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Thursday, March 28, 2024

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Across the area, churches will celebrate these holiest of days with a variety of services and activities.

At Trinity United Methodist Church they will have a Maundy Thursday dinner starting at 7 p.m.

The following day on Good Friday they will have a 7 p.m. service. On Easter Sunday, brunch will be served from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. followed by an all-ages Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 a.m. The Easter Sunday service, featuring a Cantata, will begin at 10:30 a.m.

At Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, the Holy Week observance

began on Palm Sunday with a procession with palms from the Rectory to the Parish Hall.

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Happy Easter

On Holy Thursday, Mass begins at 7 p.m. during which there will be washing of the feet of the members of the parish.

Also there will be collection of rice bowls.

At the end of the Mass there will be the Eucharistic Procession from the main hall to the Juan Diego daily mass chapel where they will have an adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 p.m.

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Taking Toking TORNADO PRECAUTIONS

John D. Montgomery The Purcell Register

It's never too soon to get prepared for the wild and sometimes wicked spring weather in Oklahoma.

It's best to be in a storm shelter.

Residents are reminded there are no public shel-

ters in Purcell. If you don't

have a shelter it's best to go to the inner most room of y o u r home on the lowest level and cover up with blankets.

It is possible to survive even in an EF5 tornado. But first, remember, there are no public storm shelters in Purcell.

McClain County is smack in the middle of Tornado Alley so keeping advised is essential for watches and warnings. According to FEMA, these are the steps to take and things to not do:

• Take shelter immediately if there is a tornado warning.

• Immediately go to a safe location such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar or a small interior room on the lowest level of a sturdy building.Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls.

• Protect yourself by covering your head or neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around or on top of you.

• Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car.

• Do not go under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location.

• Watch out for flying debris that can cause

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News: 12 noon, Tuesday

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

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Retirement party

After 25 years on the Purcell Fire Department, Jason Benefiel is calling it a career.

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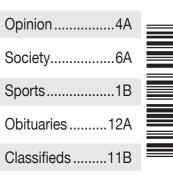
Friday forums

At Mid-America Technology Center for how to stop human trafficking.





Find it...



Hanging up his bunker gear Long-time Purcell Fireman Jason Benefiel retiring

John D. Montgomery **The Purcell Register**

fiel is retiring from the Pur- Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf cell Fire Department after 25 Course when he began servyears of service.

Jason was born at Purcell Fire Department. Municipal Hospital May 1, 1974.

He attended Purcell schools High School in 1993.

Jason attended college at East Central University and Purcell native Jason Bene- after college worked at the ing as a volunteer for Purcell

He would later turn firefighting into a career.

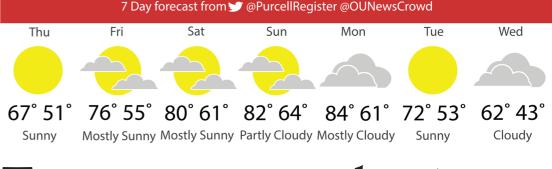
"Jason never shied away and graduated from Purcell from training. With the many different levels and areas of

fire training, Jason's forte was rescue training," said Purcell Fire Marshal Quinn Kroth.

"Jason's vast knowledge of rescue training was an asset to the department not only for the victims he encountered but also his training to new fire recruits.

Jason is a valued member of the Purcell Fire Department and the Purcell community. We appreciate his service and dedication to the Purcell Fire Department," Kroth concluded.

Aretirement party is planned on March 28 1-3 p.m. at Station 1.



Iemperatures on the rise

We had a chilly start to the Friday, with afternoon highs in cloudy skies and temperatures week across the region, but the middle 70s. Temperatures in the middle 80s. Temperatures temperatures are back on the in- should break 80 degrees on will cool off into the lower crease heading into this week- Saturday and again on Sunday, 70s for Tuesday as clouds and end. Thursday will offer up with a mix of clouds and sun. rain chances diminish, before sunny skies and temperatures in There is a slight chance for an clouds return for Wednesday the middle to upper 60s. A few isolated shower or thunder- and temperatures settle in the clouds will enter the picture by storm on Monday, with mostly lower 60s for daytime highs.

Jason Benefiel

Citizen of Year nomination time

Announcement at Chamber banquet

It's time to nominate some- 73080. one as Purcell's Citizen of the Year for 2023.

to be Citizen of the Year.

Nominations may be handdelivered to The Purcell Reg- banquet will be recipients of ister at 225 W. Main Street. the City of Purcell's Giving They may also be emailed to Time Guardian Awards. montgomeryjohnd@yahoo. There are four Guardi

The Citizen of the Year will be announced May 9 during Accompanying the nomi- the Heart of Oklahoma Cham-

nee's name must be a state- ber of Commerce Banquet at ment why he or she deserves the Sam Noble Museum in Norman. Also to be announced at the

Stopping Human Trafficking topic Two forums Friday at Mid-America Technology Center

The Commission on the Status of Women is partner- modern-day slavery," said ing with the Mid-America Commission State Chair several aspects of human traf-Technology Center to host Brenda Jones Barwick. "It's ficking in Oklahoma. a community conversation a \$150 billion a year industry to Stop Human Trafficking and Oklahoma is not immune this Friday.

sessions, one at 10 a.m. and repeated at 1 p.m. in highways, but by members the Seminar Center in the Health Building, on SH 59 near Wayne.

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-a series of Community Conversations to Stop Human Trafficking at schools and a Not Me, Not My Community initiative.

to it. Most human trafficking The event will have two in Oklahoma is not happening by people passing through on in their circle of trust, such as family members, friends or acquaintances, who en-The event is free and open trap 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 pro- they are being trafficked

"Human trafficking is fessionals and experts will provide a full spectrum of

> 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.

"The focus has been on dealing with human trafficking after the crime has occurred. Many are unaware

because it is typically a slow, methodical recruitment process by a trusted relationship," Barwick said.

"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."

The commission began its work on human trafficking in 2014 when it partnered with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics to host a 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



com.

They also may be mailed to P.O. Box 191, Purcell, OK

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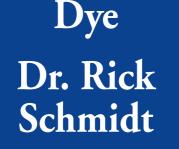
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Purcell Firefighters responded to an automobile fire on the southeast corner of Lester Lane and Apache just after 3 p.m. March 20 where a Dodge Charger and motorcycle were burned. Gasoline was ignited causing heavy damage to the vehicles. 1,500 gallons of water, 10 gallons of foam and four ABC extinguishers were used to douse the blaze.



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About The Oklahoma **Commission on the Status** of Women

The Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women is an official state agency that advises the Governor and legislature on recommendations to improve quality of life and increase economic opportunities for women. It comprises 30 commissioners appointed by the Governor, Senate President Pro Tempore and Speaker of the House, as well as an Advisory Council of men and women who have an expertise on issues that impact women. Visit the commission website at www. oklahoma.gov/ocsw.



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NEWS In Brief

Kiwanis

Egg Hunt

Hunt will be held Saturday, Lake Weaver Pavilion, 1400 Chandler Road.

Each age group will have 527-3342. their own hunt and prizes. Age groups include 0-2, 3-5, clude the evening. 6-8 and 9-12.

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

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

Community Coffee

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 28, hosted by the at 6 p.m. at city hall. Purcell Fire Department.

The coffee will be held at the fire station, 1505 N. Green Ave., in Purcell.

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

Landmark

Easter Egg Hunt Landmark Church will

host an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m.

The hunt will be held at 100 W. Van Buren in Purcell, across from Conger Field.

City Hall Closed for Training

Purcell City Hall will be closed Monday, April 1, from 1-3 p.m. for training.

at 3 p.m.

Plat for

Southbrook Phase Southbrook phase one final plat went before the Planning

Commission March 25 at the police station. It will go to the City

Council at their April 1 meeting, set to begin at 6 p.m. at the police station.

Property Tax Deadline

Landmark Church highway legal cruiser to help Fundraiser

Tickets are on sale for Landmark Church's first annual missions gala fundraiser.

The dinner and silent auction The Heart of Oklahoma will be held Tuesday, April 9, Kiwanis Annual Easter Egg from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Mc-Clain County Farm and Home March 30, at the Purcell Building. Tickets are \$25 each. Tickets may be purchased

by calling the church at 405-A dessert auction will con-

Purcell Budget Meetings

Tentative dates have been announced for budget meetings for the City of Purcell.

The unconfirmed dates are April 8 at the police department

at 6 p.m. with swearing in of new councilmen at 7:30 p.m. Another meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 11

Roll Off

Dumpsters

McClain County District 1 residents only will have roll off dumpsters put in the maintenance yard in Wayne starting March 18 through April 15 for spring clean up.

Times for the yard are 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday only.

The yard is closed on Friday. No dumping batteries, tires, wire, oil, paint, pesticides, hazardous materials or anything containing freon. Patrons are

requested to check into the office before dumping. Call 405-449-3355 for more

information.

Dibble School

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

City offices will reopen 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 counties. contact Jackie Christian at 405-

support the Wayne Alumni Association.

Registration will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center, 117 N. Shannon St., in Wayne.

Prizes will include \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$200 for third place. One person per prize with five stops and five chances to win.

For more information contact Twana Tate Scalf at tscalfsr729@gmail.com or call 405-818-7576.

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

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

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

For more information

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South African visitors

Guests at Purcell's Rotary Club meeting March 20 were visiting Landmark Church. Pastor Justin Blankenship is a Rotary member and brought the group for lunch. From left are Gugu Ngcobo, Simphiwe Mukome, William Mukome, Christopher Mntu, Queen Nompumelelo Mchiza Zulu, Jeremiah Mdlalose, Sarah Blankenship and Justin. Justin met the Queen of the Algulu Nation on one of Landmark's Mission trips. She is a representative of the royal family dedicated to humanitarianism work. She told the Rotary Club her country needs support in agriculture and job creation.

OSU EXTENSION *News* Spring into weight

management with realistic goals

Trisha Gedon Extension Educator

With spring and warm weather knocking on the door, some Oklahomans may feel a renewed energy to better manage their weight and lead a healthier lifestyle.

online promising fast weight loss, a healthy diet combined with physical activity is still the foundation for long-term weight loss success, said Janice Hermann, Oklahoma State University Extension nutrition specialist.

"Before everyone gets too focused on weight loss, a better approach is achieving and maintaining good health," Hermann said. "Combining that approach with realistic goals is the best way to achieve good health. View weight loss as slow and steady, which can help shift attention from short, drastic changes to a more moderate diet and physical activity level that are more attainable and long-lasting." To lose weight, calorie intake from foods and beverages must be less than calories expended from basic body functions and physical activity. Reasonable and healthy weight loss should be about 10 percent of body weight in a year. For a 250-pound individual, that's 25 pounds per year, or about one-half pound per week. A 10 percent weight loss can have many positive health benefits. "People make drastic chang-

es in their diets by restricting certain foods or only eating certain foods. While this results in rapid weight loss, it simply isn't sustainable or healthy," Herrman said. "Losing weight doesn't have to mean making big dietary changes. Instead,

Despite adson television and focus on small changes that

move toward a healthy eating pattern."

For example, fill half of the dinner plate with fruits and vegetables. Increase whole grains and shift toward lean protein

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Site Address Section R319

R319.1 Address Numbers. Buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting property.

These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of four inches (102 mm) high

ith a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch (12.7 mm).

p.m.

For more information

contact Niki Steadman at 405-595-1337 or Mark

The deadline to pay the second half of property taxes is Friday, March 29, at 4:30 p.m.

If anyone has questions regarding their tax statements, call the McClain County Treasurer's Office at 405-527-3261.

203-2465, Debbie Whitehead call 405-858-2725, Bartels at 405-823-6999 or email safecarereferrals@ Mike Spivey at 405-320-0819.

Crusing with the Bulldogs

with the Bulldogs will be held Saturday, May 18, sponsored by the Wayne Alumni Association.

northcare.com or online at www.northcare.com.

Museum News

The McClain County Mu-The first annual Cruising seum and Historical Society has undergone some changes and the museum is now open for tours

To schedule a tour contact Bring your car, motorcycle or Jerry Hayes at 405-812-8379.

Where access is by means of a private road and the building address cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure.

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awards, each honoring distinguished leadership or service in one of four categories.

The awards and categories are Vision Guardian, education; Cornerstone Guardian, business; Gateway Guardian, government, and Spirit Guardian, human services.

Giving Time is an annual program of public recognition of excellence in Purcell leadership.

It celebrates exceptional people and remarkable institutions who are selected from a deserving field of candidates.





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Reaching Your Lawmakers

Let me save you some time this evening when it's time for the news to come on. Here's the line up: 1. Baltimore bridge out. 2. Donald Trump's latest trial update. 3. Joe Biden's latest gaffe. 4. The Royals have health issues. Pretty much sums it up.

Good night! jdm I just read where the small

town of Ridgely, MD, population 1,600, canned all of their police officers. For the life of me I don't get

the defunding of police.

There are some basic needs for communities like firefighters, police officers, doctors and the like.

away with law enforcement.

It's really baffling as to why some communities are doing research project about early day

Editor's Notebook

Things you can't Google

John D. Montgomery

I'm sure the bad guys are loving it.

jdm

1982 Purcell grad Scott Barger and Dr. Casey Gerber, an Assistant Professor of Music at OU, are collaborating on a community bands.

They were in Purcell last Saturday to peruse artifacts at the McClain County Historical Museum.

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They also paid a visit to The **Register** for a short session.

Their project is a perfect example of the value of newspapers. Without clippings and old photos out of newspapers they

would not be able to do their research project. You can look forward to our story and art about the com-

munity band research project in next week's Purcell Register. Along those same lines, re-

cently an attorney researching old litigation used the newspaper's files to satisfy questions he was having.

Those are the things you cannot Google.

Letters to the Editor Policy

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

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

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

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

Your Views

• Rep. Cindy Roe •

First reading of

Senate bills

Springtime lilacs or skunky memories

By Andy Bowman, CoffeeTime Columnist

Ever suddenly been transported back in time by just a whiff of a lingering smell in the air? The sight of a house? Aquick glimpse of a stranger's profile who instantly reminds you of someone in your past? Or the taste of a certain food that suddenly takes you back off many years ago. to Grandma's kitchen.

have memories.

know what it is like to suddenly made an impression. Pleasant, talked the teacher. anger-filled, or tragic. And the emotions we felt back then?

of a fifteen-foot ocean wave. You can be sitting outdoors

in the middle of a crowd of noisy concert goers, and the sudden powerful aroma of a concert-detesting skunk can make you want to laugh while everyone around you is gagging. All because you're caught up in the memory of your big brother's skunk face-

Senses kicked into high Probably. Unless you suffer gear have the ability to make with complete amnesia, you a forty-something year old man feel like he's a first grader Memories can flare instant- again. All because he picks up ly, caused by the basic human a piece of white chalk. The cool senses of taste, smell, touch, smooth texture on his fingers, sight, and hearing. All of us and the powdery non-smell can trigger a memory of being relive times in our life that the seven-year-old who back-

> Consequences were instant and involved writing the ABCs

surge over us with the force Which also triggers the memory of the shame and anger that child felt.

> Similarly, the heady powerful scent of springtime lilacs can bring on childhood memories of cutting an enormous bouquet of those blooms to bring in to Momma.

Each time she would smile and faithfully fill a vase with water and plunk in those longstemmed beauties. Some hours later, you would come in from a day of playing outdoors and find those same flowers wilted and hanging dejectedly over the side of that container.

Today, the realization that your mom knew what would happen in just a few short hours makes you smile at her love and tenderness.

If memories are that power-

After last week's deadline to pass House bills through the House chamber, we've officially swapped bills with the Senate. This is done through a process called "engrossing," and it's the formal steps taken to officially move a bill between chambers.

After a bill is engrossed to the opposite chamber, it is "first read" on the floor, meaning it's acknowledged that we've received it. When a bill is "second read" on the floor, it can be assigned to a committee and be heard there.

We held first reading of the Senate bills this week, so next week, those bills will be assigned to committees and the meetings will resume again.

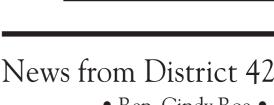
I want to highlight a few more House bills we approved ahead of our deadline.

Advisory Council, which was counties. started in 2013. Under the bill, specific appointees must focus on topics such as tobacco usage and cessation, organ and tissue donation, cardiometabolic disand requirements for certified healthy communities and businesses. This will help ensure members of the Council have a varied background as they approach these important discussions.

The bill's author said there's been a sharp increase nationwide in violent crime, with the National Retail Federation saying that over 81 percent of business owners have faced more violent theftrelated crimes compared to previous years.

On Monday evening, I joined other elected officials and students from across the state for the Oklahoma Youth Expo at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. This show has been going on for almost a century and brings youth from all parts of the state to Oklahoma City to compete with livestock they've raised.

Today, OYE is recognized as the largest youth event in Oklahoma and is touted as the world's largest junior livestock show. The show brings One of my bills, HB3333, 7,000 exhibitors along with ddresses the membership of their educators and families the Advancement of Wellness from each of Oklahoma's 77 I was partnered with Gravce Vinson from Lexington FFA, who showed her goat Hey-Hey. Grayce was a very smart young woman who took great ease. American Indian health. pride in her work, and it was so nice to meet and visit with her for the evening. OYE is a wonderful experience every year and I'm glad these ag education opportunities are so well supported in our state. This industry is such an important part of our state's economy, and students learn so much about hard work and leadership. The future of ag and of Oklahoma is bright with these young people! I hope everybody traveling for spring break has safe travels and enjoys their time off! The Legislature is out Wednesday and Thursday this week to allow members to spend time with their loved ones while the bill engrossment process is underway. Next week, we'll start hearing Senate bills in our House committees, and I'll keep you updated on those bills as we move through the legislative process. As always, please feel free to reach out. My email address is cynthia.roe@ okhouse.gov, or you can call my office at (405) 557-7365. Thank you for the honor of representing you at the State Capitol. Rep. Cynthia Roe, a Republican, represents District 42 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, which includes Garvin and McClain Counties.







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Those same feelings can fifty times on the chalkboard.

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Honoring our American heroes

Congressman Tom Cole

Today is National Medal of Honor Day – a special day set aside to honor those who have been awarded the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military decoration.

National Medal of Honor Day was first declared a holiday in 1990 when President George H.W. Bush signed it into law. Since then, every year on March 25, we have celebrated the more than 3,500 brave American heroes who have been honored with this prestigious award for embodying the six pillars of courage, sacrifice, patriotism, citizenship, integrity and commitment.

Today, on this National Medal of Honor Day, while as well as several National reflecting on the service and sacrifice of these brave Medal of Honor recipients, I have also begun to think about the millions of other Americans who have also selflessly chosen to serve our great nation alongside

these distinguished heroes. veteran, I grew up seeing firsthand the enormous sacrifices that our men and women in uniform make every single day. When these individuals answer the call to serve, they

choose to make these tremen- are provided with the best redous sacrifices for their family and friends, as well as all Americans, even those they have never even met.

weddings, funerals, and the secure the largest increase in births of their own children – and of course some will sadly pay the ultimate sacrifice. We are truly indebted to them, as it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to live our lives with a sense of safety, peace and freedom.

As a member of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee and the representative for two military installations in Oklahoma's Fourth District, Tinker Air Force Base and Fort Sill Army Installation, Guard facilities, it is one of my greatest priorities in Congress to ensure that we are providing our servicemembers with everything they need to ensure that they are prepared and ready to serve when called to action.

I will always fight to make As the son of an Air Force sure they are armed with the most robust equipment and weaponry to provide them with the best chance of success when they are away fighting for us.

In addition to ensuring they

sources, we must also prioritize quality-of-life for our service members, as well as their families – and, this year, I am proud They will miss holidays, to share that we were able to basic military pay in over 20 years, as well as an additional \$177 million for quality-of-life initiatives.

> only support our military members while they are in uniform.

We must continue to aid and assist them as veterans by fully funding the Department of Veterans' Affairs to allow them to provide much needed medical care for our veterans and address the current shortfalls of VA medical centers across the country.

At the end of the day, as a Congress and a country, we can truly never do enough to honor those who serve us, both past and present.

Our brave men and women of the armed services are some of America's finest and are deserving of all of our appreciation.

and have served in our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Space Force – thank you.

HB2973 would allow a grandparent to gift a car to a grandchild without motor vehicle excise tax being due on the title transfer.

HB3639 addresses the crime However, it is not enough to commonly referred to as "revenge porn," which is the sharing of private sexual images or videos with someone other than the original recipient. The bill removes the requirement that the person be at least 18 and be identifiable in the image, meaning that someone's face does not have to be in the image in order for it to be considered revenge porn.

> Additionally, if someone disseminates three or more images within six months, they could be found guilty of a felony and spend up to 10 years in prison.

Two more bills, HB3694 and HB3696, address criminal activity in the state. HB3694 reduces the felony So, to all of those who serve limit for larceny of merchandise from \$1,000 to \$500 and HB3696 makes it a felony to assault a retail employee during a crime.

Gain some control over your life

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Feeling like you have some control over your life is vital for life happiness.

Control is not always easy. It takes planning, sacrifice, work and good fortune.

Lots of things can happen in success and happiness. life that will shake the earth beneath our feet. Illness, weather disaster, a bad accident, and stupid mistakes. We are all vulnerable to any and all of these.

Considering anything can happen in life and chances are it will, we can all still make an everyone. effort to be in control of our daily lives.

First, know who you are and build on who you are. There is only one you and there will never be another like you. Chances are you may have become a clone. You started out as an original but became someone else.

You may have redesigned your life to be accepted by a with Social Security disability certain workforce, group, religious entity, fraternity, sorority, or political party mindset. This works for a while but you won't be very happy because it requires more work to not be you than it takes to just be you.

smarter, and the best we can be. Being lazy, irresponsible and

feel good or very secure in life. Life security and a feeling of having control over our lives requires work and living higher. Living lower will sink you. Build on who you are for

Next, you have to work. Yes, we have to work. It's essential to life security. The person who can work and wants to work will feel better and sleep better. There are all kinds of work and not every kind of work is for

Discover what kind of work you enjoy and can do and learn to do it as well as you can. Working will give you a feeling of well-being. Millions of people in America can't work for various reasons. Disability happens, millions are handicapped by various health related issues.

Our country helps millions and Medicare. At least with these government assistance programs people have something on which to survive. Keep in mind that a disability income in never a ticket to prosperity.

What you can afford will be This doesn't mean that you very limited. However, I do can't be a better you. We all can know people who have done and should strive to be better, well investing in the stock market even on a limited disability income and have done

AG to lay out evidence

in Epic's multi-million

ignorant are sure ways to not amazingly well financially. Keep in mind if you are going to make a house or car payment it requires a serious income and a paying job. Try to lock into a job that you enjoy and can do.

> Third, save money and stay out of debt as much as possible. Buy a house you can afford and save some money every month in an IRA or 401k or whatever is available to you.

> Research index funds and consider buying some stock in an index fund as you can. Index fund fees are typically cheaper. I'm not a stock advisor so do your own investigating. A school teacher friend bought index fund stocks every month for years and ended up with over a million dollars in stock by her retirement.

> Money isn't everything but you'll sleep better if you know you can buy groceries tomorrow and can pay your utility bills.

> Finally, take a few minutes every morning and at the end of the day to be grateful. Give God thanks for all and anything you have and ask him to give you strength, wisdom and peace for the day or throughout the night.

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

From page 4A Memo ries:

control our surroundings and the people around our family, only allowing a positive and happy

From page 3A Goal:

and low-fat or non-fat dairy choices. In addition, select foods with less added sugar. Hermann also recommends eating slowly.

"You need to give your body time to feel fullness," she said. "Start with making these small changes and build on those changes over time.'

Physical activity plays an important role in leading a healthier lifestyle. AFor substantial health benefits, adults should do at least 150 to 300 minutes of moderate-

ful, and they are, then it is truly a day. But as adults, we need instant pops of memory at a important to be careful making to make some effort at it for them. Oh yes, I know we can't our children's sake – for their tomorrows.

Do your best to create a happy home life for your kids. So that environment twenty-four hours when they are your age, those

intensity activity, 75 to 150

minutes of vigorous-intensive

physical activity or an equivalent

combination of moderate- and

vigorous-intensity aerobic activ-

"You don't have to join a gym

or buy expensive equipment to

increase physical activity. Taking

the stairs instead of the elevator

and parking further away from

the office building or store are just

a couple of ways to incorporate

additional physical activity,"

ity each week.

sight, a phrase, or a smell have a lot better chance of bringing a smile to their face.

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Hermann said. "It's never too late to get started on the path to a healthier lifestyle. If you fall short of your goals one day, don't giveup. Tomorrow is a new day."

A healthcare provider should be consulted before starting a physical activity program.

OSU Extension offers more information about health, nutrition and wellness on its website. In addition, check out the USDA's MyPlate program for more healthy eating tips.

Feroli, Knowles accepted into Youth Leadership Oklahoma

selected to Youth Leadership Oklahoma.

Leadership Oklahoma selects the students through a long program begins and ends competitive process based on proven leadership, geographic, ethnic and cultural diversity to participate in its annual Youth LeadershipOklahoma(YLOK) class program.

YLOK Class 24 members plan to travel the state during a week-long trip at the beginning of June to learn about Oklahoma's history, culture, issues and leaders and begin to develop a greater understanding and appreciation for our state.

YLOK was created in 2001 with the mission to develop in

Knowles were among the 52 pride and a responsibility for visited throughout the week rising high School seniors Oklahoma's future. Over 1,000 will include Norman, Lawton, students have participated in Sulphur, Tulsa, Stillwater, and this one-of-a-kind program.

The all-expense paid week-

Ellie Feroli and Paisley young leaders a feeling of hope, in Oklahoma City. Other cities

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Oklahoma Watch

school's name: epic.

at the helm of Epic Charter management company. Schools defrauded taxpayers out of tens of millions of dolabuse of taxpayer dollars in extracurricular activities and

alleged at the state's larg- company, which gave him est online school befits the the authority to handle both sides of financial transac-Investigators say two men tions between Epic and the

dollar embezzlement case

In addition to the management fee, Epic Youth Serlars over a decade. Details of vices collected money for the the scheme, which the state learning fund, an account set auditor called the largest aside for students' laptops,

The size of the scandal of both the school and the At its peak in the fall of 2020, Epic had a roster of 60,000 students.

> Some of the charges involve illegally moving funds between Epic's Oklahoma schools and an out-of-state charter school and using student learning fund money to make credit card payments.

The credit card was used for school purchases and personal expenses. It was The amount ranged from used to buy political influence, investigators said, via political campaign donations and lobbyist payments. The men are also charged with money laundering by forming a shell company, Edtech, LLC, to conceal profits and justify fraudulent management fees between 2017 and 2021, a time when law enforcement and state regulators had ramped up investigations. Gov. Kevin Stitt called for an audit of the school in July 2019. State Auditor Cindy Byrd's findings, released in October 2020, laid the groundwork for the criminal charges. Prosecutors' review of Epic Youth Services' bank accounts revealed the company collected more than \$69.3 million in management fees between 2013 and 2021, court records show. Of that, the trio split \$55 million: Harris received \$25 million, Chaney received \$23 million and Brock received more than \$7 million. Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond is seeking jail time and full restitution, he said in an interview with the Tulsa World in January 2022, shortly after taking over the criminal case from the Oklahoma County district attorney. Oklahoma Watch, at oklahomawatch.org, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news companies and false invoices. organization that covers public-policy issues facing

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Norman Regional Health System's southern most clinic is home to primary care providers, Marvin Harvey, MD, Tracy Parker, APRN, FNP-C, and Jennifer Vasquez, DNP, APRN-CNP, WHNP-BC, with Jennifer specializing in women's health and gynecology care.

Oklahoma history, will be other expenses. unveiled in court this week.

A hearing in the embezzlement case against David Chaney and Ben Harris begins Monday. Oklahoma County District Special Judge Jason Glidewell allotted five days for the preliminary hearing, which is like a mini-trial, with witnesses and evidence Harris and Brock in 2021 and and cross-examination. The purpose is for the judge to determine whether there's enough probable cause to proceed to trial.

Chaney and Harris are each charged with 15 felonies, including embezzlement, money laundering, computer crimes and conspiracy to defraud the state. They have denied wrongdoing.

Epic's former chief financial officer, Josh Brock, faces the same felony charges but waived his preliminary hearing. He is expected to be one of several witnesses this week and will likely take a plea deal.

said Brock is ready to move managed. forward.

Chaney and Harris founded False Invoices Epic in 2010 and contracted with their own for-profit company, Epic Youth Services, to manage the school for 10 percent of all revenue. That fee exceeded the state's five or RICO. percent cap on school administration expenses.

school's superintendent until 2019, allowing him to negotiate contracts and control the school's finances. Brock was

\$800 to \$1,000 per student annually under Epic Youth Services. Investigators said Epic Youth Services kept unspent funds in that account instead of returning the money to the school.

Epic cut ties with Chaney,



restructured amid a contract dispute with its authorizer, the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board. It is still the state's largest online school His attorney, Irven Box, but is no longer privately

Shell Companies and

Chaney, Harris and Brock were arrested and charged in June 2022 under the state's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act,

Prosecutors allege the men diverted tens of millions of Chaney was also the dollars meant for students' education through a complicated scheme involving shell

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Eddie Cantrell cooking steaks for everyone on Steak Friday.



The gangs all here

Eddie Cantrell surrounded by volunteers on one of his last visits to the Dibble Senior Citizens Center.

Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens.

It is with a sad heart we are asking for prayer for the family of Eddie Cantrell. Eddie went to be with the Lord early Tuesday morning and will surely be missed.

Eddie was the founder of our senior center and has served our community for many, many years. In the beginning days he and Dale would take an old school bus and pick up groceries for the food bank. Then they would hand them out from the back of a pickup.

He was instrumental in getting large grocers to donate to the large food banks by going to stores and asking for their food to be thrown out and donated to feed the hungry or less fortunate.

We have come a long way since then and all of this today is possible because Eddie's momma, Bessie Cantrell, taught her son to care about people.

Eddie was also one of the first cooks in the diner. He did not want to see his friends go without a meal. On many occasions you would find Eddie in the kitchen cooking, washing dishes or supervising (what he did best). He was very good at getting volunteers to help. If you didn't have a job, he would volunteer you for one.

Eddie loved to play the piano and had one here at the center. We always knew when he came in because we would hear the piano music begin to play. Many afternoons after the work was done, he and Mary would bless us with a song or two. We would like to invite all to come by sometime for lunch, sit a spell and enjoy the fellowship on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12 noon for a good home-cooked meal. Make sure to sign in and donations are welcome but not necessary. All are welcome at the Dibble Senior Citizens Center located at 12314 State Hwy. 39 in Blanchard, phone 405-344-6789.

School Menus

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Week of April 1

WAYNE

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

peaches, milk.

pudding, milk.

No School.

Barbeque sandwich, pick-

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Frito chili pie, corn, broccoli

FRIDAY

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

FRIDAY

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

Spaghetti with meat sauce

THURSDAY

Cereal or breakfast pizza,

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

stick or chef salad, french fries,

English peas, mixed fruit, milk.

No School.

FRIDAY

Turkey sandwich and cheese

peaches, juice, milk.

Cereal or dutch waffle,

No School.

Barbecue chicken sandwich.

Breakfast burrito or cereal

Cheeseburger, french fries,

Biscuit and sausage gravy

Pancake on a stick, cereal,

MONDAY BREAKFAST Breakfast bars, cereal, fruit, fruit, juice, milk. juice, milk. LUNCH

Corndogs, tots, fresh broc- les, spinach, orange smiles, coli, apples, milk. **TUESDAY**

BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk. LUNCH Taco, rice, pinto beans, oranges, milk.

WEDNESDAY

PURCELL

milk.

MONDAY

BREAKFAST Sweet waffle sticks or cereal or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, baby carrots, fruit, milk. dinner roll, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Muffin or cereal and toast, and toast, fruit, juice, milk. fruit, juice, milk. LUNCH

Beef and bean enchilada, baked beans, side salad, fruit, Mexican salad, tortilla chips, milk. salsa, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY

LEXINGTON

MONDAY

BREAKFAST

Cereal or biscuit and gravy, apple wedges, juice, milk. LUNCH

Salisbury steak or yogurt meal, potatoes and gravy, or sandwich, steamed carrots, steamed broccoli, peaches, hot green beans, pears, milk. roll, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or breakfast burrito, mandarin oranges, juice, milk. pineapple tidbits, juice, milk.

LUNCH Nachos with cheese sauce or chef salad, whole kernel corn, pinto beans, mandarin oranges, milk.

It's a Small World Gracie Montgomery

Happy Easter to everyone! Hope your day is a good one. The Purcell Register will be closed on Friday, March 29, in observance of Good Friday.

Happy birthday to Mike Allen, Judge Jeff Virgin, Glenda Nemecek, Raychel Kozik, Shalia Ashcraft, Gustavo Cayente, Graydon Chaples, Donelda Ellis, Lucy Holden, Annette C. Belfiore, Selena Chavez, Kenton Gonterman, Yesenia Orta, Antonio Reyes, Sucel Sanchez, Lewis Vieux and Scott Lizana. ***

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 28, hosted by the Purcell Fire Department.

The coffee will be held at the fire station, 1505 N. Green Ave., in Purcell.

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

The Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, Lake Weaver Pavilion, 1400 Chandler Road.

Each age group will have their own hunt and prizes. Age groups include 0-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

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

Landmark Church will host an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m.

The hunt will be held at 100 W. Van Buren in Purcell, for all ages. across from Conger Field. ***

The weekend of March 15-17 two visitors from Round Rock Texas, attended the "first" Gibson.

couple was also able to visit with Honey and Zoey Wells. ***

The Purcell Public Library will present "Creativity Unleashed: Solar Art" Thursday, April 4, from 4-6 p.m.

Explore your interests and discover one of the many ways that you can express yourself and celebrate the eclipse with sun printing. The program is designed for all ages.

Registration is required for the come-and-go program.

We all have an inner artist. Join us in discovering the endless possibilities of your creativity. You will be guided through this program exploring cyanotype printing paper and the sun to produce your own work of art.

Customers attending the program will receive solar eclipse glasses, make a case to hold their glasses and discuss the safe ways to enjoy upcoming solar eclipse.

Supplies will be provided. Ages 12 and under must be

accompanied by an adult. For more information call 405-527-5546 or register on-

March 30, at the Purcell line at pioneerlibrarysystem. org. ***

The Purcell Public Library will present "In My Experience: Solar Eclipse Viewing Party" Monday, April 8, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Discover the experiences that make up our community. Celebrate with others as we learn more about 2024 Solar Eclipse with activities and a watch party.

Registration is required for the program that is designed

Deepen your connection with your community and expand your mindset on the 2024 Solar Eclipse. Celebrate and learn with others in this interactive birthday party of Miss Clara special event with activities and end with a watch party. Jeff and Suzanne Wells Customers attending the program will receive solar eclipse of Purcell are the maternal grandparents of young Clara. glasses, make a case to hold Parents are Ali Wells and Josiah their glasses and discuss the safe ways to enjoy upcoming solar eclipse. For more information call 405-527-5546 or register on-The party was held at Happy line at pioneerlibrarysystem. org.

To donate to the pantry, mail your check or money order to PO Box 32, Dibble, OK 73031 or Cash App - \$dibblesrcitizens. Until next time.

Dibble Senior Citizens Crew



DMRF receives grant to study process crucial to birth defects, cancer

Cell division takes place the process is a lot like dealing cancer in children and adults. cards.

fectly deal 46 cards each to two how and why these mistakes players once, but could you do it millions of times in a row and always know each player will get exactly 46 cards, no mistakes?" said Dawson. "That is what your body is trying to do with chromosomes."



While a card-dealing snafu naturally and continuously can cost a gambler money, the inside all of us. To Oklahoma stakes in cell division are much Medical Research Foundation higher: Errors can cause genetic scientist Dean Dawson, Ph.D., birth defects in the womb and

Dawson has devoted his sci-"You might be able to per- entific career to understanding occur. With a new \$2.1 grant from the National Institutes of Health, the OMRF scientist will continue that quest.

Every cell contains 46 chromosomes – one set of 23 from each parent. As a cell prepares to divide into two new cells, it makes copies of these chromosomes and deals 46 to both

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Gibson of Slaughterville. She also has a sister, Blakely Bell. Mr. Goodfriend is Suzanne Wells' cousin. Camper Cafe in downtown Purcell. Everyone attending was enthusiastic and clearly all had fun.

During the party, the Texas guests visited with Adam Wells 2 lbs. carrots, peeled, sliced and Kimberly Vo. Adam is Clara's uncle and Kimberly, his girlfriend.

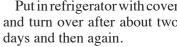
Out-of-town family and friends attending were Gary Goodfriend and his significant other, Deborah Crisp.

All local relatives were in attendance.

The Texas guests were treated to two birthday meals 1 cup sugar during their short visit to Purcell, one in Maysville and the other in Noble.

Concluding their visit, the

1 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. pepper



Will keep in the refrigerator for 2 weeks.

keep turning it over.



Here's a good recipe to go with your Easter dinner.

Copper Pennies

and cooked until barely tender, drain. (Pretty small slices, not big)

1 small green pepper, thinly sliced

1 medium onion, thinly sliced Dressing

10.5 oz. can tomato soup

1/2 cup oil

3/4 cup cider vinegar

1 tsp. prepared mustard (powder)

1 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce

Blend all the dressing ingredients together and pour over cooked carrots. Let marinate.

Put in refrigerator with cover and turn over after about two

It will keep mixed up if you



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Container garden

The right potting mix will help ornamental and edible plants thrive.

Selecting the right potting mix for your plantings

MelindaMyers

For The Purcell Register

As gardeners, it seems we are all looking for an ideal potting mix for our houseplants and containers. As with any gardening endeavor, a lot depends on what is available, the plants you are growing, and the type of maintenance you provide.

That said, there are some things you can do to increase your success and reduce ongoing maintenance. It all starts by reviewing the label on the bag you plan to purchase. You'll find a variety of bags labeled as planting mix, potting mix, container mix, and more. Check the label to see what the bag contains and recommendations for its use.

These mixes usually contain inorganic and organic materials and may also include sand and mineral soil. They may or may not be sterilized to kill weed seeds and pests. If it doesn't say sterilized, it probably is not, and you should consider another product instead.

Many potting mixes are labeled as "soilless." They consist of peat moss, sphagnum moss, and compost for moisture retention and vermiculite or perlite for drainage but do not contain mineral soils such as sand or clay. They are lightweight and blended to hold moisture while draining well. Some potting mixes are modified to accommodate the needs of certain plants. Orchid mixes often contain more bark for better aeration while cacti and succulent mixes have more sand or perlite for better drainage.

medium.

also available. Many gardeners prefer to know the ingredients are free of pesticides and other contaminants. Check for the word organic that are light, fluffy, and and OMRI on the label if you want an organic product.

label on the bag for more come compacted and some details on the potting mix. Some potting mixes contain a "starter charge" of fertilizer. This minimal amount of fertilizer is usually gone after two or three waterings. Some include additional fertilizer that provides small amounts of nutrients over a longer period. The label may say controlled-release, time-release, or slow-release fertilizer, meaning it provides your plants with nutrients for a certain amount of time.

Moisture retaining products are supposed to hold water near plant roots and reduce the frequency of watering. Research has not shown them es "How to Grow Anything' to be effective. Some garden- instant video and DVD series ers feel they are effective and the nationally syndicated while others end up with root "Melinda's Garden Moment" rot when using these. Consider adding an organic Farms wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com) to potting website is www.MelindaMymixes that do not contain ers.com.

African Violet potting mix moisture-retaining products. contains more organic matter It is sustainable, made from to create a moist, rich growing wool waste, Universitytested, and has been shown to Organic potting mixes are reduce watering by up to 20 percent, while also increasing air space and adding organic matter.

Select bags of potting mix moist. Avoid bags that are waterlogged and heavy. The Once again, check the mix can break down and beof the slow-release fertilizer may be pre-released and damage young seedlings when saturated with water.

Spend a bit of time searching for the potting mix that best matches the plants you are growing and your watering regime. The time spent selecting your perfect potting mix will pay off with greater growing success.

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 Cours-

State taxpayer dollars prop Walters' national media blitz

JenniferPalmer Oklahoma Watch

Public money for Oklahoma students is paying for email pitches like this one:

"Good morning! Ryan Walters, state superintendent of Oklahoma, banned porn/ explicit reading materials and graphics from classrooms in Oklahoma, but Edmond Public Schools is appealing this action, asking the state Supreme Court to allow porn back in classrooms."

That pitch goes on to say:

"School board members won't even allow adults to read these books out loud, yet Edmond Public Schools are begging for kids to be reading this sexual garbage."

the death of an Owasso High School student:

"An open letter called for Ryan' (sic) immediate removal from office for, the letter the pitches conclude.

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new cells.

"What amazes me is how precise this process is, given the fact that it's happening constantly throughout our bodies," said Dawson, who's led a lab at OMRF for nearly two decades. "By the time we're adults, the body has gone through this process trillions of times."

Dawson will try to determine how each piece in the mechanism functions. Similar to an auto mechanic, he believes that only by understanding how the body functions properly can scientists determine what leads to mistakes.

"If your mechanic's manual was missing the page on the fuel injector, then anytime you had a

claims, "fostering a culture of violence and hate against the munications firm in Arling-2SLGBTQI+ community in Oklahoma schools.

"Ryan responded to the letter



And this one, seizing on saying: '[this is a] standard tactic of the radical left, and they will stop at nothing to destroy the country and our state."

"Want Ryan on to discuss?"

chanic would just throw their

said. "We're trying to provide

a complete parts manual for

cell division so that eventually

sometimes produce the wrong

Most tumor cells have far

more than the normal number

of chromosomes. Dawson's

grant also will investigate

which parts of the chromosome

machinery are most crucial in

keeping the tumor cell alive.

That knowledge, he said, might

identify a location for future

anti-cancer drugs that disable

"When something goes

the machinery.

number of chromosomes."

That has some people questioning whether Walters is boosting his national profile at the public's expense - something Mary Vought, president and founder of the firm, made clear she is working to do. "I will work with my network of stakeholders to obtain

Vought Strategies, a com-

ton, Va., sent those emails

in recent weeks to national

media outlets. The Oklahoma

Department of Education hired

the firm to write speeches and

op-eds and book Walters on at

least 10 national TV and radio

appearances per month.

attendance at national events and conferences in order to increase the national exposure of the client," she wrote in her bid for the contract, public records show.

A former attorney general

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wrong, you can't fix it if you don't fully understand how hands up in the air," Dawson it works correctly in the first place," said Gary Gorbsky, Ph.D., who chairs OMRF's Cancer & Cell Cycle Biology we can understand why cells Research Program. "That's what Dr. Dawson's research is all about. I'm excited to see what he learns."

The five-year award is part of the Maximizing Investigators' Research Award, or MIRA, program. MIRA grants give scientists latitude to use the funding to support a wide range of needs; the increased freedom is intended to enhance both productivity and the likelihood of important, even unplanned, breakthroughs.



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Myers is a columnist and product, like Wild Valley contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her



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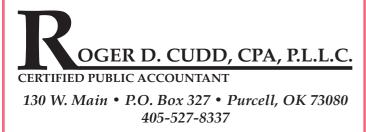
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OSU EXTENSION News How to remove fire odor from belongings and home

Trisha Gedon Extension Educator

Parts of Oklahoma and Texas recently experienced hood or on your acreage may devastating wildfires. Some cause your home to smell like families lost their homes, smoke. The odor is caused while other houses and structures in the path of the flames were spared.

flames likely experienced Peek said. smoke damage, said Gina Extension/Family Consumer candle. These remedies only Science program leader and

Sciences.

"A fire in your neighborby microscopic particles that cling to walls, furniture, floors, clothing and other Homes not damaged by items inside your home,"

"Removing the smell isn't Peek, assistant director, as easy as spraying a can of air Oklahoma State University freshener or lighting a scented mask the smell for a short associate dean for Extension amount of time. It may be and Engagement in the Col- necessary to have furniture

lege of Education and Human and mattresses professionally cleaned. Removing the smoke smell will take time, effort and money," she continued.

Simple things like cleaning can help remove the odor's source. Smoke particles get into tiny nooks and crannies and can be difficult to remove. Even though the home has been cleaned from top to bottom, the smell may linger.

Homeowners can use common household items to help absorb odor while they clean. Baking soda is an inexpensive and natural odor-absorber. Peek suggests leaving a few

bowls of baking soda around absorb odor. the house for several days to help absorb the odors.

Activated charcoal is also an option to help abate the smoke smell. Use it like baking soda and place it in bowls around the house for several days. Keep interior doors open as well as kitchen and bathroom cabinets. If the weather cooperates, open the windows and exterior doors to let in fresh air. If much of the area around the home burned, the smoke smell may remain for some time.

of clothing can be a difficult and time-consuming task. Add 1 cup of vinegar to detergent in the wash cycle. Keep in mind that one washing may not remove all the odor.

If the smoke remains when the clothes come out of the washing machine, immediately wash them again using the same process and continue until the smoke smell is gone. Do not dry clothes that smell like smoke as this can set the odor in the material.

"Homeowners may need to hire a professional to use an ozone generator to destroy the smoke molecules left behind after a fire," Peek said. "This isn't something homeowners should do themselves. There are significant health and property dangers associated with ozone. Check with your insurance company to see if this is covered under your policy. Using an ozone generator will require the temporary evacuation of your home."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency website lists the following tips for removing smoke odors.

For light damage. This is when you can smell smoke but can't see any ash:

• Open the windows and doors to air out the home.

• Install a new filter in the HVAC unit.

• Put bags of activated charcoal around the house to

• Clean any rooms that

smell like smoke. For moderate damage. In addition to the steps recommended for light damage:

• Wash or scrub exterior surfaces, including walls, walks, drives, decks, window and deck screens, etc.

• Wash interior walls and hard surfaces with mild soap or other appropriate cleaning solutions or products. Do not forget inside cabinets, drawers and closets.

Getting the smoke smellout clean all household items, cleaning them. including knick-knacks.

• Vacuum carpets, window coverings, upholstered furniture and mattresses.

• Wash anything with visible soot that can be washed.

• Consider having heating, ventilating, air-conditioning units and all ductwork professionally cleaned to remove soot, ash and smoke residue.

• Throw away food that was in opened containers.

• Consider replacing baby items like pacifiers and bottles, along with medical devices like oxygen masks • Wash, dust or otherwise and CPAP tubing, rather than

Mitchell Jacob Issue Spotlight March 2024

Inclusion. What a simple word that has become so controversial. I have a vision of Oklahoma that is not only inviting, but welcoming. Where all people, regardless of their race, gender, identity, nationality, sexuality, religion, background, past, or beliefs are welcome.

I truly believe that Oklahoma and the United States are made better by a diverse population, through inclusion. And to that end, it is time to stop the hatred, to stop the bullying, and to learn to love others even when we disagree with them. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:38. Nothing in the Bible says that we must only love and accept others when we agree with them, when they vote the same way we do, when they identify as male or female, or even that we must only love those who identify as the gender on their birth certificate. If you have a problem with someone else's race, gender, identity, or other characteristic, who cares? It is time to stop the hatred. It is time to stop focusing on how we are different and start working toward common goals. My name



Mitchell Jacob

is Mitchell Jacob, candidate for House District 20, and I choose to focus on a better, more diverse Oklahoma, not a more divided Oklahoma.

We are all Oklahomans. We all love this great state. Let us learn to love, accept, welcome, encourage, develop, and support other people. You do not need to agree with me for me to want you to succeed, and the same should be true universally. I love and respect you. I wish nothing but the best for you, for Oklahoma, and for District 20. Let us work toward common goals, a better Oklahoma, and learn to give and receive love. Learn more at mitchelljacob.com.



Pretty windy

Strong southerly winds last Thursday preceded thunderstorms that rumbled through the area, dumping 2.1" of rain bringing the total for the year year here to 8.45".

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Courthouse News

The following persons have been ous weapon. charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between March 14-20, 2024

Traffic

Sunny L. Eden, speeding, 90/80 -ST Nolo-contendre

Ricky L. Cummings, texting while operating non-commercial motor vehicle

full attention resulting in collision. Bonilla Jimenez, no valid driver's

license. Glen A. Williams, no seatbelt. Kati M. Adams, no seatbelt (pas-

senger). Seth A. Bunch, no seatbelt.

Ashley Johnson, no seatbelt. Billy W. Snowden, no seatbelt

(passenger) Sharon M. Schulz, no seatbelt. Dustin C. Kirkland-Scoggins, no

seatbelt. Isaiah J. Guinn, violation of special

permit

Alicia S. Paredez, crossing center strip

Melinda M. Sullivan, speeding, 90/80

Jennifer L. McMann, no seatbelt. Yasmin Yolany, no valid driver's license

Elizabeth L. Martin, speeding, 98/80

Neil C. Willmon, no valid driver's license Neil C. Willmon, speeding, 90/80. Brittney R. Davis, speeding, 90/80.

Parker G. Goldston, no seatbelt. Dixon R. Martinez Sierra, speeding, 90/80.

James A. West, speeding, 90/80. Doren D. Herbel, violation of special permit.

Kenneth C. Fortel, taxes due state. Misdemeanors

Dario V. Gil, malicious injury to property - under \$1000

Justin R. Darrington, possession of CDS - colonazepan.

Melissa G. Kopp, larceny of lost property.

Christina L. Davidson, larceny of lost property.

Courtlynn R. Mitchell, embezzlement

Martin Pocol, APC - while under the influence of alcohol.

Jackson Randolph, unlawful possession of CDS - cocaine.

Christopher D. Smith, unlawful possession of CDS - methamphet-

amine Vanessa M. Foglemen, trespassing

after being forbidden. Gregory L. Wayland, driving a

motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol Sean R. Bostwick, threaten to

perform act of violence. Felonies

Travis E. Bryant, battery/assault

and battery on police officer. Brian P. Whitmire, assault, battery,

or assault and battery with a danger-

Nathan M. Foster, protective order violation Kamel T. Moses III, failure to

register as sex offender. Jeffery N. Heath, causing acciden without valid driver's license - great

bodily injury. Matthew B. Kilburn, trafficking in

illegal drugs (cocaine). **Small Claims**

Floyd Parnacher vs. Keala Sealy Jonathan M. Wilson, fail to devote et al, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Newcastle Affordable Housing vs. Jonathan Herzer, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Newcastle Affordable Housing vs. Aly Walker, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Newcastle Affordable Housing vs. Sharon Benford, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Cook 01 LLC vs. Daphne Thomas, small claims under \$5000.

Cook 01 Development LLC vs. Kristofer Porter, small claims under \$5000.

Larry Moore vs. Adam Lopez, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000. Civil

Discover Bank vs. Ben Brakefield, civil action \$10,000 or less

Midland Credit Management Inc vs.PaulE.Jones, civil action \$10,000 or less Midland Credit Management Inc

vs. Jesika E. Skinner, civil action \$10,000 or less

Midland Credit Management Inc vs. Anthony Manning, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Arvest Bank vs. Colton S. Hyde, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Jeremy Smith vs. Autos in Motion Group LLC et al, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Discover Bank vs. Brian Brand, civil action \$10,000 or more.

American Express National Bank vs. Casey Gardner, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Nathan Brown vs. Encompass Insurance Co of America, civil action \$10,000 or more.

First United Bank and Trust vs. John E. Morwood et al, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed

Ethan N. Lawson, 20, and Destiny A. Lehman, 20, both of Purcell. Brad A. Fitch, 41, and Lacey R.

England, 31, both of Blanchard. Joseph M. Eades, 32, and Demi D.

Evans, 30, both of Newcastle. Jackson B. Cannon, 19, and Kaylee E. Weatherford, 19, both of

Blanchard. Brady J. Quinn, 30, and Brittany K. White, 27, both of Newcastle.

Andres M. Gentry, 19, and Carra N. Woodruff, 20, both of Purcell.

Divorces Granted Tracy J. Visor vs. Terry B. Visor.

Rachel S. Madden vs. Aaron D. Madden

Sharitta A. Grayson vs. Willie E. Grayson

Garden cleanup with pollinators in mind

Obituaries **Richard Terry Brewer**

Richard Terry Brewer died on March 22, 2024, in Purcell, at the age of 77 years 9 months 14 days. Graveside services

were held Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at the Washington Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Rich was born June 8, 1946, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Barney Haskell and Daisy Edith (Bonham) Brewer. His roots were firmly planted in Del City, Oklahoma, where he completed his education at Del City High

School in 1964.

In 1966, Rich answered the call of duty and joined the United States Air Force, a decision that filled him with pride as he served diligently until his honorable discharge in 1972. It was during this remarkable journey that he forged unbreakable bonds with fellow servicemen and women, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the privilege to know him.

A new chapter unfolded in Rich's life when he exchanged vows with Jacquelyn "Jackie" Gambel on August 4, 1979, in El Reno, Oklahoma. Together, they created a haven of love and warmth first in El Reno for over four decades before embarking on a new adventure in the Purcell/Washington area for the last four years.

Rich's professional path led him to a fruitful career as a tester for Western Electric, where his dedication and work ethic shone brightly until his well-deserved retirement in 2002. Beyond his professional pursuits, Rich embraced the simple joys of life, finding solace in hunting deer alongside his son, indulging in shooting sports, reveling in yearly fishing expeditions, appreciating moments spent outdoors through trapping activities, and tending to his cherished chickens.

However, amidst these passions and hobbies lay Rich's true treasure - his family. He found pure joy and contentment in their company, relishing every moment shared with those dearest to him. His love knew no bounds as he showered them with affection and support through every twist and turn of life's journey.

Rich was preceded in death by his parents, Barney and Daisy Brewer; his brother, Ralph Brewer; and his sister, Marjory Sears.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Brewer; his son, Mike Brewer; his son, Greg Brewer; his daughter, Angela Jordan and husband, Jeff; his grandsons, Jake Jordan and Nick Jordan; his sisters-inlaw and brothers-in-law; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Madley's Funeral Service, Inc. 303 W. Washington • P.O. Box 903 • Purcell, OK • (405) 527-668.

Norma Jean Owens

Norma Jean Owens went home to be with her Lord March 24, 2024, at the age of 100 years 2 months 5 days. Graveside services

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are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 2024 at the Lexington Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Norma graced this world as the eldest of eight siblings born to Lee and Mildred (Bryant) Hawkins. It was in the beautiful tapestry of life that she crossed paths with the love of her life, Thurman Owens. Their hearts intertwined,

and on October 21, 1941, they exchanged vows, embarking on a sacred union that spanned 66 years until Thurman's peaceful departure in 2007.

Through the ebbs and flows of existence, Norma and Thurman established their abode in Oklahoma City for numerous years. In 1973, Norma embraced a well-deserved retirement from Western Electric, marking a new chapter as they ventured to Lexington, where they planted their roots until Thurman's eventual parting.

A devout member of the Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Lexington, Norma's spirit found solace and community within its hallowed walls. Norma's legacy resonates not only through her familial bonds but also through the kindness she wholeheartedly shared with all who crossed her path. Her unwavering faith illuminated even the darkest of days and her enduring love continues to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Mildred Hawkins; her husband, Thurman Owens; her brothers, Bob Hawkins, Lewis Hawkins, Kenneth Hawkins and Lonnie Hawkins; her grandson, Gregory Don Owens; and her granddaughter, Becky Jackson.

Survivors include her three children, Donald Ray Owens and wife, Kathy, Carolyn Schultz and husband, Rick, and Rick Owens and wife, Ramona; her 10 grandchildren, Tamara and Karl Lehr, Shawn and Shannon Owens, Jon and Ashley Owens, Debbie and Dave Patterson, Sammy Bennett, Marissa Skaggs, Robin and Johnathan Franks, Chantel and Jay Watford, Taylor and Shelli Owens and Tiffany and Lance Judkins; her 18 greatgrandchildren, Tyler Culbertson, Brittany Culbertson, Matthew Owens, Austin Owens, Craig Patterson, Catie Overton, Jeremy Jackson, Jennifer Jackson, Krysten Franks, Brycen Franks, Rylee Cupp, Reagan Watford, Zachery Owens, Jackson Owens, Riddock Owens, Ramsey Judkins, Brookes Judkins and Jynner Judkins; her two great-great-grandchildren, Waylon Vermillion and Willow Cupp; her three sisters, Mary Evans, Betty Rowland and Sandra Conn; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Wadley's Funeral Service, Inc. 303 W. Washington . P.O. Box 903 . Purcell, OK . (405) 527-6687

From page 7A **Valters**:

said the agency's use of public going on more national me- Alaska Dispatch News. money and resources for per- dia?" reporter Wendy Suares sonal gain is concerning.

"To have somebody whose interview. sole purpose is not to get in-

asked during the November 13

The résumés of Mary Vought and Walters' top advisor, Matt to national media outlets on top-"What I'm saying is, we are Vought worked for U.S. Sen. southern border, drag queens in

contract is effective," it reads.

Vought has pitched Walters Langston, appear to overlap. ics including fentanyl and the formation to the public, but doing national recruiting ef- Ron Johnson's office from the classroom, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Johnson's traveling press teacher unions, library books, secretary from June 2010 to and his appointment of Chaya January 2011, according to his Raichik, the far-right social media influencer behind Libs of TikTok, to a library advisory committee. None of the email pitches obtained by FOX 25 and Oklahoma Watch contain any reference to teacher recruitment. The emails were sent by Caroline Woods at Vought Strategies. When reached by phone, Woods referred all questions, including Woods' title, to Mary Vought. Walters is in Washington, pearances on Newsmax and Fox News. This story was produced in collaboration with FOX 25 (KOKH-TV) Oklahoma Watch, at oklanonpartisan news organization that covers public-policy issues

MelindaMvers For The Purcell Register

Spring cleaning, indoors and out, is a long-standing tradition for many households. But as we learn more about the important pollinators, insecteating toads, songbirds, and beneficial insects, the more we realize we need to adjust some of our timing and methods.

It is safe to remove winter protection, such as mulch, when the temperatures begin hovering around freezing or your plants are beginning to sprout. Keep some frost protection handy just in case you need to protect any tender plants from a hard freeze.

Always check for frost heaving. When cold winters are interrupted by warm spells, bare soil may thaw and then refreeze.

This temperature fluctuation can cause the soil to shift and push spring flowering bulbs, coral bells, daylilies, and other perennials out of the soil. Just gently push them back in place or reset in the soil making sure the roots are covered.

Wait for temperatures to be consistently above 50 degrees to start cutting back perennials that were left standing. This allows any beneficial insects overwintering in the hollow stems time to emerge and find a summer home.

ground and some back to 18 to 24 inches on each plant. These old stems provide summer homes for some of our native bees. As new growth emerges in spring, it will mask the older stems so your garden will look as beautiful as ever.

If you can't wait, stack the stems out of sight until temperatures warm and pollinators have a chance to emerge. Then chop and compost the debris in mid-summer.

Tie or bungy cord tall ornamental grass plants before cutting them back to make cleanup easier. Then use a hand pruner for small jobs or a string trimmer or hedge clipper for larger plantings.

Wait for new growth to fill in shorter grasses and simply comb your fingers through the plant removing the old brown leaves.

Leave fall leaves on the soil surrounding the plants to serve as mulch, suppressing weeds and conserving moisture. As the leaves break down, they add organic matter and nutrients to the soil. They also provide homes for beneficial insects and insulate the soil for plants, toads, and more.

Mark the location of perennials like butterfly weed and hardy hibiscus that emerge later than most plants in spring. This helps to avoid accidentally

Cut some of the stems to the Please see **Cleanup**, page 12A

to get information about you on a public platform for your own personal gain is an illegal use of public funds and public resources, in my view," said Drew Edmondson, a Democrat who was Oklahoma's attorney general from 1995 to 2011. "I cannot think of a rational, legal explanation."

Another question about the use of public resources was raised because secretary of state records show that David Martin, an Education Department employee, set up the LLC for Vought Strategies in Oklahoma on November 9, the last day proposals were accepted. and he listed the Oliver Hodge Building, where the Department is housed, as his address.

Martin did not respond to a voicemail left for him on Tuesday. According to his LinkedIn profile, Martin started at the department in March 2023 as assistant chief operating officer; in November, he was promoted to senior director of technology and accountability.

Dan Isett, the department's couldn't explain why Martin registered the LLC.

"No, I don't have anything for you on that," he told KOKH. Months ago, Walters, in an interview with FOX 25 (KOKH-TV), offered an explanation for why his department needed the public relations contract. He said his national media appearances are for curement laws and playing at teacher recruitment.

forts for teachers to come to our state," Walters replied.

Mary Vought, in her bid, said she has 17 years of national media experience and has pitched and orchestrated TV and radio interviews on Fox News, CNN, received, even though the state Bloomberg TV, Newsmax, maintains a list of a dozen One America News Network, Oklahoma-based public rela-Sirius XM, Salem Radio, Fox tions firms approved for state News Radio and more.

For Vought's work, Oklahoma agreed to pay an estimated \$30,000 for the first four months, from March 6 to June 30, public records show. The contract can then be extended for up to three years.

Vought, in a November 9 Martin is the registered agent, letter submitted to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, said her compensation would be \$5,000 per clear to continue working with month. She followed up on them while we were waiting for November 14 with an hourly the new RFP to be approved," will spend a total of 25 hours wouldn't proceed if it were per week, at a rate of \$200 per extralegal.' hour.

for comment.

Vought came under fire for director of communications, a similar contract with Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy. She was hired in 2019 for \$4,000 a to find a record of payments month in state funds to get him on Fox News and right-wing media outlets and write op-eds under his name. The contract was extended and amended multiple times through the end shows the state and Vought of Dunleavy's second term in 2026, skirting the state's propolitical favoritism, according "So you're saying, we as to Dermot Cole, a former writer Oklahoma parents and students for the Fairbanks Daily News-

2011-2013. Langston was LinkedIn profile.

Vought's was the only bid contracts.

The contract started March 6 but emails make it clear Vought was working for Walters as early as August 10.

Isett on Tuesday told KOKH that Vought already had a contract with the department and the Mar. 6 contract was D.C., this week, making apan extension.

"I have an email from central purchasing saying we're in the breakdown, estimating her firm Isett said. "To be clear, we homawatch.org, is a nonprofit,

Isett did not provide the pre- *facing the state*. Vought did not respond to vious contract by publication. multiple attempts to reach her Oklahoma Watch's attempt to inspect the contract in person on Wednesday was rebuffed by department staff.

Oklahoma Watch was unable to Vought in the state's online checkbook system through January 31, which is the most recent data available.

The top item on the contract agreed that, as of March 6, Vought had not yet begun the work.

"Supplier shall not commence work, commit funds, incur costs, or in any way act are going to benefit from you Miner, Alaska Dispatch and to obligate the state until the



Cleanup:

weeding them out. Leave a few stems standing, use plant markers, or next fall plant some spring flowering bulbs near the plants to serve as a colorful placeholder.

Consider leaving some sunny spots bare for groundnesting bees. Avoid areas like entryways and gathering spots where people and the bees may collide. Although the bees are docile and not likely to sting, people are often fearful leading to their elimination. Setting aside some out-of-the-way spaces for ground-nesting bees allows everyone to coexist more happily.

This is also a good time to tidy up garden beds and lawn edges. You'll slow the invasion of weeds and grass into garden beds and lawn encroaching onto walks.

Remove weeds as they appear. The smaller weeds are



A bee pollinates easier to remove and eliminat- Adjusting your spring cleanup schedule will help pollinators like this bee on an allium flower.

· Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

ing them before they flower and set seed means fewer weeds you'll need to pull in the future.

Take advantage of the delay in spring cleaning by cleaning and sharpening your tools. When the temperatures are right, with tools in hand, you will be ready to get busy in the garden.

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.

Purcell Register Obituaries

Harold Paul Beller

Funeral services for Harold Paul Beller, 64, of Washington were held Monday, March 25, 2024 at the Goldsby Church. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. Beller passed away peacefully March 21, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Harold was born November 3, 1959 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the oldest of six children born to Robert Luther Beller and Mary June (Blalock) Beller.

He was raised in Washington and attended school there, but at age 17, answered the call of

service to his country. Harold joined the United States Navy, and served his country proudly. At the end of his service, he left Norfolk, Virginia, and returned back home to Washington.

He worked on the Lamar Ranch and as a surveyor and seismographer for a few years. In the early 1980s, he began working at B & H Construction for his Uncle Robert. Over the next 30 plus years he worked his way up to project manager where his employees and colleagues became not only his friends but family.

Harold married his best friend and soul mate, Pam (Vaughn) Roberts on August 11, 2000, and two families joined as one. He was a hard worker and an excellent provider. Away from work, he enjoyed watching Sooner Football and looked forward to cooking at deer camp. He liked traveling, taking cruise vacations and even quick trips to Broken Bow and Galveston. He mostly liked casinos, and never missed an opportunity to play. Above all, he cherished Pam, his daughters and especially his grandsons. He was a true family man who treated his in-laws like they were his own flesh. He was a wonderful husband and father, grandfather, brother, uncle and a true friend. He will be dearly missed! He was preceded in death by his daughter, Krissa Roberts; his father, Robert Beller and brothers, Rodney Beller and Leroy Beller. Harold is survived by his loving wife, Pam; daughters, Jenifer Beller and husband, Seth Urbanski, of Norman, Daysha Nelson and husband, Johnny, of Norman and Kailey Evans and husband, Trevor, of Wayne; mother, June Beller of Washington; sisters, Ruby Deaver and husband, Kevin, of Washington and Vickie Belvin and husband, Audey, of Washington; brother, Mike Beller and wife, Theresa, of Goldsby; father- and motherin-law, Jackie and Carolyn Vaughn of Washington; brothers and sisters-in-law, Kim Ellis and husband, Toby, of Wayne, Mark Vaughn and wife, Ashli, of Washington and Mike Vaughn and wife, Pam, of Purcell; his pride and joy, grandsons, Jakob, Greyson, Dayne, Tate, Braylen and Kash; several cousins, nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends. Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

Donald Dale Burton

Donald Dale Burton died March 23, 2024, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 79 years 7 months 20 days leav-



ing behind a legacy of honor and dedication. Funeral Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, March 29, 2024, at Union Hill Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell, Oklahoma, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Don was born August 3, 1944, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Dale Warren and Anna

Grace (Gothard) Burton. Don's formative years were spent in Oklahoma City, where he excelled academically and athletically, graduating from Southeast High in 1962 as an all-state wrestler with a passion for semipro football.

He began his higher education at Central State College before answering the call to defend his country on July 15, 1963. Don embarked on a distinguished career in the United States Air Force as a electronic warfare specialist, weather maintenance technician, solar optical telescope technician and special operations that spanned over two decades. This set his family on a wild adventure of traveling across the world; from Mississippi to Spain. With unwavering pride and commitment, he served until his honorable discharge on July 31, 1983, earning numerous decorations, medals, and accolades for his exemplary service, as well as completing his master's degree.

Linda Gayle Hawkins became his cherished partner on February 8, 1964, in Oklahoma City. Together they traversed the land scape of life's adventures with a shared love for travel, ministry, missions and family. Post-military life saw Don embrace a new chapter as an electrical engineer. An avid traveler at heart, Don orchestrated memorable family escapades to all fifty states, even including Hawaii and Alaska. Overseas they enjoyed visiting China, Thailand, Vietnam, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Mexico and most of Europe. His zeal for discovery extended to cruises, RV expeditions, and fishing trips that enriched cherished memories. Whether casting lines into waters or venturing into the wilderness on a hunt, Don found joy in God's creation. Craftsmanship was not only a skill but a passion for Don - be it woodworking or reviving homes with meticulous care. Collaboratively with Linda by his side, they built four homes from the ground up and renovated over eighteen others - imbuing each project with their unique touch. A beacon of faith within his community, Don's devotion shone brightly through roles such as deacon and church leader. He was an active member at Union Hill Baptist Church. His profound love for scripture illuminated lives as he imparted wisdom and spiritual teachings to all who crossed his path. In moments of leisure, Don reveled in simple joys like reading westerns or telling jokes while passing down his wisdom to his children and grandchildren - embodying values of love and tradition. Family bonds were sacrosanct to him; every milestone celebrated with dominoes or card games where his competitive spirit found delight rarely in defeat. Don's essence lives on through the hearts he has touched - a tapestry woven with threads of dedication, compassion, and unwavering love for family and faith. Don was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Anna Grace Burton; and his brother, Jerry Warren Burton. Survivors include his wife, Linda Burton; his two daughters, Kathryn Young and husband, Jim, and Kristin Moseley; his four grandchildren, Gentry Young, Kyrie Young, Kyler Moseley and Caedon Moseley; his brother-in-law, Bob Hawkins and wife, Clara; his nieces and nephews; Melissa O'Brien and children, Joseph Kent, Matthew Kent, Savanna O'Brien and Sean O'Brien; Teresa Shrum and husband, John, and their children, Tiffany Shrum and Jeremy Shrum; Diane Zander and husband, David, and their daughter Micah; Bobby Hawkins and wife, Carla, and their children, John Hawkins and Sara Boomer; Carla Dodson and husband, Chuck, and their children, Brad Dodson and Ryan Dodson; Ronnie Hawkins and wife, Kim, and grand- nephews, Tyler Hawkins and Trent Hawkins; Susan Conviser and husband, Don; Donna Jett, Jennifer Simmons, Reyna Wilcox; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Ricki Flohr Walterscheid

Ricki Flohr Walterscheid passed peacefully surrounded by her family March 21, 2024, in Purcell at the age of 45 years 2 months



13 days. Her Celebration of Life is scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2024, at the Wadley's Funeral Chapel, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Ricki was born January 8, 1979, in Denton, Texas, where she spent the first few years of her life. She, along with her mother, Sue, her dad, Don, and her granny, Joyce, relocated in 1986

to the Reintree Ranch in Ada, Oklahoma. It was there amongst the embrace of nature that she learned to ride and show horses under the guidance of her beloved dad.

Ricki's love for travel and adventure was cultivated by her mom and granny, going to Biloxi Beach often as well as to Louisiana. Ricki attended Lexington School where her mother teaches and Ada High School where she graduated with distinction in 1997. Her passion for basketball and remarkable intelligence led her to excel as a two-time state champion and earn a basketball scholarship.

Embracing academia, she pursued Psychology at Oklahoma Christian before earning her Juris Doctorate from the esteemed University of Oklahoma School of Law. Ricki was a warrior for justice, spending 20 years as a criminal defense attorney working in the General Appeals Division of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System.

In January of 2018, she met a woman, and both of their lives were forever changed. On 1-11-22, amidst the serene shores of South Padre Island, Texas, Ricki exchanged vows with Valarie Ann Lambert, embarking on a shared journey as the LambScheids. Their relationship started with adventure as the theme, and it blossomed through those adventures - from tranquil moments camping by the lake to epic road trips all over the country- embodying love and partnership. They found great peace and joy on their outdoor adventures hiking or fishing and kayaking at Lake Arbuckle and Lake Sardis, their second home. She and her wife shared a love for water, mountains, and a zest for life. They enjoyed an occasional casino trip together and with their folks. Ricki enjoyed dancing and had a deep love for music, attending many concerts. She had a vibrant spirit. She cherished family gatherings; especially relishing moments spent with her grandsons. An ardent nature lover, she found solace in tending a garden during the pandemic with her wife. They spent many hours seeking tranquility in the beauty of their backyard, having a fire and watching the moonrise, and on the front porch watching the sunset. Ricki enjoyed reading and would research everything, before purchasing anything. She lived life to the fullest. To Ricki, life was a grand adventure. Ricki was preceded in death by her father, Richard (Ricky) Walterscheid; her grandfather, Norbert Walterscheid; her granny, Joyce Stulz; and her aunt and uncle, Karen and Darrell Cash. Survivors include her wife, Valarie Lambert; her mother, Sue (Stulz) Flohr; her dad, Don Flohr; her grandmother, Mary Ann Walterscheid; her daughters, Natalee Heald and Brittanie Anderson, as well as Natalee's husband Adam; her grandsons, Grizzlie Clark and Orion Heald and was anticipating the arrival of their first granddaughter, Gwendolyn Heald; her aunts, Terri Luke and husband, Melvin, Susan Flusche and husband, Neal, and Sandra Reeves and husband, Kevin; and numerous other relatives, friends, and loved ones. Let us remember not only the achievements Ricki amassed but also the joy she brought into each life she touched. May her legacy endure through memories of laughter and love intertwined with the echoes of her adventurous spirit that touched us all. Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Ricki to: Susan G. Komen Foundation - Komen.org - (877) GoKomen.

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Joshua Gary Carter Jr.

Joshua Gary Carter Jr. was born into Heaven on March 8, 2024. His parents, Joshua and Kara (Presler) Carter, had less than sixteen weeks with the idea of bringing a third Carter child into the world. But, in that short time, they had already begun to dream of their future as a family of five.

Joshua and Kara were excited at the idea of introducing Joshua Jr. to his siblings, Kayson and Ania and holding their newest addition in their arms. Although Joshua is now in Heaven, he is well loved in the hearts of his family.

Joshua Carter Jr. is survived by his parents, Joshua and Kara Carter; his siblings, Kayson and Ania Carter; his maternal grandparents, Jim and Nancy Presler; and his paternal grandparents, Jeromy and Ramie Carter; along with a host of other relatives and friends.

During this trying time, the Carter family requests privacy and time to process their loss.

Condolences may be sent to Wadley's Funeral Service at wadleysfuneralservice.com.

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THE PURCELL REGISTER, Thursday, March 28, 2024-13A 2021 court decision cemented tribal sovereignty

On March 11, 2021, we ciples also critical to securing the Chickasaw Nation's crimi- matic changes in recent years has evolved over time. And western district who prosecutes marked an important mile- tribal sovereignty, McGirt v. nal justice officials to work stone in the work to protect Oklahoma. In it, Seminole Na- toward "effective, efficient, and Chickasaw Nation sovereignty: tion citizen Jimcy McGirt ar- durable cross-commissioning Judicial affirmation of the guedhis Native heritage and the of policing services throughout Chickasaw Nation's treaty ter- fact his crime was committed the Chickasaw Nation" as well ritory as a "reservation," which on the Muscogee reservation as appropriate "prosecutorial is a form of Indian country meant the state of Oklahoma authorizations to ensure all under federal law.

Immediately following the recognition of the Chickasaw agreed. Nation's reservation, Chickaalways known ... we remain a nole reservations. self-governing Tribal nation."

catalyst for this heralded event being a sovereign entity, it was to return to productive engagewas a court battle involving forever put to rest. a heinous crime committed 2010.

convicted for the brutal killings Nation's reservation and of-Christian and her daughter, continuing vitality of Tribal 6-year-old Chastity Hammer, treaties in this area of the law. in Purcell.

with the family this man victimized,"GovernorAnoatubby Anoatubby followed through support for Tribal rights to selfon this pledge.

Mr. Bosse's attempt to take Tribal sovereignty, they carry Lighthorse police or a crossadvantage of the Chickasaw Nation's sovereignty and the He argued that the Chickasaw Nation's treaty territory was and remains a "reservation," or Indian country, for purposes of determining jurisdiction to punish his crimes.

The court agreed and held that the Chickasaw Nation continues to possess, as a sovereign entity, a reservation that was established by Congress in accord with our treaties and that, as such, it remains Indian country for purposes of criminal jurisdiction.

This ruling caused a massive increase in what had been understood to be Chickasaw Nation Indian country, with direct consequence on the reach of Tribal, Federal, and State

did not have jurisdiction.

The Bosse decision clarified saw Nation Governor Bill that while the McGirt ruling the measure of justice available Anoatubby issued a procla- involved only the Muscogee mation that declared, in part, reservation, its reasoning also that the ruling "set forth what applied to the Chickasaw, also called for the expansion the Chickasaw people have Cherokee, Choctaw and Semi- of services intended to of-

Tragic though it was, the about the Chickasaw Nation both victims and perpetrators

The ruling that affirmed the by a non-Native against three Chickasaw Nation's reserva- tion Chief Counsel in the Office Chickasaw citizens in June tion, like several others, relied of Tribal Justice Administraon the U.S. Supreme Court's Shaun Michael Bosse, a earlier ruling in McGirt, which non-Native, had been earlier arose in the Muscogee (Creek) of Chickasaw citizens Katrina fered the Supreme Court's Griffin, 24, her son, 8-year-old full-throated affirmation of the

"Our hearts remain steadfast affirmations of the Chicka- prosecutors. The department, saw Nation's and Muscogee including support staff, now (Creek) Nation's reservations, totals 39 employees. Prior said at the time, and promised courts have recognized eight to these court decisions, her the tribe "will continue our separate and continuing res- department averaged approxiefforts to see justice done for ervations in Oklahoma. While mately 80 prosecutions a year. the victim's family." Governor these rulings offer tremendous Prosecutions now average apgovernment and opportunities The court battle turned on for the expanded exercise of made by either Chickasaw also immense responsibilities. commission officer of the

Native status of his victims. Nation turned to rise to those prosecutors. We file cases that responsibilities, it worked to are submitted to us. We'll have foster cross-jurisdictional co- arrestees who come from all operation in the interest of the parts of the Chickasaw Nation public's safety.

For example, in executive di-

crimes committed within our The U.S. Supreme Court boundaries are properly prosecuted and justice is served."

But that's not all. To increase within the Chickasaw Nation system, Governor Anoatubby fer "restorative justice and If there was ever a question mechanisms designed to help ment within our community."

> Debra Gee, Chickasaw Nation, agrees much has changed.

> "In 2021, we were working with just one part-time attorney who served as a prosecutor," Gee said. "In 2021, we moved to being a full-time prosecution office."

Gee said the department cur-Today, including the judicial rently employs eight full-time proximately 2,000 a year.

"Once an arrest has been And when the Chickasaw Chickasaw Nation, we are the territory," she said.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police rectives issued March 11, 2021, Commissioner Randy Wesley Governor Anoatubby directed says his force has seen dra-

to accommodate the increased responsibilities, as well.

"The McGirt decision had a huge impact," Wesley said. "We had about 65 officers that number has increased to 105 officers.

Two other metrics reveal the differences between pre-McGirt and the post-McGirt ruling. Calls for service in 2020 were just more than 24,600. In 2023 that number jumped to 35,750. Community policing events have skyrocketed from 38 in 2020 to 294 last year.

Gee says communication with other law enforcement agencies is key.

"We've had to do outreach to law enforcement agencies to let Assistant U.S. Attorney at the to be done, but we've come a

even before March 2021, we in federal and tribal court." produced written documents to each of the agencies on how to tubby's executive directives, contact us.

"There are 13 counties, and when the McGirt decision was each of those counties has handed down." Today, he said, law enforcement agencies and city police. We have 79 crosscommission agreements, and natives to incarceration with each of those 79 agencies has officers who write reports and submit those to us."

> More serious crimes are often brought to the attention of the U.S. Attorney's office where the penalties can be harsher than the three-year limit on sentences a Tribal court can doing in this office as well as

U.S. Attorney's office," Gee and their mental health team. them know our process, which U.S. Attorney's office in the long way since 2021."

In line with Governor Anoaimprisonment is not the end of the process. Gee says concentrated effort goes into restoration.

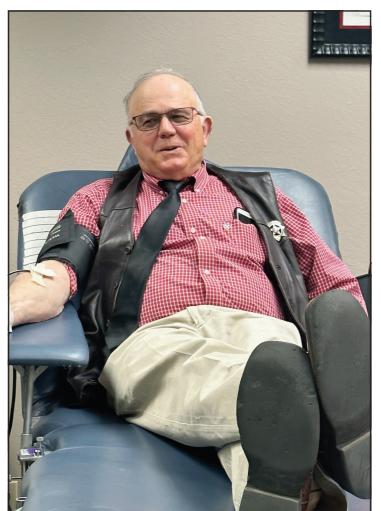
"We're implementing alterour healing to wellness court and our truancy court," Gee said. "We're trying to implement alternatives rather than just locking people up and not doing anything to improve their lives or rehabilitating them.

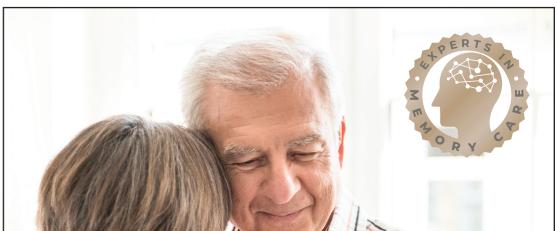
"That is something we are impose for any single offense. working with other internal "We work closely with the offices like family services said. "We have a tribal special There are a lot of things still



Drawing blood

Officials with the Oklahoma Blood Institute were in Purcell for a blood drive sponsored jointly by the McClain County Sheriff's Department and First United Bank where the drive was set up. A total of 21 units of blood was collected March 10.





criminal jurisdiction.

Nonetheless, Mr. Bosse's attempt to evade justice for his brutality by seeking to deprive the Oklahoma court of power over him ultimately failed, and today he remains sentenced to death for his crimes.

Factored into the court's decision was an earlier case that strongly affirmed basic prin-

From page 5A YLOK:

Enid

In each community, YLOK Class 24 will learn about Oklahoma's resources, issues and treasures, meet with state leaders and further develop their own leadership skills.

"YLOK was challenging and pushed me to be a better leader," said a YLOK Class 23 participant about their experience last summer, "I participated in many activities far outside of my comfort zone.

"I feel I made great new connections with people with similar ambitions to me. I have never been in such a diverse group before, and that gave me a new viewpoint on many topics. I'm forever grateful for YLOK and this experience," the participant concluded.

"Leadership Oklahoma is very excited about the 52 young people chosen for this year's program. YLOK Class 24 is an outstanding blend of student leadership from across the state," said Jodi Lewis, Leadership Oklahoma's President & CEO.

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Blood donor

McClain County Sheriff Landy Offolter got an early start and was among the first to donate blood at First United Bank last week.



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Motorcycle, too

A motorcycle was collateral damage after a Dodge Charger caught fire March 20 on the Southeast corner of Lester Lane and Apache in Purcell just after 3 p.m. Firefighters used multiple types of retardant to knock down the fire.

From page 1A Tornado

injury or death.

• Even after a tornado passes, it's important to stay alert and use caution when clearing debris.

• Stay clear of fallen power risk. lines or broken utility lines. • Wear appropriate gear

during clean-up, such as thick-soled shoes, long pants and work gloves, and use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris.

• Do not enter damaged buildings until you are told they are safe.

Keep cell phones charged

you have a shelter so they can search for you in case of an event.

Prepare now.

Know your area's tornado

In the U.S., the Midwest and the Southeast have a greater risk for tornadoes.

Know the signs of a tornado, including a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud, an approaching cloud of debris or a loud roar-similar to a freight train.

Sign up for your community's warning system. In McClain County, contact and report to authorities if McClain County Emergency

Management at 405-288-2064 or online at http://mcclainco-ok.us/offices/emergencymanagement/ and sign up for Everbridge.

The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts. If your community has sirens, then become familiar with the warning tone.

Pay attention to weather reports. Meteorologists can predict when conditions might be right for a tornado.

Identify and practice going to a safe shelter in the event of high winds, such as a safe room or storm shelter. The next best protection is a small, interior, windowless room on the lowest level of a sturdy building.

Take additional cover by shielding your head and neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around vou.

Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio, or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions.

Do not try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle. If you are in a car or outdoors and cannot get to a building, cover your head and neck with your arms and cover your body with a coat or blanket, if possible.

Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines. Do not enter damaged buildings until you are told that they are safe.

Save your phone calls for emergencies.

Phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster. Use text messaging or social media to communicate with family and friends.

Setting sun

The Purcell sky is ablaze as it sets for the day over Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell.

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From page 1A

Easter:

Veneration of the Cross.

Easter Vigil will be an Eng-

esurrection will be on Sunday.

Good Friday worship with at 1106 W. Grant, will have Stations of the Cross in Span- a Good Friday service at 7 ish will be held at 2:30 p.m. p.m. and hold an Easter Egg Mass at 7 p.m. will include Hunt Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The age divisions for the lish Mass on Saturday at 8 egg hunt are 0-3, 4-6, 7-9 and p.m. At that time, three new 10-12. They will have a service members will join the church. Saturday starting at 6 p.m. and Masses celebrating Jesus' have three services on Easter Sunday

Child care will be provided for children from birth through three-years-old.

Gift baskets will be handed out and busy bags will be provided for the kids in the service.

Purcell's First Baptist Church will hold a Good Friday service at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday's service begins at 10:15 a.m.



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There will be an English Mass Mass at 11 a.m., followed by a Spanish service at 1 p.m.

There will be an egg hunt sponsored by the Religious Education Board after the 11 a.m. Mass.

Landmark Church, located

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Service times on Easter are at 8:30 a.m. and an English 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. the Washington High School Coffee and donuts will be available at 10 a.m. with the service starting at 10:30 a.m. **AFTER 49 YEARS** WE ARE

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The First Baptist Church in Wayne will observe Easter at

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Goldsby Church will hold their regular 11 a.m. service its Easter Sunday service at Sunday. Events Center Gymnasium.

Church of Rosedale had Palm Sunday service at 10:45 a.m. March 24. Easter Sunday's worship service begins at

> 10:45 a.m. Emmanuel Baptist Church will hold its Easter Service at 10 a.m. followed by an Easter Egg Hunt around 11 a.m.

The First Presbyterian

Washington's First Baptist Church will have an Eggtravaganza on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and hold Easter Services at 10 a.m.

Lexington First Baptist Church will have a pageant Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

On Good Friday their service will begin at 7 p.m. with two services on Easter Sunday.

Church officials said there will be a 4 p.m. Easter Pageant (The Reason) Saturday.

Easter worship service is at 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. with Sunday School starting at 9:15 a.m.

Easter will be a regular service at 10 a.m. Sunday at Grace Chapel in Lexington.

Kiwanis Egg Hunt

The Heart of Oklahoma Kiwanis Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday at the Purcell Lake Weaver Pavilion, 1400 Chandler Road.

Each age group will have their own hunt and prizes. Age groups include 0-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures.

The hunt begins at 9:30 a.m.

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Undefeated at Broken Bow

Run rules for every team Washington played

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The Washington slowpitch softball team was handing out run rules as party favors at the Broken Bow Festival over spring break.

They picked up five wins as they dominated the rest of the field.

"We played really well and run ruled in all our games," Washington head coach Tylor Lampkin said. "We're still trying to find our groove but it was a good outing."

Wright City

In the Wright City game, a 12-0 win. Reese Schrader

was 3-3 and homered twice. Julie Hoehner also homered and finished the day 1-1 with three RBIs.

"Schrader and Hoehner are knocking the cover off the ball right now," Lampkin said. "They're also doing an unbelievable job in the infield.'

Schrader plays shortstop and Hoehner plays third base. Washington scored six runs in the first inning, five in the second and two in the third. Ball game.

Kiowa Washington beat Kiowa 16-8.

Schrader, the leadoff, homered on her first at-bat in the game and the Warriors were off to a four-run head start.

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They scored four more in the second inning and had an 8-2 lead and didn't let off the gas.

Caney

Washington's 13-1 win over Caney came with more offensive fire power.

Halle Andrews, Shelbie Caveness, Schrader and Hoehner all homered.

Caveness also triple while

Please see Undefeated, page 3B



Warriors undefeated at Gulf Coast Classic

Miss out on semifinals in tie breaker

JohnDennyMontgomery **The Purcell Register**

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Put something on it

Washington sophomore Jonathen

Montoya delivers a pitch for the

Warriors. Washington is scheduled

to host Jones Friday.

The Washington Warrior baseball team went 4-0 at Gulf Shores over spring break at the 2024 Gulf Coast Classic Baseball Tournament.

They missed out on the bracket play semifinals portion of the tournament to a tie breaker of runs allowed.

Washington allowed nine runs during the tournament while the four teams who got in gave up 6, 5, 3 and 0respectively.

Warrior head coach Jeff Kulbeth was pleased with his ball club's play at the tournament.

"The teams we played were good," he said. "This

prepared us (for the rest of Caskill was 2-2 on two the season).'

Kulbeth said the Warriors' pool team were very competitive this season and likened them to some of the top 10 teams in Class 3A in Oklahoma.

Grove

They defeated Grove 4-0 to open the tournament. Kulbeth said his team

lacked intensity during the game, but despite that came away with the victory. Senior Tristin Babbitt

struck out 11 batters in five innings of work.

Sophomore Jackson Rico closed out the game in relief for the final two innings, striking out four batters.

doubles, with a pair of walks too.

Case Taylor and Koen Scarborough both had RBIs. Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Washington defeated Walnut Ridge 6-5 in the second game of the tournament.

McCaskill stayed hot at the plate, going 2-4 with a double and a homer. He knocked in four batters in the meantime. Marlon Moore started on

the bump, earning the win. He struck out 10 batters in

5 1/3 innings of work while giving up two earned runs.

"Marlon had a great start," Kulbeth said. "We were up

Offensively, Dax Mc- Please see Warriors, page 2B





Greg Gaston double g images The delivery

Lexington senior Drew Dierking fires a pitch home during the Bulldogs' 10-2 win over Wynnewood. Dierking struck out 11 batters in the outing.

Greg Gaston • double g images Creating space

Purcelljunior Joselyn Ramirez dribbles the ball Monday during the Dragons' game against Christian Heritage. Purcell fell 10-0.

Seven wins flips Lex record

8-6 Bulldogs are in the Dibble tournament this weekend

EmilyMontgomery The Purcell Register

Monday night, the Lexington Bulldogs picked up another win with their 12-1 victory over Comanche.

They collected 10 hits, including two from Drew Dierking, James McMillan and Logan Carroll. Zeke Faulkenberry, Colby Haynes, Skylar Rollins and Hunter Olson had one apiece.

"I knew the first week of the schedule would be tough. So we made it through that and the guys are gelling as a team and we're putting the ball in play more," head coach Matt Dierking said.

The Bulldogs got on board in the first inning with four runs. Their first two came from a McMillan single that scored a run and a Comanche error that scored another. Lexington added three runs in the fourth.

Their five-run fifth inning was thanks to a Haynes triple, a Dierking single, a McMillan double and an error.

Dierking was on the mound for four and two-thirds innings. He struck out six and gave up just one run on three hits.

Haynes came on in relief for the final out.

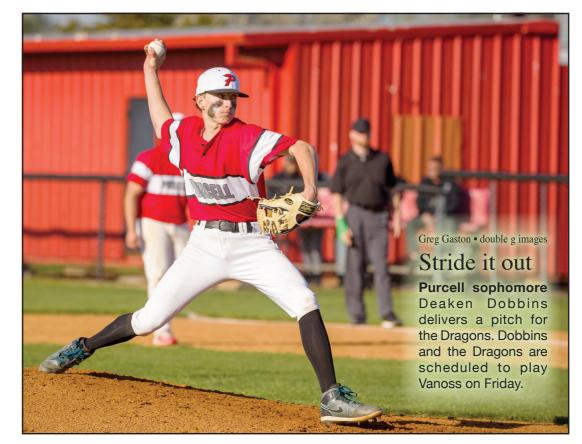
That win moves their record to 8-6.

They were scheduled to host Comanche on Tuesday

Please see Lex, page 3B

Back-to-back run rules on Monday

Dragons leave Harding Prep in the dust, 10-0 and 12-2



John D. Montgomery **The Purcell Register**

Purcell had breakout games offensively on Monday when they hosted Harding Prep for a double header, winning both games by run-rules.

In the opening contest, Purcell shut out the Eagles, 10-0.

Deaken Dobbins and Kash Knowles combined to throw six innings of one-hit baseball.

"Both pitchers did a good job throwing strikes and attacking the zone all day," head coach Cole Sharp said.

ParkerPage,CarterGoldston and Jett Tyler led the Dragons with two hits each.

Page had a team-leading three RBIs.

"We hit the ball really well as a team," Sharp continued.

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In safe

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Lexington senior Marisa Northrup pulls safely into third base during the Bulldogs' 14-5 win over Blanchard. Northrup was 2-4 and scored two runs.

Tough slate this week

Lady Bulldogs facing top teams in 5A, 6A

EmilyMontgomery The Purcell Register

Monday night the Lexington Lady Bulldogs were back on the diamond hosting Dale and Newcastle.

They dropped both games – a 16-3 loss to Dale and a 13-11 loss to Newcastle.

Dale

"The best way to explain the Dale game is that they had three home runs and scored nine runs. We had three homeruns and score three," head coach Monty Ervin said.

"We struck the ball well at times, but we're just inconsistent."

Brodie Anderson had two solo homeruns, one in the first and one in the fourth. Marleigh Givens had one solo homerun in the second inning.

each had one hit. Newcastle In their second game, Lex-

ington held a 6-0 lead after the runs in the sixth inning. third inning.

Hall of Fame Shootout

Thursday, March 28 • 4 p.m. - Lexington vs. Southmoore • 6 p.m. - Westmoore vs. Lexington Friday, March 29 • 12 p.m. - Cache vs. Lexington • 2 p.m. - Bixby vs. Lexington

Newcastle scored seven runs in the fourth to move ahead by one.

The Lady 'Dawgs snatched the lead back in the bottom Marisa Northrup, Baylee of the fourth when two runs Rillema and Marleigh Givens scored. Kiely Givens grounded

out to score one and an error scored the other.

Lexington added three more

But, Newcastle wouldn't go away. They scored six runs in the seventh to retake the lead and win the game.

"Our defense let us down. You can't give a team five outs in one inning. That's hard to recover from.'

Lexington had four errors. They were in Washington

on Tuesday for games with the Lady Warriors and Harrah.

Thursday and Friday they are in Oklahoma City for the Hall of Fame Shootout. Southmoore, Westmoore, Cache and Bixby are on their slate.

"All those teams, except Bixby are top teams in 5A and 6A. It'll be tough, but the only way to get better is to play good competition."

Wayne Festival tomorrow

The Wayne Lady Bulldogs were scheduled to be in Asher on Monday and Tuesday for the Red White and Blue Conference tournament.

However, field conditions canceled Monday's games. As of press time, the plan was to play the tournament as a festival with the Lady Bulldogs playing Maud and

Wayne Festival

Friday @ Wayne

- Wayne vs. Apache 11 a.m.
- Apache vs. Asher 12:30 p.m. • Asher vs. Fletcher 2 p.m.
- Fletcher vs. Central 3:30 p.m.
- Central vs. Minco 5 p.m. Minco vs. Wayne 6:30 p.m.

Stratford.

To round out their week, Wayne is scheduled to host Asher today (Thursday) starting at 4:30.

They will host the Wayne Festival on Friday. Teams in the festival include Apache, Asher, Fletcher, Central and Minco.



Let it float

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Purcell senior Kelly Anderson sends a pitch to a batter for the Dragons. Anderson will miss the remainder of the season due to injury.

Dragons clip Harrah, 19-14

Purcell hammers five home runs in two games Monday

John <u>D. Montgomery</u> **The Purcell Register**

Purcell's slow-pitch softball team enjoyed a Spring Break free of games.

Coach Sarah Jones' club was back in action Monday at Harrah. Tecumseh filled out the slate of games.

The Dragons defeated Harrah 19-14 pounding out 25 hits and making no fielding errors.

Ella Resendiz was 4-5 including a double and a home run. She finished with four RBIs.

Hannah Whitaker went a run finishing with four RBIs knocked in three runs.

KK Vazquez was 3-3 including a home run and two RBIs. Kenna Esparza went 3-5 in-

cluding a triple and had an RBI. Haley Kretchmar was 3-3 in the contest.

"We had a great win against Harrah," Jones said. "Our senior Kelly Anderson is out for the season and Hannah Whitaker and Mack McKay did a great job stepping in with no practice, extremely high winds and frozen temps.

"We had five home runs on perfect 4-4 including a home the day and hit the ball extremely well," the coach said.

"We are 3-3 with our losses coming to Tecumseh (#2 in 5A), Washington (#3 in 5A) and Dale (#1 in 4A)," she said.

"We are doing well and I am super proud of the girls," Jones concluded.

Tecumseh pinned an 11-3 loss on the Dragons even though Purcell out-hit the Savages 12-11.

Vazquez and Whitaker led the scoring with three hits apiece including a home run by Vazquez.

The Dragons were to host Newcastle and NRC Tuesday and are scheduled to play in the



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and scored four times.

Mack McKay also had four to help to give us 10 players wall Thursday and Friday. hits in five trips to the plate and

Wayne in tourney this week

Monday's games with Ringling and Ninnekah were canceled due to wet field conditions.

logs (8-4) were host Empire on

> erville bracket Page 3B

e in Thackerville sday for the Dia-Red tournament. gs play Mill Creek day (Thursday).

and went 4-7.

"Kenna Esparza stepped in Beast of the East event in Stone-

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6-1 and had a chance to get in four innings. out of the inning and didn't make a play and gave up some runs late."

Greenbriar, Tenn.

The Warriors next defeated Greenbriar 4-3 on a walk-off hit by Moore in their Tuesday double header.

They got on the board first with a run in the second and tacked on two more in the second before Moore's liner to right field drove in Kade Norman to end the game.

Moore finished the game 2-4 with a pair of ribbies.

Norman was 0-4 but walked in the 8th inning to set the table for Moore.

Zeke Wilson got the ball on the mound and struck out three batters through four innings.

"It was a solid performance," Kulbeth said.

Kale Brakefield came on in relief and fanned five batters



Gallatin, Tenn.

The Warriors final win, and game, of the tournament was a 6-1 final over Gallatin.

Washington again struck first and led from start to finish, only giving up one run in the final inning.

Owen Andrews struck out six batters with no earned runs in a complete, seven-inning game.

"Owen went the distance and did a good job," Kulbeth said. "We had some young arms give us good innings when the game was on the line. It was a pleasant surprise to watch those guys perform like they did."

Andrews did it at the plate too, going 2-3 with a double and an RBI.

Norman was also 2-3 with an RBI and scored a run.

"We had timely hits and we battled at the plate," Kulbeth said. "We were fortunate to have batters compete with two strikes and run up guys' pitch counts."

Frederick

Washington picked up two District wins against Frederick prior to spring break.

They decimated the Bombers 31-1 and 17-0 in the double header.

The Warriors are 11-1 this season.

They play Sulphur today (Thursday).



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Bear gets low

Purcell sophomore Bryce Blair gets low to dig a ball out at first base for the Dragons. Blair and Co. is scheduled to play Vanoss Friday.

From page 1B **Dragons:**

"Carter Golston is swinging the ken Bow over Spring Break. bat well for us.

needed this to get back on the errors. right track."

pounded the Eagles12-2.

In losses to Durant, 2-1, Pan-"We played good defense, ama,13-5 and Hartshorne,15-4, pitched well and hit the ball the Dragons managed only 13 good throughout the day. We hits while committing a dozen

In the nightcap, the Dragons nings of three-hit ball against the Lions. He took the one Led by Goldston's 2-3 outing run-loss when Durant pushed

(Deaken) competed on the mound and challenged Durant's hitters all game long. Kash Knowles came in relief and did a great job throwing strikes.

- Cole Sharp, head coach

in the game.

the eighth off freshman reliever

Cash Cook, Billingsley and

"I thought this was Deaken's

despite the loss," Sharp said.

"He competed on the mound

and challenged Durant's hitters

"Our hitting was quiet for the

most part. We just couldn't get

that timely hit when we needed

at the plate, Purcell finished across a run in the bottom of with seven hits.

Casey Billingsley, Kash Kash Knowles. Knowles, Page, Dobbins and Bryson Perkins all had hits in Selman had Purcell's three hits the contest.

Meanwhile, pitchers Bryce Blair, Page and Preston Kane best outing of the season limited the Eagles to just a pair of hits while only walking three batters.

"All three of them did a all game long. Kash Knowles tremendous job working the came in relief and did a great hitters and making them swing job throwing strikes. the bats and throwing strikes,' Sharp confirmed.

Errors and quiet bats plagued the Dragons in three losses in it," the coach said. the Southeast Shootout in Bro-

Dobbins pitched seven in-

said overall he thought his team played pretty well for the most part and gave themselves a chance to win at the end.

errors in the Panama loss and were out-hit 8-4.

Billingsley, Goldston, Cole Smedley, Dobbins and Selman all had singles in the game.

Boston Knowles took the pitching loss. He was relieved by Kane. Blair tossed the final 4 2/3 innings.

"We had some trouble throwing strikes during the game," Sharp said. "I thought Bryce came in and threw strikes and did a great job. Mistakes in the field got us in trouble."

Purcell limited its errors in the Hartshorne contest but the No. 15 team in 2A pinned a run-rule loss on the Dragons.

Billingsley took the pitching loss with Smedley and Selman leading the offense with two hits each.

A total of 19 walks issued by Dragon pitchers also added fuel to the losses.

Purcell is 6-12 on the year. The Dragons are scheduled to tangle with Vanoss at home Friday and travel to Cache next Monday. They will host those same Bulldogs next Tuesday with both games starting at Despite four errors, Sharp 5 p.m.

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tournament starting Thursday.

p.m. today (Thursday) in their first game. **I-35 Classic Champions**

Prior to the I-35 Classic, the Lexington Bulldogs had including an 8-4 victory over Mets on March 19. Velma in the championship game.

baseball. I think this weekend showed us that we can win close games. Hopefully it gives us confidence going forward," Matt Dierking said.

Senior Rollins finished the tournament with six hits, with two hits. including five doubles and a homerun.

"Skylar was hitting the ball well the whole time. He was intentionally walked twice in the Pauls Valley game."

According to the coach, the Bulldogs also had good command on the mound.

Against Pauls Valley, senior Drew Dierking went six in-The Dragons committed six nings and gave up just two earned runs on four hits. He had 10 strikeouts.

In their championship game win over Velma, Rollins allowed two earned runs on seven hits and had five strikeouts.

Ryan Johnson came on in relief and closed out the game, getting the final two outs on just 12 pitches.

Buddy Cormany was clutch in both the Dickson and Pauls Valley wins, getting game-

night and be in Dibble for a winning hits for the Bulldogs. "Our first two games were The Bulldogs play Latta at 3 comeback wins and I really think that gave the guys confidence for the rest of the tour-

nament. Those wins got them going," Matt Dierking said. The Bulldogs then picked up a 1-6 record. They rattled off a 10-2 win over Wynnewood four wins in the tournament, and a 14-2 win over the OKC

Wynnewood

Drew Dierking amassed 11 "We played great team strikeouts in the 10-2 win over Wynnewood.

He pitched five innings and Haynes doubled to score one. gave up two runs on four hits. team at the plate with four hits. McMillan finished the game

Wynnewood's six errors in out six batters.

the game led to six Lexington runs.

OKC Mets

Lexington got a 14-2 runrule win over the OKC Mets. The Mets jumped out 2-0

in the top of the first inning. But, Lexington answered with five runs in the bottom

half. The Bulldogs pushed eight more runs across in the second inning. Drew Dierking doubled to score two runs, McMillan singled to score one run, Johnson doubled to score two more, Faulkenberry doubled to score two and finally

Lexington added one more Fellow senior Rollins led his run in the third to seal the run-rule.

> Johnson was on the mound for the win, where he struck

> He also finished the game with a team-high five ribbies. Faulkenberry had three.

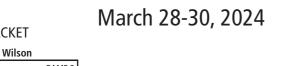


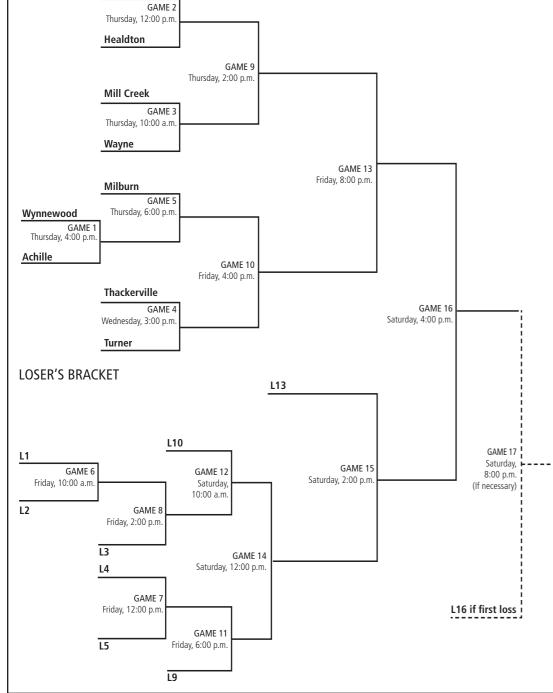




Thackerville Diamond on the Red







Greg Gaston • double g images Out by a mile

Lexington senior Skylar Rollins catches a ball for an out during the 'Dawgs' 14-2 win over the Oklahoma City Mets. Rollins had an RBI in the game.



Greg Gaston • double g images I got it!

Washington sophomore Reese Schrader nabs the pop fly in the Warriors' 24-22 loss to North Rock Creek.

From page 1B **Undefeated:**

Andrews added a double to her stat line, as did Olivia Palumbo.

Defensively, Washington did some mixing and matching in the field with players playing multiple positions.

"We're still trying to figure out what lineup is working that day," Lampkin said. "Luckily we have a lot of depth. After graduating the six seniors we did we have a lot of new faces on the field. When girls get a chance to play they're taking their shot.

are contributing a lot."

Howe

Washington slammed the door on Howe during their 14-1 win with an 11-run third inning.

Junior Addy Larman homered along with Hoehner.

Senior Emjay Lucas and Caveness tripled and Daphne Palumbo doubled.

North Rock Creek

Washington dropped a 24-22 game against North Rock Creek in an extra-inning thriller Monday.

"That was one of the most fun slow-pitch games I've ever been a part of; maybe any softball game," Lampkin said. Washington began the game them," Lampkin said.

Warrior softball

3/14 W Moore (6A) 14-3 3/15 W Cyril (2A) 11-4 3/18 W Wright City (3A) 12-0 3/18 W Kiowa (A) 16-8 3/19 W Caney (B) 13-1 3/19 W Howe (4A) 14-1 3/25 W Blanchard (5A) 14-0 3/25 L North Rock Creek (5A) 24-22

"All four seniors this season in a hole but put up crooked numbers in the third and fourth innings to take the lead.

It was a back and forth slug fest the rest of the game.

"The coolest thing about it was we had 16 different girls bat in the game," Lampkin said. "You add in courtesy runners and we had a bunch play. The girls were put in big situations and most of them came through. It was really encouraging to see their grit."

Washington is 9-3 this season and will travel to Stonewall this week for the Beast of the East Tournament.

"I'm proud of this bunch and ready to keep rolling with

Purcell Register Religion

Sunray Baptist Church

this past Saturday and Sunday as we celebrated the 77th anniversary of our founding with is the ultimate high priest and Homecoming services.

On Saturday we welcomed a good crowd of southern gospel our Savior. He meets every music fans from throughout Oklahoma to our Homecoming Sing featuring The Williamsons and Mark Bishop. Their music was spiritually uplifting and presented the Gospel through song. It was an evening of worship, praise and song!

At our Sunday morning serspecial music. Former pastor Dennis Clark brought the no evening service. message from Romans 1:1-4.

We had a wonderful weekend He presented many factual 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. we will be observations including Jesus having a church garage sale was God who came to man, He with all proceeds benefiting our life is tied to Him.

> need that we could possibly celebrate the resurrection of have. We preach a restrictive our Savior Jesus Christ. There salvation - nobody comes to the Father except through the kids Easter egg hunt will be at Son. We should consider, then 11:15 a.m. remember Jesus.

We enjoyed a good fellowship lunch following the worship service. We were glad vice, Brother Mark presented to have visitors and former 9th Street in Purcell. John members with us. There was Wylie is our pastor.

This coming Saturday from 405-527-6808.

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our building fund.

This Sunday you are invited Jesus is "tailor made" to be to attend our annual Easter service at 10:50 a.m. We will will be no evening service. A

> Please join us for Sunday school, worship and all activities at Sunray Baptist Church. We are located at 2223 North

For more information, call



Homecoming singers

Mark Bishop, left, and The Williamsons brought special music for Sunray Baptist Church's 77th anniversary Homecoming services.

Photo provided



By Stella Bledsoe

8:30 p.m. This will be a bilin-

2024, the Masses will be at 8:30

a.m. and 11 a.m. in English and

Please join us in celebrating

at 1 p.m. in Spanish.

On Easter Sunday, March 31,

gual Mass.

Sunday.

Holy Thursday, March 28: A bilingual Mass will begin

Good Friday, March 29: The the Cross in English and bilingual Liturgy of the Veneration the love of Jesus at Our Lady

of Victory parish.

While the inside of the church day, March 30, there will not 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 405-527-3077.

Peace be with you.

Church DIRECTORY lows: at 7 p.m. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Emmanuel **BAPTIST CHURCH LEXINGTON** Connecting People With God and One Another Purcell, OK 2705 N. 9th • 527-2535 Children's Activities - Youth Activities Lexington Westside Church of Christ Mike Bailey, Pastor Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m. 405-820-8184 Sunday School 9:15 Sunday Sunday services Wednesday services Morning Worship 8:15 • 10:15 Sunday Schoo 6:30 pm Bible Study 9 am 6:30 pm Awanas & 10 am Worship Rusty Canoy Good week to all! Welcome Wednesday 6 pm Evening worship Youth Pastor to the 'front porch.' www.ebcpurcell.org 900 E. BROADWAY • LEXINGTON And welcome to March Madness, too. CALVARY Sitting, nervously, and watch-Westside ing the University of Houston Holiness Church <u>Church</u> of Christ play Texas A&M last Sunday Pastor David Bittle evening in the Round of 32 of March Madness, I could not 401 W. Broadway 403 N. 4th, Purcell help – perhaps unsurprisingly 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Lexington to you – but think of my own 10:50 a.m. Morning Worship life story. You'll probably see 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Sunday Morning 10:30 am your own, too, as you read on.

celebrated half of a century of through; and they lost many, life on this side of high school many of those battles on the – and a key year prior to that –

A&M's game plan seemed to be to make the game a brawl. They put the ball in the hands of a couple of their left-handed guards who lowered their heads and drove the paint relentlessly all night, and then their "bigs" crashed the boards with a vengeance. Houston, whose depth is

thin due to some key seasonending injuries, had to fight and scratch, absorbing power-For the past year, as we've ful body punches all the way boards and eventually had lost

and have them all go in during those final two minutes. Sometimes you just have to shake your head.

Juxtaposing what we saw that night with life, I don't know if a game mirrors life, my own – probably yours, too - any more than this one: Two battle-tested teams going at it relentlessly like two boxers.

Said another way: You and I fisticuffing relentlessly with life, staying in the ring, regardless and come what may, That's the picture.

Then add in the inevitable:



Hispanic Community will have their Stations of the Cross in Spanish at 2:30 p.m. Stations of

March 31, 2024 is Easter of the Cross will be at 7 p.m. Easter Schedule: On Satur-Our services will be as folbe a 5 p.m. Mass. Instead, we will begin the Easter Vigil at

we have been chronicling life with its mountains and valleys in several of our publications. to put those 50 years into a microcosm, I think this game would be it.

If you did not see the game, surely you have heard about it! It was one of the classic games in NCAA tournament history. And it was a pure tee slugfest. I knew it would be, because I knew that the only team that could match Houston's physicality was A&M. They matched and even surpassed it.

four of their starters to fouls by game's end.

To make the game more If I had to pull out a life event epic, A&M overcame a 13 point deficit in the last two minutes and hit an improbable three-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. In those two minutes, it was, as Houston's Coach Sampson said, "Murphy's Law."

> Anything that could go right for A&M did, and anything that could go wrong for the Coogs did, too. I've never seen a team throw in so many consecutive impossible three-point shots

If it can go wrong, sometimes it will.

Life just throws so many punches at you. Some deflect off of you, and some knock you clean off your feet. But, still, you always get up.

Victories or defeats, mountain-top experiences or lonely journeys down in the valleys: We still get up.

Ilike that. And Ilike knowing we don't do it alone.

Sometimes during that Sun-

Please see Westside, page 5B

Lexington United Methodist Church By Rev. David D. Cook

The Reports of My Demise Have Been Greatly Exaggerated

the shocking events that had transpired in Jerusalem. Rumors had spread like wildfire, whispering of betrayal, crucifixion, and the death of a man whose teachings had stirred the hearts of many. But amidst the mourning and confusion, a remarkable turn of events was about to unfold.

In a small village nestled amidst rolling hills, a sense of despair hung heavy in the air. A group of friends gathered in a dimly lit room, their faces etched with sorrow and disbelief. Among them was Mary Magdalene, her eyes swollen from tears shed in mourning for is not here; he has risen, just the loss of her beloved teacher, as he said.' Jesus of Nazareth.

Three days had passed since lence, the heavy wooden door creaked open, and in walked Peter, his expression a mixture of bewilderment and hope. "I have news," he announced, his voice trembling slightly."News that may defy everything we thought we knew."

> The room fell silent as Peter recounted the extraordinary tale. He spoke of an empty tomb, guarded by soldiers who stood bewildered and fearful. He spoke of a radiant figure clothed in white, proclaiming words that echoed through the ages: "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He

Gasps of disbelief filled the As they sat in somber si- room as Peter's words sank in.

Mary Magdalene's heart raced with a glimmer of hope amidst the darkness of despair. Could it be true? Could their beloved teacher have conquered death itself?

Mary and the others set out toward Jerusalem without hesitation, their footsteps quickening with a newfound sense of purpose. As they approached the city, whispers of the miraculous began to spread like wildfire once more. People spoke of encounters with a risen Christ, of wounds that had healed, and hearts that had been set ablaze with a renewed faith.

In the heart of Jerusalem, amidst the bustling streets and

Please see **Methodist**, page 5B

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Artesian Arts Festival set for April 13

Wayne Senior Citizens By John Webb

Hello again everyone. I don't know about you, but I am sooo glad that spring beak is over. If you are someone who kept kids or grandkids at your home, or took a trip with them anywhere, then I am sure you are glad as well. I have a 12-year-old at home and he is full of energy and talks all the time. His spring break exhausted my wife and me. We love it when school's in session!

The WSCC garage sale returns this week, Thursday, March 28, and Friday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are excited to see everyone there. Lots of new items, more open than can artists from across the before, easier to shop since last we were open. Come check it out and see how much stuff you can get for a little bit of cash. See you there.

Delta Senior Nutrition is the provider of a delicious lunch Festivities run from 10 a.m. served at 11:30 a.m. every Monday through Friday. If you have never joined us and would like some information about the senior nutrition program, please call 405-527-9462 to see how easy it is to qualify for either congregate or have delivery of meals. is a community effort, said

April brings new spring menus, so there are some new meals that have not been seen for a while.

Here is the menu for April 1-5:

Monday—Mexican chicken casserole, salsa, corn, ranch beans, tortilla chips, lemon pan pie.

Tuesday—Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli or carrots, pickled beets, bread or roll, gelatin with topping.

Wednesday-Barbecue ribette on a bun, pickles, potato salad, choice of fruit, chocolate chip cookies.

Thursday—Pinto beans with ham and sliced onions, spinach, tomato spoon relish, cornbread, fruit crisp.

Friday—Meatloaf returns! along with mashed potatoes and event that offers activities for gravy, green beans, dinner roll or sliced bread, chocolate cake with frosting.

Milk is available with every meal. One per person, please. Menus are subject to change, or days may be swapped occasionally, due to product availability or delivery issues. We many esteemed First American do strive to keep changes to a minimum.

We have one or two openings for kitchen staff in Purcell. So if you have a desire for helping seniors, please call me at 405-541-7299 or 405-527-9462. I look forward to speaking with you.

We could not do what we do without the help from a great group of volunteers, I appreciate you all.

Don't forget about the garage sale this Thursday and Friday. All proceeds benefit the senior center.

And lastly, I appreciate everyone who contributes to the success of your Wayne Senior Citizens Center.

Until next time...

Purcell Senior Citizens By Val Blackburn

Come join us for live music every Friday night from 7 to 9 p.m! Great music, good company, family friendly and dancing! Refreshments are available. The cost is \$8 per person. This is a great evening out and a way to support the Senior Center and the community!

Support Group will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 2. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 situ- From page 4B ation 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 day night March 24 debacle, it 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.

As the trees and daffodils begin to bloom along the downtown sidewalks, organizers are busy preparing for the 11th annual Artesian Arts Festival, a daylong celebration of First American art and culture, Saturday, April 13, at the Artesian Plaza.

More than 100 First Ameri-United States are expected to participate, displaying a vast array of original, diverse art. to 6 p.m.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation, the Artesian Arts Festival Mark Milligan, Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Executive Officer.

"The Chickasaw Nation works together with city leaders, emergency services, National Park Service staff and chamber of commerce representatives for many months to plan a safe, inclusive festival."

The result is a family-friendly all ages while highlighting First American art, artists, music, dance and cuisine.

"We are excited to welcome artists to the Artesian Arts Festival, which provides artists a wonderful venue to showcase their work," said Mr. Milligan. "We hope patrons experience a fun, impactful day immersed in First American art, dance and music."

A juried art show and market, participation in the 2024 Artesian Arts Festival is open to all federally recognized First American artists.

Art patrons can expect a festival brimming with original First American art, including jewelry, sculpture, metalworking, beadwork, paintings, photography, textiles, basketry and pottery.

In addition, a talented lineup of entertainment is scheduled, including headliner Choctaw singer/songwriter Samantha



didn't even seem fair. Foul calls That happens, too.



Photo provided

Artesian Arts Festival

The 2024 Artesian Arts Festival will take place April 13 at the Artesian Plaza, adjacent to the Artesian Hotel and Spa, 1001 W. First St., in Sulphur.

Crain, who will take the stage at 5 p.m.

Crain, of Norman, is a threetime NAMMY (Native American Music Award) winner for her singer-songwriter, folk rock and indie style. She also won the Indigenous Music Award for best rock album in 2019.

scheduled includes Bluez Boyz, Ihullo.Art, Issac McClung, RCB Band, Redman Blues Band, TJ Todd Band, Tone Gyah Dae and Travis Komahcheet.

First American dance demonstrations from the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe; Lighting Boy Foundation Champion Hoop Dancers Steve LaRance, Shandien "Sonwah" LaRance and Josiah Enriquez; Mitotiliztli Yaoyollohtli Aztec Dancers; Oklahoma Fancy Dancers; and Pueblo Enchantment Dancers are planned in two dance areas throughout the day.

Several food vendors will be available offering a wide array of delicacies. Open to the public at no charge, the Artesian Arts Festival welcomed more than 10,600 art patrons to downtown Sulphur last year.

Partnering for Success Sulphur Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Misty Treptow, a member of the Artesian Arts Festival planning committee, said the group is grateful to be involved in the coordination of the event.

"We are excited to have a Other musical entertainment Sulphur information booth setup again this year. Our board of directors love to volunteer for this event because it gives us the opportunity to promote community."

> steps to prepare for the influx Plaza, adjacent to the Artesian of visitors to Artesian Arts Festival.

"The downtown merchants plan for the extra foot traffic in their scheduling and advertise sales within their stores. Others also deliver extra print advertisements to us, knowing that it will be displayed at the chamber information booth. It is a way for them to be promoted to an audience that they may not normally reach."

partnership with the Chickasaw Nation is key to shining

a positive light on the "City of Springs," which is home to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

"Sulphur is a very unique town.Being a gateway community, having natural resources and being in Chickasaw Nation, we find it very important to work together as much as we can. Sulphur has been recognized in national publications, on several top 10 lists for different categories, and we know that Sulphur, our members, and is because of the partnerships to meet and interact with the that have been built," she said.

The Artesian Arts Festival Chamber members also take takes place at the Artesian Hotel and Spa, 1001 W. First St., in Sulphur.

> Shuttle service will be available from designated parking locations, including the Chickasaw Cultural Center, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the Sulphur Football Field, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at 580-272-5520, visit ArtesianArtsFestival.com Treptow said the chamber's or email ArtistInfo@ Chickasaw.net.

Often it was just bad luck. had settled, UH's resiliency, 71:1-24 ~ Prov. 12:5-7

their preparation, their culture March $31 \sim \text{Deut.} 16:1$ and love for one another prequestionable. A&M – by far didn't just go the normal forty vailed: UH 100, A&M 95.

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

Menu for April 1-5:

Monday-Mexican chicken casserole, corn, ranch beans, lemon pie.

Tuesday—Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli, pickled beets, bread, gelatin.

Wednesday—Barbecue ribette sandwich, potato salad, fruit, cookies.

Thursday—Pinto beans with ham, spinach, tomato relish, cornbread, fruit crisp.

Friday—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, bread, chocolate cake.

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.

were abundant and sometimes the aggressor – shot 45 free throws by the end, and four Cougars' starters watched the final minutes of the game from the bench. Two Aggies retired early, too.

Sometimes the adversity was just the tenacity of A&M. That at you like Joe Frazier. was real. Hats off to a noble opponent on that front.

From page 4B **Methodist:**

crowded marketplaces, Jesus appeared to his disciples once more. His presence was not a ghost or a fleeting vision but of flesh and blood, bearing the scars of his ordeal yet radiating with a divine light that no darkness could extinguish.

The news of Jesus' resurrection spread like wildfire, reaching far and wide beyond the borders of Jerusalem. Skeptics became believers, and the downtrodden found hope in the promise of new life. The report of his demise, it seemed, was greatly exaggerated.

For Mary Magdalene and the disciples, it was a time of wonder and awe. They walked with their teacher once more, listened to his teachings with

And the debacle, friends, minutes. Oh, no, that would be too easy. It went an extra five on hardwood. minutes. Five grueling, painful, tense, action-packed minutes. Overtime at its best, or worse. Prov. 12:2-3

Ah, life will have its way,

But in the end, when the final

It was life's debacle, played

March $28 \sim \text{Deut}$. 9:1 - 10:22~ Luke 8:4-21 ~ Ps. 69:19-36 ~

March 29 \sim Deut. 11:1 – won't it? It will keep coming $12:32 \sim$ Luke $8:22-39 \sim$ Ps. 70:1-5 ~ Prov. 12:4

March $30 \sim$ Deut. 13:1 horn had sounded and the dust $15:23 \sim Luke 8:40 - 9:6 \sim Ps$. $17:20 \sim Luke 9:7-27$ 72:1-20 ~ Prov. 12:8-9

April 1 ~ Deut. 18:1 – 20:20 ~ Luke 9:28-50 ~ Ps. 73:1-28

~ Prov. 12:10

April2~Deut.21:1-22:30~ Luke 9:51-10:12~Ps.74:1-23

~ Prov. 12:11

- April 3 ~ Deut. 23:1 25:19
- ~ Luke 10:13-37 ~ Ps. 75:1-10
- ~ Prov. 12:12-14 _

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a deeper understanding, and witnessed the fulfillment of prophecies spoken ages ago.

Yet, amidst the joy and jubilation, there lingered a bittersweet realization. The road ahead would not be easy, for the world they lived in was still filled with hardship and strife.

But they carried within them a newfound strength, born from the knowledge that death had been conquered and that love, in the end, would always prevail.

And so, the story of Jesus' resurrection became the cornerstone of faith for millions, a testament to the enduring power of hope and the triumph of the human spirit over adver-

the echoes of that miraculous event would resonate through eternity, inspiring generations to come to believe in the promise of redemption and the victory of life over death.

Lexington United Methodist Church and all churches that are followers of Jesus invite you to this Easter Morning Celebration.

For many, it will be a moment of decision, and for some still a moment of unbelief, but true followers of Jesus, regardless of that label across the door will welcome you and love you without judgment.

The resurrected Christ brings salvation and hope into a lost world and lives that are sity. Three days had passed, but seeking. The Good News...

CHRIST IS RISEN. It's a Jesus Thing.

Lexington UMC invites you to attend our services this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and share this miracle with singers from the University of Oklahoma.

Following the service, a potluck supper will be served as we celebrate with friends and neighbors.

Lexington United Methodist Church, 631 E. Ash, meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

The food closet is open the third Saturday of each month from 12 to 4 p.m. The second Tuesday of each month we have lunch and a movie at noon.



6B-THE PURCELL REGISTER, Thursday, March 28, 2024





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THE PURCELL REGISTER, Thursday, March 28, 2024-7B



No. 196-March 28-2 Times ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Purcell will receive separate sealed bids for Paving Improvements 4th Avenue Turnaround. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 230 W. Main St., Purcell, Oklahoma, 73080, until 11:00 AM, Thursday, April 18, 2024. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at City Hall.

Project to include approximately 585 s.y. of Asphalt Paving, 61 l.f. of new curb and gutter, 63 l.f. of concrete flume, and appurtenances.

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

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

- City Hall
- 230 W. Main St.
- Purcell, Ok 73080
- (405) 527-6561

A complete set of Plans and Specifications to prospective bid-

ders may be obtained at the office of Glenn Sullivan & Associates. Inc., planroom.gsa@gmail.com, upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00. An electronic set of plans and specifications is available at no cost.

Each bidder shall accompany his original bid, with a certified or Cashier's Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of his ability to perform the contract bid upon, and that he will enter into a written contract with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials in accordance with said plans and specifications and furnish the required bonds within seven (7) days after the acceptance of his bid. The deposit will be retained by the Owner as, and for, liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of

the Contract and required bonds. Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a sworn statement in writing that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express of implied, with any other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids, the limiting of the bids or bidders, the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.

A Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be reauired for the faithful performance of the contract, and the bidder shall state in the proposal the name and address of the Surety or Sureties who will sign this bond in case the contract is awarded to him. The Maintenance Bond required will guarantee the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by the Owner.

All bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the Bid Opening will be returned.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

No. 188-March 21-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

PEOPLES BANK & TRUST CO., Plaintiff. VS

BRYAN SHANE CASTOR and TINA CASTOR, husband and wife. and BRYAN SHANE CASTOR. Trustee of the Bryan Shane Castor Revocable Trust Agreement dated January 3, 2014 Defendants.

Case No. CJ-2023-87

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE is given on the 23 day of April, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sheriff Office of the County Courthouse at Purcell, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of McClain County, will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash to the highest and best bidder, subject to the appraisement thereof in the sum of \$3,406,000,00, all that certain real property located in McClain County, Oklahoma, described as follows:

Tract 1:

The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 SW/4) and the Fast Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-Five (35), Township Six (6) North, Range Three (3) West, I.M., Mc-Clain County, Oklahoma.

Tract 2: The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) West, McClain County, State of Oklahoma.

AND

The North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (N1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4) of Section-Nine (9), Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) West, McClain County, State of Oklahoma; AND

The South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4); and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 NW1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) West, Mc-Clain County, State of Oklahoma; AND

The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4); and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4) and the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (W1/2 SW1/4 NE1/4): and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (EE1/4 NW1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) West, McClain County, State of Oklahoma;

AND

The Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE1/4 NW1/4); and the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (W1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) West, McClain County, State of Oklahoma.

Less and Except a Tract of Land described as Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of said Section 9; thence N 89°57'26" E along the North boundary of said NW1/4, a distance of 3010.42 feet to a point on the center line of thend

NW1/4, a distance of 1004.30 feet to the Point of Beginning.

subject to taxes and tax sales, if any

Saidpropertyhasbeenappraised for the sum of \$3,406,000.00.

Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Sale No. 2 issued upon a Judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2023-87, wherein Peoples Bank & Trust Co., was plaintiff and Brvan Shane Castor and Tina Castor, husband and wife, and Bryan Shane Castor, Trustee of the Bryan Shane Castor Revocable Trust Agreement dated January 3, 2014 were Defendants, to satisfy the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure in favor of said Plaintiff and against said defendants, obtained in said Court on October 4, 2023, as follows: on Note No. 1 in the principal sum of \$96.045.50, plus Late Charges in the amount of \$49.50, together with accrued interest the amount of \$10,161.39, with interest accuring thereon at the rate of \$26.31 per diem, from April 6, 2023, until paid; on the Note No. 2 in the principal sum of \$1,609,447.63, plus Late Charges in the amount of \$33.00, together with accrued interest the amount of \$149,832.95, with interest accruing thereon at the rate of \$440.94 per diem, from April 6. 2023, until paid; on Note No. 3 in the amount of \$200,000.00, plus Late Charges in the amount of \$66.00, together with accrued interest the amount of \$33,470,96. with interest accruing thereon at the rate of \$38.36 per diem, from April 6, 2023, until paid; on Note No. 4 in the principal sum of \$300,000.00, plus Late Charges in the amount of \$33.00, together with accrued interest the amount of \$27.434.49, with interest accuring thereon at the rate of \$82.19 per diem, from April 6, 2023, until paid, abstract expenses; advances for preservation of subject property: and the further sum of \$40.000.00. its reasonable attorney's fees, and for all costs of this action.

Persons having an interest in the property being sold whose interest is sought to be extinguished and whose actual address is unknown are as follows: None.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO PLACE 10% OF THE BID AMOUNT ON DEPOSIT WITH THE COURT CLERK'S OF-FICE ON THE DATE OF THE SALE. THE REMAINING BALANCE MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE THE CONFIRMATION HEARING DATE, WHICH IS USUALLY 2-3 WEEKS AFTER THE SALE DATE. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE IN THE FORM OF A CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE INSTRUCTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KEVIN BLANEY AT (405) 235-8445 PRIOR TO THE SALE DATE.

WITNESS my hand this19 day of March, 2024.

/s/ Landy Offolter Landy Offolter, Sheriff of McClain County, State of Oklahoma **BLANEY TIPTON HIERSCHE &** ODOM, PLLC 204 North Robinson 1250 City Place Post Office Box 657

No. 175-March 21-2 Times NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE CV-2023-128

Notice is given that on the 23rd day of April 2024 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the McClain County Courthouse, in the City of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell, with appraisement, for cash, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, the surface of all that certain real estate in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

East Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4 SW/4) and the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (S/2 SE/4 SW/4) and the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 SW/4 SE/4) of Section Five (5) Township Six (6) North, Range Four (4) West, McClain County, Oklahoma.

Subject to unpaid taxes, ad-

2/3 of \$200,000.00

\$133,333.34

vancements by Plaintiff for taxes, insurance premiums, and expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, if any, said property having been duly appraised as set out above. The minimum bid allowed pursuant to law will be two thirds of the appraised value, as set out more specifically above. Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution And Order Of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CV-2023-128. entitled Carol Ann Davis, Trustee of the Carol Ann Davis Trust, dated the 13th day of May, 2014, Mary Lou Davis, Trustee of The Jimmy and Mary Lou Davis Living Trust, dated November 13, 1998, Evelyn Mae Harkins, Kathy Kendall, Sandra McKinley and Susan Harris, Plaintiff, vs Joseph Marcelous Davis, Deceased, Tressie Davis, Deceased, Willie Lov, a/k/a, Llovd, Will Davis, Deceased, Katie or Cathrin Hedrick, nee Davis, Deceased, George Marion Davis, Deceased, Leonard Lance Davis, Deceased, Sophia Melvina Collins, nee Davis, Deceased, Dollie Mav Curnutt, nee Davis, Dolley Curnutt, nee Davis, Deceased, Allen David Davis, Deceased, Earl Michael Davis, Deceased, Sylvia Evelyn Scott, nee Davis, Deceased, Rose/ Rosa/Rosev/Rosie Langham nee Sherwood, Deceased, Almeady Ward, nee Sherwood, Deceased, David Hedrick, Deceased, Josie Owen, nee Hedrick, Dovie Smith, nee Hedrick, Della Lee Sines, nee Hedrick, Josie Lorraine or Lorene Caldwell, nee Davis, Deceased. Ruby Davis, Deceased, Jack Davis, Deceased, Jimmie Davis, Deceased, Margie Roberts, nee Davis, Deceased, Mildred Bean, nee Davis, Deceased, Billy Rav Bean, Deceased, Judy Bean, Alfred Bean, Deceased, Bobby Bean, Deceased, Margie Roberts, nee Davis, Deceased, Sheba Da-

No. 169-March 21-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

vis, Oswald (Ott) Davis, A.D. Davis,

KIM LEE FARMER and STEPHEN KENT FARMER,

LPXLP

Dorothy Davis, Ancel Davis, Carol

Sue Hall, nee Davis, Melinda We-

ber, Darlene Machemehl, Robert H. Machemehl. Marion Curnutt. Marjorie Curnutt, Bobby George Curnutt, Rose Davis, Donald Gene Davis, Comel Marcellus Davis, Ophelia Carrigan Davis, Deceased, Bobbie Earl Davis, Deceased, Anne Dunn, nee Davis, Sharon L. Scott, Martin R. Scott, William J. Scott, Melissa S. Bishop, Tressie Langham, Deceased, Earl Rav Langham, Deceased, Trulan Ward, Lloyd Ward, BillyJoe Ward, Tressie Fulton, nee Ward, Betty June Silva, nee Ward, Weida Nell Nix, nee Caldwell, Deceased, Hershel A. Moore, Rose Latham Davis, Donald Gene Davis, Eddie M. Stephenson, a/k/a Marion Eddie Stephenson, Melodi Frances McKinley Stephenson, Joseph W. Hayhurst, Jr. and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators. Devisees. Trustees and Assigns of and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Joseph Marcelous Davis, a/k/a J.M. Davis, Deceased, Tressie Davis, Deceased, Willie Loy, a/k/a Lloyd Davis, a/k/a Will Davis, Deceased, Katie Hedrick, a/k/a Cathrin Hedrick, nee Davis, Deceased, George Marion Davis, Deceased, Leonard Lance Davis, Deceased, Sophia Melvina Collins, nee Davis, Deceased, Dollie May Curnutt, nee Davis, a/k/a Dolley Curnutt, nee Davis, Deceased, Allen David Davis, Deceased, Earl Michael Davis, Deceased, Sylvia Evelyn Scott, nee Davis. Deceased, Rose/Rosa/Rosey/ Rosie Langham, nee Sherwood, Deceased, Almeady Ward, nee Sherwood, Deceased, David Hedrick, Deceased, Josie Lorraine or Lorene Caldwell, nee Davis. Deceased, Ruby Davis, Deceased, Jack Davis, Deceased, Jimmie Davis, Deceased, Margie Roberts, nee Davis, Deceased, Mildred Bean, nee Davis, Deceased, Billy Ray Bean, Deceased, Alfred Bean, Deceased, Bobby Bean, Deceased, Margie Roberts, nee Davis, Deceased, Tressie Langham, Deceased, Earl Ray Langham, Deceased, and Weida Nell Nix, nee Caldwell, Deceased, and if any of the Defendants above are deceased, their Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns, Defendants, and persons holding or claiming any interest or lien in the subject property. No guaranty or warranty to title is made by the Plaintiffs.

Landy Offolter, Sheriff McClain County, Oklahoma BY: /s/ Sheriff Landy Offolter 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 Plaintiffs

of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter N1/2 S1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4), LESS a strip 82-1/2 feet wide off the West side of said Tract. all in Section Four (4), Township Five (5) North, Range One (1) West, I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma. Plaintiffs further allege that said Defendants are claiming some right, title, interest or estate in and to said real property adverse to Plaintiffs, and that said claim constitutes a cloud on Plaintiffs' title which they are entitled to have removed. That said Defendants, and each of them, must answer said Petition on or before the 6th day of May, 2024, or said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly quieting Plaintiffs' title in and to said real property; adjudging and decreeing that said Defendants, and each of them, and all persons claiming by, through or under them, have no right, title, interest or estate in said real property; and that said Defendants be forever barred and enjoined from asserting or claiming any such right, title, interest or estate in said property adverse to that of Plaintiff.

No. 183-March 21-3 Times IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA LIME ROCK RESOURCES IV-A,

L.P.

Plaintiff, VS.

TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUB-LIC ACCOUNTS; ET AL. Defendants

> CASE NO. CJ-2024-27 NOTICE

TO: Kenny Varnell; and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Administrators. Executors, and Assigns. if any, of G.M. Farmer, a/k/a Gwen M. Farmer, a/k/a Gwendolyn Mc-Natt Farmer, deceased; M. Frank Farmer, a/k/a Maynard Frank Farmer, deceased; Eva Louise Farmer, a/k/a Eva Louise Brown Martin Farmer, deceased; Barbara Ann Farmer O'Connor, a/k/a Barbara F. O'Connor, deceased; Frank O'Connor, Sr., deceased; Mary Evelyn Farmer Stooksbury, deceased: James L. Pardue, deceased: Cliff W. Trice, a/k/a Clifford

W. Trice, a/k/a Clifford William eased; Alice Ani McBride, deceased; and Clifford David Trice, deceased GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Petition in the District Court of Mc-Clain County, State of Oklahoma, com in the above styled and numbered cause.

The property at issue herein is and other minerals and royalty monies on proceeds from sales of oil and gas from oil and gas wells operated by Lime Rock Resources in the following-described

S/2 S/2 NW/4 and N/2 SW/4 and SE/4 SW/4 and E/2 SW/4 SW/4 of Section Twenty-seven Range Two (2) West, McClain

180.00 acres, more or less. This Notice is served upon you Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes. You are further notified that you

Issued this 14th day of March,

/s/ Tiffany K. Peterson

undivided interest in the oil, gas,

/s/ Karen Weltmer

property, to wit: (27), Township Seven (7) North,

County, Oklahoma, containing

in accordance with Section 2004. have forty-one (41) days from the date of service of this Notice upon you in which to plead as provided in said Statutes.

2024

(SEAL)

McClain County Court Clerk Attorney for Plaintiff:

Tiffany K. Peterson, OBA No

31186

Munson & McMillin A professional corporation 247 North Broadway, Suite 103 Edmond, Oklahoma 73034 Telephone: (405) 513-7707 tpeterson@munsonmcmillin.

W along the center line of said street, a distance of 3174.26 feet to a point on the West Boundary of said NW1/4; thence N 00°00'07" E along the West boundary of said

City, Oklahoma oma 73101

Telephone: (405) 235-8445 Facsimile: (405) 236-3410 10536.0031

riaintiπs, VS.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EX-ECUTORS, ADMNISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, SUCCES-SORS AND ASSIGNS, IMMEDI-ATE AND REMOTE OF WILLIAM S. (BILLY) FARMER, DECEASED, Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2024-49 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: The unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assigns, immediate and remote of WILLIAM S. (BILLY) FARMER, deceased;

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that KIM LEE FARMER and STEPHEN KENT FARMER, as Plaintiffs, have filed in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, their Petition against the above named Defendants alleging that Plaintiffs are the owners of the fee simple title and the surviving children of William S. (Billy) Farmer, and are in the actual and peaceable possession of the following described real property situate in McClain County, State of Oklahoma. to-wit:

The South Twenty (20) acres of Lot Three (3); and the South Twenty (20) acres of Lot Four (4); and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE1/4 NW1/4); and the North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4); and the North Half (N1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4); and the North Half

No. 195-March 28-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARVIN M. THIELBAR, and HELEN E. THIELBAR Deceased

Case No. PB-2024-15 NOTICE TO CREDITORS To the Creditors of Marvin M. Thielbar and Helen E. Thielbar, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Marvin M. Thielbar and Helen E. Thielbar, Deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any held by each creditor with respect

KRISTEL GRAY MCCLAIN COUNTY COURT CLERK By: /s/ Karen Weltmer Deputy (Seal) BILL C. LESTER (OBA #5389) Attorney for Plaintiff 212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407 Purcell, OK 73080 (405) 527-5623 blester@lesterlawoffice.com

to such claim to Barbara Bradley, the named Personal Representative of the Marvin M. Thielbar and Helen E. Thielbar Estates at the law office of Jim A. Lyon, 9520 N. May Ave, Ste. 302, Oklahoma City, OK 73120, on or before the presentment date: May 30, 2024, or the same will be forever barred. Dated this 15th day of March,

2024. Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Jim A. Lyon Jim A. Lyon, OBA # 5586 9520 N. May Ave., Ste. 302 Oklahoma City, OK 73120 (405) 843-0461 - Telephone (405) 843-5100 - Facsimile jimlyon@sbcglobal.net Attorney for Personal Representative

STATE OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Advertisement to Contractors April 18, 2024 - 10:30 A.M. Bid Opening

Plans and proposals for this bid opening will be available on March 21, 2024. No bidding proposals will be issued to any Contractor after April 17, 2024 10:30 A.M.. The cost for each bidding proposal is \$ 50.00 + tax. State Standard Specifications may be purchased by contacting ODOT Business Services Center Branch (405) 521-4509. No refunds will be made for bidding documents or specification books purchased.

Sample proposals, preliminary plans, long form and short form notices, order forms, bid tabs and awards, can be accessed on ODOT's Web site: https://oklahoma.gov/odot/business-center/contracts-and-proposals.html

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Description of work and location of project:

			Call Order: 911
STP-244C(103)CI	COUNTY ROADS	MCCLAIN	JP No. 34439(04)
RESURFACE (ASPHA	LT)		

COUNTRY ROADS (COTTON GIN AVE/120TH ST/GALLAMORE AVE): FROM THE SH-59 EXTEND SOUTH ON COTTON GIN AVE, THEN WEST ON 120TH ST THEN SOUTH ON GALLAMORE AVE NEAR WAYNE.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - By: TIM J. GATZ, Director.

No. 189-March 21-2 Times NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR

AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE In accordance with Title 37, Section 522 and Title 37A, Section 2-141 Chamunda Trade, Inc., 509 S. Seifried, Wayne, OK 73095, a corporation, hereby publishes notice of its intention to apply within sixty days from this date to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission for a Retail Beer & Retail Wine License under authority of and in compliance with the said Act: That it intend(s), if granted such license to operate as a Retail Beer & Retail Wine establishment with business premises located at 509 S. Seifried in Wayne, McClain, Oklahoma under the business name of Hop N Shop #27.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Ganendra Banjara

County of McClain, State of Oklahoma

Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared: Ganendra Banjara

to me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing application and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

/s/ Vickie L. Foraker My commission expires May 30, 2024. (Seal)

No. 193-March 28-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EMMETT EARL WARD, DE-CEASED

Case No. PB-2021-143 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION

OF HEIRS, AND DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE AND FINAL DISCHARGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the Estate of Emmett Earl Ward, deceased, that Debra Chavez, Personal Representative of the Estate of Emmett Earl Ward, has filed in this Court a Petition For Order Allowing Final Account, Determination of Heirs, Final Distribution of Estate and Final Discharge.

Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on this date, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 11th

day of April 2024 at 9:30 A.M. has been appointed as the date and time for hearing Final Account and Petition for Order Allowing Final Account, Determination of Heirs, and Distribution of Estate and Final Discharge, in District Courtroom No. 1, at the McClain County Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

WITNESS, the undersigned, Judge of the District Court of the McClain County, State of Oklahomathis 21st day of March 2024. CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF THE

DISTRICT COURT Scott R. Tack, OBA #8818 401 Chickasha Ave Suite 402 Chickasha, Oklahoma 73023 (405) 224-3111 telephone

No. 178-March 21-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of KANELLOS D. CHARALAMPOUS, deceased

Case No. PB-2014-19 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ADMISSION OF WILL TO PROBATE; FOR APPOINTMENT OF A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE; FOR ISSUANCE OF LETTERS **TESTAMENTARY; AND FOR** A JUDICIAL DETERMINATION OF THE DEATH AND HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES OF KANELLOS D. CHARALAMPOUS

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in the estate of the above named Decedent that the Petitioner herein has produced and filed herein an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Said Decedent together with a Petition praying for the admission of said Will to

No. 194-March 28-1 Time ORDINANCE NO. 24-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PURCELL, SPECIFI-CALLY BY ADDING "B" TO CHAP-TER 122-11.5 "RESTRICTION ON TOBACCO/E-CIGARETTE RETAILERS; REPEALING ALL OTHER CONFLICTING PROVI-SIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PUR-CELL, OKLAHOMA:

SECTION I: Chapter 122, is amended by adding "B" to Section 122-11.5 "RESTRICTION ON TOBACCO/E-CIGARETTE RETAILERS" which shall read as follows:

B. Current license tobacco/ecigarette stores within 300 feet of any school are exempt from the amendment to the zoning ordinance. If a current license tobacco/e-cigarette store is sold,

No. 192-March 28-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT WITHIN AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, -VS DANIEL CARREL; HOPE CARREL; OCCUPANT(S) OF THE PREM-ISES: Defendants. CASE NO. CJ-2023-199 NOTICE OF SALE Attention: Defendants and all

parties with interest in the listed real property The McClain County Sheriff

will sell the below-described real property to satisfy a judgment for the indicated action.

LOT SEVENTY-THREE (73), OF THE REPLAT OF LOTS 64-93 OF THE AMENDED PLAT OF MANOR LAKE HILLS BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION SEVENTEEN (1/), TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) WEST AND A PART OF THE NORTH HALF (N/2) OF SECTION TWENTY (20), TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) NORTH. RANGE THREE (3) WEST, I.M., MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA,

probate, the Letters Testamentary issue to Petitioner, that he and Phillip D. Charalampous be appointed **Co-Personal Representatives** without bond, and that the death and heirs, legatees and devisees of Kanellos D. Charalampous be judicially determined. Said Petition will be heard in the Courtroom of the undersigned, or a Judge of this Court to whom the matter is regularly assigned, in the Mc-Clain County Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma, on the 25th day of April 2024, at 9 a.m., at which time persons may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Dated this 13th day of March 2024

/s/ Greg Dixon Greg Dixon, OBA #16492 108 North Second Avenue, Purcell, OK 73080 405-527-5888 area@nicholsdixon.com ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

then the new owner would no

longer be able to use the grandfa-

thering clause to obtain a license.

SECTION II: SEVERABILITY.

tence, 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

All other Ordinances or parts of

Ordinances in conflict herewith are

ADOPTED AND PASSED by

the Council of the City of Purcell,

Oklahoma, on the 21st day of

SIGNED by the Mayor of the

City of Purcell on the 21st day of

REPEALER.

/s/ Graham Fishburn

Graham Fishburn, Mayor

Ordinances.

SECTION III:

hereby repealed.

March 2024.

March 2024.

ATTEST:

auction:

Office

PLIC

\$450,000.00

/s/ Andrea Millsap

ED PLAT THEREOF.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Date: May 7, 2024

Andrea Millsap, City Clerk

ACCORDING TO THE RECORD-

57th Street, Norman, OK 73072

highest cash bidder at the public

Common Address: 3301 S.E.

The property will be sold to the

Place: McClain County Sheriff's

Appraised real value:

The sale adheres to the Spe-

cial Writ of Execution and Order

of Sale issued per the judgment

in the District Court of McClain

County, Oklahoma, in Case No.

CJ-2023-199, titled Plaintiff, v.

DANIELCARREL; HOPECARREL;

OCCUPANT(S) OF THE PREM-

ISES; all those holding or claiming

/s/ Landy Offolter

Sheriff of McClain County

Sally E. Garrison, OBA #18709

THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM.

Matthew Eads, OBA #35103

Alex S. Rivera, OBA #32269

any interest in the property.

If any section, subsection, sen-

No. 190-March 28-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DEANNA WEST, DECEASED. PB-2024-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons having claims against Deanna West, deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named personal representative at 1778 County Road 1220, Tuttle, OK 73089; or at the law offices of Park, Nelson, Caywood & Jones, LLP, 122 N. Fourth Street, P.O. Box 968, Chickasha, OK 73023, on or before the following presentment date: June 4, 2024, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 21 day of March, 2024

/s/ Brian Conner **BRIAN CONNER** Personal Representative PARK, NELSON, CAYWOOD & JONES, LLP 122 North Fourth Street

Post Office Box 968 Chickasha, Oklahoma 73023 Telephone: (405) 224-0386 Attorneys for Personal Representative

No. 171-March 21-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

JERALNELLE TONEY RESZ Petitioner, -and-

JESSE EUGENE RESZ, Respondent.

Case No. FD-2023-188 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION TO: JESSE EUGENE RESZ

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage (hereafter "petition") has been filed against you by Petitioner, Jeralnelle Toney Resz, in the District Court of McClain County, 121 N. 2nd Street, Purcell, OK 73080, in an action entitled, In re the Marriage of: Jeralnelle Toney Resz and Jesse Eugene Resz, Case No. FD-2023-188. This summons by publication is specifically directed

No. 186-March 21-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT

OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD MOORE FISHBURN,

Deceased. Case No. PB-2020-43 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given that Graham Madison Fishburn, Personal Representative of the ES-TATE OF RONALD MOORE FISH-BURN, Deceased, having flied in this Court his Final Account of the Administration of said estate, and his Petition for Distribution of said estate and for Final Discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court

No. 174-March 21-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROGER LEE MOONEY, Deceased Case No. PB-2024-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All creditors having claims against the Estate of ROGER LEE MOONEY, Deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative at the Law Office of BILL C. LESTER, Attorney at Law, 212 West Main, P.O. Box 1407, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, on or before the following presentment date: 14th day of May, 2024 or the

same will be forever barred. /s/ Cynthia Ann Mooney Cynthia Ann Moonev

Personal Representative **BILL C. LESTER**

Attorney for Personal Representative 212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407 Purcell, OK 73080 (405) 527-5623 OBA #5389

Email: blester@lesterlawoffice. com

to Jesse Eugene Resz, whose whereabouts are unknown.

The nature of this suit against you is for Dissolution of Marriage, property and debt division and such other and further relief as the Court may grant.

Unless vou answer the petition on or before the 30 day of April, 2024, judgment will be taken in favor of Jeralnelle Toney Resz and against you for Dissolution of Marriage, property and debt division and such other and further relief as the Court may grant.

Kristel Gray, Court Clerk By /s/ Kristel Gray Deputy Court Clerk (Seal)

PETITIONER: JERALNELLE TONEY RESZ, PRO SE

1011 SE 17th Terrace

Charles Gray in his chambers in the McClain County Courthouse in 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 heirs of RONALD MOORE FISHBURN, Deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

day of March, 2024.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE Judge of the District Court BILL C. LESTER (OBA #5389) Attorney for Personal Representative

212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407 Purcell, OK 73080 (405) 527-5623

THE PURCELL REGISTER, Thursday, March 28, 2024-9B

Deadline to change party affiliation

Oklahomans who want to primary election. Independents change their party affiliation are permitted to participate must submit their change no in a primary election, only if later than March 31, McClain a party officially requests its County Election Board Secre- elections be opened to Indetary Karen Haley said.

Voters may change their the Democratic Party allows Inparty affiliation online using dependents to vote in its the OK Voter Portal at okla- primary homa.govlelections /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 evennumbered 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, through Friday. Republican and Libertarian.

a registered member of a party 527-3721 or mcclaincounty@ in order to vote in that party's elections.ok.gov.

No. 184-March 21-2 Times NOTICE OF MEETING

OF THE PARADISE AIR HAVEN HOME OWNER'S INC. OF MCCLAIN COUNTY

Pursuant to 11 O.S. § 42-106.1(C) and the Bylaws of the Paradise Air Haven Home Owner's Inc. of McClain County, please be advised that the Paradise Air Haven Home Owner's Inc. of Mc-Clain County will conduct a regular meeting on Thursday, April 4th,

No. 176-March 21-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF Edward Charles Tabor, Deceased.

Case No. PB-24-17 NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF OKLAHOMA SS.

COUNTY OF MCCLAIN All persons having claims against Edward Charles Tabor, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative at: c/o Spencer Allred

No. 181-March 21-2 Times

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. Ap-

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gardless of political

All regis-

plications 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

For questions, contact the In Oklahoma, voters must be County Election Board at 405-

> 2024, at 6:00 P.M. Said Meeting will be held at the Goldsby Community Center, located at 100 E. 1290 Rd., Goldsby, Oklahoma 73093

Joanna Southard President

Wendee Perceful Secretary/Treasurer PARADISÉ AIR HAVEN HOME OWNER'S INC. OF MCCLAIN COUNTY AGENDA **Regular Meeting**

April 4, 2024

Oklahoma Estate Attorneys, PLLC

2909 NW 156th Street Edmond, OK 73013 on or before the following presentment date: May 20, 2024, or the same will be non-suited, void and forever barred. Dated this 14th day of March,

2024.

Anthony Tabor Personal Representative Prepared by: Spencer D. Allred, OBA #35299 Oklahoma Estate Attorneys, PLLC 2909 NW 156th Street Edmond, OK 73013 (405) 733-8686 Spencer.Allred@terrellmonks. com

Attorneys for Personal Representative

addressed to James B. Blevins,

Newcastle, OK 73065 Telephone: (757) 956-7352

day of April, 2024, before Judge

WITNESS MY HAND this 18th





421 NW 13th Street, Suite 300 Oklahoma City, OK 73103 Telephone: (405) 246-0602 Facsimile: (405) 698-0007 Anna.Spears@mtglawfirm.com Kelly.Webb@mtglawfirm.com Attorneys for Plaintiff

STATE OF OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Advertisement to Contractors April 18, 2024 - 10:30 A.M. Bid Opening

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Description of work and location of project:

SSP-214F(156)PM

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS CLEVELAND AND MCCLAIN Call Order: 856

JP No. 23285(15)

JOINT SEAL/REPAIR I-44/SH-9E/SH-37/FAU 9120 MAIN SPUI/LINDSEY STREET: AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS IN DISTRICT III STATE OF OKLAHOMA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - By: TIM J. GATZ, Director.

for 9:30 o'clock a.m., on the 18

No. 185-March 21-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY DON CHANDLER, Deceased.

CASE NO. PB-2021-43 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given that Keith Meek, the Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF JERRY DON CHANDLER, Deceased, having filed in this Court his Final Account of the Administration of said estate, and his Petition for Distribution of said estate and for Final Discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for 9:30 o'clock a.m., on the 18th day of April, 2024,

No. 177-March 21-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of Carol Yvonne Wells, deceased. PB-2023-57 NOTICE AND ORDER FIXING TIME FOR HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT

Gary Michael Wells, Personal Representative of the Estate of Carol Yvonne Wells, deceased, having filed in this court his Petition for Final Account, Determination of Heirs, Distribution and Discharge of the Personal Representative of the administration of said estate, the hearing of the same is hereby fixed by the undersigned Judge of said Court for 9:30 a.m. on the 18th day of April, 2024, to be heard before this court in the District Courtroom of McClain County at Purcell, Oklahoma.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Notice of this hearing be given to the heirs at law of the deceased by mailing a copy of said notice blester@lesterlawoffice.com

before Judge Charles Gray in his chambers in the McClain County Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoman, 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 heirs of JERRY DON CHANDLER, Deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

WITNESS MY HAND this 18th day of March, 2024

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE Judge of the District Court BILL C. LESTER (OBA #5389) Attorney for Personal Representative

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with postage thereon prepaid to each of said heirs at their places of residence at least ten (10) days before the date of said hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Notice of said hearing be given by publication for two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in this County.

Witness my hand this 14 day of March, 2024.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE Judge

Cheryl Clayton, P.C., OBA 1726 Attorney for Personal Representative

110 S. Main St./ P. O. Box 88 Noble, Oklahoma 73068 (405) 872-9216 Josh Bex, OBA No. 21602 P. O. Box 88 / 110 South Main Noble, Oklahoma 73068 (405) 872-9216 joshbex@gmail.com Co-Counsel for Petitioner

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHANNON E. TABOR, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2024-22 NOTICE TO CREDITORS To the Creditors of Shannon E. Tabor, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Shannon E. Tabor, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Cindy Maynard, Personal Representative, at the law office of Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main, Purcell, OK 73080,

No. 168-March 21-2 Times NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS

In accordance with 62 O.S. 2021, § 354, notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 5 of McClain County, Oklahoma, will receive bids by: sealed bid, facsimile bid, electronic (Parity®) bid or similar secure electronic bid on the 12th day of April, 2024, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., at the Library, 5/6 Building, Washington Public Schools, 101 E Kerby, Washington, Oklahoma, for the sale of \$1,685,000 of General Obligation Combined Purpose Bonds of said School District, which Bonds will mature \$1,685,000 annually in two (2) years from their date. The bids will be opened and read and shall

Jr., attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: 14th day of May 2024, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 14th day of March 2024.

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr. James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881 Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731 George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223 **Blevins & Associates** Law. PLLC 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565 Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 Phone: 405-527-7575 Fax: 405-527-7574 Attorney for Personal Representative

be awarded at the first Board of Education meeting held after the bids are due.

Said Bonds shall be sold to the bidder bidding the lowest rate of interest the Bonds shall bear and agreeing to pay par and accrued interest for the Bonds. Each bidder shall submit with his bid a sum in cash, cashier's or certified check, electronic (wire) transfer or surety bond payable to the Treasurer of the District, equal to two (2%) percent of the amount of his bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids.

WITNESS my official hand and seal this 11th day of March, 2024.

Monty Strickland Clerk, Board of Education (SCHOOL DISTRICT SEAL)

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public notice is information intended to inform citizens of government activities. The notice should be published in a forum independent of the government, readily available to the public, capable of being securely archived and verified by the publisher.

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Washington Elementary announce Students of the Week

AngieSteele Washington Correspondent

Congratulations to Washington Elementary Students of the Week Jaxson Wano, Gage Wilk, Bentley Barker, Lagan Bradshaw and James Masters. They represent their secondgrade classes March 25-29.

Jaxon Wano is in Mrs. Burch's class. He likes to read the book Pete the Cat and his favorite food is pizza. He enjoys learning math in school and playing football. His favorite movie is "Home Team" and Jaxon's favorite game is "Madden."

James Masters is in Mrs. Dabney's class. He likes to play the game "Monopoly" and his favorite color is blue. He enjoys eating spaghetti and his favorite sport is baseball. James's favorite time of school is recess. He likes the music "Benson Plus, when you come in to eat, August 5, 1964 to May 7 to Booth" and his favorite book is Cat Kid.

Mrs. Kelley's class is represented by Lagan Bradshaw. She likes to play the game "Uno" and her favorite sport is basketball. Her favorite movie is "Hunger Games" and she likes to eat spaghetti. Lagan likes the color blue and her favorite time in school is reading class. She enjoys reading *Diary of a Pug*.

Bentley Barker represents Mrs. Siebert's class. He likes the color pink and his favorite game is "Clue." He enjoys baseball and watching"Captain America." His favorite food is macaroni and cheese and his favorite subject in school is science. Bentley likes to read Spiderman books.

Gage Wilk is in Mrs. Wilkerson's class. He likes to read the book *Pig the Pug* and his favorite food is pizza. He enjoys learning science at school and his favorite movie is "Luca." He likes the sport baseball. Gage's favorite song is "Inside the Fire."

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.

and becoming more active to sit in and sing or play an within our community, we instrument. would like to go above and Washington School Board years and during that time tens 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.



· Photo by Amber Burch

Students of the Week

Jaxson Wano, Gage Wilk, Bentley Barker, Lagan Bradshaw and James Masters represent their second grade classes at Washington Elementary School as Students of the Week for March 25-29.

it helps us to keep meal deliver- 1975. Start time is 8 a.m. at our ies going for our seniors who Norman location at 1233 West 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 28-April 5: Thursday, March 28–Fish sticks, coleslaw, french fries. Friday, March 29–Beef roast, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls.

Monday, April 1—Baked potato bar, chili, broccoli, cheese.

Tuesday, April 2–Ham, sweet potatoes, corn casserole. Wednesday, April 3—Chicken and noodles, peas/carrots.

Thursday, April 4—Smoked sausage, baked beans, cabbage.

Friday, April 5–Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans.

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 As Post 0310 is rebuilding a.m. until? Anyone is welcome

Meeting Schedule

Lindsay. Veterans will have the opportunity to start a claim for possible VA benefits.

As many of you are aware there are many presumptive diseases caused by exposure to Agent Orange. Last year the VA added more locations where that chemical was used under the Pact Act. If you served in Guam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, or Johnston Atoll and have been diagnosed with one or more of the presumptive diseases, compensation may be payable to you or the surviving spouse.

The list of those conditions is available at www.va.gov click on presumptive conditions to exposure to Agent Orange or Google Presumptive conditions to Agent Orange for a complete list of conditions. For more information about Agent Orange and other types of VA presumptive conditions Google the Pact Act.

We encourage all veterans to register in our intake system @ www.dkgvf.org.

Our organization is accredited with the Department of Veterans Affairs to process Veterans Claims for VA benefits. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit our services are free to all Veterans and Surviving Spouses. We have been assisting veterans and their families for 20+

org. Deadline for submissions: Monday, April 1, 2024.

This program isn't just about learning history; it's about being inspired, making a difference, and sharing your journey with the world. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!

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 you 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 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



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Masonic Charities donation

Masonic Charities Foundation honored Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation with a donation of support last week. DKG Foundation appreciates the continued support of our nation's veteran community.



Veteran Family of the Year

Congratulations are extended to Steve and Alice Reagan for being recognized as Veteran Family Of The Year 2024 by the Oklahoma Veterans Council. After Steve served in the Air Force, he and his wife, Alice, dedicated their lives to supporting fellow veterans in need. For over a decade, they've been tirelessly working to improve the claim process for deserving veterans at The Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation. Their commitment knows no bounds, volunteering seven days a week, Steve and Alice ensure that no veteran's claim is left delayed. Their dedication shines through as they've collectively volunteered over 5,024 hours, providing invaluable assistance to the veterans trying to navigate the complex VA claims process. The OVC has recognized their dedication and outstanding service to veterans and their families as exemplary, making them a vital asset to our team. The Dale K. GrahamFoundation is immensely proud and deeply grateful for their contributions.

No. 191-March 28-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McCLAIN COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA

tative of said estate at the law offices of HART & HART, P.O. Box 396,105 North Willow St., Pauls Valley, Oklahoma 73075, on or before the following presentment date: May 24, 2024, or same will be forever barred.

LPXLP

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 Post0310.

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

Washington Senior Center

Did you know that you don't

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

Meetings are scheduled for April 8, May 13, June 10, July 5, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 4 and December 9.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

March 27—HS Boys Golf at Seminole.

March 28-MS Track at Purcell; HS Baseball at Sulphur 7 p.m.; HS Girls Golf at Lake Murray (Dickson host); MS Baseball, Tuttle, home, 5 p.m.; HS Slow Pitch, Stonewall Tourney; JV Baseball, Central High Tournament.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Masonic Charity Foundation for its unwavering support in aiding veterans and uplifting the community!

Its commitment to providing essential resources, assistance, and care to those who have served our country is truly commendable. With its generosity and dedication, countless veterans have received the help they need to navigate life postservice.

We appreciate Masonic Charity Foundation, for its continued support and for making a meaningful difference in the lives of our veterans. Its kindness and compassion are truly appreciated!

March 28 we are Honoring have to be a senior to eat lunch our Vietnam Era Veterans with at the center? We welcome a Claims Hosting Event for

of thousands of them have been approved for VA benefits.

NEXT GEN

Do you know someone between the ages of 16 and 22 years old and passionate about history with an eagerness to make a difference? Here's an incredible opportunity for them!

Best Defense Foundation and Delta Air Lines are excited to announce and host their upcoming program NEXT GEN, where you can embark on a journey to preserve history, honor veterans, and share your experiences with the world!

Submission Details:

Submit a 2-3 minute video answering:

Why is preserving history important to you?

What motivates you to join this program?

Share how you contribute to preserving history and supporting veterans in your community.

The top video submissions will be invited for an interview with BDF and sponsor representatives. Students will also participate in the June 1-12 Normandy Battlefield Return and walk places like Omaha Beach, Utah Beach, Ste. Mere Eglise and Carentan, where students will assist in escorting veterans back to those battlefields. NEXT GEN is seeking dynamic and charismatic personalities who are comfortable in front of the camera, ready to interview veterans and share their stories.

Travel Dates: June 1, 2024 -June 12, 2024.

Send your submissions to everyone to come in and eat. all veterans who served from Mayo Strauss at mayo@bdf.

We are open Monday through Friday starting at 9 a.m. Come In the Matter of the Estate 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Angie Steele

JAMES RICHARD HELM, Deceased

No. PB-2024-32 NOTICE TO CREDITORS All creditors having claims

against James Richard Helm. Deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the undersigned Personal Represen-

Dated this 21st day of March, 2024.

/s/ Shara Rogers SHARA ROGERS Personal Representative DEAN HART, JR. P.O. Box 396 105 N. Willow Pauls Valley, Oklahoma 73075 405/238-5561 Attorney for Personal Representative

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THE PURCELL REGISTER, Thursday, March 28, 2024-11B Legislature focuses on budget, policy at halfway point

PaulMonies Oklahoma Watch

What a difference a year

makes. Hundreds of bills have survived the Oklahoma Legislature's first big policy deadline, new Republican leaders have been chosen, and the House and Senate are starting budget negotiations in the weeks leading up to candidate filing for they sent us and balance the this year's election.

a monthslong stalemate over come tax cuts headed to the how to provide public funds for private schools that bogged down last year's session to the permajorities in the House point where a special session and the Senate, took care of was ultimately needed to finish work.

The Senate voted this week to send its opening negotiating position on the budget to the House, part of a new transparency initiative touted by Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat, R-Oklahoma City. The \$11.6 billion appropriation resolution passed by a vote of 41-3.

Almost \$331 million of that is to make up for the loss of revenue from the elimination of the state's portion of the sales tax on groceries. Treat said that cent weeks as they selected will be the only major tax cut contemplated by the Senate this year.

said what we meant and we for state, county and federal executed beautifully on what we intended to do," Treat told reporters on Tuesday. "We Greg McCortney, R-Ada, won passed a budget that makes sure we keep our commitment to public schools, to infrastructure and healthcare. Obviously, it's a first step. This is what we authorized our (appropriations) team to go negotiate, and we'll have some back and forth."

Even Senate Democrats who voted against the budget resolution credited the new process for giving their caucus more of a voice. They said their no votes came over policy differences and what they saw as a need to invest more in critical public services. Gov. Kevin Stitt's executive budget proposed in February left most agencies with flat budgets.

"Unfortunately, agencies were artificially constrained would make changes to the in telling us what they really Oklahoma Energy Discrimineeded," Sen. Julia Kirt, D- nation Elimination Act, which Oklahoma City said before allows the state treasurer to Monday's vote on the Senate restrict investments with finanbudget resolution. "We did cial firms perceived to be hossee that the executive branch tile to the oil and gas industry. limited what those agencies could request, so we saw a lot 3541, by Rep Mark Lepak, Rof flat budgets. I was challenged Claremore. It would expand tweak the state's Open Records seeing some of the health and the law to cover agricultural, human services needs we have mining and timber industries. the state's main government

the increased needs of people in poverty and people with mental health conditions."

Republicans in the House and the governor keep pushing for additional tax cuts beyond the elimination of the state sales tax on groceries. So far, the Senate has remained firm.

"We cannot do everything budget," Treat said of several That's in stark contrast to other House proposals for in-Senate.

> Republicans, who hold susome internal business in re-



the next generation of leaders. Both Treat and House Speaker Charles McCall, R-Atoka, are "It just underscores that we term-limited. Candidate filing offices will be April 3-5.

> Majority Floor Leader Sen. a GOP caucus election to become pro tempore-designate in the Senate. Rep. Kyle Hilbert, R-Bristow, the current House speaker pro tempore, won an election among fellow Republicans to become House speaker-designate. The formal votes to install them will come after the November election.

Hundreds of bills remain

The Legislature's first major deadline signaled the death knell for hundreds of bills as they failed to make it out of their chamber of origin. After a short spring break, lawmakers will resumed committee work on Monday to contemplate bills from the other chamber.

Several bills advanced that Among them are House Bill

of 78-15.

another Lepak bill, HB 1617, tify an agency or public official which was carried over from the 2023 session. It is based on a model bill offered by the American Legislative Exchange Council. HB 1617 would restrict the independence of pension plan trustees by having them use shareholder proxy advisory firms that promise not to back policies can't be produced within 10 involving environmental or business days. social initiatives.

by Sen. Dave Rader, R-Tulsa. It would have the attorney general mediate disputes between the state treasurer and pension plan administrators over exemptions taken in the Energy Discrimination Elimination Act.

It stemmed from a dispute last year between Treasurer Todd Russ and the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System. Another bill, SB 1510, by Sen. Chuck Hall, R-Perry, would exempt cities and counties from the law. It passed the Senate by a vote of 42-1.

The House and Senate sent bills to the other side making changes to the regulation of medical marijuana or stepping up enforcement. Among them are HB 3361, by Rep. T.J. Marti, R-Broken Arrow, which would limit medical marijuana to only prepackaged items of 3 ounces or less. It passed the House by a vote of 57-23 and has an effective date of July 1, 2025.

HB 3458, by Rep. Anthony Moore, R-Clinton, would allow the Oklahoma Tax Commission to share additional information with the attorney general's office, district attorneys and the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority to combat money laundering related to illicit marijuana.

SB 1939 would increase the late fees for medical marijuana business license renewals to \$500 per day. The bill, by Sen. Lonnie Paxton, R-Tuttle, is still a work in progress and addresses the transfer of business licenses. It was requested by the attorney general's office, the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and OMMA. Similarly, SB 1635 would require business owners to submit a new affidavit saying

Rep. Collin Duel, R-Guthrie, The House also advanced would require requesters to no-10 days in advance if they plan to sue over a denial under the Open Records Act. HB 2730, a bill from last year's session, made it out of the House this year. The bill, by Rep. Annie Menz, D-Norman, would require notification of delays in providing records if they

Duel's HB 3780 would The Senate passed SB 1536, clean up some references to videoconferencing put into the Open Meeting Act during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. HB 3937, by Rep. Melissa Provenzano, D-Tulsa, would clarify how public bodies provide meeting notices and agenda.

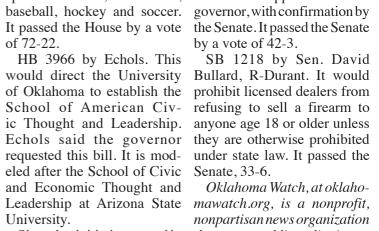
HB 2367, by Rep. Tammy Townley, R-Ada, spurred discussions on what would constitute a public meeting for the three-member Oklahoma Corporation Commission. The bill would allow corporation commissioners to discuss certain topics outside of a public meeting as long as those discussions are posted within five days on the agency's website.

in this state, the increased costs, It passed the House by a vote transparency laws. HB 3779, by to enhance efficiency at the established at flagship public Corporation Commission, but universities in Texas, Florida, longtime Commissioner Bob Anthony opposes it. Before approving the bill, by a vote of 54-32, the House added a sunset provision on July 1, 2026.

Other Bills to Watch:

HB 3959, by House Majority Floor Leader Jon Echols, R-Oklahoma City, would create an incentive for professional sports teams. The proposal, capped at \$10 million, would function like the state's longtime Quality Jobs program that gives employers a quarterly rebate in exchange for creating jobs.

The bill would apply to teams from the top five professional sports: football, basketball,





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Nine square

Nine square in the air had the attention of these Purcell Intermediate School students during a break from classwork early last week.



Tennessee, North Carolina and Ohio.

HB 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 debtcollection lawsuit can proceed. The House advanced it off the floor by a vote of 86-0.

SB 1430, by Hall, would break out the Central Purchasing division from the Office of Management and Enterprise Services into a separate agency and make the state purchasing director an appointee of the

Since that initiative started in that covers public-policy issues

they are in compliance with local zoning, building codes and safety regulations upon renewal of a business license.

Lawmakers continue to Act and the Open Meeting Act,



Brick layers

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After doing repair work at the corner of Fourth and Main, city of Purcell crews were replacing the bricks that were disturbed in the process late last week.



12B-THE PURCELL REGISTER, Thursday, March 28, 2024

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p.m., clothes, shoes, crystal, much stuff. Sunray Baptist Church, 2223 N. 9th, Purcell. 3/28/1tc

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HUGE MULTI-FAMILY Garage Sale: 26229 180th, Purcell. Friday and Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. 3/28/1tp

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, 8 a.m. 1

MOVING SALE: 25172 Doe Creek Trail, Purcell. Home decor, kids clothes, adult clothes, kitchen appliances, furniture, toys, men's stuff. Friday and Saturday 8:30 to ? 3/28/1tp

HELP WANTED

H&M ENERGY SERVICES, LLC in Lindsay, Okla., is now hiring Class A CDL drivers. Competitive pay & benefits available. Please call Scott at 405-428-6740 or Natheniel at 405-428-0740.01/04/26tc

HELP WANTED/Trade for custom 2 BR home plus modest salary. Full or parttime with hands on and mgmt/oversight of a farm. Full background & credit check required. Send thorough resume to gvfoffice@impactsquared.net or call 405-990-0452. 02/08/tfc

HELP WANTED/TRADE OUT one bedroom duplex plus modest salary. Part or full-time with hands on work at the farm. Full background & credit check required. Send thorough resume to gvfoffice@impactsquared.net or call 405-990-0452. 11/2/tfc

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NOW HIRING: Immediate openings for CNA's 11/7 shift, must be able to work weekends. Immediate openings for CNA's 3-11 shift, must be able to work weekends. Also need LPN's weekends. Apply in person at Lexington Nursing Home, 632 SE 3rd St., Lexington. EOE. 01/04/tfc

TOWN OF WAYNE-Water and Sewer Operator: The Town of Wayne has an opening for a Full time Water and Sewer Operator. Applicant must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license with good driving record. A high school diploma or G.E.D., proficient in Basic English (reading and writing) and mathematical skills. Must be willing to be on-call, rotating with other employees. Must pass a pre-employment background screening and pre-employment drug test. Applications can be obtained at the Wayne Municipal Office and will be accepted through 4:00 p.m. Friday. April 12, 2024 or until position is filled. Submit applications to Wavne Municipal Office. mail to Town of Wayne, Attn: Town Clerk, POB 160, Wayne, OK 73095 or email to: wayneclerk@windstream.net. Town of Wayne is an EOE, 03/21/3tc

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1-888-815-2672.

contact Landon Cobb at

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Position open until filled. The first review of applications will start April 14th. 2024. The City of Purcell is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Communications Officer/Dispatcher POSITION(S) AVAILABLE

STARTING PAY IS \$15.00/HOUR.

There is a 540 hour training/probation period(roughly 90-120 days). Upon completion of the training/probation period, the trainee will be considered for promotion to 911 Communications Officer with pay increase, full-time benefits, including paid medical, dental, vision, life insurance, and retirement. This position is located in Pauls Valley at the Garvin County E911 Center and works under the supervision of the on-duty supervisor as well as the 911 Coordinator and Emergency Management Director.

JOB DUTIES: Communications Officers/Dispatchers are responsible for a variety of tasks including answering a multi-line phone system, obtaining, recording and entering information received from emergency and non-emergency callers, dispatching police, fire and EMS to emergency and non-emergency calls, monitoring multiple radio frequencies, reading/interpreting maps.

JOB REQUIREMENTS: *Dispatching experience is NOT required*

- Accurate and efficient information gathering, recording and relaying
- Verbal communication
- Basic computer and typing skills
- Skill in making quick and accurate decisions
- Reliable and punctual
- Able to follow instructions
- High school Diploma or equivalent
- Valid Driver's License
- Must pass a background check and drug screening
- Must be able to work different shifts (this is a 24/7/365 operation)

Applications can be obtained at the **911 Communication Center** located at 225 W. McClure, Pauls Valley or you can request an application via email at garvincounty911@gmail.com

This job classification has been designated as a safety sensitive job classification in accordance with the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana and Patient Protection Act, 63 O.S., § 427.1 et seq., (OSCN 2019), effective August 29, 2019. Employees in this job classification can be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination if they test positive for marijuana components or metabolites, even if they possess a medical marijuana license

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