organization accepts a class of 52 members each year. The criteria for selection includes demonstrated leadership on the part of applicants in their communities and state.

The program is designed to be a series of issue-oriented forums and experiences, which are based on the belief that knowledge is a key element and prime motivator of leadership.

It consists of an orientation session, a mandatory two-day retreat and eight two-day sessions. Classes are held in locations that best relate to the issues of importance to the state.

"Leadership Oklahoma and its graduates work to create and implement the positive changes necessary to make Oklahoma the best it can be," said Ken Busby, Executive Director & CEO, Route 66 Alliance, and recruitment chair for LOK Class 37.

"By learning about the issues that impact our state economically, socially, and environmentally, class members are motivated to fulfill our mission of creating a dynamic network of leaders whose increased awareness and commitment to service will energize all Oklahomans to shape their state's future," he said.

Nearly 1,800 people have graduated from the program and remain active in contrib-

uting to Oklahoma's strength and vitality.

"Leadership Oklahoma is one of the most enjoyable and beneficial experiences I've ever had, both professionally and personally," said Sam-mye Cravens, current chair of Leadership Oklahoma board of directors and Chief Operating Officer and CFO of Public Strategies in Oklahoma City.

"The opportunity to spend time in every quadrant of our state, learning its incredible strengths and unique challenges was a once in a lifetime experience. As an individual, the professional network, and true friendships I developed

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Ballot:

cally incapacitated individuals who cannot be left alone. Those voters must have their absentee ballot affidavit witnessed by two people.

Military personnel and residents living overseas, along with their spouses and dependents are also eligible for certain allowances. Military personnel should contact Voting Service Officers in their units for absentee application forms.

Residents living overseas may obtain absentee voting applications from any United

States military installation or United States Embassy or Consulate.

Military personnel and overseas citizens who are already registered voters in Oklahoma may apply for absentee ballots using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp.

Those who need to complete a new Voter Registration Application should apply through the Federal Voting Assistance

Program at FVAP.gov.

All completed absentee ballots must be in the hands of the County Election Board no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day.

The McClain County Election Board is located at 121 N. 2nd Ave and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For questions, please contact the McClain County Election Board at 405-527-3121.

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Party:


All registered voters, regardless of political affiliation, can vote for any candidate during a General Election.

Voter Registration Applications can be downloaded from the State Election Board website at oklahoma.gov/elections. Applications are also available at the McClain County Election Board located at 121 N Second Ave, Purcell. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For questions, contact the County Election Board at 405-527-3721 or mcclaincounty@elections.ok.gov.

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What do you expect from our next President?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

I'm voting for the Presidential candidate who will promise to keep Social Security solvent. I've hit the age where I'm finally on the receiving end of some of this government money and I want to keep it going. Never fear, I'm still paying plenty of taxes. I'm still holding down a job so Uncle Sam takes a big slice of every pay check.

Seventy million Americans feel the same way I do when It comes to Social Security. For over 30 million Americans, Social Security is all they have and many do not even collect \$2,000 a month. Many receive far less and so every month they have to juggle their money to survive.

I do agree with the perspective that if we could have put our money into a 401k or stock from ages 18 to 62, we would have more than a million dollars.

The monthly check from a million-dollar stock portfolio would be much more than what most are collecting form monthly Social Security.

You would also have some money to leave your kids, maybe. However, keep in mind that Social Security is a safety

net for millions of Americans who become disabled before retirement age.

I know many who started collecting full benefits in their fifties. In these situations, the monthly income is greater than if their money had been placed into a stock fund, most likely. So overall, I'm still a fan of Social Security.

I will further support the candidate who promises to keep Medicare going. I'm at the age now where I have doctor's appointments. I have traditional Medicare, not "advantage."

I do have to pay for a supplement every month which is not cheap. However, I can walk into any doctor's office in America and they are thrilled to see me when they find out I have traditional Medicare.

I don't enjoy going to doctors but knowing the bulk of the cost is covered relieves some of the pain.

Next, are our military and Veterans. Our military is hurting. They are having trouble recruiting. Attracting young men and women has become a challenge. The military population has gotten older.

Keeping military pay, benefits and adequate housing up

to date is crucial in order keep a stable, strong military. Plus, take care of our Veterans who served. It breaks my heart when I meet a homeless Veteran. This should never be in America.

We have to have border security. We do not have it now. Millions of illegal migrants have entered America. Thousands are still entering illegally each and every month.

The list goes on. We need a strong positive emphasis on growing and supporting our police force and a broad approach to energy. Let's use all of our resources, electricity, oil, gas and coal.

Why can't we have a balanced approach to our energy needs? We can and should. Manufacturing and farming are critical to America. We need to build and grow. Everything our government can do to encourage both of these should be welcomed and applauded.

Of course, there is plenty more that's very important and we'll be talking about it in the months ahead.

Find books by Glenn Mollette at Amazon.com. Learn more about his books, columns and music at GlennMollette.com.

Trapped with nowhere to run

By Andy Bowman, CoffeeTime Columnist

Enjoy feeling anxious and blue? Concentrate on what is happening in the world now, that'll do it for you. The impossible price of food and housing. Crooked politics. Illegal drugs. Riots. Disease. Murders. Kids molested. If that is your idea of living the good life, then my friend, you certainly have it made.

But there's probably not too many of us who would agree with you. Most people like a sense of order and normalcy, and all this out-of-control scary stuff can bring on feelings of helplessness and hopelessness.

Makes people feel as they are living in a nightmare, and they can't wake up and just shake it off. Trapped with nowhere to run.

So, what's a better way to live? One way is to just ignore it all. Stick your head in the sand and only come up for air

when you have to. After all, what you don't know can't hurt you, right?

I wish. Another mode is worry. If you can't be one of those who totally ignores what is happening to the world, then choose to constantly worry. About everything. Lay in bed at night and let your imagination take off.

"Everything in the news is all this horrible stuff, and I know they don't ever tell the public everything that is actually going on. It's a fact that the news outlets hide a lot.

Is it possible that our country is doomed to fail soon? And then what will happen to my grandkids?!"

And when your brain tires of creating that type of non-sleep, try something like this. "I have to fly to Atlanta next week. I've heard a lot of air traffic controllers are actually alcoholics and drug addicts, and are totally out-of-it when they're supposed to be guiding all those planes in the air. Oh my gosh, I may die!"

Or along these lines: "My headache is back. And it's

getting really hot in here. Makes me wonder...do I have a fever? Oh, shoot! I was in the mall yesterday, and it was so crowded! Could I have caught Covid? Again?!! If I have, I can't work for five days, and I'm gonna lose my job!"

What, don't care for that kind of existing, either? Don't blame you a bit.

Better option? Learning to balance your thoughts. Obsessive creative worry is a bad habit and once started, it's difficult to break. It creates an immense physical and emotional toll, and can take away your joy in living. Leaving you actually wishing that it was all over.

Yes, I know, there's too much bad to be able to ignore it all. But just don't wallow in it. Realize there is good in your life, and according to the Bible, you need to work at concentrating on those things to balance out your thought life.

Constantly remind yourself that your God is watching it all. And that He has a plan.

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The Oklahoma Pardon and Medical Debt Bill advances to the House floor

Paul Monies Oklahoma Watch

Oklahomans facing medical-debt lawsuits could get some relief under a bill advanced by a House committee February 22.

House Bill 4148, by Rep. Suzanne Schreiber, D-Tulsa, and Rep. Mark Lepak, R-Claremore, would require health-care providers or third-party debt collectors to tell the court they made the patient aware of the costs of care before a debt-collection lawsuit can proceed.

Schreiber's proposal came after she held an interim study in October on medical debt. Lawmakers from both parties attending that hearing shared their own frustrations with medical bills and the wide variation in costs for similar services or procedures.

In an interview Thursday, Schreiber said HB 4148 was just one of several proposals that could help Oklahomans facing medical debt collections and lawsuits.

The bill would give some enforcement powers to an existing state law, the Transparency in Health Care Prices Act, passed in 2021. That law requires health-care providers to post the cash price for the top 20 services offered by that provider.

One in five Oklahomans had some type of medical debt in collections in 2022, according to The Urban Institute. The median amount in collections was close to \$900.

"This is one way that we can help the person incurring the debt to have a small bit of protection if it is taken to the judgment level," Schreiber said of HB 4148, which passed a House Civil Judiciary panel by a vote of 10-0. It now goes to the House floor for consideration. Sen. Julie Daniels, R-Bartlesville, is the Senate author.

Schreiber said Oklahoma has one of the highest rates of medical debts in the country. Many times, patients facing past-due bills will delay or skip medical appointments because they don't want to see additional bills. Schreiber said she and Lepak spent time talking to doctors, hospitals, insurance providers and legal experts about ideas to connect the issues of medical debt and price transparency.

"Oklahomans are suffering from medical debt, and it's impeding our economy," Schreiber said. "It's impeding their ability to take care of their families and thrive."

Oklahoma Access to Justice Foundation reviewed more than 340,000 debt collection cases filed in Oklahoma courts between 2018 and 2022. More than 8% of those cases involved medical debt, according to the data analysis done in partnership with the Legal Services Corp. and

the Pew Charitable Trust.

Katie Dilks, the foundation's executive director, said in most of the counties across the state, proof of the debt is not required by the court to obtain a default judgment if the defendant doesn't participate in the case.

Dilks said 40 percent of cases are in small claims court where defendants rarely have an attorney. Some customers simply

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NEWS from the City of Purcell

Maintaining Alleys

From: Code Enforcement
We will now be enforcing the City of Purcell Ordinances in regards to maintaining the alleys.

It is the responsibility of the homeowner and or renter to maintain from the curb to the center of the alley. You are required to keep mowed any grass, weeds or similar vegetation from the curb or edge of the roadway to the center of the alleyway.

This includes keeping trees trimmed, brush and limbs removed. Vehicles, trailers, tractors etc. are not allowed to be parked in the alley.

Free seeds

Dear Editor:

Lucile Morehouse, age 13, is an active 4-H member in Choctaw County, Okla. She created a service project that focuses on saving pollinators.

Last year Lucile was awarded the Youth Enhancement Grant from the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation. This one-time grant allowed Lucile to distribute 600 seed packets that went to 16 different states. This year, thanks to generous donations from across the nation, Lucile met her goal and will be able to distribute the seed packets again.

Lucile will be assembling and distributing 600 seed packets for free. She will also offer free seed packets to ship anywhere in the United States after you pay a \$1 shipping fee through PayPal. When you get the seeds, you will plant them to produce flowers for pollinators.

Lucile is offering two types of seed mix for pollinators. Once the flowers bloom, they will feed the pollinators a more diverse diet. By producing more flowers, this could help fight against starvation, disease and loss of resources to our pollinators.

If you would like to receive seed packets, please go to the online form located at <http://forms.gle/ZKKx61uNQSEGWUXu6>. If you would like to donate for next year's project or have questions about this project, please email: beebocustomer@carcare@gmail.com.

Lucile Morehouse
Boswell, Okla.

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It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

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A special happy birthday to Jeff Salmeri of Belleair Beach, Florida.

Sal celebrates his birthday Wednesday, March 13.

Happy birthday to Susan McCurdy Vaughn, Betty Pat Goddard, Charlotte Shaw, Gil Galyean, Buck Stevenson, Jennifer Maynard Brewer, Zac Duffy, Linda Hurst, Kelley Eyler, Maria Franco, Alejandra Garcia, Roberto Garcia, Teresa Orta, Emanuel Guadalupe Perez, Barbara Brown, Alexis Wallace, Fernando Auz, Antonia Ortiz, Coral Vazquez, Janie Braden and Tammy Rangel.

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Visit the Pop-Up Mobile Maker Lab at the Purcell Public Library.

Let the Mobile Maker Lab Team help you make beautiful things! Learn to use the 3D printers, laser cutters, embroidery machines and more.

The Maker Lab will be open Tuesday, March 12, from 1-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Thursday, March 14, from 1-5 p.m., Friday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The program is for all ages. For more information call the Purcell Public Library at 405-527-5546 or online at pioneerlibrarysystem.org.

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This is so good and doesn't take a long time to prepare.

Crockpot White Chicken Chili

1 lb. chicken breast
1 white onion, diced
2 cans White Northern Beans
1 can whole kernel corn
10 oz. can Rotel
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. cumin
1 tsp. chili powder
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
32 oz. container of chicken broth
8 oz. block of cream cheese
1/4 cup half & half or heavy cream

In a bowl combine salt, pepper, cumin, chili powder, cayenne pepper, garlic powder and stir.

Place chicken breasts into the bottom of your slow cooker. Sprinkle seasonings over the chicken

Drain the beans and corn. Top with onion, drained beans, drained corn and Rotel.

Add the entire container of chicken broth to the slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours or until chicken is fork tender.

Remove chicken and shred with forks. Return chicken to slow cooker. Add in cream cheese and half & half. Cook another 15 minutes on high and serve with your favorite toppings!

Leadership, motivation and learning brought 11 schools from Rural Electric Cooperative's service area together for REC's 18th annual Youth Leadership Summit.

"REC is passionate about our youth and helping to develop their skill set," said Megan Lawrence, Manager of Member Services and Marketing. "REC and the Board of Trustees understand the importance our youth play in our communities and fostering their leadership development will only assist them later in life."

Rhett Laubach, owner of Your Next Speaker, in Edmond, Oklahoma spent the day working with 64 students about leadership and preparing for the future.

The students interacted with each other throughout the day and gained useful tips on how they can obtain their dream job. Laubach has taught leadership skills for over 25 years to audiences across the United States, the Bahamas and Canada.

This year, students from Alex, Bray-Doyle, Cement, Dibble, Elmore City-Pernell, Lindsay, Paoli, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Wayne and Wynnewood participated in the Youth Leadership Summit.

In addition to a full day of mental, emotional, social and physical activity, REC gave five scholarships. The winners of the scholarships were



• Photo by Megan Lawrence

REC Youth Leadership Summit

Students in REC's Youth Leadership Summit listen intently to Rhett Laubach speak about leadership and preparing for the future.

selected based on their participation throughout the day, their application they submitted and recommendations from their sponsors.

REC gave five \$500 scholarships to the students in attendance.

This year's Youth Leadership Summit scholarship winners were Hannah Kilbourn of Bray-Doyle, Kylee Hager of Dibble, Collin Bryant of Lindsay, Carter Goldston of Purcell and Zoe Spray of Wayne.

"REC is honored to provide opportunities for our youth to expand their leadership skills," Lawrence adds. "We are thankful for schools in our service territory allowing their students to participate in this event and all of our youth programs."



• Photo by Megan Lawrence

Scholarship winners

REC's 2024 Youth Leadersip Summit scholarship winners include (from left) Carter Goldston of Purcell, Zoe Spray of Wayne, Collin Bryant of Lindsay, Kylee Hager of Dibble and Hannah Kilbourn of Bray-Doyle.

School Menus

Week of March 11

Wayne

MONDAY Pancake on a stick, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.	LUNCH Chicken sandwich, broccoli, chips, pears, milk.
LUNCH Corndog, french fries, spinach, mixed fruit, milk.	THURSDAY BREAKFAST Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
TUESDAY BREAKFAST Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.	LUNCH Casserole, corn chips, salsa, oranges, banana pudding, milk.
LUNCH Beef taco, pinto beans, rice, strawberries, milk.	FRIDAY BREAKFAST Muffin, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST Sausage gravy biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.	LUNCH Uncrustable, chips, carrots, apple, cookie, milk.

Lexington

MONDAY BREAKFAST Cereal or blueberry doughnut holes, mixed fruit, juice, milk.	Cereal or oatmeal chocolate chip bar, pears, juice, milk.
LUNCH Salisbury steak or yogurt meal, potatoes and gravy, green beans, pears, hot roll, milk.	LUNCH Chicken teriyaki or sandwich, rice pilaf, stir fry vegetables, pineapple tidbits, fortune cookie, milk.
TUESDAY BREAKFAST Cereal or breakfast stick, orange smiles, juice, milk.	THURSDAY BREAKFAST Cereal or yogurt and crackers, fruit, juice, milk.
LUNCH Beef stroganoff or chef salad, steamed broccoli, steamed carrots, mixed fruit, milk.	LUNCH Sloppy joes or chef salad, baked beans, french fries, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST	FRIDAY No School.

Purcell

MONDAY BREAKFAST Cinnamon roll or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.	Biscuit and sausage gravy or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.
LUNCH Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, cucumber slices, dinner roll, fruit, milk.	LUNCH Chicken soft taco, refried beans, tortilla chips, salsa, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY BREAKFAST Breakfast burrito or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.	THURSDAY BREAKFAST Breakfast calzone or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.
LUNCH Personal pizza, Italian salad, baby carrots, fruit, milk.	LUNCH Cheesburger, french fries, side salad, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST	FRIDAY No School.

Armelda Moody to be honored

The Texas/Oklahoma Division 30 of Kiwanis International is honoring Armelda Moody with a Women in Kiwanis Award on Thursday, March 7.

The ceremony will be held at Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler in Moore at 6:30 p.m.

The mayors from Purcell and Washington will be there to help present the award along with Gene Ray, the Lieutenant Governor of Texas/Oklahoma Division 30.

Governor of the Texas/Oklahoma District Kathy Culbertson will be joining the ceremony virtually to congratulate Mrs. Moody.

Moody, a resident and a former mayor of Washington, Okla., will be receiving the award for outstanding service as a woman in Kiwanis. Armelda grew up in Lexington where she graduated high school. She attended Girl's State, showing leadership qualities when she was in high school.

She has served as the president of the Purcell and Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis club for many years and is currently the president. She joined the club in 1995 only two years after the Purcell club was officially chartered.

She was elected to be the Lieutenant Governor of Division 30 twice, from 2003-2004

and from 2008-2009. She was also awarded the Outstanding Leadership Award in 2012. She is known as The Duck Lady through the annual Sonny Bright Kiwanis Duck Race that has raised money for the Children's Health Foundation.

She also has been the Duck Lady at IHOP's annual Free Pancake Day and the Washington's Masonic Lodge's Pancake breakfast, where the proceeds also go to the Children's Health Foundation that provides free healthcare to all 77 counties in Oklahoma.

Moody worked at the McClain County Youth and Family Services as an accountant for many years.

Her signature red glasses are not merely a personal style choice but a symbol of her vibrant approach to life. Armelda's passion shines bright through her artistic endeavors. Known affectionately as The Pumpkin Lady, her ceramic creations, particularly her personalized pumpkins, have not only adorned homes but also supported charitable causes, including Birthright and the Children's Miracle Network.

She is often described by her family as the Energizer Bunny, because of her boundless energy and zest for life.

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Lexington Pre-K signup

Lexington Elementary School will host the 2024-2025 Pre-K signup at Enrollment Night Thursday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary safe room.

Students must be four years old on or before September 1, 2024.

The following documents are required for each child to be placed on the enrollment list:

- Updated shot record;
- Social Security card;
- State issued birth certificate; and
- Parent photo ID.

Completed pre-enrollment will hold your child’s spot in line but students will be required to provide a current proof of residency at August enrollment.

Students eligible for Kindergarten who have not attended Pre-K may also sign up for school at this time.

Limited spots are available.

Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

A dance and live music is held every Friday night from 7 to 9 p.m. Entry is \$8 and refreshments are available to purchase. This event helps support the Senior Center and provides an evening of entertainment for the community at a reasonable cost. Refreshments are available. Come and enjoy the fun and good times! Family friendly atmosphere!

The phone number for the center is 405-527-5070. Please don’t hesitate to call if you have any questions about anything we offer.

The ever-popular bingo is every Thursday at 10 a.m. If a situation occurs where we cannot have it one day, all who attend will still get a prize for attending.

Everyone over 60 has a standing invitation to come visit the senior center. Enjoy new friends, activities, lunch and a few laughs. Our library has a variety of books to take home and enjoy. Coffee, tea and cookies are always available! New things to do are being added this year. We are always open to new ideas for activities from everyone who attends.

The center garage sale is open. Come this Thursday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and enjoy the bargains. We have a large selection of used items for the home including appliances, clothing, shoes, kitchenware and lots of miscellaneous. All sales directly benefit the senior center. Occasionally, the sale is unable to open. Unforeseen circumstances may occur making it a necessity to close. We apologize for this, but sometimes things happen beyond our control. Please be understanding when this situation arises.

The center contracts with Delta Nutrition to provide meals Monday through Friday beginning at 11:30 a.m. They also deliver in-home meals. Any questions you have about obtaining meal service or dining here at the center, can be answered by the kitchen at 405-527-9462. This number is also the one to call when you let them know what days you will be here to dine.

It is becoming very important to remember to make your reservation for meals. This can be done weekly or daily, whatever works for you. The rising cost of food and supplies is making it more essential every day for Delta Nutrition to have a count of the meals. Please let them know if you will be here or if you won’t. They always want to have plenty of food for all who would like to join us. Thank you for being understanding of their policies.

Please be aware the menu may have to be changed at times due to unavailability of items or delivery issues.

Menu for March 11-15:

Monday — Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli/cauliflower, bread, chocolate cake.

Tuesday — Steak sandwich, vegetable soup, strawberries and bananas, cookies.

Wednesday — Tater tot casserole, green beans, carrots, bread, fruit salad.

Thursday — Brown beans with ham, oven browned potatoes, greens, cornbread, pie.

Friday — Sausage gravy, hash browns, tomato relish, biscuit, gelatin.

One milk per person is served with every meal.

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

Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello once again everyone. I hope you all have had some opportunities to get out and enjoy some of Mother Nature’s beautiful weather. Hard to remember that we still have nearly three weeks of winter remaining.

We will have one or two more work days at the WSCC garage sale building before we open the last weekend of March. It is looking good and will look even better after a couple more tweaks.

We are now accepting donations, although we still have a lot of clothing to go through, but we are happy to add more items to the garage sale. All proceeds benefit the seniors for center use and upgrades.

Delta Senior Nutrition provides a delicious meal each Monday through Friday, serving at 11:30 a.m. Some federal holidays and business closure days are excluded. If you are a senior, 60+, and would like to find out how to qualify for the meal program, please call the office at 405-527-9462. We look forward to visiting with you.

Here is the menu for March 11-15:

Monday — Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli and cauliflower, sliced bread or dinner roll, chocolate sheet cake.

Tuesday — Steak sandwich with lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise, vegetable soup, strawberries and bananas, sugar cookies.

Wednesday — Tater tot casserole, green beans, carrots, bread or roll, fruit salad.

Thursday — Brown beans with ham and sliced onions, oven browned potatoes, greens, cornbread, cook’s choice pie.

Friday — Sausage gravy over biscuit, hash browns, tomato spoon relish, double orange Jell-O.

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

Menus are subject to change due to product availability or delivery issues. We do our best to keep changes to a minimum.

We continue to see a slight fluctuation in our daily attendance, but overall, we are doing well with a great group of seniors.

We appreciate everyone’s continued support of your Wayne Senior Citizens Center.

Until next time...



• Photo provided by OPEI

Keep safety in mind

When readying your power equipment for use this spring, always be up to date on handling and safety procedures.

Safety tips for your spring lawn equipment

Spring is coming and homeowners are eager to get outside and spruce up their yards.

The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an international trade association representing outdoor power equipment, small engine, utility vehicle, golf car and personal transport vehicle manufacturers and suppliers, reminds homeowners to keep safety in mind.

“Before you use a mower, trimmer, blower, power washer, chainsaw, pruner, portable generator or other pieces of outdoor power equipment this season, it’s important to be up to date on handling and safety procedures,” said Kris Kiser, President and CEO of OPEI.

“We’re all eager to get outside and enjoy our yards, but you also need to take the time to do maintenance to ensure your equipment operates safely for the season and is ready to get the job done.”

Here are tips to help:

Read your owner’s manual. Follow all guidelines for your outdoor power equipment and familiarize yourself with the controls. Review how to shut on, shut off, and use the equipment safely. If you have lost your manual, look it up online (and save a copy on your computer for easy reference in the future).

Inspect equipment

Check the air filter, oil level and the gasoline tank. Also check for loose belts and missing or damaged parts. Ensure all safety guards are in place. Replace any parts needed or take your equipment to a qualified service representative for servicing. If using electric equipment that relies on power cords, make sure cords are in good condition and not damaged.

Protect your power by only using E10 or less fuel in gasoline-powered outdoor power equipment

With today’s higher ethanol content fuels, most manufacturers are recommending a fuel stabilizer be used, especially if you don’t use up all the gas purchased right away.

Some gas stations may offer 15 percent ethanol (E15) gas or higher ethanol fuel blends, but any fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol can damage, and is illegal to use, in small engine equipment not designed for it.

Store fuel safely

Label your fuel can with the date of purchase and ethanol content of the fuel. Never put “old” gas in your outdoor power equipment. If you don’t know the date of purchase, dispose safely of the fuel in the can and buy fresh fuel.

Always store fuel out of the reach of children or pets and in approved containers. You should never leave fuel sitting in the gas tank of your equipment for more than 30 days as it may cause starting or running problems or damage.

For battery-powered equipment, recharge your

Please see **Safety**, page 10A

Get fresh with healthy choices in cooking show

The Chickasaw Nation “Get Fresh!” program teaches healthy meal preparation with entertaining cooking shows at the Purcell Nutrition Services site, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

Shows consist of live, interactive cooking demonstrations led by specialists who sprinkle in bits of healthy knowledge.

The recipes taught are aimed at being budget friendly and incorporate packaged food from the Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Program.

The nutrition education presentation is science-based and grounded in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s “MyPlate” program.

On the table with these culinary classes are new recipes and skills meant to boost a family’s everyday eating experiences. When the dish is done, attendees are able to sample the food.

Classes are set for Thursday, March 7, at 10 a.m. and noon.

For more information call 405-527-6967.

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Utility work

City of Purcell crews were out Monday morning doing work at the corner of 8th Avenue and Buddy Hudson Court.

Commission, MATC to host “Stop Human Trafficking” Community Conversation

The Commission on the Status of Women is partnering with the Mid-America Technology Center to host a Community Conversation to Stop Human Trafficking.



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The event is scheduled for Friday, March 29. Two sessions will be held, one at 10 a.m. and repeated at 1 p.m. in the Seminar Center in the Health Building, 27438 Highway 59, in Wayne.

The event is free and open to the public.

Each year, an estimated 4,000 Oklahomans seek help from human trafficking situations. The Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women launched two educational initiatives to stop human trafficking educational efforts — a series of Community Conversations to Stop Human Trafficking at schools and a Not Me, Not My Community initiative.

“Human trafficking is modern-day slavery,” said Commission State Chair Brenda Jones Barwick. “It’s a \$150 billion a year industry, and Oklahoma is not immune to it. Most human trafficking in Oklahoma is not happening by people passing through on highways, but by members in their circle of trust, such as family members, friends, or acquaintances, who entrap them into involuntary servitude through labor, sex, or drugs.”

The series of Community

Conversations to Stop Human Trafficking are held at high schools, colleges, and universities statewide to educate Oklahoma teens, young adults, teachers, and parents on how to recognize early signs of a person being targeted for human trafficking servitude.

A panel of Oklahoma professionals and experts will provide a full spectrum of several aspects of human trafficking in Oklahoma. Panelists include non-profit organizations that are providing healing and recovery services and resources to people entrapped into human trafficking.

The discussion will highlight tribal and ethnic groups whose populations have experienced a high level of people forced into involuntary slavery; and law enforcement and drug interdiction officers who have been trained to recognize the signs of a bondage situation.

For the first time, the Commission is focusing on prevention of human trafficking.

Barwick stated, “The focus has been on dealing with human trafficking after the crime has occurred. Many are unaware they are being trafficked because it is typically a slow, methodical recruitment process by a trusted relationship. The Commission is educating Oklahomans to recognize the first, second and third phase by traffickers and empowering Oklahomans to stand strong and say, ‘Not Me, Not My Community’ to the trafficker.”

Please see **MATC**, page 11A

Brighten every room in your home with plants

Melinda Myers
For The Purcell Register

Anytime is a great time to add a few houseplants to your home. Adding greenery indoors expands your gardening opportunities and provides the many benefits of living with and tending plants. It can boost your mood and reduce stress while adding beauty or nutritious food to your home.

Increase productivity and creativity by including plants in your home or work office. Greenery helps reduce stress even when working at your desk or tackling homework at the end of a long day.

Set a few plants on or near your desk or other workspace. Expand your growing opportunities with the help of stylish, energy-efficient full spectrum plant lights to fit any décor while directing light where it is needed to promote healthy plant growth.

Boost the flavor and nutrition of meals year-round by growing leafy greens and herbs in a sunny window or under artificial lights. Start plants from seeds or purchase transplants to grow indoors.

Place your indoor kitchen garden in a brightly lit location, free of cold drafts and with easy access to harvest and use. Turn family meals and friend gatherings into unique and memorable experiences by enlisting them to harvest some greens for their salad and herbs to season their meals.

Grow ferns, orchids, bromeliads, and other humidity-loving plants in your bathroom. Consider these and other low-light plants like cast iron, pothos, and philodendron if natural light is limited. You’ll enjoy stepping out of the shower into a mini tropical zone allowing you to ease into your day.



• Photo courtesy of Melinda Myers.com

Orchid beauty

Humidity-loving plants like orchids are a good choice to grow in the bathroom where the growing conditions will be right.

Get a good night’s sleep with a bit of homegrown aromatherapy in the bedroom. Grow lavender, rosemary, chamomile, and other soothing herbs in your bedroom near a sunny window, on a shelf, or in another naturally or artificially lit, bright location.

Just give the plants a pet to release their fragrance into the air before crawling into bed for a long restful sleep.

Create a miniature tropical, moss or desert garden in a terrarium to serve as a focal point in any room or as a centerpiece on the dining room table. Use an open terrarium for succulents and other plants that need airflow, lower humidity, and space to grow.

Enlist closed terrariums for moss and tropical plants that benefit from the high humidity

and condensation that provides continual watering.

Indoor greenery always makes a nice addition when rethinking or refreshing your home décor in any space. You and your family will enjoy the beauty and many other benefits plants provide.

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

She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated “Melinda’s Garden Moment” TV and radio program.

Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between February 22-28, 2024.

Traffic

Jake T. Johnson, no seatbelt.
Grant J. Batterson, speeding, 85/75, st guilty plea.
Dakota K.B.S. Cotanny, no seatbelt.
Josie L. Braddy, reckless driving, first offense.
Jacob M. Deily, operate motor vehicle without license plate.,
Jacob M. Deily, speeding, 85/80.
Tony M. Rose, DUS.
William S. Funk, speeding, 75/65.
Richard M. Cotney, no insurance.
Jesus Estavillo-Gonzalez, speeding, 70/55.
Wayne J. Loyd, speeding, 68/55.
Michael B. Andrews, speeding, 65/55.
Marco S. Rivera, speeding, 102/80.
Eli S. Unsell, speeding, 95/80.
Walter J. Deleon, overweight -0700

to 2000.
Brian W. Anderson, no insurance.
Ayodele J. Oluyole, alter license plate.
Ayodele J. Oluyole, taxes due state.
Brent M. Porter, taxes due state.
Ramirez I. Arriaga, no valid driver’s license.
Misdemeanors
James D. Smith, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.
Scott M. Gorges, actual physical control of vehicle while under the influence.
Daniel J. Bloch, unlawful possession of CDS, methamphetamine.
Jacy D. Butler, obstructing an officer.
Travis D. Arter, protective order violation.
Travis D. Arter, domestic abuse, assault and battery.
Donnie D. Evans Jr., possession of CDS, methamphetamine.
Jaydin B. Heddlesten, unlawful possession of paraphernalia.
Travis E. Bryant, domestic abuse, assault and battery.
Jamea R. Kelley, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.

Felonies

Kristie R. Onwona, eluding/attempting to elude police officer.
Tyler J. Vandyke, assault and battery on police officer.
Carla J. Withrow, trafficking in illegal drugs (methamphetamine).
Nathan L. Austin, arson, second degree.

Jose M. Trejo-Hernandez, possession of stolen vehicle.
Devin C. Yandell, possession of stolen vehicle.

Small Claims

Sid Rieger vs. BMC Construction et al, small claims under \$5000.

Civil

Ally Bank vs. John W. Casto, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Credit Corp Solutions Inc. vs. Ashley Barker, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Arthur Wills, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Velocity Investments LLC vs. Margaurite Foster, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Ronald Chase, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Starla Outland, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Aaron Ritchal, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Shaun A. Roberts, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management Inc vs. Levi Hatchett, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Kenny Reeves, civil action \$10,000 or less.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Tina Brumbach, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Capital One, N.A. vs. Brody L. Taliaferro, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Brett Courtney et al vs. American Farmers & Ranchers Mu, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Safe Shed vs. Donna Jolly et al, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Kent Jackson vs. Royal Vista Southwest Srv., civil action \$10,000 or more.

Lesa Matthews vs. Nathaniel Gibson, civil action \$10,000 or more.

TD Bank, National Association vs. Ricky Valentine, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Christopher N. Duncan, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Gerald P. Martin vs. Charles R. Beard, civil action \$10,000 or more.

William Saunders et al vs. John E. Morwood et al, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed

Marshall A. Hoffman, 22, and Haven L. Richmond, 20, both of Maysville.

Jedidiah D. Rimmer, 42, and Amanda J. Branum, 37, both of Newcastle.

Divorces Granted

None filed.

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Mid-America Technology Center students Regional SkillsUSA Contests winners

Mid-America Technology Center students enrolled in the Trade and Industrial Education programs recently participated in the SkillsUSA Regional Skills Competitions held at technology centers throughout the state.

These contests resulted in 24 MATC students qualifying to compete at the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference which will be held April 21-23 in Tulsa.

MATC students placed in each competition with the following results:

Architectural Drafting—*Aylin Hernandez, Washington, 2nd place secondary; *Hayley Leonard, Little Axe, 3rd place secondary.

Automotive Service Technician—*James Abbott, Noble, 1st place postsecondary; *Kyle Thompson, Noble, 2nd place secondary; Grady Downing, Newcastle, 5th place secondary.

Barbering—*Gonzalo Perez, Wayne, 2nd place secondary.

Cabinetmaking—Ashlin Travis, Little Axe, 5th place secondary; Ava Stauffer, Purcell, 6th place secondary.

Carpentry—*Ashley Hayles, Wayne, 2nd place secondary;

Logan Glasgow, Washington, 4th place secondary.

Cosmetology—Jesiah Lucero, Noble, 6th place secondary.

Esthetics—*Austynne Duley, Elmore City, 1st place secondary; *Aryana Green, Norman, 2nd place postsecondary; *Destiny Reed, Dibble, 3rd place secondary; Jacie Miller, Blanchard, 5th place secondary.

HVAC Troubleshooting—*Russ Kile, Pauls Valley, 1st place postsecondary; *Ryan Place, Bridge Creek, 2nd place secondary; *Aldo Reyes, Washington, 4th place secondary.

Job Readiness/Low Speed Buffing—Evan Thompson, Wynnewood, 5th place secondary.

Job Readiness/Small Engine Parts ID—*Timmy Mote, Dibble, 1st place secondary.

Job Readiness/Standard Riding Mower—*Seth Waitman, Purcell, 1st place postsecondary; *Day-Jamon Wilson, Dibble, 2nd place secondary; *Victor Hawkins, Stratford, 3rd place secondary; Andrew Jackson, Pauls Valley, 4th place secondary.

Job Readiness/Tool Identification—*Rick Jensen, Wayne, 1st place secondary; *Coda Scyrkels, Blanchard, 2nd place secondary.

Job Readiness/Welding—*Robert Nickels, Blanchard, 3rd place secondary.

Job Readiness/Zero Turn Radius Mower—*Brandon Wells, Little Axe, 1st place secondary; Damien Benson, Epic/Lexington, 4th place secondary.

Manual Machining—*Samuel Jennings, Little Axe, 2nd place secondary; Preston Rhodes, Newcastle, 4th place secondary; Conner Hastey, Norman, 7th place postsecondary.

Technical Drafting—*Brooklyn Corter, Little Axe, 1st place secondary; *Emily Griffin, Blanchard, 4th place secondary; Chris Caldwell, Bridge Creek, 5th place secondary.

Welding—*Leo Carter, Pauls Valley 1st place postsecondary; Dax Beason, Lexington, 2nd place secondary; Gary James, Blanchard, 4th place secondary; Rylee Jones, Purcell, 5th place secondary.

* Denotes qualification to compete on the state level



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New member

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed 360 Broadband to the chamber family last week with a ribbon cutting at the chamber office.

Judge sides with defendant in lawmaker’s open records lawsuit

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State Reps. Justin Humphrey and Kevin McDugle did not personally request communication records from District 06 District Attorney Jason Hicks and therefore are not entitled to relief under the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Stephens County District Judge Brent Russell ruled on Feb. 16, 2024.

On April 26, 2023, Houston attorney Christina M. Vitale requested communication records from Hicks regarding

the Richard Glossip case or the death row prisoner’s April 26 clemency hearing. Humphrey and McDugle were copied on

the emailed request but were not explicitly identified as the requestors.

Hicks’ office denied the request, writing that he was acting in an individual capacity and therefore not obligated to provide communication records.

McDugle and Humphrey filed a lawsuit seeking to overturn the denial in December, arguing that other district attorneys had provided similar records and that Hicks publicly commented on the case in an



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The Purcell Register

Obituaries

Jacob Nathaniel Madden

Graveside services for Jacob Nathaniel Madden, 87, of Lindsay were held Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the Washington Cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. Madden, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather, passed away peacefully at 87. Jacob was born in Cleveland County on December 20, 1936, to Nelis and Opal Madden. Mr. Madden left the world peacefully on Sunday, March 3, 2024 in Lindsay, Okla., at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was the first of 10 siblings. Jacob retired from the City of Purcell after 10 years.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Vernie Madden of Lindsay, Okla.; eight of his nine children, daughter, Loretta Hailey of Maysville, Okla., son, Johnny Madden of Lindsay, Okla.; son, Tony Madden and spouse, Phyllis, of Slaughterville Okla., daughter, Betty Hightower of Lindsay, Okla., son, Calvin Madden of Wayne Okla., daughter, Sandra Hendricks and spouse, Travis, of Lindsay, Okla., daughter, Joyce Sheehy and spouse, Pat, of Lindsay, Okla., son, Jason Madden and spouse, Dean, of Lindsay, Okla., and his daughter-in-law, Debra Madden of Wayne, Okla.; his 30 grandkids; 35 great-grandkids and two great-great-grandkids.

Jacob was a man of simple pleasures and profound love for his family. His passion for watching the Oklahoma Sooners was only surpassed by his devotion to his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His face lit up with joy whenever he was in their presence, cherishing every moment spent together.

Jacob could be found in his garden, tending to his plants with care and dedication. He would often be seen on his trusty tractor, taking his grandkids on adventurous rides through the fields, sharing stories and laughter along the way. Jacob had a sweet tooth and was known for sneaking cookies from the cookie jar.

In addition to his family and hobbies, Jacob enjoyed a life filled with hard work and outdoor adventures. He spent countless hours hauling hay, fishing in his favorite spot by the lake and hunting in the woods. His hands were calloused from years of dedicated work in construction, a testament to his strong work ethic and determination.

Jacob will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His kindness, warmth, and unwavering love will forever remain in the hearts of those he leaves behind. May his soul rest in peace, and may his memory continue to bring comfort and joy to his beloved family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nelis and Opal Madden; three brothers, Andy, Bill and Frank Madden; four sisters, Pat Chronister, Wanda Madden, Judy White and Betty Thompson; son, Glen Madden; son-in-law, Larry Hailey, and grandson, Micheal Madden.

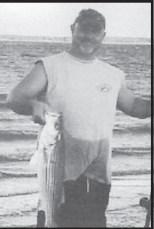
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Clinton Jack Hays

Clinton Jack Hays, age 66, of Kingston, Okla., unexpectedly entered into the Kingdom of Heaven on March 2, 2024.

Clint was born March 11, 1957, in Purcell, Okla., to Jack and Donna Hays. He was the first of four children. Clint



attended several schools growing up until the family found a permanent home in Pauls Valley where he became a star athlete in both football and track. He was a state champion in both the 120-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles and earned the honor of All-State track. Clint graduated from high school in 1975 and attended Eastern Oklahoma State College in

Wilburton, Ok on a track scholarship.

Clint worked in auto body repair most of his adult life and his love of track led him to volunteer as a track coach at Purcell High School where he helped coach a state champion hurdler. Clint loved being at the lake and would go every weekend he could until retiring and moving there permanently in 2018.

Clint’s dearest and happiest moments came when his daughter Holly was born in 1984 and he married the love of his life, Robin Maria (Duty) Hays on September 6, 1989. He adored his wife and daughter and loved his family and his lake family. He enjoyed fishing, boating, gardening, building things and any activity where he was outside and surrounded by family and friends.

Clint was known for his witty sense of humor, telling funny stories, making people laugh and his award-winning salsa. But most of all Clint was known as that person who always made those around him feel they were the most important person in the world and believed the purpose in life was just to be happy.

He often said, “we live in the greatest place on earth so there is no time to be upset or be bothered by what you can’t control, just be happy” and that is how he lived his life. He often told his wife “Honey if I died today just know I have lived the best life anyone could have lived and will go out happy.” Clint was an amazing father, husband and friend and will be sorely missed. He will be our hero forever!

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack William Hays; his mother-in-law, Barbara Duty; his father-in-law, Wesley Duty; grandparents, Curtis and Della Melton, Bill and Erta Hays, Ollie and Earlene Sweetman and William and Addie Duty; aunts and uncles, Larry Melton, Jim and Phyliss Hays, Allen and Sue Skaggs, Linda Lee, Jimmy and Joyce Sweetman, Paul Sweetman and nieces and nephews, Stephanie Don Schweitzer and Ricky Betancur.

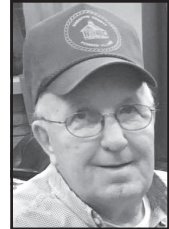
He leaves behind his wife, Robin Hays of the home; his daughter, Holly Hays and Aaron Morris of Valentine, Nebraska; his mother, Donna Hays of Norman; his sister, Lisa Howard of Norman; his brothers, Kirby Hays and wife, Robin, of Mebane, NC, and Kirk Hays and wife, Jana, of Tulsa and numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, many friends and one Gran dog, Miko.

Services to celebrate the life of Clinton Hays will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Brown’s Funeral Service Chapel in Durant, Okla.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown’s Durant Funeral Service and Crematory.

Jack Howard

Funeral services for Jack Howard, 82, of Purcell were held March 1, 2024 at the Watonga Church of the Nazarene. Burial was at the West Mt. Pleasant Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. Howard passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 27, 2024.

Jackie Ray Howard was born on January 11, 1942 in Geary, Oklahoma, the oldest of eight children born to Gus Lee Howard and Gladys Arizona (Reeves) Howard. He started school in Geary and later attended high school in El Reno.

He served in the United States Air Force before being honorably discharged. Jack married his best friend and soul mate, Carolyn June Elston on May 22, 1964. They made their home in Watonga where together they raised their children, sons, Brad and Bobby and daughter, Amy.

Jack drove a truck for several years. He was an entrepreneur who owned and operated J & C Oil Field Company, Howard’s Phillips 66 and Jack Howard Wrecker Service for many years. Later in life, after the oil bust in the 80’s, Jack began working campus maintenance for Watonga Public Schools, and he loved the day-to-day interaction with all of the kids. Jack served on the School Board for a while, and was very proud of the new elementary school and the media center completed during his time of service.

He dedicated years of his life researching his family history, studying genealogy and going on road trips visiting cemeteries all over the country. He was never prouder than the day he became “Papa Jack.” He was onery, a silly soul, and he nicknamed all of his grandchildren. Every year around the holidays, he masterfully prepared his homemade beef jerky, and then gifted all of his kids and grandkids a bread sack full.

He has seen every episode of Gunsmoke, Bonanza and every John Wayne movie a hundred times, and he looked forward to a good card game of pitch. Jack was a man’s man, who lived his life on his terms, and he lived by a strong faith. He cherished Carolyn, his family and especially his grandchildren He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gus and Gladys Howard; brother, Tom Howard; and son, Brad Howard.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn June Howard of the home; daughter, Amy Howard Tolle and husband, Mike, of Purcell, son, Bobby Howard and wife, Amy, of Benton, Ark.; sisters, Pat Brewer and Peggy Franks, both of Watonga, Connie Blackerby and husband, Roger, of Kingfisher and Tiny Hamilton of Tulsa; brothers, Jerry Dale Howard and wife, Ethel, of Hitchcock and Mike Howard of Watonga; 11 grandchildren, Kylie Hayes and husband, Dylan, Madisyn Tolle, Karlee Grace Tolle, Maci Howard and husband, Devin, Wyatt Howard and fiancé, Mallorie, Colby Howard, Grady Howard, William Hartfield and wife, Aarti, Bridget Blood and husband, James, Mika Pounds and husband, Brandon, and Bailey McDoulett and husband, Rowdy; eight great-grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other family and friends.

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Obituaries

Perry Lee Nemecek

Funeral services for Perry Lee Nemecek, 79, of Purcell will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 7, 2024 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. Nemecek passed away on March 1, 2024, surrounded by his family. Born December 4, 1944, in Oklahoma City, he was the only son of Mary Francis (Nemecek) Timmons. Perry started school in Oklahoma City, but after his mother's sudden passing in 1952 from breast cancer, he was adopted by his aunt and uncle, Joe and Neva Nemecek of Wayne.

Perry began school in Wayne at the age of seven and graduated with the Bulldogs' Class of 1962. While in high school, he was a standout athlete in basketball and football, showed cattle in the FFA Program, and was also a member of the band. After graduation, he attended the University of Oklahoma for two years.

On August 1, 1964, he married his true love, Glenda Cherry Rose at the United Methodist Church in Wayne. They were childhood friends and high school sweethearts and together they raised three children, sons, Kelly and Kerry, and daughter, Kristi. After their wedding, Perry attended East Central University with Glenda, where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in 1966.

Later that same year he started working as a teller at McClain Bank in Purcell. He eventually worked his way up to become McClain Bank's Executive Vice-President/Head of Lending. A long-time member of the Purcell Lions Club, Perry also served on many local boards during his time at McClain Bank.

One of his great thrills came in 2003 when he was named the "Citizen of the Year" by the Purcell Chamber of Commerce. After 44 years of dedicated service, Perry retired from McClain Bank in March 2010. He continued to serve on the McClain Bank Board of Directors for the next 11 years which gave him a combined 55 years of service to Purcell and the surrounding communities.

Away from work he enjoyed boating and skiing at Lake Texoma and taking many family trips to Vail, Colorado, to play golf in the summers and go snow skiing in the winter. But his heart was always at his farm down by Rosedale where many years were spent checking on the property and tending to his cattle and horses. At one time he was an active member of the Purcell Roundup Club.

A gifted musician who played the piano and the trombone, Perry loved music of all kinds and listened to a wide variety of artists and bands from different genres. Perry was also a huge sports fan, who coached Pee-Wee Football for his sons' teams and he was a great supporter of both Wayne and Purcell Athletics. He served in the Purcell Booster Club and was always happy to sponsor those less fortunate kids in support of their dreams in the classroom or on the athletic field. Perry traveled countless miles following first his children and then later his grandchildren in their various activities and sporting events. Perry loved the Dallas Cowboys, Denver Broncos, Boston Celtics and he was a dedicated fan of the Texas Rangers. Over the years, Perry made numerous trips with his family to see these teams play in person.

Perry was a man of great faith and a longtime member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Purcell. He cherished Glenda, his children, his grandchildren, and he lived every day for them. Perry also had many dogs and cats throughout his life, as there was always one of his pets by his side. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Francis (Nemecek) Timmons and his parents, Joe and Neva Nemecek.

Perry is survived by his loving wife, Glenda of the home; sons, Kelly Nemecek and wife, Shandy, of Norman and Kerry Nemecek and wife, Amy, of Purcell; daughter, Kristi Lawson and husband, Greg, of Oklahoma City; his pride and joy, grandchildren, Ashton Grissom and husband, Tate, of Purcell, Ryder Nemecek, Rowan Nemecek and Landry Lawson.

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Gail Ann Crawford

Gail Ann Crawford died peacefully surrounded by her family and friends February 27, 2024, in Wanette at the age of 73 years 5 months 21 days. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the Wadley's Funeral Chapel, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made, and services live streamed at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.



Gail was born September 6, 1950, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Wayne and Lorena Gail (Spencer) Shepherd. She was raised in Oklahoma City, graduating from Northwest Classen High School in 1968.

On June 1, 1968, she married Jesse Allen Tecumseh, Jr., and were together for eight years before separating as friends. On July 2, 1979, she married Raymond Earl Crawford, Jr., and spent 29 years together before Raymond passed in 2008.

Gail's artistic talents blossomed through the intricate art of crochet. With skilled hands and a generous heart, she crafted countless baby blankets that became cherished gifts. Her passion for crocheting extended beyond personal projects as she imparted her knowledge through teaching classes at her church.

As a founding pillar of Victory Pointe Baptist Church in Wanette, Gail dedicated herself to various roles within the congregation. She served as the church treasurer for numerous years while finding joy in teaching Sunday school and overseeing the nursery. A compassionate soul to the core, Gail spearheaded initiatives such as organizing Christmas Meals on Wheels and leading clothing giveaways to support those in need. In her younger years, Gail attended Falls Creek as a youth and later in life as a sponsor and played on her church's softball team.

Throughout her career journey, which traversed various paths, Gail's dedication shone brightly. From obtaining a beauty license to assist her mother in their family shop to her tenure at the University of Oklahoma where she eventually retired from the Athletic Department Business Office in 2012 – every chapter showcased her unwavering commitment and work ethic. Her deep-rooted love for sports led her to become a respected track official at sporting events while also becoming an ardent fan of OU sports, with women's basketball and softball holding a special place in her heart.

Gail's interests extended beyond her professional endeavors as she found solace in fishing escapades, delving into captivating reads, and indulging in the enchantment of Harry Potter movies. A gifted storyteller since youth, she penned captivating short stories that were cherished by many. Gail was very community minded and served on the Wanette City Council and as Vice-Mayor.

She loved spending time with her family, and her extended family. Gail was "Nano," "Grandma" or "Aunt Gail" to all that knew her. Leaving an indelible mark on all whose lives she touched is Gail's enduring legacy.

Gail was preceded in death by her father and stepmother, Wayne and Bonita Shepherd; her mother and stepfather, Lorena and Gene Sawyer; her husband, Raymond Crawford, Jr.; her first husband, Jesse Tecumseh, Jr.; her brother, Robert "Bobby" Shepherd; and her nephew, Ricky Shepherd.

Survivors include her daughter, Teresa Tecumseh; her son, Chris Tecumseh and wife, Wendy; her foster daughter, Stephanie Long; her stepdaughters, Nikki Montfort, Tracie Floyd and Kyra Montfort; her grandchildren, Kyle Tecumseh and wife, Ricki, Jordan Tecumseh, Taylor Craig and Shannon Tedrick; her brother, Rodney Shepherd; her sister, Shauna Shepherd; and numerous bonus children, grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

The brilliance of Gail's spirit will forever remain etched within our hearts—guiding us with love even beyond this earthly farewell.

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Tracy Ann McDaniels

Tracy Ann McDaniels died February 28, 2024, in Purcell, Oklahoma, at the age of 63 years 7 months 22 days. A family gathering will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, in Lexington, Oklahoma.



Tracy was born July 6, 1960, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Wilburn and Doris Sue (Shepherd) Stoliby. Her journey began in Oklahoma City before the family ventured to the Byars/Stratford area, where she blossomed and thrived.

Tracy dedicated many years of her life to serving as a cashier in various convenience stores, touching the lives of many with her warm and welcoming presence. In the tapestry of her leisure moments, Tracy found solace in unraveling word search puzzles and indulging in TV shows like "Supernatural" and engrossing true crime narratives.

Nature beckoned to her adventurous spirit, drawing her to the tranquil waters of the lake where she found joy in swimming and embracing the great outdoors. In her youth, Tracy reveled in activities such as skating, basketball, softball, and volleyball, cherishing every moment of play and camaraderie these sports brought. A passionate seeker of hidden treasures, Tracy delighted in exploring yard sales and creating lasting memories with her cherished family members.

Tracy was preceded in death by her parents, Wilburn and Doris Stoliby; her sons, Jeffery McDaniles and Jonathan Dornier; her brother, Bobby Stoliby; and her husband, John Dornier.

Survivors include her son, Jason McDaniels and wife, Amanda; her daughter, Carmen McDaniels; her daughter, Chelsey Dornier; her grandchildren, Tyler, Nicholas, Morgan, Alex, Bryceson, Aiden and Brodey; her one great-grandchild; her siblings, Betty Smith, Ricky Stoliby and wife, Karen, Ronnie Stoliby, Donald Stoliby, Pam Williams and husband, Doug, Douglas Stoliby and wife, Yevett, and Gary Stoliby and wife, Jackie; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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Edward Franklin "Frankie" Rinehart

Funeral services for Edward Franklin "Frankie" Rinehart, 84, of Purcell were held Friday, March 1, 2024 at Union Hill Baptist Church, west of Purcell. Interment followed at the Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. Rinehart passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, February 26, 2024.

Frankie was born on September 9, 1939, in Purcell, Okla. He was the fifth child of six children born to Jewel Cornelius Rinehart and Ora Mae Bittle. Frankie grew up in Purcell and graduated from Purcell High School with the class of 1957. Throughout his high school years, Frankie was a standout athlete, lettering all four years in four different sports including, football, basketball, baseball and track. After high school he attended Bacone Jr. College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, on a football scholarship.

On February 17, 1962 in Oklahoma City, Frankie married the love of his life, Mary Helen Selman of Purcell. They first made their home in Moore, Oklahoma, for eight years before moving back to Purcell in 1970. For 15 years, Frankie worked at the Downtown Air Park in Oklahoma City as a Foreman in the aircraft stripping and painting department. While there he worked on numerous famous celebrities' airplanes and helicopters.

In 1975, Frankie took the job as the Purcell's Parks and Golf Course Director. It was during this time he picked up the game of golf. Being such a tremendous athlete, Frankie taught himself how to play, and could he play. For 17 years he served as the Club Pro at Purcell Municipal Golf Course, only retiring to spend one year on the Seniors Series Pro Tour in 1993. Then from 1994 to 2002 he worked as the Head Pro at the Pauls Valley Municipal Golf Course.

For the next seven years, from 2002 to 2009, Frankie was the Tournament Chairman and played on the Heartland Players Seniors Tour. While he was playing, the tour continued, but after he retired the tour ceased to exist. For 25 years he was a member of the South-Central Section PGA, covering Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and North Texas. Over the years, Frankie won numerous tournaments across the country and was even a seven-time winner of his home town, Purcell Club Championship tournament.

While living and working in Purcell, Frankie was involved in student sports such as coaching his son's seventh and eighth grade basketball team and coaching golf and giving private golf lessons. After retiring in 2009, Frankie enjoyed playing golf with friends, spending time with family and going to church at Union Hill Baptist Church where he had been a member since 1971. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.C. and Ora Mae Rinehart; two brothers, James Woodrow "Woody" Rinehart and Doyle Lee Rinehart; three sisters, Lucille Williams, Georgia Deskin and Wanda Minyard; son-in-law, Allen McKenna and step-grandson, Robbie McKenna.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Rinehart of the home in Purcell; four children, Pam McKenna of Purcell, Frank Rinehart and wife, Lisa, of Purcell, Lisa Romines and husband, Randy, of south Oklahoma City and Laura Thanscheidt and husband, Ross, of Moore; four grandchildren, Cody Rinehart of Purcell, Ash Pilcher and husband, Andy, of Albuquerque, N.M., Jessi McKenna of Purcell and Brittany Romines of Norman; 11 step-grandchildren, Billy Bingenheimer, Bobby Bingenheimer, Scotty McKenna, Steven Terrell, Tyson Terrell, Bradley Terrell, Jeffrey Terrell, Kalyn McMillan, J. J. Terrell, Lisa Thanscheidt and Laura Thanscheidt; 27 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to OMRF in Oklahoma City or to the Purcell High School golf program.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Bob Thomas

A Celebration of Life Memorial for Bob Thomas will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Calvary Church, 3730 N. Porter Ave., in Norman. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Thomas died Feb. 27, 2024.

He was born Oct. 18, 1933 in Richardson, Ark., the son of Rue and Mary Thomas.

Survivors include his son, Bobby Lee Thomas and wife, Rhonda Jo; two grandsons and their wives and seven great-grandchildren. Online condolences may be made at www.wilsonlittle.com.

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To all who loved Frankie Rinehart,

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love! It means so much to be supported at a time like this. We are especially grateful for Valir Hospice! You turned our home into a hospital room which is such a blessing! God is good! Love, Mary Rinehart & Family

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Spring colors

Warmer temperatures have brought out the flowering trees in Central Oklahoma. Interim OSU Extension Director Justin McDaniel reports the tree is a Saucer Magnolia.

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Judge:

official capacity.

In the written order, Russell ruled that Humphrey and McDugle have 30 days to amend their petition to name a plaintiff with proper standing or the case will be dismissed.

During a motion to dismiss hearing held Friday morning at the Stephens County Courthouse, attorney Corbin Brewster argued that the Oklahoma Open Records Act supports a broad interpretation and it was explicitly understood that Humphrey and McDugle were the requestors.

Brewster, who previously served as Tulsa County’s chief public defender, indicated the lawmakers would continue to seek relief regardless of the court’s decision.

“Dismissal will merely delay this lawsuit,” Brewster said.

Representing Hicks, Stephens County Assistant District Attorney Charles Siefers said Vitale never expressly communicated that she was representing Humphrey and McDugle.

In a motion to dismiss filed last month, Sifers wrote that McDugle had an opportunity to discuss the records request with Hicks at an interim study on the death penalty but declined to do so.

In an interview with Oklahoma Watch last month, Humphrey said he and McDugle filed the



• Keaton Ross/Oklahoma Watch

Case pending

The Stephens County Courthouse in Duncan.

initial request on a suspicion that district attorneys were coordinating to expedite Glossip’s execution.

“If these district attorneys are acting in a manner that I suspect they are, then we need to find out what’s their motive and why would they do that,” Humphrey said. “We hope we get transparency.”

Both lawmakers have been staunch supporters of Glossip’s innocence claim, appearing on national television shows to discuss the case and hosting press conferences at the Capitol to advocate on Glossip’s behalf.

Glossip’s execution has been stayed since May pending the outcome of a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

Hicks, whose jurisdiction covers Caddo, Grady, Jefferson and Stephens counties, has been an outspoken critic of State Question 780 and delays in carrying out the death penalty.

He was first elected in 2010 and secured re-election unopposed in 2014, 2018 and 2022.

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MATC:

The Commission began its work on human trafficking in 2014 when it partnered with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics to host Solutions, Initiatives, Strategies on Human Trafficking Summit.

For the last two years, First Lady Sarah Stitt has hosted an annual summit on this topic at

the Governor’s Mansion with a panel of experts. In 2022, the Commission formed a Stop Human Trafficking subcommittee led by Commissioner Dr. Nyla Khan to plan and implement the educational events.

Additional information about the Commission’s work on human trafficking, including a

White Paper published in 2021, can be found at <https://oklahoma.gov/ocsw/human-trafficking.html>.

For more information to schedule a Community Conversation or obtain Not Me Not My Community materials, contact the Commission at ocswadmin@omes.ok.gov or call 405-401-6970.

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Bill:

stop opening the mail and stop answering the phone because they’re tired of calls from debt collectors, she said.

It’s a risky avoidance strategy because more than half of the cases end in default judgments in favor of the medical provider.

“Our rural debt cases are really being driven by medical debt,” Dilks said at Schreiber’s legislative study in October.

Last month, KFF Health News looked into medical debt collection cases filed in Pittsburg County and found McAlester hospital officials weren’t aware of how frequently the hospital’s attorneys and debt collection companies pursued the debts from local residents.

Rich Rasmussen, president of the Oklahoma Hospital Association, said hospitals try to work with uninsured or underinsured patients on their bills. But insurance companies also have a responsibility to educate their customers on what a patient’s portion of the bill might be, he said.

“Most of the time for hospitals, we’ll work with the patient so they can develop a payment plan or if they will share the necessary information so we can classify them as charity care so there is no cost,” Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen said hospitals already have to follow a federal law, the No Surprises Act, to give an estimate of care. Many consumers aren’t aware of the co-insurance requirements or their financial responsibilities under high-deductible health insurance plans.

“It becomes very complicated for the patient,” Rasmussen said. “The federal government has laid out how we handle pricing transparency. But because the licensing of insurance falls at the state level, let’s focus on how to make the process as consumer-friendly as possible so that patients know what their responsibility is going to be.”

A bill by Rep. John Waldron, D-Tulsa, would require any debt cases that involve wage garnishment to provide the notices in plain language. HB 3179 has not yet been heard in committee. The deadline to hear bills in committee in their chamber of origin is February 29.

Putting legal notices and documents in plain language helps people navigate the legal system who can’t afford an attorney. Lawmakers last year approved HB 2792, which required eviction

summonses to be in plain language.

Once past-due medical debts make it to collections or court, the system is stacked against patients, said Eva Stahl, vice president of public policy of RIP Medical Debt. Her organization uses donations to buy medical debt on the secondary market and erase it for qualifying consumers.

“We pool funds together to purchase that bad debt,” Stahl said at the interim study. “We use those fundraising dollars or government-funded pro-



grams to send these people letters to let them know their debt has been abolished and there is no tax liability.”

Stahl said consumers many times aren’t aware they have fewer rights if they use a credit card to pay for a medical procedure or service.

“When individuals put their medical bills on a credit card, that is no longer medical debt,” Stahl said. “Once they

put anything on their credit cards, that becomes financial debt and shows on your credit report in a different way than an unpaid medical bill.”

The federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is studying consumer use of medical credit cards or installment loans, which are sometimes offered at doctor’s offices, dental practices or emergency rooms as an option for patients worried about the cost of medical care. But they can have hidden fees or deferred interest payments that can sneak up on consumers.

“In some cases, medical payment products may allow patients to access care they would otherwise have to forgo,” the agency said in its request for information. “However, these payment products can also lead to patients paying more out of pocket if patients use medical payment products to pay bills that should have been covered by insurance or financial assistance, to pay inaccurate bills which they then have difficulty disputing post-payment, or to pay bills in full whose balances they would otherwise have been able to negotiate prepayment.”

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Fair Cash Value (Market)	223,771	Fair Cash Value (Market): The value or price at which a willing buyer would purchase the property and a willing seller would sell the property if both parties are knowledgeable about the property. [68 O.S. § 2802(19)].

Categories	Preceding Year	Current Year	Explanation of Values
Taxable Fair Cash Value (Capped)	206,671	219,314	Taxable Fair Cash Value (Capped): The annual increase in taxable fair cash value is limited to 3% on homestead property and agricultural land, and 5% on all other real property unless the property is transferred, changed, or conveyed during the preceding calendar year, or improvements were made to the property. [Oklahoma Constitution Article 10 § 8B & 68 O.S. § 2802(28)].
Assessment Percentage	11.00%	11.00%	Assessment Percentage: Means the percentage applied to personal property and real property pursuant to Section 8 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution. [68 O.S. § 2802(6)].
Assessed Value	22,976	24,125	Assessed Value: Means the percentage of the fair cash value of personal property, or the percentage of the taxable fair cash value of real property, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 8 and 8B of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution, either of individual items of personal property, parcels of real property or the aggregate total of such individual taxable items or parcels within a jurisdiction. [68 O.S. § 2802(5)].
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provide them the opportunity to enjoy their life a little more fully without having to worry about their patients receiving excellent care when in our hospital,” Wright continued.

“Thank you to doctors Dye and Schmidt for all your years of providing exceptional care and commitment to the patients you serve when in our hospital. Cheers to a continued long out-patient practice. We are so appreciative of what you mean to our hospital and the city of Purcell,” Wright concluded.

“We are still committed to the community,” Schmidt said. “That is not changing and will never change.

“We are just going to be able to place all our continuing effort

on our out-patient services.

“I look forward to serving the community for many years to come,” he confirmed.

Dr. Dye agrees it’s the right move for his patients.

“When I started practicing medicine over 30 years ago, the training I received allowed me to perform both in-patient and out-patient care at a high level,” Dr. Dye said.

“Medicine has changed so much since that time that physicians are now trained and specialize in either in-patient hospitalist care or out-patient primary care.

“The complexity of each of these specialties makes it difficult to practice both together and maintain the skills to be as profi-

cient as we desire and our patients deserve,” Dye continued.

“Allowing physicians that are specifically trained in hospital medicine will allow our hospital patients to receive the highest quality of in-patient care available to small community facilities.

“These same hospitalist physicians work in large metropolitan institutions as well as function in this same role in other small community hospitals,” Dye said.

“This transition will allow me to focus all of my time and energy on my out-patient Family Medicine practice so I can continue to practice the highest quality of primary care our patients deserve,” he concluded.



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Favorite perch

A flock of black headed buzzards settles in to their roost near the corner of 6th and Jefferson streets in Purcell. A large population of the birds reside in Purcell.

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Buzzards:

between 4 1/2 and 5 1/2 feet wide.

According to the National Audubon Society (NAS), a black buzzard “soars with wings held flat, and its glides are often punctuated by several quick flaps.”

The birds may grunt of hiss but are rarely heard.

They glide in the sky while searching for food and watch the behavior of other buzzards to locate food as well.

While they mostly feed on carrion, they will also eat small reptiles, eggs of other birds, and occasionally newborns of larger animals, according to the NAS.

They may also eat some plant material and rotting vegetables. They will even eat scraps from garbage dumps.

Protected species

Oklahoma Game Warden Brian Meskimen said black vultures can be found across all of Oklahoma.

In fact, their territory extends from South America to New York or Massachusetts, according to the National Audubon Society.

It is illegal to shoot black buzzards as they are a federally protected species under

the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

According to Meskimen, killing one of the birds can result in a fine.

“It would be just like shooting any bird of prey, like an eagle, hawk or owl,” he said.

While it is illegal for most people to shoot black buzzards, there is relief for livestock owners.

“Farmers and ranchers can obtain free permits to legally shoot black vultures that are creating depredation on their livestock,” Meskimen said. “With a permit you are allowed to take five birds. It’s shotgun use only with non-toxic shot.”

Permits can be obtained through the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF).

Their telephone number is 405-521-4039 or you can go online to <https://ag.ok.gov/black-vulture-sub-permittee-application/>.

Trouble for agriculture

McClain County OSU Extension Director Justin McDaniel said black vultures can be a big problem for farmers and ranchers – especially this time of year as cows are calving.

“They can do significant damage to a rancher’s cow

heard,” McDaniel said. “Sometimes there may be 20-30 buzzards together going after calves. When there’s that many they can’t protect them. Sometimes the cow will step on the calf or lay on it and will accidentally kill the calf trying to protect it.”

Vultures attack livestock by attacking the eyes, nose, face and other soft tissues of the animal.

“They can even catch a cow while she’s in labor and attack her. They might not kill it but can injure it to the point where it has to be euthanized,” McDaniel said. “And it they can do it to cattle, when you’re talking about sheep and goats and even smaller animals, it’s even easier for them.”

McDaniel says it’s easier than people realize to apply for permits through ODAFF to help control the vulture population at their operation.

“Not as many people are getting the permits as there should be,” he said. “If one of your animals is killed by a vulture there’s no compensation for it. With today’s prices that’s really significant. That’s tough.”

With populations rising, there will only be more encounters with the birds going forward.

“Every year we see more and more,” McDaniel said. “I get a phone a week or a visit nearly every week about someone having a problem.”

The birds living in the trees above Purcell don’t seem to be going anywhere anytime soon and residents can expect to see them for the foreseeable future.

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Not Guilty:

the six man, six woman jury.

Campbell, 39 of Wellston, OK, was charged in connection with an incident in Newcastle in November of 2020 involving a 16-year-old female.

The three day trial began February 28 and concluded March 1 with Campbell being released after being exonerated.

The district attorney asked the jury to be polled and they all, one by one, affirmed the verdict was their verdict.

From page 1A

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Back-to-back titles

Wartchow finishes year 46-4

Starting back in 2021, a young athlete named Delanie Wartchow started her journey on the mat and has since fallen in love with the sport of wrestling. In the past two years she has won two state titles back-to-back with the Oklahoma Kids Wrestling Association, one as the 2023 6u girls 52 pound champion and this year as the 2024 8u girls 54 pound champion.

Under the coaching guidance of her father and the Noble Takedown Club, her

record this year is 46-4 in the girls division. Delanie Paige Wartchow is now an eight-year-old that attends Purcell Elementary in Mrs. Shari Wilhoit's second grade class. Delanie is a Purcell native born to Cole and Alyssa Wartchow, granddaughter to Kevin and Carla Rhoads as well as Tanya Andrews. Delanie says she hopes some day she can wrestle as a Purcell Dragon. Her dream is to go to college for wrestling and then the Olympics.



• Photo provided

State champion

Delanie Wartchow, who wrestles out of the Noble Take Down Club, recently won her second straight State Championship.



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Getting two

Washington sophomore Preslee Johnson goes up for two of her eight points against Bethel Tuesday in the first round of the State tournament at the Big House. Washington won 54-27. They will play Community Christian on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Yukon in the semifinals.

Warriors move on

Defeat Bethel in opening round

JohnDennyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington Lady Warriors are one step closer to a gold ball after defeating Bethel 54-27 at the Big House Tuesday morning. They leaned on their suffocating defense to limit Bethel to 11 second half points. “Defense is always a key for us but we’ve been more intentional about it lately,” said head coach Kale Simon. “We forced some turnovers later in the game and started rebounding better.” Washington found themselves down 12-10 after the first quarter before pulling away in the second half. “We were trying too hard to make it happen early,” Simon said. “We forced a few things but settled down and let the game come to us.” After the first quarter Washington bounced back and outscored Bethel 15-4 in the second quarter. Breanna Lindert led all scorers with 12 points. Kelby Beller joined her in double figures with 10 points, while Preslee Johnson had eight. But it was the defense that

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Dragons off to slow start

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Heading into Tuesday’s home district baseball game with Chickasha, the Dragons were 0-3 with losses to Shawnee, 8-6, Noble, 10-7 and at Chickasha Monday, 12-3. Senior Cole Smedley got the start on the mound in the season opener at home with Shawnee. Smedley threw strikes in the first inning holding the Wolves to a single run. But in the second inning he struggled finding the zone. With a couple of mistakes as well Shawnee scored seven runs in that inning. “We brought in Boston Knowles and he only gave up one run pitching five complete innings and striking out nine,” head coach Cole Sharp said. “I thought Boston had good demeanor on

the mound. He controlled the strike zone all day and worked ahead in the count. He did a good job for us. The Dragons closed with sophomore Deaken Dobbins. He tossed one inning and attacked the strike zone, Sharp reported. “Hitting-wise we jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the first and kind of coasted until Boston Knowles hit a two-run home run in the fourth. “We scored a run in the seventh but came up short,” the coach said. “I thought overall for the first game we competed and played hard. We played well for 6 1/2 innings,” Sharp said.

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Lexington Softball 2024

March	Opponent	Site	Time	V/JV
8	Plainview Festival	Away	TBA	V
11	NRC/Tecumseh	NRC	5/6:30 p.m.	V
12	Blanchard/ Purcell	Home	5/8 p.m.	V
25	Dale/Newcastle	Home	5/8 p.m.	V
26	Washington/Harrah	Washington	6:30/8 p.m.	V
28-29	Hall of Fame Shootout	Away	TBA	V
April				
1	Stratford	Home	4:30 p.m.	V (2)
2	Plainview	Home	6:00 p.m.	V
4-5	Washington Tourney	Home/Wash.	TBA	V
8	AmPo/Prague	Home	6:30/8 p.m.	V
9	Blanchard	Away	5:00 p.m.	V (2)
11	Byng	Away	5:00 p.m.	V (2)
18-19	Districts	TBA	TBA	V
25-26	Regionals	TBA	TBA	V
30	State	TBA	TBA	V

Four games, four wins

EmilyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

The Lexington Lady Bulldogs started their season on Monday with two victories. An 11-10 win over Maud and a 14-0 win over 5A Seminole. Through those two games, the Lady ‘Dawgs scored 25 runs on 34 hits. They had eight RBIs in the win over Maud and 11 RBIs in the win over

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2024 Purcell Slow-pitch



Anika Raper
4 Jr.



Hannah Whitaker
8 Jr.



Ella Resendiz
14 Jr.



Payci Constant
15 Sr.



Haley Kretchmar
16 Jr.



Josie Kretchmar
18 So.



Jasey Baker
22 Fr.



Kelly Anderson
23 Sr.



Emma Renfro
24 So.



KK Vazquez
25 So.



Mac McKay
33 So.



Becca Kuck
Fr.



Sarah Jones
Head Coach



Roger Raper
Asst. Coach

Two wins to start season

Wayne beat Ninnekah (14-1) and Thackerville (21-2)

EmilyMontgomery
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Bulldogs have started their baseball season with two wins. A 14-1 victory over Ninnekah on February 27 and a 12-2 win over Thackerville on Monday. Their scheduled game with Bray-Doyle was a forfeit win for Wayne. **Thackerville** Senior Braden McClendon was lights out on the mound for Wayne with nine strikeouts in Monday’s win over Thackerville. He allowed just two runs on four hits. “Braden pitched well. He got himself in a jam in the second inning, but got himself out with three strikeouts in a row,” head coach Shane Col-

lins said. Wayne finished the game with 12 runs on seven hits. Jaxon Dill was 2-4 at the plate with two hits, Wyatt Webster was 1-2 at the plate. Ty Kemp led the team with two hits and three RBIs. “Ty got us going in the first inning. We had a couple guys get on base -- walked on -- and Ty hit them in to get us on the board.” Wayne scored three runs in the third inning, one in the fourth and they added six in the fifth. They finished the game with seven stolen bases. “We played decent in the field. It was a good win to start this week,” Collins said. **Ninnekah**

Wayne picked up a 14-1 win over Ninnekah in their first game. “It was a good game to start the season,” Collins said. Dill pitched for two innings. He struck out four and allowed no hits. Duke Moore came in in relief for one inning. He allowed two hits, two walks and struck out two. McClendon had an inside the park homerun in the second inning. Wayne was scheduled to host Wewoka and Wynnewood on Tuesday. They will be in Sasakwa on Thursday for a three way with the Vikings and the Paden Pirates. Friday they travel to Stratford.

Bristow sinks Dragons in Area

Pirates storm back in second half to post 57-51 victory

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The 2023-24 basketball season came to a close in the first round of the Area Tournament at Okmulgee for the Purcell Dragons with a 57-51 loss at the hands of Bristow.

Led by Haven Buchanan and Ella Resendiz, Purcell built a 31-19 lead at intermission.

Buchanan scored nine of her team-high 17 points in the opening half while Resendiz poured in eight of her 10 points.

But the second half belonged to the Pirates when they out-scored Purcell, 38-20.

Bristow camped out on the charity stripe shooting 34 foul shots in the contest, making 24.

Meanwhile, the Dragons were 6-15 at the line.

"You will not win by putting a good team on the line that often," head coach Toney Cooper confirmed.

“We were truly excited to still be playing this late in the year,” the coach continued. “We felt extremely confident going into the game.”

“But the game was a tale of two halves. In the first half we controlled the pace, and executed on both ends of the floor. In the second half they controlled the pace and simply out executed us down the stretch,” Cooper said.

Purcell saw its 12-point half-time lead erased in a 20-7 third quarter won by the Pirates.

“This team all season has struggled in the third quarter to get going,” the coach said. “We typically have such a large lead at the half that we can absorb it. It definitely hurt us in this contest. Regardless, we were still in the game until the very end.”

The Dragons finished the season 20-7.

Season recap:

"I am super proud of our kids and all they accomplished this season," Cooper said.

“They handled the jump to 4A well. We followed up last year’s campaign with another 20 win season and finished the regular season ranked again.

along the way but they stayed focused and competed throughout our season," he said.

Cooper said he is “extremely proud” of seniors Alyssa Thompson and Jenna Avery.

"They are leaving this program in good shape with a stronger foundation for others to build on. We will have a deep senior class next year and I know those kids are ready to take the program to the next level, with their competitive nature alone. I have no doubt they will," he concluded.

2/29

Purcell 51
Bristow 57

Purcell	10	21	7	13—51
Bristow	7	12	20	18—57

Player	Points
Haven Buchanan	17
Ella Resendiz	10
Kenna Esparza	8
Tinley Winters	6
Hadleigh Harp	5
Kaylin Vazquez	3
Jenna Avery	2



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Running point

Purcell senior Jenna Avery brings the ball up the court. The Dragons' season ended with a 57-51 loss to Bristow in the Area tournament. Avery scored 2 points in the game.



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Beat the throw

Wayne freshman Audra Watts kicks up dirt as she slides into third before the throw. The Lady Bulldogs are at CCS today (Thursday) and host Konawa on Friday.

Purcell Slow-pitch

2024

March	Opponent	Site	Time
11	Dale/Washington	Home	5/7:30
12	Lex/Blanchard	Lexington	5/6:15
14	NRC Tournament	Firelake	1:15/3:45/5
15	NRC Tournament	Firelake	2:15/TBA
25	Harrah/Tecumseh	Harrah	5/6:15
26	Newcastle/NRC	Home	5/7:30
28	Beast of the East	Stonewall	2:40/TBA
29	Beast of the East	Stonewall	TBA
April	Opponent	Site	Time
2	Mustang	Mustang	5:30
4	Washington Tournament	Home	TBA
8	Lindsay	Lindsay	6:30
11	Spring Showdown	HOF	10/12
15	Deer Creek	Deer Creek	5
17-20	District Tourney	TBA	TBA
22	Lindsay*	Home	6:30
25	Regionals	TBA	TBA
30	State	HOF	TBA
* Senior Night			

Lexington Baseball

2024

March	Opponent	Site	Time	V/JV
7	North Rock Creek	Away	5:00 p.m.	V/JV
8	*Lindsay	Home	5:00 p.m.	V(2)
9	Meeker	Away	2:00 p.m.	V/JV
11	*Washington	Away	4:00 p.m.	V/JV
12	*Washington	Home	4:00 p.m.	V/JV
14-16	Wayne/Wynnewood Tourney		TBA	V
19	Wynnewood/OKC Knights	Home	12/4 p.m.	V
25	*Comanche	Away	5:00 p.m.	V/JV
26	*Comanche	Home	5:00 p.m.	V/JV
28-30	Dibble Tournament	Away	TBA	V
April	Opponent	Site	Time	V/JV
1	*Marietta	Home	5:00 p.m.	V/JV
2	*Marietta	Away	5:00 p.m.	V/JV
4	Purcell	Home	5:00 p.m.	V/JV
8	Little Axe	Away	4:30 p.m.	V/JV
9	Konawa	Home	6:00 p.m.	V
11-13	Purcell Tournament	Away	TBA	V
15	*Frederick	Away	5:00 p.m.	V/JV
16	*Frederick	Home	5:00 p.m.	V/JV
18	Davis	Home	5:00 p.m.	V/JV
19	Stratford	Home	6:00 p.m.	V
20	CHA	Away	1:00 p.m.	V/JV
22	Pauls Valley	Home	5:00 p.m.	V/JV
23	North Rock Creek	Home	5:00 p.m.	V/JV
25-27	Bi-districts	TBA	TBA	V
May	Opponent	Site	Time	V/JV
2-4	Regionals	TBA	TBA	V
9-11	State	TBA	TBA	V
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Area champions

The Washington Lady Warriors defeated Holdenville 45-33 in the Area tournament to claim the Area championship. They then defeated Bethel 54-27 in the opening round of the State tournament. They play CCS Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Yukon in the State semifinals.

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Throwing down hill

Purcell junior Boston Knowles delivers a pitch for the Dragons against Shawnee. The Dragons lost 8-6. Knowles threw nine stikeouts in relief work. He also homered and doubled at the plate.

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Dragons:

Casey Billingsley, Bryce Blair, Dobbins, Carter Goldston, Kash Knowles and Cooper Selman all had hits in the game. Boston Knowles was 2-4 including a double to go with his dinger and had three RBIs.

Purcell jumped out to a 5-1 lead at Noble last Saturday heading into the bottom of the third but once again let the lead slip away.

The Bears pushed across three runs in their half of the third and two more in the fourth, one in the fifth and three in the sixth before Purcell could muster a pair of runs in their half of the seventh.

Sophomore Billingsley got the start on the bump for the Dragons.

“I thought Casey, for the most part, pitched well,” Sharp said. “He threw strikes for us and had them off balance for a lot of the game but Noble is a good team that can hit the ball very well.”

Freshman Kash Knowles took the hill in relief for a couple of innings.

“For his first action of varsity against a very good Noble team I thought Kash threw well,” Sharp said. “He threw strikes but we did make a couple of mistakes in the field to give them some runs.”

Boston Knowles went yard again finishing 3-4 with a trio of RBIs. Dobbins went 2-3 at the plate with an RBI while Selman was 2-3. Billingsley and Jett Tyler both had hits in the contest.

“Boston is hitting the ball really well for us,” the coach said. “Overall, I thought we swung the bats well as a team against Noble. We made some mistakes in the field. We battled back in the seventh, scoring a couple but were just too far behind.

“Overall I was proud of our

guys competing and battling until the end.”

Against Chickasha Purcell led 3-1 heading into the bottom of the third but the Chicks scored 11 unanswered runs to close out the game.

“I am proud of our guys coming out and jumping on teams but we need to do a better job in holding these leads throughout the game and pulling out some victories,” Sharp said.

Chickasha held the Dragon bats in check giving up only five hits.

Billingsley smashed a home run on the second pitch of the game but after that the Dragon bats were pretty cool.

“They are a really good team that won over 30 games last year,” the coach said.

Dobbins took the loss on the mound for Purcell.

The Dragons are scheduled to play at Dibble today (Thursday) and host Davis Friday. They host Tuttle on Monday and travel to play the Tigers next Tuesday for two conference games.

Purcell Baseball 2024

March	Opponent	Site	Time	V/JV
1	Shawnee	Home	5	HS/JV
2	Noble	Away	2	HS/JV
4	Chickasha*	Away	5	HS/JV
5	Chickasha*	Home	5	HS/JV
7	Dibble	Away	4:30	HS/JV
8	Davis	Home	5	HS/JV
11	Tuttle*	Home	5	HS/JV
12	Tuttle *	Away	5	HS/JV
14-16	Wayne/Wynnewood Tour.	Away	TBA	
18-20	Southeast Shootout	Away	TBA	
25	Harding Prep	Home	5	HS 2 (7)
29	Vanoss	Home	5	HS/JV
April	Opponent	Site	Time	V/JV
1	Cache*	Away	5	HS/JV
2	Cache*	Home	5	HS/JV
4	Lexington	Away	5	HS/JV
8	Bridge Creek*	Away	5	HS/JV
9	Bridge Creek*	Home	5	HS/JV
11-13	HOOT	Home	TBA	
15	Pauls Valley*	Home	5	HS/JV
16	Pauls Valley*	Away	5	HS/JV
18	Washington	Away	5	HS/JV
19	Bethel Festival	Away	2:15/4:30	
22	OKC Knights	Home (SN)	5	1 (7)
25-27	Regional Tourn.	TBA	TBA	
May	Opponent	Site	Time	V/JV
2-4	Super Regional Tourn.	TBA	TBA	
9-11	State Tournament	TBA	TBA	
*District Games				

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Lex:

Seminole.

Kiely Givens was in the circle for both games.

They were in the Dibble Festival on Tuesday where they picked up a 30-16 win over Minco and an 18-4 win over Southmoore.

The Lady Bulldogs scored 30 runs on 29 hits in their first game.

All batters had at least two hits while Brodie Anderson and Tia Peery each had four.

Lexington finished the game with 28 ribbies.

In their second game, Lexington scored 18 runs on 21 hits.

Anderson was the leader at the plate, going 4-4 with eight RBIs.

She had a double, a triple and

two homeruns.

Givens also had multiple RBIs with four.

To round out this week, Lexington will be in Sulphur on Thursday with the Bulldogs and ECP. Friday they will be in the Plainview Festival with games against Davis and Kingtson.

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Warriors:

got it done for the Warriors.

They forced Bethel to take contested shots and the Wildcats were unable to make baskets.

“I was proud of the way we played team defense,” Simon said. “They have a really good player and I was proud of how we didn’t lose sight of her. It was a team effort on defense.”

Holdenville

Washington defeated the Holdenville Wolverines 45-33 in the Area tournament finals for their berth to the State tournament.

The Warriors again used their stifling defense to their advantage as they kept Holdenville from feeling comfortable on the offensive end of the floor.

For the Warriors, Lindert again led all scorers with 17

points.

She was feeling it in the second half where she made all but two of her points.

And she made a living at the free throw line, making 11 charity shots including eight in the fourth quarter.

Johnson scored nine points and made a pair of three pointers.

Beller had eight points, as did freshman Ava Salcedo.

Shelbie Caveness rounded out the Washington scoring, adding three points off of a trey in the third quarter.

Washington, now 24-3, plays Community Christian at 6:30 at Yukon High School in the semi-finals of the State tournament.

The address for the gym is 1777 S. Yukon Pkwy.

3/1 Girls

Washington 45
Holdenville 33

Holdenville 8 10 4 11—33
Washington 13 8 10 14—45

Player	Points
Breanna Lindert	17
Preslee Johnson	9
Kelby Beller	8
Ava Salcedo	8
Shelbie Caveness	3



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In her space

Washington sophomore Jayden Wells puts heavy pressure on a Bethel ball handler Tuesday during the Warriors’ 54-27 win over the Wildcats in the State tournament. Wastingon will play Community Christian on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Yukon in the semifinals of the State tournament.



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Big righty

Washington sophomore Jonathon Montoya delivers a pitch home for the Warriors. They are 6-0 on the season.



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Baaack!

Casey Billingsley safely dives back to the back on an attempted pickoff play during Purcell’s game against Shawnee. The Dragons were defeated 8-6.

Local Little League Champs



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Undefeated

Purcell sixth grade boys were undefeated in the Gold league regular season and post-season tournament champions, going 12-0 on the season. They are, from left, Isaiah Hines, Jack Montgomery, Hayes Anderson, Chance Midkiff, Jackson Hines, Dylan Caralampio and Haze Anderson. They are coached by Jason Midkiff and Chad Anderson.



• Photo provided

Lexington fourth grade champions

Lexington girls fourth grade team went undefeated on the regular season and in post season and won their championship games. Players include McKinley Harmoning, Breckyn Anderson, Hadley Givens, Georgia Bowling, Abbie Moulton, Parker Morton and Mikae'ya Hickey. Coaches were Mike Hamoning and Nick Anderson.



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Post-season champions

The Purcell Knockouts were post-season bracket champions in the 5th grade Silver league. Girls on the team are Paislie Richmond, Emilie Peltzer, Kirklynn Holt, Bryleigh Burson, Jaci Schupp, Maelani Hood, Spencer Wilson and Jovey Minyen. Their coaches are Laci Burson and Sally Holt.



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Perfect 16-0

The Washington Warriors third graders were Gold league champions and finished with a perfect 16-0 record. The boys on the team are Cameron Cain, Caleb Pogue, Henry Bacon, Bryer Hey, Maddox Frost, Coy Hyde, Kyler Lewis, Nixon Lewis. Their coaches are Lorenzo Cain and Justin Hyde.



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Silver champs

Purcell Raptors finished as post-season tournament champions and league runner-up in the second grade Silver league. The team includes, in front, from left, Maverick Tyler, Mace Tyler, Barrett Goucher, Andre Nuñez and JJ Franco. In back, from left, is coach Adrian Nuñez, Darrell Dover, Aron Cruz, Kolton Blanchard, Nathan Martinez and coach Joseph Franco.



• Photo provided

Lexington third grade champions

Lexington third graders went undefeated on the regular season and won their post-season tournament. Players include Brin Buchanan, Autumn Neff, Greenlee Hill, Ana Rodriguez, Delanie Dodd, Lillybeth Lawson, Savayah Carter, Miklyn Harmoning, Tynlee Glenn and Ximena Johnson. Coaches are Mike Harmoning and Madi Harmoning.



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Silver league champs

Fourth graders Jerrett Haynes, Adrian Nunez Jr., Jordan Amos, Ulises Espinoza, Kason Lacher, and Bentley Perigo were silver league champions with an 11-1 record. They are pictured with coaches Jeremy Amos and Adrian Nunez.



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Lexington runners-up

The Lexington Bulldogs finished second in their league and the post-season tournament. They are, from left, coach Autumn LaChance, Brayden Fields, Baker Moore, Wyatt Hellberg, Corbin Chandler, Mikel Maine, Kyzer Madden, Beckett LaChance and coach Patrick Fields.



• Photo provided

Third grade winners

The Purcell Vikings finished as regular season champions and post-season tournament champions in the third grade Silver bracket.



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League champions

Fifth graders from Dibble won their league championship and were runners-up in the post-season tournament.



• Photo provided

Big winners

Purcell second grade girls were Gold league champions and post-season tournament champions. They are, from left, Lexi Berkley, Bryn Burson, Emma Leonard, Faith Gillen, Sawyer Midkiff, Mayer Stone, McKenzie Bruehl, and Ramzey Wilken. They are coached by Katie and Jason Midkiff.

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The Williamsons

Sunray Baptist Church

Sunray Baptist Church, 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell, will be celebrating the 77th anniversary of its founding March 23-24.

On Saturday, March 23, at 6 p.m. there will be a Homecoming Sing featuring The Williamsons and Mark Bishop.

The Williamsons, a popular Southern Gospel family group from Weleetka, have been traveling across the U.S. and around the world sharing their unique style of Christian music since 1998. Over the past few years, they have won several awards. Members of the Williamsons

today include Donnie Williamson and his wife Lisa, their daughters Sadie and Olivia, Darin Hebert and Bo Chesser (Lisa's brother).

Mark Bishop, from Irvine, Ky., is a noted Southern Gospel soloist and songwriter. He will be celebrating a 41-year career in 2024. He began singing with his brother and father in the noted family group The Bishops.

They enjoyed enormous success across radio, television, and concert appearances, with 27 top-40 songs, numerous #1 songs, along with many award recognitions throughout their 17-year ministry.

Mark's solo career began after the family group retired in 2001, with that yielding more chart-topping and #1 songs. Mark was voted "Soloist of the Year" in 2005 in the Singing News Fan Awards.

In 2020, Mark's Beautiful

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Lexington United Methodist Church

By Rev. David D. Cook

The Triumph of the Mbasa Tribe

In the heart of the African savannah, nestled between towering baobab trees and vast expanses of golden grass, lay the humble village of the Mbasa tribe.

For generations, the Mbasa people had lived according to the ancient traditions passed down by their ancestors. They worshipped the spirits of the land, offering sacrifices to appease them and seeking their guidance in times of need.

But amidst the rituals and ceremonies, there lingered a sense of unrest. The tribe faced numerous hardships - droughts ravaged their crops, diseases

spread through their ranks, and neighboring tribes threatened their borders.

Despite their prayers and offerings, the spirits seemed deaf to their pleas for help.

One fateful day, a stranger arrived in the village. His name was David, a missionary from a distant land, who spoke of a different kind of deity - a loving and merciful God who had sent his son to save humanity.

The Mbasa people listened with curiosity as David shared stories of miracles and redemption, of a faith that promised hope in the darkest of times.

At first, the Mbasa elders

were skeptical. The traditions of their ancestors ran deep, and the idea of abandoning them for a foreign religion seemed unthinkable. But as David continued to speak, a seed of doubt began to sprout in their hearts.

Could this God truly offer the salvation they so desperately sought? Despite their reservations, the Mbasa tribe agreed to allow David to stay and teach them more about this new faith.

Over the following weeks, they gathered eagerly to hear

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

March 9, 2024 is the fourth Sunday of Lent. The most somber liturgical season of the year is Lent. Yet, this fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday, and it is celebrated with light-hearted joy.

Though there are many sad days before Easter, but on this Sunday, we anticipate the joy which is nearing, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:4-10 is the second reading. It is so beautiful and complete that it will be the full column today.

4 But God, being rich in faithful love, through the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our sins, brought us to life with Christ -- it is through grace that you have been saved--6 and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

7 This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how extraordinarily rich he is in grace.

8 Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; 9 not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit.

10 We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus for the good works which God has already designated to make up our way of life.

Please join us in celebrating

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Lexington Westside Church of Christ

'Smartest Man in the World' (Part 2 of 3)

Very good week to all. Welcome to the "front porch."

Last week we began this discussion of the "Smartest man in the world" that begins with the story of Henry Kissinger jumping out of a plane with a knap-sack. You'll have to go back to last week's paper to see that.

But the point of our front-porch study is that people often outsmart God. We ended

last week looking at Nadab and Abihu in Leviticus 10:1-3 who offer "strange (unauthorized) fire" to the Lord on the brazen altar, and God sends fire down and strikes them down.

At first glance we might feel more sorry for the two sons of Aaron than we should. But a second look reminds us that they are blatantly disobedient to the commands the Lord had laid down for them. They had "out-smarted" God by devising their own worship. That's

where we left off.

You see, the Lord had given them specific instructions on how to offer incense. But these two men transgressed against those commandments, even though God gives repeated instructions. You cannot help but note the repetitious nature of the teaching in Exodus and Leviticus.

We know that in making their daily sacrifices, the priests were

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‘Movers and Shakers’ help parents during their worst nightmare

Tragedy viewed through a charitable heart’s lens can produce broader and longer lasting charitable benefits.

Such is the case for Chickasaw citizen Angela Hudson, founder of Angel Gowns Foundation, a volunteer effort providing burial gowns or suits to grieving families suffering the loss of newborn children.

“I have a cousin who lost her six-month-old baby when he died with a genetic heart disease, and she wanted a white tuxedo to bury him in,” Hudson said.

Hudson said the young mother did not have the money to pay for the suit. In the end, an uncle footed the bill, but her cousin’s plight continued to tug at Hudson’s heartstrings.

“I thought, ‘Grieving parents should not have to worry about what to bury a baby in.’

“I started a program to use wedding gowns and prom dresses we tear apart and repurpose. We make burial gowns and little tuxedos and little pantsuits for girls and boys. We make little pockets for the tiniest babies as their skin is so fragile,” she said.

“I want parents to know their babies matter. They will never be forgotten.”

Hudson works with funeral homes and cemeteries to promote the effort and fill the need.

Another effort Hudson helps coordinate is under the auspices of the Movers & Shakers Oklahoma Home and Education Group (OHCE) in conjunction with the Pottawatomie County Cooperative Extension Office.

“We sew scent cloths,” she said. “They don’t have to match or be a certain size or any kind of regular shape.”

Scent cloths are double-sided flannel squares sewn together and put under a baby’s body who is in an incubator.

This effort was also the result of an episode tinged in potential tragedy that, happily, had a better outcome. Hudson’s nephew, born prematurely, is now a 1-year-old and doing well. Back then, he was thought

to be an unfortunate recipient of his family’s history of heart disease, subject to open heart surgery that put him in a neonatal infant care unit.

“Parents are allowed to be there 24/7 but are often not able to,” Hudson said. “They take this cloth home with them and if they have other children or pets, it has the baby’s scent for them to get accustomed to.”

Parents get another cloth to put on the skin of the mother’s chest on one side and the father’s chest on the other. The cloth is then placed with the baby in the incubator to allow the bonding process to continue even when mom and dad are not there.

Hudson says there is an equal and opposite accompanying benefit for both parents and child.

“When their mom and dad are there, the baby recognizes them,” she said.

Each family gets two scent cloths, one for the baby, one for the baby’s parents. To date, Movers & Shakers OHCE group has sewn 216 scent cloths distributed to 108 families.

Other Chickasaw citizens involved in this effort are Hudson’s sister, Amy Grijalva, and Gracelyn, Nicholas and James Grijalva, Hudson’s niece and nephews, as well as Shirley Bailey, Hudson’s mother. Nontribal members are Leslye Owen, Stana Friend and Pam Dennis.

“We do a lot of other things to help those less fortunate,” Hudson said. “That’s how I was raised. You give everything you can to those that can’t and don’t have.”

Those wanting to get involved can contact Angela Hudson of Movers & Shakers OHCE at 405-826-3269 or email AcHudson1987@gmail.com.

For more information about OHCE or to find a group near you, contact your county Cooperative Extension Office.

Information about Angel Gowns Foundation of Oklahoma program can be found on Facebook.

Storytelling at Pikes Peak School

Dewayne and Lynn Scruggs, brothers and native Lindsay residents, will share their funny and entertaining stories of their family and the Lindsay Community at a storytelling Sunday, March 10, at the Pikes Peak School.

Their mother, Jewel Hanley Scruggs, was an enthusiastic and vibrant member of our community all of her 104 years. Jewel was the longest living student of the Pikes Peak School.

Dewayne and Lynn have much to share including antics, interesting facts and engaging

stories about Jewel, and their time at Pikes Peak School and Erin Springs School.

You will not want to miss this Storytelling at Pikes Peak School on Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m.

Pikes Peak Rural School Museum is located across from the Murray Lindsay Mansion, 13031 N.C.R. 3025, in Erin Springs two miles south of Lindsay. This event is free to the public but donations are appreciated.

Call 405-919-6146 for more information or to book a tour at the Museums.

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Sunray:

ful Day album was a Top-5 Grammy nominee for “Best Roots Gospel Album.” In 2022, he was the recipient of the “J.D. Sumner Living Legend Award” from the readers of SGN Scoops Magazine.

A love offering will be taken to help with expenses.

On Sunday, March 24, at 10:50 a.m., Mark will be sing-

ing at our morning worship service. Former pastor Dennis Clark will be preaching. A love offering will be taken. Lunch will follow worship.

Join pastor John Wylie and the Sunray church family for this celebration.

For additional information, call 405-426-2844.

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Methodist:

his words, their curiosity slowly transforming into conviction.

As they learned of Jesus Christ and his teachings, they found solace in the promise of a better life beyond the struggles of this world. However, their newfound faith did not go unnoticed by those who clung to the old ways.

The shaman, the spiritual leader of the tribe, saw the growing influence of Christianity as a threat to his power. He sought to undermine David’s teachings, spreading rumors and lies to turn the people against him. Despite the shaman’s efforts, the Mbasa tribe remained steadfast in their faith.

They found strength in their newfound community, supporting one another through the trials that lay ahead. Together, they prayed for guidance and protection, trusting in God’s plan for their lives.

But the greatest test of their faith was yet to come. A neighboring tribe, envious of the Mbasa’s newfound unity, launched a brutal attack on their village.

Armed with spears and bows, they descended upon the Mbasa people, intent on destroying everything they held dear.

Amid the chaos, the Mbasa tribe turned to God for deliverance. They fought bravely, defending their homes and families with unwavering courage. But as the enemy closed in, it seemed as though all hope was lost.

Just when it seemed that defeat was inevitable, a miracle occurred. Dark clouds gathered overhead, and a mighty storm swept across the savannah. Lightning flashed, and thunder roared, sending the enemy tribe

into a panic.

In the chaos that ensued, the Mbasa people emerged victorious, their enemies fleeing before the storm’s power. In the aftermath of the battle, the Mbasa tribe knelt together in gratitude, their hearts overflowing with praise for the God who had saved them.

They realized that their victory was not won through their strength but through the grace of a loving and merciful God who had heard their prayers and answered them in their hour of need. From that day forward, the Mbasa tribe embraced their new faith wholeheartedly, dedicating themselves to Christ and His teachings.

They rebuilt their village, stronger and more united than ever before, their faith serving as a beacon of hope amid adversity.

As the sun set over the African savannah, casting a golden glow across the land, the Mbasa people sang songs of praise to the God who had brought them through the storm, guiding them on a journey of faith and redemption.

Just a simple story about faith and how faith sustains us through uncertainty, offering solace and strength. Yet, it can demand sacrifices, testing our resolve and challenging our beliefs in moments of hardship and doubt.

If you are seeking something other than what you have experienced most of your life, we invite you to Lexington UMC, located at 621 E. Ash, on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Be part of a tribe following Jesus, embracing our faith through the teachings of Christ.

It’s a Jesus thing.

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OLV:

the love of Jesus at Our Lady of Victory parish.

While the inside of the church is under renovation, we will have all Masses in the Parish Hall.

Our Lady of Victory parish is located at 307 West Jefferson in Purcell.

The church administrative office is located at 501 N. 4th, and it is open weekday mornings. The office number is 405-527-5077.

Weekend Mass services are Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. (Spanish).

Daily Masses are Tuesday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon; Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish), and Friday, 6 p.m. (During Lent.) During Lent there is no morning Mass on Friday.

Daily Masses will be held in the Juan Diego room in the parish hall.

Peace be with you.

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Westside:

to take fire from the brazen altar and use that fire to burn incense on the altar of incense within the Holy Place – no “strange incense” allowed (Ex. 30:9).

But that is not what these two priests do on this occasion. Somehow, they took the “wrong kind of fire.” I have always suspected they took fire from a different place.

Perhaps they had a barbecue pit or cooking pit outside their house and they had just cooked something and had coals and fire still in there and took that fire. I could see that happening.

And because God is a God of symbolism and a God of types and anti-types, the details of His worship do matter, both then and now. In other words, when God gives a command or lays out a pattern, He expects us to follow it. Otherwise, why would He provide instructions and details for certain parts of the Christian faith?

They digress because of their presumption that they could change God’s law and the Lord’s teaching, and that would be fine with God. But God is not fine with that. Knowing how men tend to

think, the Lord tells Isaiah to remind the people of his day not to ‘outthink’ God: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways ... As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8-9).

More next week! Be safe all. God bless!

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Bible Reading:

March 7 ~ Numbers 8:1 – 9:23 ~ Mark 13:14-37 ~ Ps. 50:1-23 ~ Prov. 10:29-30

March 8 ~ Num. 10:1 – 11:23 ~ Mk. 14:1-21 ~ Ps. 51:1-19 ~ Prov. 10:31-32

March 9 ~ Num. 11:24 – 13:33 ~ Mk. 14:22-52 ~ Ps. 52:1-9 ~ Prov. 11:1-3

March 10 ~ Num. 14:1 – 15:16 ~ Mk. 14:53-72 ~ Ps. 53:1-6 ~ Prov. 11:4

March 11 ~ Num. 15:17 – 16:40 ~ Mk. 15:1-47 ~ Ps. 54:1-7 ~ Prov. 11:5-6

March 12 ~ Num. 16:41 – 18:32 ~ Mk. 16:1-20 ~ Ps. 55:1-23 ~ Prov. 11:7

March 13 ~ Num. 19:1 – 20:29 ~ Luke 1:1-25 ~ Ps. 56:1-13 ~ Prov. 11:8

Grand Champions

The Lexington Local Livestock Show Grand Champion Winners include (from top) Cale Garver, Grand Champion Steer; Cote Garver, Grand Champion Heifer; Emma McMillian, Grand Champion Ewe; Kylie Cole, Grand Champion Market Lamb; Regan Boatwright, Grand Champion Gilt; Peyton Senn, Grand Champion Barrow; and Luke Spears, Grand Market Goat.

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Chickasaw Governor Bill Anoatubby named OKCityan of Year

A weekly newspaper serving the residents of Nichols Hills and the Village named Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby “OKCityan of the Year” in January.

OKC Friday made the choice based upon praise from top leaders located in the state’s capital city who endorsed Governor Anoatubby’s selection although he resides in Ada.



Anoatubby

“I would be hard-pressed to name five people who have done more for Oklahoma City over the last 15 years,” Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt said. “This is perhaps all the more remarkable considering the fact that the Chickasaw Nation’s jurisdiction is beyond our city limits.

“But Governor Anoatubby saw the vision a long time ago that Oklahoma City can be a national capital for Native and Indigenous people.” Holt called the honor “well-deserved,” the newspaper reported.

Governor Anoatubby was first elected in 1987, which started the 32nd administration of Chickasaw Governors.

Holt said as Governor Anoatubby realized establishing Oklahoma City as a national capital for First Americans begins with the First Americans Museum and OKANA, a resort and indoor water park which is under construction, he made those two projects possible.

“His leadership has also supported our city’s broader renaissance,” Holt said. “Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation have supported our ballpark, our zoo, Remington Park and countless community endeavors.

“He is an inspiring example of humble servant leadership. He works with people, he knows how to get things done,

he’s pragmatic, he’s results-oriented.

“He’s generous and kind. He’s simply one of the most effective leaders our state has ever seen. His legacy as an example to other leaders will be as strong as his accomplishments,” Holt told the newspaper in honoring Governor Anoatubby.

Oklahoma City – and the state’s charitable sector – holds the highest regard for Governor Anoatubby said Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits President and CEO Marnie Taylor.

“For more than a decade, he has supported countless causes – as an individual and as the Governor of the a Chickasaw Nation – with a quiet modesty coupled with a laser- sharp business focus that has deftly combined economic development and prosperity with addressing challenging community needs,” Taylor said.

“He believes all Oklahomans deserve respect, recognition and regard. And he sees people as just as important an investment as a new business,” she added.

The Chickasaw Nation is one of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City’s premier economic drivers, Taylor said.

“And with the new Horizons District, a full-scale resort will join the First Americans Museum to provide not just rest and recreation but a gateway for learning and experience of Native culture through one of the world’s most important new museums highlighting Indigenous history in our state,” she said.

“Governor Anoatubby has supported our city’s success at every opportunity and there is no better person to be recognized as the OKCityan of the Year,” Holt said.

OKC Friday has polled its readership and community leaders for the “most powerful Oklahoman” for years, and Governor Anoatubby has been recognized as such six times.

Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline celebrates 20 years of progress

The Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET), celebrated 20 years of progress for the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline with an event at the state Capitol February 29.

This milestone event honored two decades of progress in tobacco cessation efforts and highlighted the significant impact the Helpline has made in improving the health and well-being of Oklahomans.

“It’s an honor to commemorate 20 years of progress and success in our ongoing efforts to combat tobacco use in Oklahoma,” said Julie Bisbee, executive director at TSET.

“The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline is a beacon of hope for countless individuals on their journey to a tobacco-free life, and we are deeply grateful for the dedicated partners and Oklahomans who have contributed to its success,” Bisbee concluded.

Since the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline started in 2003, it has contributed to the lowest adult smoking rate in state history by providing free resources, support and counseling services to thousands of individuals striving to quit smoking and tobacco use.

Through evidence-based

interventions and innovative outreach initiatives, Helpline has played a pivotal role in reducing tobacco-related disparities, saving lives and fostering healthier communities across the state.

The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline has received over 590,000 registrations, and more than 13,000 have come from women who are considering pregnancy, currently pregnant or postpartum.

The anniversary celebration featured distinguished speakers and guests, including state officials, public health advocates and individuals whose lives have been positively transformed through the assistance of the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline.

Attendees had the opportunity to hear inspiring success stories, learn about the Helpline’s impact and discover more about how TSET is raising awareness about the dangers of tobacco use and the resources available for those seeking to quit.

The anniversary also serves as a platform to reaffirm TSET’s commitment to reducing tobacco use prevalence, protecting youth from tobacco initiation and creating a healthier state for all Oklahomans.

No. 151-March 7-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: LANCE RUFFEL OIL & GAS LLC RELIEF SOUGHT: WELL LOCATION EXCEPTION

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: S/2 NE/4 SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, McClain County, Oklahoma CAUSE CD2024-000555

NOTICE OF HEARING TO ALL PERSONS, OWNERS, PRODUCERS, OPERATORS, PURCHASERS AND TAKERS OF OIL AND GAS, INCLUDING but not limited to all persons if living or if deceased, their known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, immediate and remote of any such party, and all corporations existing and if dissolved, known and unknown successors, and all persons having an interest in the captioned land.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Applicant requests that the Commission enter an order amending Order No. 168277, dated April 24, 1980, but effective as of April 1, 1980, for the Viola common source of supply, to permit the recompletion of the Silver 1 -35 Well for such common source of supply at the following location:

220 feet from the South line and 220 feet from the East line of the unit comprising the S/2 NE/4 of said Section 35, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma.

No. 152-March 7-1 Time ORDINANCE NO. 24-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PURCELL AMENDING ORDINANCE 20-06 AND ORDINANCE 23-02 OF ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 46 (HEALTH AND SANITATION) AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDING CHAPTER 46 (HEALTH AND SANITATION), ARTICLE 46-3 (TOBACCO; SMOKING); DIVISION 46-3-2 (USE OF TOBACCO AND VAPOR PRODUCTS BY MINORS) SEC 46-84 (DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCT AND VAPOR PRODUCT SAMPLES) BY ADDING A, B AND C 1-3; REPEALING ALL OTHER CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PURCELL, OKLAHOMA:

SECTION I: AMENDMENTS. 1. Chapter 46 (Health and Sanitation), Article 46-3 (Tobacco; Smoking); Division 46-3-2 (Use of Tobacco and Vapor Products by Minors) Sec 46-84 (Distribution of Tobacco Product and Vapor Product Samples) is amended and

Same to be a well for the unit consisting of said S/2 NE/4 of said Section 35, an 80-acre unit by said order which requires that the well be located not closer than 330 feet to the boundary of the SE/4 NE/4 of Section 35.

The legal descriptions of the land sections adjacent to the area within which the location exception lies are Section 36, Township 5 North, Range 4 West and Sections 1 and 2, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, McClain County, Oklahoma. Applicant further requests that Applicant or some other party be authorized the right to drill said well. Applicant further requests that it be permitted to produce said well at said location from all common sources of supply covered hereby with no downward allowable adjustment.

Special Relief: Applicant further requests that the order to be entered in this cause may be made effective prior to the date of issuance of the order.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the hearing on the Well Location Exception is set before an Administrative Law Judge on April 2, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., at the Concourse Theater, Suite C50, Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., in the Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. The Concourse Theater is located in the tunnel between the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and the Sequoyah Memorial Office Building.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the referenced hearing may

shall hereafter read in its entirety as follows:

Sec 46-84 Distribution Of Tobacco Product And Vapor Product Samples

A. It shall be unlawful for any person or retailer to distribute tobacco products, nicotine products, vapor products or product samples to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

B. No person shall distribute tobacco products, nicotine products, vapor products or product samples in or on any public street, sidewalk, or park that is within three hundred (300) feet of any playground, school, or other facility when the facility is being used primarily by persons under twenty-one (21) years of age.

C. When a person is convicted or enters a plea and receives a continued sentence for a violation of subsections A or B of this section, the total of any fines, fees, or costs shall not exceed the following:

1. Not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense;
2. Not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the second

be conducted via teleconference or videoconference. Instructions for participating via teleconference or videoconference are available on the Commission’s website at www.occeweb.com.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action contact Jim Trepagnier, Landman, Lance Ruffel Oil & Gas, LLC, 210 Park Avenue Building, Suite 2150, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, Telephone: 405/239-7036, Email: jimtrep@coxinet.net and/or Gregory L. Mahaffey, Attorney, 300 N.E. 1st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73104-4004, Telephone: 405/236-0478.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

J. TODD HIETT, Chairman KIM DAVID, Vice-Chairman BOB ANTHONY, Commissioner

DONE AND PERFORMED ON THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: GAREY L. WORTHAM Commission Secretary

offense; and

3. Not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for a third or subsequent offense.

SECTION II: SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of these Ordinances are, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of these Ordinances.

SECTION III: REPEALER.

All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Purcell, Oklahoma, on the 4th day of March 2024.

SIGNED by the Mayor of the City of Purcell on the 4th day of March 2024.

/s/ Graham Fishburn Graham Fishburn, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Andrea Millsap Andrea Millsap, City Clerk

Approved as to form this 4th day of March 2024.

/s/ Greg Dixon Greg Dixon, City Attorney

No. 153-March 7-1 Time ORDINANCE NO. 24-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PURCELL, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 122 (ZONING) SECTION 122-6 (DEFINITIONS) BY ADDING ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICE, PLAYGROUNDS, SCHOOL, AND TOBACCO PRODUCT; and AMENDING CHAPTER 122 (ZONING) BY ADDING A SECTION ENTITLED “RESTRICTION ON TOBACCO/E-CIGARETTE RETAILERS”; REPEALING ALL OTHER CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PURCELL, OKLAHOMA:

SECTION I: CHAPTER 122 (Zoning), Article 122-1 (In General), Section 122-6 (Definitions) shall be amended by:

1. Inserting four new definitions namely Electronic Smoking Device, Playgrounds, School, and Tobacco Product.

2. The four new definitions shall be inserted according to alphabetical relevance.

3. The insertion of the four new definitions shall cause the “identification lettering” of the definitions found under Section 122-6 (Definitions) to be altered as follows:

a. ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICE will be inserted and identified as “BJ” (for clarity: the former “BJ” definition shall become “BK”) and this “re-lettering” shall continue in a consecutive pattern until definition “EI”;

b. PLAYGROUNDS shall be inserted and identified as “EI” and this definition “re-lettering” shall continue in a consecutive pattern until definition “EZ”;

c. SCHOOLS shall be inserted and identified as “EZ” and this definition “re-lettering” shall continue in a consecutive pattern until definition “GB”; and,

d. TOBACCO PRODUCTS shall be inserted and identified as “GB” and this definition “re-lettering” shall continue in a consecutive pattern until completed.

e. The inserted definitions to read as follows:

BJ. Electronic smoking device means any device that may be used to deliver any aerosolized or

vaporized substance to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, or e-hookah. Electronic smoking device includes any component, part, or accessory of the device, and includes any substance that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine. Electronic smoking device does not include drugs, devices, or combination products authorized for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

EI. Playgrounds means any area used for outdoor play or recreation, especially by children, and often containing recreational equipment such as slides and swings.

EZ. School means any property, building, permanent structure, facility, auditorium, stadium, arena, or recreational facility owned, leased or under the control of a public school district or private school or any educational facility that is accredited by the state of Oklahoma.

1. School includes all licensed childcare facilities, kindergartens, elementary schools, which may include either K-6 or K-8, and all secondary schools.

2. School includes any institution within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or any other public or private college or university that is accredited by a national accrediting body.

GB. Tobacco product means any product that is made from or derived from tobacco, or that contains nicotine, that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus. “Tobacco product” also means electronic smoking devices and any component or accessory used in the consumption of a tobacco product, such as filters, rolling papers, pipes, and liquids used in electronic smoking devices, whether or not they contain nicotine. Tobacco product does not include drugs, devices, or combination products authorized

for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

SECTION II: Chapter 122, is amended by adding Section 122-11.5 “RESTRICTION ON TOBACCO/E-CIGARETTE RETAILERS” which will read in its entirety as follows:

Section 122-11.5 Restriction on Tobacco/E-Cigarette Retailers

A. No business license by the City of Purcell Oklahoma shall be located or operated at any place except at locations permitted by the town’s zoning or planning laws. The location of a tobacco/e-cigarette store is specifically prohibited within three hundred feet (300’) of any playground, school, or other facility when the facility is being used primarily by persons under twenty-one (21) years of age. The distance shall be measured as the shortest straight-line distance from the property line of the proposed tobacco/e-cigarette store to the property line of the entities listed below:

1. Public or private School.
2. Playgrounds.
3. Facility used primarily by persons under twenty-one years of age.

SECTION III: SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of these Ordinances are, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of these Ordinances.

SECTION IV: REPEALER.

All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Purcell, Oklahoma, on the 4th day of March 2024.

SIGNED by the Mayor of the City of Purcell on the 4th day of March 2024.

/s/ Graham Fishburn Graham Fishburn, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Andrea Millsap Andrea Millsap, City Clerk

Approved as to form this 4th day of March 2024.

/s/ Greg Dixon Greg Dixon, City Attorney

No. 150-March 7-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WESLEY HUGH PIERCE, DECEASED

Case No: PB-2023-120 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given that WILLIAM F. SHDEED, Personal Representative of the Estate of WESLEY HUGH PIERCE, deceased, having filed in this Court his Final Account of the administration of said Estate and Petition for Order allowing same, determination of heirs, distribution and for final discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been set by the Court for the 4 day of April, 2024, at 9:30 o’clock a.m., at the courtroom of said District Court, Probate Division, McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said Estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heir of said WESLEY HUGH PIERCE, determined, said Estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED this 5 day of March, 2024.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ David F. Howell

David F. Howell, OBA #12710 1840 S. Douglas Blvd. Midwest City, OK 73130

Office: (405) 737-5673

Fax: (405) 737-6507

Attorney for Personal Representative

No. 149-March 7-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHELLE ANTONETTE HILL, DECEASED

Case No: PB-2023-82 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given that MICHAEL JOSEF KOWALCHYK, Personal Representative of the Estate of MICHELLE ANTONETTE HILL, deceased, having filed in this Court his Final Account of the administration of said Estate and Petition for Order allowing same, determination of heirs, distribution and for final discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been set by the Court for the 4 day of April, 2024, at 9:30 o’clock a.m., at the courtroom of said District Court, Probate Division, McClain County Courthouse, McClain, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said Estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heir of said MICHELLE ANTONETTE HILL, determined, said Estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED this 5 day of March, 2024.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ David F. Howell

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Attorney for Personal Representative

No. 140-March 7-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF AVERY MARIE ALBERT TO CHANGE HER NAME

Case No. CV-24-41 NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Take notice that Avery Marie Albert has filed in the above court a Petition to have her name changed as follows, to-wit: From Avery Marie Albert to Avery Marie Schlotter; and that the same will be heard by the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in the McClain County Court House, located at Purcell, Oklahoma, on the 27th day of March, 2024, at 3:30 o’clock p.m.; and that any person may file a written protest in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing

/s/ Leah Edwards JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Scarlett Schlotter AVERY MARIE ALBERT, a minor child

SCARLETT MACKENZY SCHLOTTER, mother of minor child, Petitioner Pro Se

No. 138-March 7-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
BRIGADE ENERGY SERVICES
LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
RAW CRUDE OIL&GAS, LLC, etal.
Defendants.
Case No. CJ-2022-183
ASHER OILFIELD SPECIALTY,
LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
RAW CRUDE OIL & GAS, LLC;
et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. CS-2022-264
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Notice is hereby given that
on the 9th day of April, 2024 at
10:00 A.M. in the McClain County
Sheriffs Office, Room 121, 121 N.
2nd Ave., Purcell, OK 73080, the
Sheriff of McClain County, State
of Oklahoma, will offer for sale and
sell for cash at public auction to
the highest bidder, with appraise-
ment, prior to confirmation, all of
Defendant Raw Crude Oil & Gas,
LLC's ("Defendant") interest in and
to the following property: the Perry
Trust 1-11 Well located in the NE/4
SW/4 of Section 11-6N-4W, Mc-
Clain County, Oklahoma, and the
whole of such lands and leasehold,
the buildings and appurtenances,
the proceeds from the sale of oil
or gas produced therefrom inuring
to the working interest, exempt-
ing, however, any valid, bona fide
reservations of oil or gas payments
or overriding royalty interest ex-
ecuted in good faith and payable
out of such working interest, and
upon the material and supplies so
furnished, and upon any oil well
supplies, tools and other articles
used in digging, drilling, torpedo-
ing, operating, completing, or
repairing any oil or gas well, and
upon the oil or gas well for which
they were furnished, upon all the
other oil or gas well fixtures and
appliances used in the operating
for oil and gas purposes upon the
leasehold for which said material
and supplies were furnished or
labor or services performed, and

No. 139-March 7-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
BRIGADE ENERGY SERVICES
LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RAW CRUDE OIL & GAS, LLC,
et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. CJ-2022-183
ASHER OILFIELD SPECIALTY,
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to the following property: the John
A 1, a/k/a John 1, Well located in
the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 20-5N-
4W, McClain County, Oklahoma
and the whole of such lands and
leasehold, the buildings and ap-
purtenances, the proceeds from
the sale of oil or gas produced
therefrom inuring to the working
interest, exempting, however, any
valid, bona fide reservations
of oil or gas payments or over-
riding royalty interest executed
in good faith and payable out of
such working interest, and upon
the material and supplies so
furnished, and upon any oil well
supplies, tools and other articles
used in digging, drilling, torpedo-
ing, operating, completing, or
repairing any oil or gas well, and
upon the oil or gas well for which
they were furnished, upon all the
other oil or gas well fixtures and
appliances used in the operating
for oil and gas purposes upon the
leasehold for which said material
and supplies were furnished or
labor or services performed, and
upon any other property against
which a lien is provided under 42

No. 112-February 29-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF
Sherry D'Lynn Hart,
Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-129
NOTICE FOR HEARING FINAL
ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR
ORDER ALLOWING FINAL
ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION
OF HEIRS, DECREE OF
DISTRIBUTION DISCHARGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to
all persons interested in the Estate
of Sherry D'Lynn Hart, Deceased,
that Rachel Christine Stroble, Per-
sonal Representative, filed in the
District Court of McClain County,
State of Oklahoma, her Final Ac-
count, Petition for Order Allowing
Final Account, Determination
of Heirs, Decree of Distribution,

upon any other property against
which a lien is provided under 42
O.S. § 144 et seq. to the fullest
extent permitted under applicable
law (the "Property.")

Sale of the Property shall
be made pursuant to a Writ of
Special Execution and Order of
Sale in Foreclosure issued upon
a Journal Entry of Judgment (the
"Judgment") entered in the above-
captioned lawsuit on January
3rd, 2024, and for not less than
two-thirds of the appraised value
of the Property to satisfy:

FIRST: In payment of the costs
of recovering, holding, preparing
for sale, maintaining, insuring, and
selling the Property;

SECOND: In payment of any
delinquent and unpaid personal
property and ad valorem real es-
tate taxes that have been properly
assessed against the Property, as
of the time of sale, if any;

THIRD: In payment of those
amounts owing to Brigade Energy
Services, LLC on the Lien State-
ment OG-2021-75 on October
15, 2021, recorded in the McClain
County land records in Book 2736,
Page 947, and

FOURTH: That the surplus pro-
ceeds of sale, if any, be paid into
this Court for further order of the
Court as to disposition thereof.

The Property has been ap-
praised according to law at the
value of \$75,000.00.

LANDY OFFOLTER, SHERIFF
MCCLAIN COUNTY,
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

By: /s/ Sheriff Landy Offolter
FORM APPROVED BY:
/s/ Lysbeth George
LYSBETH GEORGE, OBA
#30562

S. CATHERINE JEFFRIES, OBA
#34690

JENNIFER E. JACKSON, OBA
#19492

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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Sale in Foreclosure issued upon
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"Judgment") entered in the above-
captioned lawsuit on January 3,
2024, and for not less than two-
thirds of the appraised value of
the Property to satisfy:

FIRST: In payment of the costs
of recovering, holding, preparing
for sale, maintaining, insuring, and
selling the Property;

SECOND: In payment of any
delinquent and unpaid personal
property and ad valorem real es-
tate taxes that have been properly
assessed against the Property, as
of the time of sale, if any;

THIRD: In payment on a pro rata
basis to the holders of mechanic's
and materialmen's liens on the
Property as follows: (1) Brigade
Energy Services, LLC on the Lien
Statementment OG-2021-76 filed on
October 15, 2021., recorded in the
McClain County land records in
Book 2736, Page 952; and Asher
Oilfield Specialty, LLC by the Lien
Statement OG-2021-89 filed on
November 29, 2023, recorded in
the McClain County land records
in Book 2746 at page 472;

FOURTH: That the surplus pro-
ceeds of sale, if any, be paid into
this Court for further order of the
Court as to disposition thereof.

The Property has been ap-
praised according to law at the
value of \$75,000.00.

LANDY OFFOLTER, SHERIFF
MCCLAIN COUNTY,
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

By: /s/ Sheriff Landy Offolter
FORM APPROVED BY:
/s/ Lysbeth George
LYSBETH L. GEORGE, OBA
#30562

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Discharge.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that
the 28th day of March, 2024, at
the hour of 9:30 a.m. of that day,
has been appointed as the time
for hearing said Petition in the
District Court of McClain County,
Probate Division, in the McClain
County Courthouse, in the County
of McClain, Oklahoma, when and
where all persons interested may
appear and contest the same.

DATED the 20th day of Febru-
ary, 2024.

Stephen Louis Cortés,
OBA #18359
Cortes Law Firm
5801 Broadway Extension,
Suite 110
Oklahoma City, OK 73118
Ph: 405.213.0856
steve@corteslawfirm.com
Attorney for Petitioner/
Personal Representative

No. 113-February 29-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Max Franklin Stringer, Deceased.
Case No. PB-2024-21

COMBINED NOTICE: NOTICE TO CREDITORS; NOTICE
OF HEARING PETITION TO PROBATE BY SUMMARY
ADMINISTRATION, ADMIT FOREIGN WILL, HEARING ON THE
FINAL ACCOUNTING, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES,
AND LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY given to all persons interested in the Estate
of Max Franklin Stringer, Deceased, that on this date, Bonnie Jean
Stringer ("Petitioner"), who may be contacted through counsel at the
address below, filed a Petition for Probate by Summary Administration,
Admit Foreign Will to Probate, Appoint Special Administrator, Hearing
on the Final Accounting, Determine Heirs, Devisees, and Legatees,
and Distribute the Estate (hereafter "Petition") in the District Court
of McClain County, Oklahoma, requesting that Letters of Special
Administration be issued to her.

Said Petition further requested that: the Court admit the Last Will
of Max Franklin Stringer, deceased, to probate, determine the date of
death and the heirs, devisees, and legatees of the Decedent, the final
accounting of the Estate be approved, the property of the Decedent
subject to the jurisdiction of this Court be distributed pursuant to the
laws of the State of Oklahoma, the Special Administrator be discharged,
and allow for all further relief which is just and proper.

The Petitioner has alleged that Max Franklin Stringer died testate at
the age of 72 on June 21, 2023, domiciled and residing in the city of
Houston, Harris County, Texas, that the total value of the Decedent's
property in Oklahoma is less than \$200,000.00, and the only heirs-
at-law, devisees, and legatees of Max Franklin Stringer, deceased,
are the following, to wit:

Name and Address	Age	Relationship
Bonnie Jean Stringer 9702 Springmont Dr. Houston, TX 77080	Legal Age	Surviving Spouse, Independent Execu- tor of the Last Will and Testament of Decedent, Sole De- visee, and Petitioner
Matthew Ryan Stringer 1911 Sherwood Forest St., Unit 6 Houston, TX 77043	Legal Age	Son, Substitute or Successor Indepen- dent Co-Executor, and Successor Devisee
Benjamin Ross Stringer 204 Sunny Brook Dr. Leander, TX 78641	Legal Age	Son, Substitute or Successor Indepen- dent Co-Executor, and Successor Devisee
Kyle Patrick Stringer 15234 Olmstead Way Cypress, TX 77429	Legal Age	Son and Successor Devisee

Pursuant to an Order of said Court, notice is hereby given that the
25th day of April, 2024, at 9:30 A.M. in the Courtroom of the Judge
Charles Gray, in the McClain County Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma,
has been appointed as the time and place for hearing said Petition,
and considering all relief requested in the Petition presented to the
Court on said date. All persons interested may appear at said hear-
ing. The Special Administrator shall present the final accounting at
the final hearing.

Any person receiving this notice or any interested party may file
objections to the Petition at or before the final hearing. All objections
to the Petition and/or any relief requested must be made in writing,
with such objection to be filed herein, with a copy being provided to
the Petitioner and the attorney for the same, and if an objection is
not made within the allowed time, all persons will be deemed to have
waived any objection to the Petition and the relief prayed for.

If an objection is filed before the hearing, at the hearing the Court will
determine whether the Will filed herein shall be admitted to probate,
whether summary administration proceedings are appropriate, and if so,
whether the Estate will be distributed and to whom.

TO ALL CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE NAMED DECEDENT: All
creditors having claims against the above named Decedent are re-
quired to present the same, with a description of all security interest
or other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such
claim, to Melissa P. Martin at the offices of THE TITLE LAW GROUP,
PLLC, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days following
the filing of the Petition and Combined Notice herein, or the same will
be forever barred.

Dated this 13th day of February, 2024.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Melissa P. Martin
Melissa P. Martin, OBA #34534
The Title Law Group, PLLC
301 NW 63rd St., Suite 350
Oklahoma City, OK 73116
Telephone: (405) 608-1900
mmartin@thetitlelawgroup.com
Attorney for Petitioner

No. 146-March 7-2 Times
In The District Court
of McClain County
State of Oklahoma
In the Matter of the Estate of
Mary Louise Lewis
a/k/a Mary L. Lewis
deceased person.

Case No. PB-2024-8
Combined Notice
Notice to Creditors; Notice of
Hearing - Petition for Summary
Administration, Issuance of
Letters, Determination
of Heirs at Law,
Notice of Hearing –
Final Account

Shannon K. Orr, the proposed
Administrator, filed a Petition for
Summary Administration, et al.
in the District Court of McClain
County, Oklahoma requesting
appointment as Administrator,
and distribution of the Estate's
property to the parties entitled
thereto. Mary Louise Lewis (a/k/a
Mary L. Lewis, and hereinafter
"Decedent") died testate at 78
years of age on March 10, 2013
in Deschutes County, Oregon,
however, the original version
of her Last Will and Testament
cannot be located. As such, the
Petitioner is requesting that this
Estate proceed as though the
Decedent passed intestate. The
heirs at law include: (1) Shannon K.
Orr, 682 Cypress Drive, Diberville,
MS 39540; Notice purposes only:
Wendell Rogers Orr, 682 Cypress
Drive, Diberville, MS 39540;
Richard T. Orr, 682 Cypress Drive,
Diberville, MS 39540, Joshua D.
Orr, 385 South Cherokee Street,
Apt. 301, Denver, CO 80223,
Darien K. Orr, 12577 55a Avenue,
Surry BC V3X1W1 Canada, and
Shawn A. Orr, 14202 Creekwood
Cove, Gulfport, MS 39503. The
Estate includes oil, gas, and other
mineral interests in and under
the following counties within the

State of Oklahoma, to wit: (Value
Unknown) McClain County W/2
NW/4 & NE/4 NW/4 & W/2 SE/4
NW/4 & NW/4 NW/4 NE/4 of Sec-
tion 16-T5N-R4W and E/2 W/2
SE/4 & NE/4 SE/4 & N/2 SE/4
SE/4 & SW/4 SE/4 SE/4 of Sec-
tion 27-T5N-R4W Garvin County
Section 5-T3N-R4W Section
6-T3N-R4W Section 9-T1N-R1W
Section 15-T1N-R1W Section
16-T1N-R1W Section 21-T4N-
R6W Section 31-T4N-R4W Sec-
tion 32-T4N-R4W Grady County
W/2 E/2 NE/4 & W/2 NE/4 & E/2
NW/4 of Section 21-T4N-R6W
Pursuant to an Order of said Court,
notice is hereby given that the 21st
day of March 2024 at 9:30 A.M. in
the Courtroom of the Honorable
Charles Gray, or the assigned
Judge, in the McClain County
Courthouse located in Purcell,
Oklahoma, has been appointed
as the time and place for hearing.
All interested persons may appear.
Anyone may file objections to
the Petition. All objections must
be made in writing, filed within
this case record and provided
to Petitioner and Counsel. If an
objection is not made within the
allowed time, it shall be deemed
waived. Creditors: Creditors hav-
ing claims against the Decedent
are required to present such to the
named Administrator, Shannon K.
Orr, at the offices of Dewberry Law
Firm, PLLC, Attorney for the Ad-
ministrator, at the address below
within thirty (30) days following
the filing of the Petition and Combined
Notice herein, or the same will be
forever barred.

/s/ Judge of the District Court
Rachael Dewberry, OBA 19478
Dewberry Law Firm, PLLC
2425 Wilcox Drive
Norman, Oklahoma 73069
Ph: 405-261-8900
Rachael@dewberrylawfirm.net
Attorney for the Administrator

No. 125-February 29-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
EDGE LEGACY LLC, an Arizona
Limited Liability Company,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CALVIN SELZER, MARTHA
SWINDELL, and CHARLOTTE
TAYLOR
Pauline Cathcart, or her Heirs,
Successors, and Assigns, whether
known or unknown, Oscar Cath-
cart, or his Heirs, Successors,
and Assigns, whether known or
unknown
Defendants.

Case No. CV-2024-40
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
PAULINE CATHCART, or her
Heirs, Successors, and Assigns,
whether known or unknown;
Oscar Cathcart, or his Heirs, Suc-
cessors, and Assigns, whether
known or unknown; CALVIN
SELZER; MARTHA SWINDELL;
CHARLOTTE TAYLOR

You have been sued by the
above-named Plaintiff in the
above-captioned action where
the Plaintiff alleges that they are
the owner of the following real
property:

The West half (W/2) of the South-
west Quarter (SW/4) (otherwise
described as Lots 3 and 4) of Sec-
tion 31, Township 6 North, Range
4 West of the Indian Meridian,
McClain County, Oklahoma, con-
taining 75.85 acres, more or less.

You are further notified that un-
less you answer the Petition on or
before the 12th day of April, 2024,
the allegations of the Petition will
be taken as true and a decree
quieting Plaintiff's title to the de-
scribed property will be entered. A
copy of your answer must also be
delivered or mailed to the attorney
for the Plaintiff.

ISSUED this 23 day of Febru-
ary, 2024.

/s/ Karen Weltmer
By: McClain County
Deputy Court Clerk
(Seal)

Approved:
/s/ Haley J. Dennis
Haley J. Dennis, OBA #32766
PLAINVIEW LEGAL GROUP
PLLC
330 W. Gray Street, Ste 100
Norman, OK 73069
Telephone: (405) 310-0183
Facsimile: (405) 561-4003
hdennis@plainviewlegal.com
ATTORNEY FOR EDGE
LEGACY, LLC

No. 141-March 7-1 Time
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOP-
TION OF:
S.C.B.
DOB: 01/17/2022
A MINOR CHILD.

Case No. FA-2024-4
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
TO: Kaylie Marie Baker, mother
of S.C.B., a minor child who was
born on the 17th day of Janu-
ary, 2022, at Integris Southwest
Medical Center, in Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma County, Oklahoma.
You are notified that on the 8th
day of February, 2024, an Ap-
plication for Order Determining
the Child, S.C.B., Eligible for Adoption
Without the Consent of the Mother
and Termination of Parental Rights
was filed herein. Said Application
is set for hearing on the 26th day
of April, 2024, at 10:00, a.m. in
the District Courtroom of Judge
Charles Gray in the District Court
of McClain County, State of
Oklahoma.

The Petitioners have alleged in
the Application that said child is
eligible for adoption without your
consent in that you, Kaylie Marie
Baker, mother of S.C.B., have will-
fully failed, refused or neglected to
contribute to the support of the
minor child for a period of twelve
(12) consecutive months out of
the last fourteen (14) months im-
mediately preceding the filing of
the application pursuant to 10
O.S. §7505-4.2(B) and you have
failed to maintain a substantial
and positive relationship with the
minor child for a period of twelve
(12) consecutive months out of
the last fourteen (14) months
immediately preceding the filing

No. 142-March 7-1 Time
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES
OF JAMES GAYLON GRAY, De-
ceased, and
JOELL SUE GRAY, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2024-28
NOTICE OF HEARING
ETITION FOR PROBATE OF
WILLS, APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE,
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,
DEVISEES AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given to all
persons interested in the Estates
of James Gaylon Gray, Deceased,
and Joell Sue Gray, Deceased,
that on the 28th day of February
2024, there was produced and
filed in the District Court of McClain
County, State of Oklahoma, instru-
ments purporting to be the Will of
James Gaylon Gray, Deceased,
dated June 27, 2014, and the
Will of Joell Sue Gray, Deceased,
dated June 27, 2014 and there
was also filed in the Court the
Petition of Leslie Bryan Spence
praying that the Wills be admitted
to probate, Letters Testamentary
issued to Leslie Bryan Spence as
Personal Representative of the
Estate, to serve without bond,
for a judicial determination of the
heirs, devisees and legatees of the
Decedents.

Pursuant to an Order of this
Court made on the 28th day of
February 2024 notice is given
that the 28th day of March 2024,
at 9:30 o'clock a.m. is the day
and time that the Petition will be
heard in the District Courtroom
of the Honorable Charles Gray in
the District Courthouse, Purcell,
McClain County, Oklahoma, and
all persons interested may appear
and contest the same.

Witness, the undersigned,
Judge of the District Court of Mc-
Clain County, State of Oklahoma,
this 28 day of February 2024.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE
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 Petitioner

of the application pursuant to 10
O.S. §7505-4.2(H).

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NO-
TIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL
HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT
OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE
GRANTING OF THE PETITION AT
THE TIME AND PLACE ABOVE
SHOWN WHERE YOU WILL
HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRE-
SENT AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO
BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND
PLACE INCLUDING THE RIGHT
TO OBJECT TO THE ADOPTION
OF YOUR CHILD. YOUR FAILURE
TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING
SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL
OF YOUR INTEREST IN YOUR
CHILD WHICH DENIAL MAY RE-
SULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NO-
TICE OF THIS PROCEEDING OR
ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEED-
INGS, IN YOUR CHILD'S ADOP-
TION WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT
THEREBY ULTIMATELY TERMI-
NATING YOUR RIGHTS TO YOUR
CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF
OKLAHOMA.

Dated this 26th day of Febru-
ary, 2024.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Linque H. Gillett
GILLETT AND HOPKINS FAM-
ILY LAW ADVOCATES, L.L.C.
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONERS

BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
APPLICANT: ROBYN STRICKLAND, DIRECTOR)
OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION DIVISION) CASE No.
OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION) SF2024-000063
RELIEF SOUGHT: VACATION OF ORDER NO. 736788)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Norwell #1 (087-00027) CNW/4)
SW/4 Section 3, Township 6 North, Range 2 West,)
McClain County, Oklahoma)

NOTICE OF HEARING
STATE OF OKLAHOMA: To all persons having an interest in the above-described relief:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application to vacate Order No. 736788 pertaining to
the above-captioned well has been filed and will be heard by an Administrative Law Judge at
8:30 a.m. on the 19th day of April 2024 on the Oklahoma City Pollution/ Enforcement Docket.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, due to renovation work, the Commission's Oklahoma
City office is relocating from the Jim Thorpe Office Building to the Will Rogers Memorial
Office Building located in the Capitol Complex, 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK,
73105. All docket calls and hearings will be conducted in Courtroom E or other courtrooms
located on the concourse level between the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and the
Sequoyah Office Building. The specific room location will be available on or before the
hearing date at the information desk in the first-floor lobby of the Will Rogers Memorial Office
Building, and on the Commission's website at: https://oklahoma.gov/occ/court-dockets.html.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that for information concerning this action, interested persons
may contact Deputy General Counsel Tyler H. Trout by telephone at (405) 698-6732 or by
email at tyler.trout@occ.ok.gov.

OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION
J. TODD HIETT, CHAIRMAN
KIM DAVID, VICE CHAIRMAN
BOB ANTHONY, COMMISSIONER

No. 137-March 7-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
In the Matter of the Estate Of:
KAREN LYNN CHAVEZ
FRIEDRICHS,
Deceased.

Case No. PB-2022-157
NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST
AND FINAL ACCOUNT,
PETITION FOR DECREE OF
DISTRIBUTION, APPROVAL
OF ATTORNEYS' FEES,
COSTS AND EXPENSES,
APPROVAL OF PERSONAL

No. 131-February 29-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF THOMAS ALBERT DEVERA,
Deceased.

Case No.: PB-2024-27
COMBINED NOTICE TO
CREDITORS AND NOTICE
OF HEARING
TO: ALL PERSONS INTEREST-
ED IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS
ALBERT DEVERA

You are hereby notified that on the 27 day of February, 2024, the Petitioner, Thomas Scott Devera, c/o KLINGENBERG, CONRAD AND ASSOCIATES, 330 N.W. 13th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103, filed in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, a Petition for Summary Administration for Probate of Will, Issuance of Letters of Administration, and Determination of Heirs, Devisees, Legatees and Distribution. The Petitioner has alleged that Thomas Albert Devera, 76, died on the 26th day October, 2023, domiciled in Mc-Clain County, State of Oklahoma, and that summary proceedings are appropriate under Title 58 O.S. 2012 §245(A)(1) as the value of Decedent's estate is less than \$200,000.00. The Petitioner has asked this Court to dispense with regular estate proceedings pre-scribed by law and order summary proceedings for probate pursuant to Title 58 O.S. 2012 §245(A)(1). By

No. 136-March 7-1 Time
BEFORE THE CORPORATION
COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
APPLICANT: FOURPOINT EN-
ERGY, LLC
RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING
(PART OF A MULTIUNIT HORI-
ZONTAL WELL)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SEC-
TION 32, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH,
RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAIN
COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

CASE CD2023-000860-T
NOTICE OF HEARING
ON MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME
TO ALL PERSONS, OWNERS,
PRODUCERS, OPERATORS,
PURCHASERS AND TAKERS OF
OIL AND GAS, INCLUDING An-
drea Rudell Pohle c/o Brian S
Meyer; Annastin Energy, LLC;
Barbara Pohle Frnka; Bentrock Oil
Company, LLC; Catherine Eileen
Wood c/o George M Emerson;
Catherine Eileen Wood c/o Kim-
berly Ann Wood; Catherine Eileen
Wood c/o Kimberly Ann Wood;
Catherine Eileen Wood c/o Kim-
berly Ann Wood; Catherine Eileen
Wood c/o Kimberly Ann Wood;
Catherine Eileen Wood; Charisse
Pohle Kowarsch; Cherry Creek
Minerals, LLC; Continental Re-
sources, Inc; DW Energy Group,
LLC; Elizabeth W Klosterman or
her Successor in Trust, Trustee of
the Margaret P Matthews Revo-
cable Trust; Elizabeth W Klos-
terman or her Successor in Trust,
Trustee of the Margaret P Mat-
thews Revocable Trust; Elizabeth
W Klosterman or her Successor
in Trust, Trustee of the Margaret P
Matthews Revocable Trust; Eric
Clifton Garrett; Estates of Irvin
Polson; Carl Angus Polson; Minnie
Lyle Polson, nee Howison; Ethel
Maud Reyburn, nee Polson; and
Hugh Howison Polson, all de-
ceased c/o John A Burkhardt,
Local Service Agent; Finis Lynn
Ewing; Jack J Matthews or his
Unknown Heirs, Successors,
Devisees, and Assigns c/o Eliza-
beth W Klosterman; Jack J Mat-
thews or his Unknown Heirs,
Successors, Devisees, and As-
signs c/o Elizabeth W Klosterman;
Jack J Matthews or his Unknown
Heirs, Successors, Devisees, and
Assigns c/o H Salyer, a/k/a Audrey
H Salyer, deceased c/o Debra Jan
Whipkey; Unknown Heirs, Suc-
cessors, Devisees, and Assigns
of A H Salyer, a/k/a Audrey H
Salyer, deceased c/o Stephen Rus-
sell Salyer; Unknown Heirs, Suc-
cessors, Devisees, and Assigns of
Bill W Harwell, deceased c/o Rena
Sue Vandament; Unknown Heirs,
Successors, Devisees, and As-
signs of Bill W Harwell, deceased
c/o Rena Sue Vandament; Un-
known Heirs, Successors, Devi-
sees, and Assigns of Bill W Har-
well, deceased c/o Rena Sue Van-
dament; Unknown Heirs, Suc-
cessors, Devisees, and Assigns
of Charles John Hoffman III, de-
ceased c/o LuPete Family LP;
Unknown Heirs, Successors,
Devisees, and Assigns of Jimmy
Wayne Harwell, deceased c/o
Rena Sue Vandament; Unknown
Heirs, Successors, Devisees, and

REPRESENTATIVE'S FEES AND
DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given that Tracy
Chaney, the duly appointed and
qualified Personal Representative
of the Estate of Karen Lynn Chavez
Friedrichs, Deceased, has filed her
Final Account, Petition for Decree
of Distribution, Approval of Attor-
neys' Fees, Costs and Expenses,
Approval of Personal Representa-
tive's fee and Discharge of Per-
sonal Representative.

A hearing has been fixed by the
Judge of the Court for the 28th day

virtue of the Last Will and Testa-
ment of Thomas Albert Devera,
Petitioner has prior right to the
appointment as Special Admin-
istrator of the Estate of Thomas
Albert Devera, Deceased.

In an Order for Combined Notice
entered herein, the Court found it
should dispense with the regular
estate proceedings prescribed by
law and order Notice to Creditors,
and issue an Order for Hearing
upon the Petition for Summary
Administration for Probate of
Will, the Final Accounting, and
Determination of Heirs, Devisees,
Legatees and Distribution.

Further, Petitioner, Thomas
Scott Devera's, Petition for Sum-
mary Administration for Probate,
Issuance of Letters of Admin-
istration, and Determination of
Heirs, Devisees, Legatees, and
Distribution states that the fol-
lowing person(s) have an interest
in the estate as heirs, devisees,
and/or legatees: (i) Thomas Scott
Devera, c/o KLINGENBERG,
CONRAD AND ASSOCIATES, 330
N.W. 13th Street, Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma 73103, and (ii) Tracey
Michelle Devera, 102 Church Way,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73139,
(iii) Shanda Geurin Devera, 2309
County Road 1232, Blanchard,
Oklahoma 73139, and (iv) "The
Thomas A. Devera Trust, dated
the 2nd day of May, 2023," 2309
County Road 1232, Blanchard,
Oklahoma 73139

Pursuant to the Order for Com-
bined Notice, all creditors having

Devisees, and Assigns c/o Rena
Sue Vandament; Marlene Harwell
or her Unknown Heirs, Succes-
sors, Devisees, and Assigns c/o
Rena Sue Vandament; Marlene
Harwell or her Unknown Heirs,
Successors, Devisees, and As-
signs c/o Rena Sue Vandament;
Martha Endsley; Michele Pohle
Sprinkle; Michele Pohle Sprinkle;
Nancy Ewing; Nancy Ewing;
Nancy Ewing; Native Oil & Gas,
LLC; NEO Operating, LLC; Nicole
Marie Maxey McDonald; O'Connor
Royalty, LLC c/o David Joseph
O'Connor; O'Connor Royalty, LLC
c/o David Joseph O'Connor; Paige
Ewing; Paige Ewing; Petroven, Inc;
Petroven, Inc; Raymond J Berry-
man, II and Sarah Jean Berryman;
Raymond J Berryman, II and
Sarah Jean Berryman; RIP3, LP;
Robert Garrett c/o Janet Garrett;
Rock Creek Ranch I, LLC; Rother
CDR-KVR Energy, LLC; Santa
Clarita Capital, LLC; Steve R Wil-
coxson and Dana E Wilcoxson;
Summit Oil and Gas, LLC; Suzi
Salowe, Trustee of the Suzi Salowe
Trust dtd 7/11/2001; TBD Invest-
ments, LLC; The Nordan Trust
established by Agreement, dtd
12/16/1968 c/o Alice Nordan
Lindsay Welder; The Nordan Trust
established by Agreement, dtd
12/16/1968 c/o Alice Nordan
Lindsay Welder; The Nordan Trust
established by Agreement, dtd
12/16/1968 c/o Alice Nordan
Lindsay Welder; The Nordan Trust,
as Trustee of The Alice Nordan
Lindsay Trust created by the Last
Will and Testament of Sidney A
Lindsay, Jr c/o Alice Nordan Lind-
say Welder; The Nordan Trust, as
Trustee of The Alice Nordan Lind-
say Trust created by the Last Will
and Testament of Sidney A Lind-
say, Jr c/o Alice Nordan Lindsay
Welder; The Nordan Trust, as
Trustee of The Alice Nordan Lind-
say Trust created by the Last Will
and Testament of Sidney A Lind-
say, Jr c/o Alice Nordan Lindsay
Welder; Tim Wayne Harwell; Tim
Wayne Harwell; Tim Wayne Har-
well; Trailhead Energy, LLC; Trail-
head Energy, LLC c/o Clayton
Maxwell, Managing Member;
TTXMC0, LLC; Unknown Heirs,
Successors, Devisees, and As-
signs of A H Salyer, a/k/a Audrey
H Salyer, deceased c/o Debra Jan
Whipkey; Unknown Heirs, Suc-
cessors, Devisees, and Assigns
of A H Salyer, a/k/a Audrey H
Salyer, deceased c/o Stephen Rus-
sell Salyer; Unknown Heirs, Suc-
cessors, Devisees, and Assigns of
Bill W Harwell, deceased c/o Rena
Sue Vandament; Unknown Heirs,
Successors, Devisees, and As-
signs of Bill W Harwell, deceased
c/o Rena Sue Vandament; Un-
known Heirs, Successors, Devi-
sees, and Assigns of Bill W Har-
well, deceased c/o Rena Sue Van-
dament; Unknown Heirs, Suc-
cessors, Devisees, and Assigns
of Charles John Hoffman III, de-
ceased c/o LuPete Family LP;
Unknown Heirs, Successors,
Devisees, and Assigns of Jimmy
Wayne Harwell, deceased c/o
Rena Sue Vandament; Unknown
Heirs, Successors, Devisees, and

of March, 2024 at 9:30 A.M., at the
McClain County Courthouse, 121
N. 2nd Street, Purcell, Oklahoma
73080, 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, the Attorneys' Fees,
Costs, and Expenses approved,
the Personal Representative's
fee approved and the Personal
Representative discharged.

DATED this 28th day of Febru-
ary, 2024.

CHARLES GRAY

claims against Thomas Albert
Devera, Deceased, are required to
present same, with a description
of all security interests and other
collateral, if any, held by each
creditor with respect to such claim
to the Petitioner, Thomas Scott
Devera, c/o Klingenberg, Conrad &
Associates, 330 N.W. 13th Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103,
on or before the 11 day of April,
2024, or the same will be forever
barred.

Notice is hereby given that the
final hearing will be held on the 2
day of May, 2024, at 9:30 o'clock
a.m. at the McClain County
Courthouse, located at 121 N. 2nd
Street, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080,
before the Honorable Judge Gray.
At the hearing the Court will decide
whether to approve the Petition
for Summary Administration for
Probate and the Final Account
and Petition for Determination of
Heirs, Legatees, and Devisees
and Distribution of the Petition.
The Final Account and Petition for
Determination of Heirs, Legatees,
and Devisees and Distribution will
be filed herein on or before the 15
day of April, 2024.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED
THAT YOU MUST FILE OBJEC-
TIONS TO THE PETITION FOR
SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION
FOR PROBATE AND THE FINAL
ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,
LEGATEES, AND DEVISEES AND
DISTRIBUTION AT LEAST TEN
(10) DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING

Assigns of Jimmy Wayne Harwell,
deceased c/o Rena Sue Vanda-
ment; Unknown Heirs, Succes-
sors, Devisees, and Assigns of
Jimmy Wayne Harwell, deceased
c/o Rena Sue Vandament; Un-
known Heirs, Successors, Devi-
sees, and Assigns of Nancy M
Snook, a/k/a Nancy Marchant
Snook, a/k/a Nancy Jean March-
ant, a/k/a Nancy Jean Simons,
a/k/a Nancy Marchant Simons,
a/k/a Nancy M Hollingsworth,
a/k/a Nancy Jean Hollingsworth,
deceased c/o Robert Franklin
Simons, Jr; Unknown Heirs, Suc-
cessors, Devisees, and Assigns
of Nancy M Snook, a/k/a Nancy
Marchant Snook, a/k/a Nancy
Jean Marchant, a/k/a Nancy Jean
Simons, a/k/a Nancy Marchant
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sworth, a/k/a Nancy Jean Holl-
ingsworth, deceased c/o Thomas
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E Simons; Unknown Heirs, Suc-
cessors, Devisees, and Assigns
of R J Berryman, a/k/a Raymond
Joseph Berryman, deceased c/o
Raymond J Berryman II and
Sarah Jean Berryman; Unknown
Heirs, Successors, Devisees, and
Assigns of R J Berryman, a/k/a
Raymond Joseph Berryman, de-
ceased c/o Raymond J Berryman
II and Sarah Jean Berryman; Un-
known Heirs, Successors, Devi-
sees, and Assigns of R J Berryman,
a/k/a Raymond Joseph Berryman,
deceased c/o Carl and Judith Kurt
Trust dtd 10/7/2015; Unknown
Heirs, Successors, Devisees, and
Assigns of Van Ewing c/o Nancy
Ewing; Unknown Heirs, Succes-
sors, Devisees, and Assigns of Van
Ewing, deceased c/o Lisa Gay
Sparks; Unknown Heirs, Succes-
sors, Devisees, and Assigns of Van
Ewing, deceased c/o Vana Lee
Ewing; Unknown Heirs, Succes-
sors, Devisees, and Assigns of Van
Ewing, deceased c/o Finis Lynn
Ewing; Vana Lee Ewing; Vicki Lynn
Marie Moo c/o Bank of America,
NA, as Agent; Vicki Lynn Marie
Moo c/o Bank of America, NA, as
Agent; Wells Fargo Bank, NA, as
Administrative Agent (Mortgagee)
for NEO Operating, LLC (Mort-
gagor) Attn: Muhammad A Dha-
mani; WestEnergy, LLC; William E
Durrett and Blake Hogan, Trustees
of GST Exemption Trust A created
pursuant to the Last Will and
Testament of Lenice Bonner Cam-
eron, deceased c/o American Fi-
delity Corporation; William E
Durrett and Blake Hogan, Trustees
of GST Exemption Trust A created
pursuant to the Last Will and
Testament of Lenice Bonner Cam-
eron, deceased c/o William E
Durrett; William E Durrett and
Blake Hogan, Trustees of GST
Exemption Trust B created pursu-
ant to the Last Will and Testament
of Lenice Bonner Cameron, de-

ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
Charles Gray
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Jon R. Vittitow
Jon R. Vittitow, OBA #14829
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com
Attorney for Administrator

AND SEND A COPY OF THE OB-
JECTION TO THE PETITIONER'S
ATTORNEY, C/O KLINGENBERG,
CONRAD & ASSOCIATES, 330
N.W. 13TH STREET, OKLAHOMA
CITY, OKLAHOMA 73103, OR
YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE
WAIVED ANY OBJECTIONS. If you
have no objections, you need not
appear at the hearing or make any
filings with the Court.

If an objection is filed at least ten
(10) days before the hearing, the
Court will determine at the hearing
whether summary proceedings are
appropriate, and if so, whether
the estate will be distributed
and to whom the estate will be
distributed.

Thomas Scott Devera,
Special Administrator of the
Estate of Thomas Albert Devera,
Deceased
By: /s/ Stacey R. Steiner
Kenneth W. Klingenberg,
OBA No. 5079
Grady R. Conrad,
OBA No. 32164
Stacey R. Steiner,
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Attorneys for Thomas Scott
Devera, Special Administrator

No. 144-March 7-1 Time
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
FOR RE-ZONING APPLICATION
GOLDSBY, OKLAHOMA
NOTICE: AN APPLICATION
HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE
TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN
OF GOLDSBY, OKLAHOMA, TO
RE-ZONE THE FOLLOWING
TRACT(S) OF LAND FROM AG-
RICULTURAL-RESIDENTIAL A-1
TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL C-2.
STREET ADDRESS: 2108 NW
12th Ave Goldsby
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
TRACT A:

A tract of land that is part of
the NE/4 of Section Fifteen (15),
Township Eight (8) North, Range
Three (3) West of the I.M., Mc-
Clain County, Oklahoma, being
more particularly described as
follows: Commencing from the NE
Corner of said NE/4, thence along
Section Line South (Recorded),
(S0°23'45"E Measured) a distance
of 1149.00 feet to the POINT OF
BEGINNING; Thence continuing
along Section Line North (Re-
corded), (S0°23'45"E Measured)
a distance of 245.00 feet; Thence
West (Recorded), (N89°36'15"E-
Measured) a distance of 190.00
feet; Thence North (Recorded),
(N0°23'45"W Measured) a dis-
tance of 245.00 feet; Thence
East (Recorded), (N89°36'15"
E Measured) a distance of 190.00
feet to the Point of Beginning,
plus 0.10 acres on the South of
the property (described below as
TRACT B). The above tract of land
contains 1.068 acres, more or less.
SURFACE ONLY.

TRACT B:
A tract of land that is part
of the NE/4 of Section Fifteen
(15), Township Eight (8) North,
Range Three (3) West of the I.M.,
McClain County, Oklahoma, be-
ing more particularly described
as follows: Commencing from
the NE Corner of said NE/4;



No. 147-March 7-1 Time
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF
DEANNA WEST, DECEASED.

PB-2024-25
ALIAS
NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF
WILL, APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE,
DETERMINATION OF HEIRS,
DEVISEES AND LEGATEES
AND ISSUANCE OF
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
Notice is hereby given to all
heirs, legatees and devisees of
Deanna West, deceased, that on
the 23rd day of February, 2024,
there was produced and filed in
this Court an instrument in writ-
ing purporting to be the Last Will
and Testament of Deanna West,
deceased, and also filed in said
Court was a petition praying for
the probate of said will and an order
determining the individual identity
of each of the heirs, beneficiaries,
legatees and devisees, that Let-
ters Testamentary issue thereon to

Thence S0°19'08"E (Recorded),
(S0°23'45"E Measured) on the
East line of said NE/4, for a dis-
tance of 1394.00 feet to the Point
of Beginning; Thence S0°19'08"E
(Recorded), (S0°23'45"E Mea-
sured) for a distance of 8.00 feet;
Thence S80°33'43"W (Record-
ed), (S80°29'06"W Measured)
for a distance of 192.43 feet;
Thence N0°19'08"W (Record-
ed), (N0°23'45"W Measured)
for a distance of 38.50 feet;
Thence N89°40'52"E (Recorded),
(N89°36'15"E Measured) for a
distance of 190.00 feet to the Point
of Beginning, containing 0.10 acre
more or less and subject to ease-
ments and rights of way of record.
SURFACE ONLY.

THE PROPOSED RE-ZONING
WILL BE BROUGHT FOR PUBLIC
HEARING AT THE PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING ON THE
28TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024, AT
6:30 P.M. AT TOWN HALL, 100 E.
CENTER RD, GOLDSBY, OKLA-
HOMA, AT WHICH TIME AND
PLACE ANY AFFECTED PERSON
(S) MAY APPEAR TO PROTEST
OR SUPPORT THE PASSAGE
THEREOF. ANY WRITTEN PRO-
TEST MUST BE FILED WITH THE
TOWN CLERK PRIOR TO 4:00
P.M. OF THE DAY OF SAID COM-
MISSION MEETING.

THE PROPOSED RE-ZON-
ING WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE
BROUGHT TO PUBLIC HEARING
FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE
GOLDSBY TOWN BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING, GOLDSBY
TOWN HALL, 100 E. CENTER RD.,
AT 7:30 P.M. ON THE 11TH DAY
OF APRIL, 2024. ANY WRITTEN
PROTEST FOR THIS MEETING
MUST BE FILED WITH THE TOWN
CLERK AT LEAST THREE (3) DAYS
PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW
(11 O.S. 1981 § 43-105). DATED
THIS 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.
SANDRA JENKINS, CLERK

Brian Conner, the personal repre-
sentative named in said will, and
that the identity of the heirs, devi-
sees and legatees of the decedent
be determined at the hearing; and
that that the hearing on said peti-
tion is rescheduled and therefore
now will be heard in the courtroom
of the undersigned judge, Mc-
Clain County Courthouse, City of
Purcell, in said county and state,
on the 21st day of March, 2024,
at the hour of 9:30 A.M., at which
time all persons interested may
appear and show cause, if any
they have, why the prayer of said
petition should not be granted.

Witness my hand this 1st day
of March, 2024.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
PARK, NELSON, CAYWOOD &
JONES, LLP
122 North Fourth Street
Post Office Box 968
Chickasha, Oklahoma 73023
(405) 224-0386
Attorneys for Petitioner



• Photo provided

Decisions, decisions

State Senator Jessica Garvin places a bid in the silent auction at the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce Racers for Success scholarship luncheon last week. The event was held at the Newcastle High School Field House and Wellness Center.

No. 134-February 29-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF
Althea Neal, f/k/a Althea Halstead, f/k/a Althea Allene Taylor, a/k/a Alphaea Taylor Halstead, Deceased; and
Nancy Pugh, f/k/a Nancy Bills, f/k/a Nancy Carol Halstead, Deceased; and
John Ralph Halstead, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2024-24
COMBINED NOTICE: NOTICE TO CREDITORS; NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ANCILLARY PROBATE BY SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION, TO APPOINT ADMINISTRATORS, FOR HEARING ON THE FINAL ACCOUNTING, TO DETERMINE HEIRS, DISTRIBUTE THE ESTATES, AND DISCHARGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY given to all persons interested in the Estates of Althea Neal, f/k/a Althea Halstead, f/k/a Althea Allene Taylor, a/k/a Alphaea Taylor Halstead, Deceased (hereafter “Althea Neal”); of Nancy Pugh, f/k/a Nancy Bills, f/k/a Nancy Carol Halstead, Deceased (hereafter “Nancy Pugh”); and of John Ralph Halstead, Deceased, that on this date, Ira Charles Wilson,; Deanna M. Mullen; John R. Halstead, Jr.; and Hugh E. Halstead (“Co-Petitioners”), who may be contacted through counsel at the address below, filed a Petition for Ancillary Probate by Summary Administration in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, requesting that Letters of Administration be issued to them.
Said Petition further requested that: the date of death and heirs-at-law of said Decedents be determined, issue through right of representation be determined, the final accounting be approved, the property of the Decedents subject to the jurisdiction of this Court be distributed pursuant to the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and the Co-Administrators be discharged.

The Petitioner has alleged that Althea Neal died, intestate and unmarried, at the age of 75 on June 19, 1999, in Montgomery County, Texas. At the time of her death, Althea Neal was a resident of San Jacinto County, Texas. Her last known address was 101 Bud Walke Road, Point Blank, Texas 77364.

Althea Neal died seized of mineral interests located in McClain County, Oklahoma.

The names, ages, and last known addresses of all of the heirs-at-law and individuals having first right to serve as Administrator of the Estate of Althea Neal, Deceased, herein so far as known to the Co-Petitioners are the following, to wit:

Name and Address	Age	Relationship
Ira Charles Wilson 2500 Fairway Drive, Apartment 523 Alvin, TX 77511	Adult	Grandson, Co-Petitioner
Deanna M. Mullen 4704 35th Street Dickinson, TX 77539	Adult	Granddaughter, Co-Petitioner
John R. Halstead, Jr. 10943 S. H. 87 S. Shelbyville, TX 75973	Adult	Grandson, Co-Petitioner
Hugh E. Halstead 1750 S. H. 87 S. Center, TX 75935	Adult	Grandson, Co-Petitioner
James A. Halstead 2814 Spa Drive Deer Park, TX 77536	Adult	Grandson
Jason M. Halstead 1900 Shipyard Drive Seabrook, TX 77586	Adult	Grandson

The probable value of the probate Estate of Althea Neal, Deceased, so far as known to the Petitioner is less than \$200,000.00.

Nancy Pugh died, intestate and unmarried, at the age of 79 on November 6, 2020, in Galveston County, Texas. At the time of her death, Nancy Pugh was a resident of Galveston County, Texas. Her last known address was 803 Childs Street, Alvin, TX 77511.

Nancy Pugh died seized of mineral interests located in McClain County, Oklahoma.

The names, ages, and last known addresses of all of the heirs-at-law and individuals having first right to serve as Administrator of the Estate of Nancy Pugh, Deceased, herein so far as known to the Co-Petitioners are the following, to wit:

Name and Address	Age	Relationship
Ira Charles Wilson 2500 Fairway Drive, Apartment 523 Alvin, TX 77511	Adult	Grandson, Co-Petitioner
Deanna M. Mullen 4704 35th Street Dickinson, TX 77539	Adult	Granddaughter, Co-Petitioner

The probable value of the probate Estate of Nancy Pugh, Deceased, so far as known to the Petitioner is less than \$200,000.00.

John Ralph Halstead died, intestate and married, at the age of 31 on March 22, 1975, in Galveston County, Texas. At the time of his death,

John Ralph Halstead was a resident of Galveston County, Texas. His last known address was 3905 Deats Road, Dickinson, TX 77539.

John Ralph Halstead predeceased his mother, Althea Neal, who died seized of mineral interests located in McClain County, Oklahoma, and thus the issue of John Ralph Halstead must be determined as they are entitled to one-half (1/2) of the Estate of Althea Neal, Deceased.

The names, ages, and last known addresses of all of the heirs-at-law and individuals having first right to serve as Administrator of the Estate of John Ralph Halstead, Deceased, herein so far as known to the Co-Petitioners are the following, to wit:

Name and Address	Age	Relationship
John R. Halstead, Jr. 10943 S. H. 87 S. Shelbyville, TX 75973	Adult	Grandson, Co-Petitioner
Hugh E. Halstead 1750 S. H. 87 S. Center, TX 75935	Adult	Grandson, Co-Petitioner
James A. Halstead 2814 Spa Drive Deer Park, TX 77536	Adult	Grandson
Jason M. Halstead 1900 Shipyard Drive Seabrook, TX 77586	Adult	Grandson

The probable value of the probate Estate of John Ralph Halstead, Deceased, so far as known to the Petitioner is less than \$200,000.00.

Pursuant to an Order of said Court, notice is hereby given that the 11th day of April, 2024, at the hour of 9:30 o’clock A.M. in the Courtroom of the undersigned Judge, or the Judge to whom this cause is assigned on said date, in the McClain County Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma, has been appointed as the time and place for hearing said Petition, and considering all relief requested in the Petition presented to the Court on said date. All persons interested may appear at said hearing. The Co-Administrators shall present the final accountings at the final hearing.

Any person receiving this notice, or any interested party may file objections to the Petition at or before the final hearing. All objections to the Petition and/or any relief requested must be made in writing, with such objection to be filed herein, with a copy being provided to the Co-Petitioners and the attorney for the same, and if an objection is not made within the allowed time, all persons will be deemed to have waived any objection to the Petition and the relief prayed for.

If an objection is filed on or before the hearing date, on the hearing date the Court will determine whether summary proceedings are appropriate, and if so, whether the Estates will be distributed and to whom the Estates will be distributed.

TO ALL CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE NAMED DECEDENTS: All creditors having claims against the above-named Decedents are required to present the same, with a description of all security interest or other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Lisa M. Black at the offices of THE TITLE LAW GROUP, PLLC, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days following the filing of the Petition and Combined Notice herein, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2024.

/s/ Charles N. Gray
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

The Title Law Group, PLLC
301 NW 63rd Street, Suite 350
Oklahoma City, OK 73116
Telephone: (405) 608-1900
lblack@thetitlelawgroup.com
mmartin@thetitlelawgroup.com
/s/ Lisa M. Black
Lisa M. Black, OBA #22067
Attorney for the Estates

No. 126-February 29-2 Times
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The McClain County Board of Commissioners will be receiving sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., March 15th, 2024 with the opening of bids on March 18th, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. for the sale of One (1) 12’ Enclosed Single Axle Trailer for the McClain County Sheriff’s Office.

Invitation to Bid forms are on file in the McClain County Clerk’s Office, 3rd Floor, Room 303, McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma or request to be mailed or emailed. Submit bids to McClain County Clerk, PO Box 629, Purcell, OK 73080.

The Board has the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
SEAL
DATE: 2/26/2024
/s/ Pam Beller
Pam Beller
County Clerk

No. 127-February 29-2 Times
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The McClain County Board of Commissioners will be receiving sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., March 15th, 2024 with the opening of bids on March 18th, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. for the sale of One (1) 18’ Boat Hull with Trailer for the McClain County Sheriff’s Office.

Invitation to Bid forms are on file in the McClain County Clerk’s Office, 3rd Floor, Room 303, McClain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma or request to be mailed or emailed. Submit bids to McClain County Clerk, PO Box 629, Purcell, OK 73080.

The Board has the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
SEAL
DATE: 2/26/2024
/s/ Pam Beller
Pam Beller
County Clerk

No. 124-February 29-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EUYVONE G. MCCALL, DECEASED.

Case No. PB-2024-26

COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

You are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of February 2024, the Petitioner VELTAL JOHNSTON, 1302 Redbud #204, Yukon, OK 73099, filed in the District Court of McClain County a Petition for Summary Administration. The Petitioner has alleged that decedent Euyvone G. McCall, age 85, died on the 18th day of April 2020, residing at 1215 Westbrook Blvd., Apt #405, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, and that the total value of the decedent’s property in Oklahoma is less than Two Hundred Thousand and NO/100 Dollars (\$200,000.00).

An instrument purporting to be a certified copy of the Last Will and Testament of the decedent is attached to the Petition. The Petitioner has asked that this Court admit the Last Will and Testament to probate and order summary proceedings pursuant to 58 O.S. §245, et seq.

Petitioner, VELTAL L. JOHNSTON is the sister of said decedent and as such is entitled to be appointed as Special Administrator of this estate.

The sole heirs to the estate are as follows:

Name:	Relationship:	Age:
Lloyd McCall 505 Canter Gait Ln Collierville, TN 30817	Son	Majority
Estate of Donna D. Hawkins c/o Velta Johnston, PR 1302 Redbud #204 Yukon, OK 73099	Daughter	Deceased
Estate of Cathy McCall c/o Velta Johnston, PR 1302 Redbud #204 Yukon, OK 73099	Daughter	Deceased

In an Order for Combined Notice entered herein, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law, order combined Notice to Creditors, and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration, Appointment of Special Administrator, Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees, Admission of Will and Distribution of Estate.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having claims against Decedent EUYVONE G. MCCALL, deceased, are required to present same, with a description of all security interest and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the Attorney for Petitioner, Greg Dixon, 108 N. 2nd Ave., Purcell, OK 73080, on or before the 1st of April 2024, or the same will be forever barred.

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 25th day of April 2024, at 9:30 a.m., at the McClain County Courthouse before Judge Charles Gray. At the hearing the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration, Appointment of Special Administrator, Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees, Admission of Will and Distribution of Estate.

If an objection is filed before the hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estate will be distributed and to whom the estate will be distributed.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Greg Dixon
Greg Dixon, OBA #16492
NICHOLS I DIXON PLLC
108 N. 2nd Ave.
Purcell, OK 73080
T: 405-527-5888
greg@nicholsdixon.com
Attorney for Petitioner

No. 148-March 7-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF TERRY MARC ROBERTSON,
Deceased.

Case No.: PB-24-30
NOTICE FOR HEARING
PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE, APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE,
AND FOR DETERMINATION OF
IDENTITY OF HEIRS-AT-LAW
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
to all persons interested in the
estate of Terry Marc Robertson,
Deceased, that on the 4th day
of March, 2024, Terra Ree Cash
Annesley produced in the District
Court of McClain County, State
of Oklahoma, a Petition for the
administration of the Estate of
Terry Marc Robertson, Deceased,
asking that Letters of Administra-
tion be issued to Terra Ree Cash
Annesley upon the estate of Terry
Marc Robertson, Deceased, and
requesting this Court determine
the identity of all the heirs-at-law
of the decedent.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that

the 28th day of March, 2024, 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 Judge Charles Gray
of the District Court, Probate Divi-
sion, in the County Courthouse,
in the County of McClain, Okla-
homa, when and where all per-
sons 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 4 day of March,
2024.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
Judge of the District Court

Prepared by:
RIEGER LAW GROUP, PLLC
By: /s/ Keith Barrett
Keith Barrett, OBA #30011
136 Thompson Dr.
Norman, OK 73069
(405) 310-5274
kbarrett@riegerlawgroup.com
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

No. 143-March 7-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF DAISY NELL STEPHENS,
Deceased.

Case No. PB-22-127
NOTICE OF HEARING
FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT,
PETITION FOR DECREE OF
DISTRIBUTION AND
DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given that Tolar Ray Atkinson, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Represen- tative of the Estate of Daisy Nell Stephens, Deceased, has filed his Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution and Discharge of Personal Representative. A hear- ing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 28th day of March 2024, at 9:30 a.m., in the District Courtroom of Judge Charles N. Gray, 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 28 day of February
2024.

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 Repre-
sentative

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Washington Elementary Students of the Week

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Congratulations to Washington Elementary Students of the Week Kyra Hardcastle, Elizabeth Pottee, Rowan Grissom and Cruz Wilson. They represent their second-grade classes March 4-8.

Kyra Hardcastle is in Mrs. Burch's class. She likes the color blue and her favorite game is "Uno." Her favorite sport is softball and she likes watching the movie "Star Wars." Kyra's favorite food is ramen. She likes learning math at school and reading bird books. Her favorite song is "9 to 5."

Rowan Grissom is in Mrs. Dabney's class. She likes to play the game "Hide and Seek" and her favorite color is pink. She enjoys eating watermelon and doing math in school. Her favorite sport is basketball and she enjoys watching the movie "I Spy." Rowan's favorite books to read are by Dr. Seuss.

Mrs. Kelley's class is represented by Elisabeth Pottee. She likes to play "Mario" and her favorite color is blue. Her favorite sport is cheer and her favorite food is pizza. Elisabeth loves the movie "Frozen" and she loves art. Her favorite book is *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Cruz Wilson is in Mrs. Wilkerson's class. He likes to read Dog Man books and his favorite sport is basketball. He enjoys watching the movie "Back to the Future" and his favorite color is blue. He likes to eat bacon and learn science at school. Cruz's favorite song is "God Who Fights for Me."

American Legion Post 0310 Project

Every Memorial Day Weekend, Legion Post 0310 teams up with Boy and Cub Scout Troops #234 to put American Flags at gravesites of our local heroes in Washington.

As Post 0310 is rebuilding and becoming more active within our community, we would like to go above and beyond. Our goal this year, is to place a permanent veterans' marker on all veterans' sites to recognize their service and make them easier to identify year-round.

The markers are six inches in diameter and stand about 18 inches tall. They will cost us about \$16 each. We are needing about 150 markers. If you would like to donate to the cause, or sponsor a specific veteran, please let us know.

We have set up a non-profit charity Venmo account, and as a 501(C)(3), all donations are tax deductible.

You can find us on: Venmo @ American Legion Post 0310. **Warrior Way 5k**

The Annual Washington Warrior Way 5k has chosen their recipient of the 2024 run, Darcie Boyd. This year's run will take place on Saturday, April 13, in Washington.

Please join us for this year's Warrior Way 5k benefiting Darcie Boyd and her fight against APS. The course uses paved roads and winds through the town of Washington. Student discount available. Race Shirts are not guaranteed for registrations received after April 1, 2024.

Race Day Schedule of Events
6:30 a.m. – Race Day Packet Pick-up
8:30 a.m. – Kids Fun Run
9 a.m. – Competitive 5k Run

Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OK/Washington/WarriorWay>

A Week of LOVE
Warrior Community,
We are happy to announce that the recipient of A Week of Love (A.W.O.L.) 2024 is Chris Aday.

The recipient is chosen through a community-driven process that reflects the values and spirit of our Warrior Community. Submissions are taken from the community, allowing



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Students of the Week

Kyra Hardcastle, Elizabeth Pottee, Rowan Grissom and Cruz Wilson represent their second grade classes at Washington Elementary School as Students of the Week for March 4-8.

individuals to nominate those they believe would benefit from the love and support offered during our district-wide A.W.O.L. fundraiser, usually held in March.

Each submission shares the story of a community member facing adversity, hardship, or a significant medical challenge. In the case of the A.W.O.L. 2024 recipient, the community rallied together and submitted numerous heartfelt nominations on Aday's behalf.

Please join us in contributing to this cause as we stand with the Aday family during this difficult time. Every donation will make a meaningful impact, whether big or small.

Let's show the Aday family what it truly means to be part of the Warrior community. Together, we can make a difference for this amazing family.

Donation Link: https://www.wps-isd.com/online_store.

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 March 7-13:

Thursday, March 7—Ground beef stew, corn.

Friday, March 8—Beef roast, oven baked vegetables, pasta salad.

Monday, March 11—Hamburgers, baked beans, oven fries.

Tuesday, March 12—Fried chicken, macaroni/tomatoes.

Wednesday, March 13—Beans, rice, spinach, cornbread.

Thursday, March 14—Chicken tetrazzini, mixed vegetables.

Friday, March 15—Pork roast, carrots, potatoes, hot rolls.

Menu may change at the discretion of the cook and availability of food.

All meals are served with beverage, bread, 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 March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 5, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 4 and December 9.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

March 7—HS Slow-Pitch, home vs. Westmoore, 5 p.m.



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State bound

Washington freshman Chloe Mallory crushed it at the Girls Powerlifting Regional in Tishomingo and secured her spot in the State Tournament.

March 8—MS Baseball, home vs. Bethany, 5 p.m.; HS Boys Powerlifting Regionals at Anadarko; State Basketball, Class 3A Semi Finals at Yukon, 6:30 p.m.

March 9—HS Baseball, Tuttle, home, 12 p.m.; State Basketball State Finals at State Fair Arena, 6:45 p.m.

March 11—MS Slow-Pitch at Dale, Dale & Purcell, 6:30 p.m.; HS Boys golf at Purcell; JV Slow-Pitch at Stroud Festival; MS Baseball at Chickasha, 5 p.m.; HS Slow-Pitch at Purcell, 6:30 p.m.; Mid Term Exams, Secondary; HS Baseball, Lexington, home, 4 p.m.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

From the number of veterans rating decisions we have been receiving from the Department of Veterans Affairs, they must be working overtime or have hired more employees. Most of their decisions have awarded disability benefits to veterans.

During the last 10 years we have seen an increase in the number of female veterans who request the assistance of our volunteers with their claims. Twenty-five years ago most all of the veterans who requested our help were male. Personally, I'm glad to see that the military has opened so many new fields for ladies.

When it comes to serving our country today, we are seeing some of the best young men and women signing up. In today's world our country needs patriots who can make a difference.

Recently we have seen a trend where some veterans are signing up for help in applying for VA benefits and then filing their own claims before we have had a chance to review their service medical records.

Something for veterans to remember when you set up your account we file VA forms 21-22 POA which gives us access to your Service Medical Records and we file a VA form 21-0966 Intent to File which gives the veteran one year to file their application for VA benefits and provides a start date back to the time the 21-0966 was filed. In other words if we file your claim within one year VA benefits will start when the Intent to



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FFA Capitol Day

Washington Middle School's Leadership Class had an impactful day exploring history and engaging in STEM at the Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum. They immersed themselves in a hands-on activity, sorting through evidence from the bombing site to determine its significance to the case. Through this experience, students learned about the tragic events of April 19, 1995, gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation for the importance of remembrance and unity. After the educational tour, the students unwound and enjoyed lunch and free time at Scissortail Park, creating lasting memories with classmates.



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Women's History Month

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation is kicking off Women's History Month with the amazing women of our Friday crew. The women work tirelessly for our veteran community, and we are honored to have them on our team!

File was done.

There are more veterans and surviving spouses who are requesting our help than we can accommodate in a timely manner. Maybe it's time for you to join our team.

If you do not have an open claim with VA and would like to open one, call 1-800-827-1000 to tell the agent that you want to start a claim. This will give us a start date for VA benefits and gives you one year to file a fully developed claim. Log into our system at www.dkgvf.org to register your information for us to help with your application for VA benefits.

Please consider joining our volunteers as we continue to improve the lives of the men and women who have served our country's military. By moving to a digital claims system when helping veterans our volunteers can now work from home. We have volunteers working from several different states. Our training classes can now be done online or at our Norman location at 1233 West Lindsey.

Our drivers are continuing to provide transportation for veterans to their VA Hospital appointments and to our location for benefit assistance. For transport call Clayton at 405-901-3197 or Louie at 405-642-7100. As always there is no charge for anything we do to help the men and women who have served the United States Military.

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



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Honoring Carroll Prince

Let us honor and congratulate Carroll Prince, a true American hero! After an incredible 28 years of dedicated service and through the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, Carroll Prince has been awarded 100 percent disability benefits from the VA, a well-deserved recognition for his sacrifices and commitment. Carroll's journey began as an enlisted member of the Army, where he demonstrated unwavering perseverance and courage. He climbed the ranks with determination, eventually becoming an Officer and earning the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Carroll served as an aviation pilot, showcasing unparalleled skill and bravery in the skies. His valor is further exemplified by the Purple Heart he earned, a testament to the sacrifices made in service to our nation. Please join us in congratulating Carroll Prince on this well-deserved recognition! We at the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, appreciate him for his incredible service!

you who would like to join our team, volunteer applications are available on our website.

We are a free service to all veterans and their families. We are open Monday through Friday starting at 9 a.m. Come visit us at 1233 West Lindsey Street in Norman.

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.

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dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org or mail a check to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, 1233 West Lindsey, Norman, OK 73069. You can contact us on our website or by calling 405-550-8806.

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