

County safety concerns

Commissioners aggressively eyeing visitors at courthouse

At their regular Monday meeting at the courthouse, McClain County Commissioners welcomed Amy Allen to the meeting concerning keeping the courthouse a safe environment.

Allen is associated with the Cleveland and McClain County Health Departments. She addressed the commissioners about safety during the

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Coronavirus meeting held

City leaders, department heads, medical field meet Monday

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

A meeting, held Monday morning at Purcell City Hall, was a time for local city leaders from Purcell and Lexington to game plan for a possible outbreak of COVID-19 from the

coronavirus.

Among those at the important meeting were Purcell City Manager Dale Bunn, Lexington Interim City Manager Deana Allen, PMH CEO/CNO Kem Scully, City of Purcell Department heads, PMH Infection Prevention

and employee health nurse Brittany Scully and Jackie Wadley, owner of Wadley's EMS.

Bunn said he read an excerpt out

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No to price gouging

AG Mike Hunter will charge offenders

Attorney General Mike Hunter on Friday announced the state's price gouging statute is in effect statewide.

The action follows an emergency declaration by President Donald Trump regarding COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus.

The Emergency Price Stabilization Act prohibits increasing the price of goods and services by

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Facilities comply

Stop visitors to stop virus

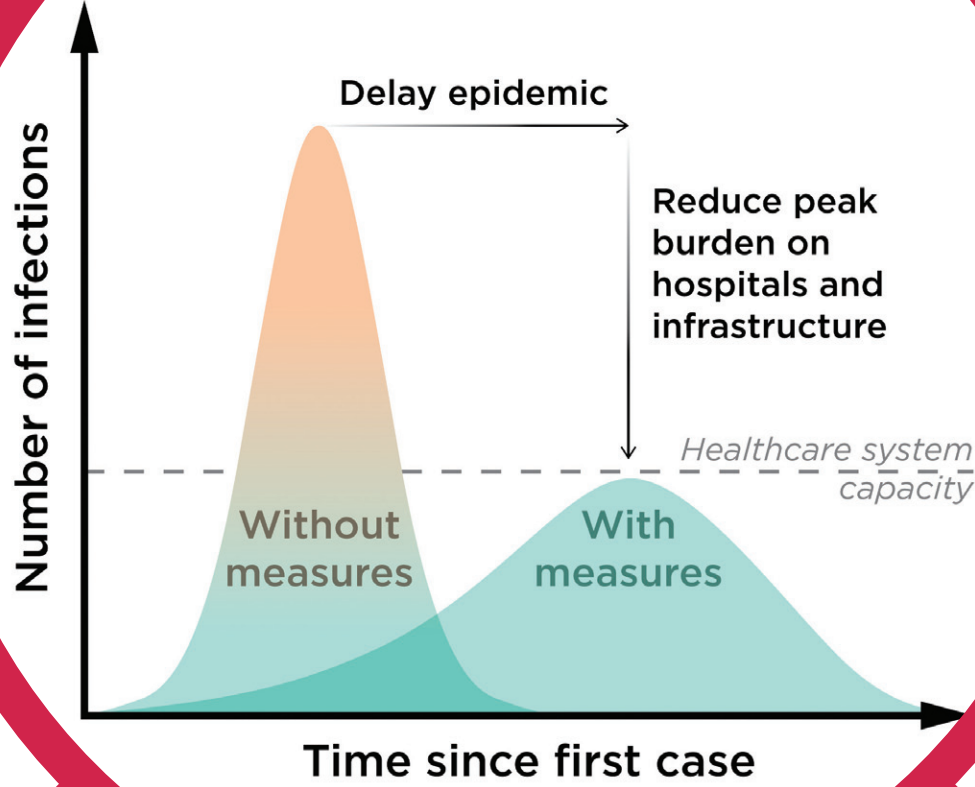
Oklahoma's skilled nursing and long-term care facilities are expected to suspend indefinitely all medically unnecessary visits as the state works to contain the COVID-19 virus.

Local nursing facilities are already enforcing no visitation guidelines from the Oklahoma State Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Workers only are being admitted to Sunset Estates, 915 N. 7th Ave.

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Impact of protective measures



No visitation

Restriction addresses COVID-19

Just two days after the Oklahoma Department of Corrections lifted a lockdown and opened all facilities to visitors, the agency cancelled all visitation and volunteer access on Friday.

According to a press release from ODOC, the decision was deemed necessary to keep staff, inmates and volunteers safe from the spread of COVID-19.

Face-to-face visitation

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In a world of hurt

Physician raising funds for paraplegic

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

On March 5, John Morris' world turned upside down.

A bicycle accident in Hawaii severed the Purcell man's spinal cord and left him a paraplegic.

Morris and Dr. Peter Chau were physical therapists here 40 years ago.

Morris worked as a physical therapist for a local home health agency, but was recently laid off due to home health cutbacks from Medicare. While awaiting responses

from prospective employers, Morris accepted an offer to join the Chau family on an Hawaiian vacation.

Chau became Morris' close friend when they were freshmen at the University of Oklahoma. Both graduated from OU as physical therapists. Chau was a physical therapist at Purcell Municipal Hospital years ago and is now an emergency physician in Southern California.

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Nature's beauty

The Bradford pears, that normally bloom during Spring Break, came out a week earlier this year with the unseasonably warm temperatures.

Moisture pushing 10.4"

Additional rain in forecast

Coupled with the 2.05" that was recorded here earlier in the week, the 1.9" that fell overnight Tuesday brings the total rainfall for Purcell to 10.35" for 2020. Oklahoma City has received 10.35" for 2020.

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Inside

Sports coverage

Golf, softball, baseball coverage of games that have been played. Games cancelled until April 6.

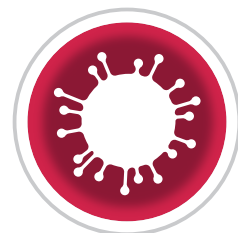


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Corona coverage

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Chickasaw Nation announces temporary closures of casinos

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby has announced that numerous Chickasaw Nation properties would close following updated guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control.

"We are closing all casinos operated by the Chickasaw Nation as a way to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and well-being of our citizens. Casinos will close at midnight tonight and remain closed through March

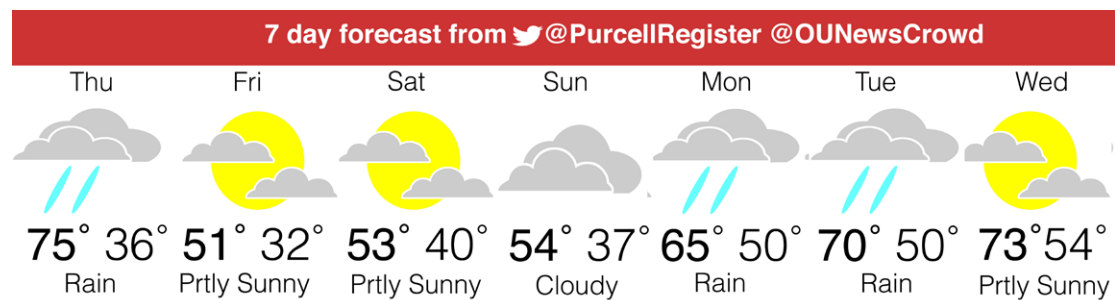
31, 2020," Anoatubby said. "We are continuing to engage with federal and state officials to develop a coordinated plan to mitigate the health impacts, as well as the economic and social impacts, caused by the spread of this disease.

"We will continue to compensate employees during this temporary disruption to our business operations.

"It is encouraging that businesses, organizations and governments across the United

States are taking a proactive approach to help stem the spread of COVID-19. It is imperative we continue working together to meet the challenges this outbreak presents to the health and well-being of people across the world.

"We encourage everyone around the state and across the U.S. to make informed, conscious decisions regarding their own health and safety, and consider those people around them," he concluded



Cold front headed our way

As a system moves out of our area, Thursday remnants will bring us some precipitation before a cold front knocks down our temperatures into the lower 50s by the weekend. Localized flooding could be present with

this week's rainfall, be cautious and mindful of standing water on the roadways. Friday and Saturday will have some sun, but it will be chilly, with a blustery wind making it feel even colder outside. Rain chances

return Sunday night and stick around through the beginning of next week, but a warm up will be accompanied with this next system! Expect to be back into the lower 70s by midweek next week.



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On break

School buses that were busy transporting students last week are sitting idle at their respective barns while students take a sabbatical from attending classes around the state until April 6.

Pioneer Library System closes libraries through March 31

The Pioneer Library System has closed its libraries until at least Tuesday, March 31.

The decision has been made out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of protecting staff and customers from the spread of the novel coronavirus strain "COVID-19."

The first positive test for the virus in a person living in the PLS service area was announced Sunday by the Oklahoma State Department

of Health to be a Cleveland County resident. There is no indication at this time that this patient visited a Pioneer branch.

Fines have been suspended and checkout periods extended to Monday, April 6 for all physical items, regardless of type or original due date. Items should be returned after that date.

Customers who currently have materials on hold will be contacted by library staff about

multiple options for obtaining those items.

Readers are encouraged to use the library's downloadable services available online at www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/download.

Library leadership will continue to monitor the situation regularly. Updates will be posted to the library's social media accounts and the library website, www.pioneerlibrary-system.org.

Apply early for absentee ballot best advice for county voters

That's the word from Karen Haley

Voters who want to have absentee ballots mailed to them for the April 7 Board of Education General Election, should apply now, McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley reports.

Although the election board can accept applications for

absentee ballots until 5 p.m. on April 1, Haley urged voters who want to vote by absentee ballot to apply early.

Absentee ballot application forms are available at the election board office located at 121 N Second Avenue in Purcell.

An online version of the form

can be filled out and submitted electronically at www.elections.ok.gov. A print form can also be downloaded at that address.

"At least two mail transactions must be made," Haley said. "The election board must mail the ballots to the voter and the voter must return the voted ballots by mail."

Ballots must be in the hands of the county election board officials by 7 p.m. on election day to be counted.

Haley said any registered

voter may vote by absentee ballot in any election in which he or she is eligible to vote. However, a voter must be registered and reside at an address within the geographical boundaries of a school district or a municipality to be eligible to vote in school district or municipal elections. It is not necessary to give a reason for voting absentee.

"While anyone can vote absentee without giving a reason, the law still provides several advantages to absentee voters in some categories," Haley said.

By stating one of the following reasons on their applications, absentee voters can activate special conditions that make it easier for them to use absentee ballots.

- Voters who are physically incapacitated and voters who care for physically incapacitated persons who cannot be left unattended may vote absentee. They may apply only by mail, by fax, by email, online or via an agent who is at least 16 years of age and who is not employed by or related within

the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any person whose name appears on the ballot.

- Voters who are confined to nursing homes in the county may vote absentee. An Absentee Voting Board actually goes to the nursing home a few days before the election, sets up a small polling place and allows these persons to vote under circumstances similar to those at a regular precinct polling place. They may apply only by mail, by fax, by email, online or via an agent who is at least 16 years of age and who is not employed by or related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any person whose name appears on the ballot.

- Military personnel and residents of the county living overseas and the spouses and dependents of each group are eligible receive absentee ballots. These voters may apply only by mail, fax, or by email. Military personnel should contact the Voting Service Officers in their units for application forms and additional information or visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program website (www.fvap.gov/oklahoma) for more information and instructions. Residents of Oklahoma living overseas can obtain the same materials from any United States military installation and from United States Embassies and Consulates as well as on the FVAP website.

Filing period opens

April 8 for county, state hopefuls

The filing period for county offices will begin at 8 a.m. April 8, McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said.

The filing period will run through April 10. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Haley said the county offices this year include county clerk,

court clerk, sheriff and District 2 commissioner.

Candidates for state offices will file with the State Election Board in Oklahoma City.

For more election-related information, call the McClain County Election Board at 527-3121 or visit www.elections.ok.gov.

RE-ELECT GRAHAM "ROCKY" FISHBURN

Tuesday, April 7th Purcell City Council
(Early voting Apr. 2nd and 3rd)



BACKGROUND

- 3rd generation Purcell citizen
- Retired Active Duty Army Officer/Combat Vet
- Practicing Attorney



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- New hospital project in progress
- Multiple Parks projects completed
- 45 year water lease signed
- City funding is strong and secure


PLANS

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- Develop community sports and recreation

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Society



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Door prize winners

Mothers Entwined Club door prize winners at the March 11 meeting, shown with hostess Karla Sitton, were Julie Wofford, Brandi Kroth and Kim Fox.

Mothers Entwined Club

The Mothers Entwined meeting was held in the home of Karla Sitton in Goldsby. Carrie Mayes offered a blessing before the ladies enjoyed pizza, salad and cookies.

Present were Penny Berrey, Carol DiRienzo, Angie Goldsby, Lori Cox, Brandi Kroth, Missy Hewett, Kristi Davey, Amy David, Elisa Hendenberg, Carrie Mayes, Kim McGregor, Lori Cudd, Brandi Steiner, Kim Fox, Karla Sitton and Julie Wofford

Members discussed the Annual Convention to be held April 17-18 at the Embassy Suites in Norman. Seventeen members plan to attend. The theme is "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

The scholarship committees will meet April 5, to review applications received from students from Washington and Purcell High Schools and narrow them down to three per school.

Mothers Entwined members will then meet and choose the best application from each

school to award. Applications are available from school counselors.

Everyone was reminded to sign up for the Warrior Way 5K that will take place on March 28. At press time the event has been canceled due to the recent coronavirus concerns. It was agreed on GroupMe to allow them to keep our donations.

Missy Hewett passed around information for our spring fundraiser Yankee Candle. Each member is encouraged to download the app and start selling. Members will have catalogs and order forms shortly. Please contact a member to support our fundraiser!

Several Done in a Day projects were mentioned and will be discussed at our next meeting.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 8, at Libby's Café in Goldsby at 6:30 p.m. We will finalize convention and select high school scholarship recipients.

Door prize winners were: Julie Wofford, Brandi Kroth and Kim Fox.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy first day of spring today (Thursday), March 19. There's always some good news if you just look for it!

A special happy birthday to my nieces, Kristin Rusler and Lindsay Budd.

Kristin and Lindsay celebrate their birthdays Saturday, March 21.

Happy birthdays also go out to Nathan Brinker, Curtis Pryor, Hayle Towers, Jana Selman, Gaylon Gray, Omeda Lawson Craig Perigo, Janet Moore, Abbi Castle, Lindsay Harris, Maribeth Dawson, Char Page, Kim Shubert, Joe Sheehy, Karene Scott, Debbie Wilkinson, Esmeralda Aguinaga, Nathaniel Austin Carel, Jon Forster, Judy Pickle and Ryan Russ.

The Purcell Rotary Club annual Rotary Chili Luncheon has been cancelled.

Out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of protecting staff and customers from the spread of the novel coronavirus strain "COVID-19," the Pioneer Library System, which includes the Purcell Public Library, is canceling all programs, events, meeting room bookings and outreach activities through the end of March.

At this time, all libraries will remain open to the public for their regular hours.

The Purcell Public School Foundation open meeting for the public, which was to be held Thursday, March 26, has been postponed.

The meeting will now be held Thursday, April 23, at 12 noon in the Purcell Administration Building.

Here's a dish to serve to commemorate the Chickasaw Cultural Center's annual Three Sisters Celebration, which has now been cancelled. It comes from the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Get Fresh! program.

Three Sisters Stew
 1 lb. ground beef
 2 cups onion, diced
 6 cups water
 2 14.5 oz. cans diced tomatoes
 6 cups red skinned potatoes, cubed
 15 can tomato sauce
 1 cup corn, frozen
 1 cup yellow squash, diced
 1 cup zucchini, diced
 15.5 can light red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
 1 can blackeyed peas, drained and rinsed
 1/2 cp quick cooking barley
 4 garlic cloves, minced
 1-1/2 tsp. black pepper

Brown ground beef and onions, drain.

In a large stock pot, add all ingredients. Bring to a boil, then lower heat and simmer for 30-45 minutes until the potatoes are soft.

Serve immediately.

Washington OHCE

Washington's Oklahoma Home & Community Education Club met March 11, 2020 at the Washington Senior Center with eight members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Delores Givens. After the flag salute, plans for cultural trips were discussed and put on hold because of the coronavirus pandemic. When this clears up we will make plans to go to a play, museum, etc.

The Creed was read by Delores Givens. Projects we can all be involved in at our homes include bird feeding, flower planting for the birds and butterflies. It was discussed to beautify the shade garden in town north of the Post Office.

Cleveland County took over the Reality Check. Health Fair is tentatively set for October

5. Women's Health? Make and Take needs workers, but the date hasn't been decided. Workshop information is needed by the Extension Office.

Country Store at the fair was discussed and included whether or not we can have homemade items (jelly, etc.) to sell or garage sale items. Fair food plans not yet set; what group is in charge? Prize money for Fair is a big help in attracting more exhibitors, both open and OHCE. How do we attract new members?

Diane Burnett will help on the committee to make/design our Fair Poster with the theme "Vision For The Future."

Deanna Surber read the minutes of the February meeting, which were accepted as read.

Karen Olson had a photo of a completed Quilt Block Challenge Quilt. Karen and Janey Dowdy received the club's appreciation for an excellent job plus many thanks to all the ladies involved in putting

Purcell Senior Citizens

By Fredda Perry

We have been notified that the Purcell and Wayne Senior Centers would be closed beginning Wednesday, March 18, until the end of the month at which time the situation will be reevaluated.

The seniors who have been receiving Meals on Wheels will still have a delivery to their home each day.

The seniors who attend on a daily basis can call and make a reservation for a lunch. The reservation must be made the afternoon before or by 8 a.m. the morning of the day they are making the reservation for.

The seniors will be allowed to drive up to the southeast door and their meal will be delivered to them while they stay in the car.

We are still waiting for that warm weather. According to the weatherman, spring is on the way. I guess we will just have to be patient.

The seniors celebrated St. Patrick's Day. Everyone was encouraged to wear green. There was a penalty for those who chose not to wear green.

We have celebrated several birthdays this month. Those seniors having a birthday this month are Aletha Lydick, Melba Helm, Judith Noyes, Dorothy Ackerman, Barbara Gunter, Barbara Lynn and Chere Williams.

All activities at the center have been cancelled including garage sales, rentals of the center, Friday night dance and drop off of garage sale items.

Please do not leave items left on the patio as there will not be anyone at the center to accept the items.

If you are planning on picking up a lunch during the time the center is closed, call Evelyn or John at 527-9462 to make a reservation. If there is no answer call 527-5070. This is an alternate number so please use the 527-9462 number.

If you need a place for a special celebration, birthday party, family reunion or any type of class, check out the senior center. Call the center at 527-5070 and ask for Fredda or Hester. Hopefully we will be back open by the first of April.

Menu for the week of March 23-27:

Monday—Steak sandwich, lettuce and tomato, mayonnaise, tomato soup, tossed salad with dressing, bun, strawberries and bananas.

Tuesday—Chicken and dumplings, peas, carrots, wheat bread, margarine, chocolate chip cookie bar.

Wednesday—Breaded fish with tarter sauce, oven browned potatoes, coleslaw, hush puppies or cornbread, margarine, pudding swirl.

Thursday—Ham and beans with onions, tomato spoon relish, greens, cornbread, margarine, fruit crisp.

Friday—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli, dinner roll, margarine, chocolate cake with frosting.

Lexington Community News

By Hazel Shockey Daniels

This can be one of the most exciting seasons of the year, to see everything come alive after a long winter's nap, like the pretty red honeysuckle in view of my dining room window that houses so many different species of beautiful birds, both in the cold of winter and the heat of the long summer days.

Saw a pair of beautiful cardinals, a bluebird and a couple of robins along with all the different kinds of sparrows and Finches all in one day last week. Wonderful entertainment, almost free, just a little bird seed is all they require.

Ms. Bea at the Senior Center wanted everyone to know that something new is coming to the Center. Beginning in March, the first Saturday night of each month will be game night.

In addition to the programs already in place, it will be good to see this place filled again with neighbors meeting neighbors and enjoying food, games and fun. There was a time when the Lexington Senior Center rocked on Saturday nights playing their favorite card game, Hand and Foot, and sometimes a domino game.

Some have mentioned different domino games. Just show up, and if you are new in town this will be a good place to get to know some very nice people.

Attendance has been good for the good home cooked meals weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays. See our menu in **The Purcell Register**.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday for a \$7 donation. To-go orders are \$8. The lunch is open

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Dave:

sled dogs and mushers were forgotten by history. That is, until more recently.

Enter this film, "Togo." As you may have guessed, this film focuses more on Togo and his musher, Leonhard Seppala, and their part of this incredible journey.

Considering Togo was actually the dog who covered the longest and most arduous stretch of the run, around 260 miles compared to Balto's 55 miles, it makes a lot more sense to feature Togo and his musher in this story, instead of the dog who led the tail end of the trip.

And to that end, this movie does a wonderful job.

"Togo" is a very simple film, yet it's certainly one that manages to shine throughout.

You can't help but love Willem Dafoe here. The man has been absolutely killing on screen lately, and this movie definitely continues this trend.

He always brings such an unrivaled passion to his roles. There's one scene in this film, where he and sled dogs are crossing a frozen inlet of the Bering Sea called the Norton

Sound.

And with haunting sounds of ice shifting and cracking around them, what does the man do? Why he delivers an inspirational speech, making him and his dogs sound like heroes of a grand epic.

It's one of those moments that makes my eyes instantly well up with tears, and causes every hair on my body to stand on end. With a speech like that I'd gladly follow Dafoe through hell and back without a second's hesitation.

The dogs here also manage to deliver downright excellent performances.

As far as I can tell, there's no computer animated trickery involved in the canines' acting. It's all just good old fashioned training. You couldn't ask for better performances from dogs.

As for the narrative, the story itself is fairly straightforward.

As Togo and Leonhard make their heroic trek across Alaska, the film periodically flashes back to Togo as a young pup. A very spirited young dog who absolutely refused to let

anything get in the way of Leonhard and his sled, despite all of Leonhard's misgivings.

These early days are juxtaposed to Togo and Leonhard's perilous journey across the frozen landscape, one that could easily lead to both of their deaths as they're pushed to the brink of survival.

Despite its simplicity, this movie is often very intense, especially since it's far more realistic than other recent dog films, including other movies featuring sled dogs like "The Call of the Wild."

I wouldn't have guessed that Disney of all studios would be the one to produce the more grounded sled dog flick, yet here we are. Go figure.

All in all, "Togo" is a very easy film to recommend. As a story, it stays remarkably true to life, and as a film it remains captivating, from the first scene to the last.

If you have Disney+ and you haven't watched "Togo," do yourself a favor and check it out. I promise you won't be disappointed.

"Togo" is rated PG.

Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between March 5-11, 2020.

Traffic
Eithyn O. Gray, speeding, 74/65.
Ivan B. Phillips, DUR.
Ben Nguyen, speeding, 101/70.
Brandon W. Taylor, no seatbelt.
Jeremy D. Allen, no seatbelt.
Jimmy R. Thomas Jr., no seatbelt.
Beatrice K. Thomas, no seatbelt (passenger).
Leona L. Smith, no seatbelt.
Thomas R. Crossno, no seatbelt.
Zachari R. Hill, no seatbelt.
Zachari R. Hill, no valid driver's license.
Steven W. Perry, no seatbelt.
Christopher L. Cress, no seatbelt.
Brianna N. Henry, speeding, 85/75.
Deandrea C. Benson-Holloway, speeding, 85/75.
William L. Lambert, transporting manufactured home without permit.
Brittany N. Copeland, speeding, 85/75.
Enrique Martinez Garcia, speeding, 85/75.
Richard J. Miller, no insurance.
Richard J. Miller, operate vehicle with obstructed view.
Derek W. Meeks, no valid driver's license.

Derek W. Meeks, no insurance.
Derek W. Meeks, alter license plate.
Bria B. A. Mills, speeding, 93/75.
Jesse M. B. Slechta, speeding, 90/75.
Misdemeanors
Sean E. Snow, possession of drug paraphernalia.
Lindel L. K. Hayles, public intoxication.
Pedro I. Coleman, entry or intrusion on real estate.
Alisa D. McRae, possession of paraphernalia.
Vongmany "Niki" Wooldridge, possession of CDS.
Adam C. Helm, resisting an officer.
Kory R. McKinley, possession of CDS.
Tyrita Y. Mustin, possession of CDS.
Stephen R. Scott, possession of CDS.
Cathy A. Thomas, possession of CDS.
Jacque A. Smith, possession of CDS.
Lance A. McKinnon, possession of drug paraphernalia.
Trisha E. Howard, larceny of lost property.
Kelsey L. Cassidy, possession of CDS.
Lucas McQuade Biggs, possession of CDS.
Paul W. Brown, possession of CDS.
Bobby J. Crony Jr., APC.
Alicia A. Spencer, possession of CDS.
Lawrence A. Kratzer, possession of CDS.
Lawrence O. Horton, possession of CDS.
Dale T. Skaggs, public drunk - drugs.
Todd C. Vorderlandwehr, public intoxication.
Austin M. Webb, possession of CDS.
Keeley D. Palmer, obstructing an officer.
Tonya M. Cowsert, entry or intrusion on real estate.
Kimberly E. Drea, public intoxication.

Christopher C. Roberts, unauthorized use of a vehicle.
Ruben K. Torres, kidnapping.
Small Claims
Jerry Eledge vs. William B. Green, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
Civil
Blanchard Building Center vs. Richard Hines, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Donald Brown, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Midland Credit Management vs. Todd Friday, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Credit Corp Solutions Inc. vs. Kelli Gee, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Cavalary SPV I LLC vs. Jessica J. Bly, civil action \$10,000 or less.
CVI SGP-CO Acquisition Trust vs. Heather Huddleston, civil action \$10,000 or less.
JHPDE Finance 1, LLC vs. Jackie M. Vara, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Midland Credit Management vs. Roger Garza, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Midland Credit Management vs. Jenifer Turner, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Ashlee N. Standridge, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Jennifer J. Faubion, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Equity Insurance Co vs. Dennis L. Pontius, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Brian E. Brannon vs. Board of County Commissioners, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Ally Bank vs. James P. Higdon, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Matthew Sutterfield vs. Rhombic Engineering PLLC, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Freedom Mortgage Corp. vs. Christian Akers, civil action \$10,000 or more.
DBTW Investments vs. Jose D. Sandoval, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Marriages Filed
Bryan K. Smith, 23, of Newcastle and Rebecca D. Tisdale, 20, of Blanchard.
Divorces Granted
Tracy L. Price vs. Angela K. Price.

NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Flatten the curve

Congressman Tom Cole

With confirmed cases of COVID-19 multiplying rapidly across the nation and around the world, there is increasing concern about how to effectively slow the spread of this mysterious coronavirus in the United States.

While I am grateful for the Trump Administration's swift and decisive response thus far, the reality is that each of us have a part to play in saving and protecting lives during this pandemic.

President Donald Trump rightly acknowledged the critical nature of the situation last week by declaring a national emergency. Moreover, he issued new travel restrictions effectively banning European visitors from entering the United States.

These pointed measures are unprecedented, but it shows that the president is willing to go to great lengths to protect American lives and livelihoods. He is wise to act cautiously and seriously on the nation's behalf.

While the worsening situation has led to alarming stock market drops and swings, the spread of this coronavirus has also caused unthinkable disruptions to our daily lives, and it will continue to do so for some time.

While it is easy to get discouraged or even feel scared as events and plans are canceled and with business as usual on hold, it's important to heed the direction of our government leaders and health authorities. I am encouraged by the work of the President's Coronavirus Task Force and the regular public briefings they are providing to the American people.

But for life to return to nor-

mal, every single one of us must commit to taking precautions.

Whether you have been following the situation through news sources or on social media, by now you have probably heard the directive to "flatten the curve." This is in reference to how we can collectively contain and defeat the virus, preventing it from reaching more communities and overwhelming our health system.

At the most basic level, this includes washing your hands thoroughly and often - for at least 20 seconds - and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily.

If you cannot immediately wash your hands with soap and water, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. And as much as possible, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

If you are sick, protect the health of others and stop the spread of germs by keeping your distance, covering your

mouth when you cough and throwing away used tissues.

More broadly, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the President's Coronavirus Task Force recently issued new guidance for preventing community spread.

For the next eight weeks, it is strongly recommended that organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.

This week, the Task Force also advised Americans to avoid gatherings of 10 people or more for at least the next 15 days.

Even with many events canceled, it may be tempting to be out and about as usual interacting with people or joining informal large gatherings. However, whether you feel sick or not, do your best to stay in as much as possible to avoid contracting or becoming a carrier of the virus.

Even if you don't think you are at risk, there are many vul-

nerable populations - including older Americans and those with pre-existing respiratory illness - who may not be able to recover. If fewer people contract the virus though, more lives will ultimately be saved. And the better off we all will be.

While the situation is ever-changing, we can and will get through it together. In the days ahead, please commit to doing your part in protecting yourself, your family, your loved ones and the most vulnerable in our communities.

For the latest guidance, I encourage you to frequently check the CDC's dedicated website on the ongoing nationwide response to COVID-19: coronavirus.gov.

For the latest guidance on the

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where it would be to Florida. Brayden's favorite subject in school is athletics. His favorite type of music is rap. His favorite hobby is playing basketball and his favorite food is tacos. His role model is Kobe, because he always is focused on what he does. His dream job or plan after high school is to play in the NBA.

Brayden's proudest moment was when his team won their first basketball tournament.

Arely Resendiz - Seventh Grade Girl of the Month

If Arely could go anywhere it would be to Paris.

Arely's favorite subjects in school are math and English.

Her favorite type of music is pop.

Her favorite hobby is sleeping and her favorite food is pizza.

Her role model is her mom because she is so hardworking.

Her dream job or plan after high school is to become a nurse.

Arely's proudest moment is when she gets good grades.

Tavian Engert - Eighth Grade Boy of the Month

If Engert could go anywhere

it would be to Mexico.

Tavian's favorite subject in school is math.

His favorite song is "This is America."

His favorite hobby is football and his favorite food is pizza.

His role model is Jimmy Don Green because he is my grandfather who played football and ran track.

His dream job or plan after high school is to go to college and play football.

Tavian's proudest moment was when he completes his homework on Friday.

Araceli Garcia - Eighth Grade Girl of the Month

If Araceli could go anywhere it would be to Bora Bora.

Araceli's favorite subjects in school are science and math.

Her favorite types of music are pop and country.

Her favorite hobby is doing crafts that are fun and her favorite foods are Mexican food and enchiladas.

Her role model is her mom because she is always hard working.

Her dream job or plan after high school is to become a nurse.

Araceli's proudest moment is when she can achieve her own goal.

Will coronavirus cause Oklahoma to expand absentee mail-in voting?

Trevor Brown Oklahoma Watch

Thousands of Oklahoma voters are expected to head to the polls in less than a month for school board and special elections in almost every county in the state.

The April 7 election will be the first test of how the state handles the growing concerns of the coronavirus pandemic as election officials across the country are reevaluating voting procedures and the risks to voters and polling staff.

Oklahoma Election Board Secretary Paul Ziriaux said state election officials continue to "monitor the situation" as new facts about the spread and severity of the virus emerge almost every day.

But Ziriaux noted that voters have options if they don't want to risk a visit to their polling place. Oklahoma is one of 34 states that allows voters to cast their ballot early through the mail without giving a reason.

"Oklahoma already has 'no excuse' absentee voting, so no change in law is necessary for more voters to vote by mail," Ziriaux said. "Oklahomans who choose to vote by mail can request absentee ballots using the OK Voter Portal (on the Election Board website)."

But Oklahoma's law comes with a catch: Most absentee ballots must be signed and then notarized by a notary public - a rare requirement nationally that concerns advocates for more convenient voting. Physically incapacitated voters and voters who care for physically incapacitated persons who cannot be left alone aren't required to have their absentee ballots notarized. State law requires that the notarization be free.

Despite the lack of a charge, Amy McReynolds, head of the nonprofit National Vote at Home Institute, said this step

is an unnecessary obstacle that likely deters many people from exercising the option.

"It's definitely a hindrance and something we rarely see in red or blue states," she said. "We advocate for ways to make voting as convenient and accessible as possible, and this doesn't do that."

McReynolds, who formerly was Denver's director of elections, said the coronavirus pandemic is the latest public emergency that highlights the need for states to have robust and easy vote-by-mail options.

"People forget, but there was an election in New York

legislation that addresses how elections would be affected by coronavirus concerns.

The last major attempt to change how absentee ballots are verified came in 2017, when then-Sen. David Holt, now mayor of Oklahoma City, filed a bill that would allow voters to mail in a photocopy of their ID instead of having it notarized. The bill died without getting a hearing in committee.

Oklahoma's law also sets a cap of 20 for the number of absentee ballots a notary can notarize without special authorization.

The cap is waived when the service is done at the notary's normal place of business during business hours.

Ziriaux said the cap came about after an Adair County notary, Darryl Cates, was convicted of falsifying signatures on dozens of absentee ballots and personally notarizing them in 2009.

A bill to increase the cap to 50 if the notary notifies the county election board failed on a 40-55 House vote earlier this session.

Rep. Cyndi Munson, D-Oklahoma City, has filed legislation several times in recent years to remove that cap. However, those bills didn't make it out of committee.

Munson said as more voters chose to vote by mail, the cap could make it even harder to find a notary to witness the signature and verify the ballot.

She said she supports moving to a different verification model, such as Holt's, so a notary wouldn't be needed.

"It is one of the main barriers that I hear from people," she said. "Not only do you have to find a notary, but notaries can only sign so many."

Absentee mail ballots make up a small amount of the votes cast in Oklahoma. Only 22,765, or 3.8 percent, of votes cast in the Republican and Democratic presidential primary election earlier this month came from mailed ballots.

But Munson said she thinks the demand for mail-in voting will only increase because other states, such as Colorado, Washington and Oregon, have moved ahead with more comprehensive mail voting procedures, such as automatically sending all voters a mail-in ballot.

Now, with the COVID-19 epidemic, voting by mail could also help protect public health, she said. Fewer voters would crowd into polling places, and local election boards would need fewer poll workers, who typically are older and at higher risk of falling seriously ill from the virus.

Louisiana became the first

states to move or cancel one of its elections because of the coronavirus after officials there announced Friday they will move its presidential primary from April 4 to June.

With the coronavirus concerns giving states across the country a new reason to take another look at alternative voting methods, Munson said she believes that, over time mail voting will become more of the norm than the exception.

"It might take a lot of little steps, but I think we will get there eventually," she said.

Oklahoma Watch is a non-profit, nonpartisan media organization that produces in-depth and investigative content on a range of public-policy issues facing the state. For more Oklahoma Watch content, go to www.oklahomawatch.org.

PCCC meeting cancelled

The Purcell Chickasaw Community Council meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, has been cancelled.

The Governor's office has asked that all large gatherings be cancelled due to COVID-19.

For more information call Carolee Maxwell at 527-7676 or Angie Wallace at 615-8863.

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it together.

Phyllis Linker gave the treasurer report, which was approved.

SE District Meeting on March 10 was discussed. Karen gave report on Aging Class, "cake mix" quilt making pattern class and chicken pin cushion class. Harley gave report on Safety/Protection for Women class and Laughter Yoga class. Other classes were Teas and Spices and Succulents/House Plants.

Lois gave the lesson on "What Makes a Good Shoe?" which was very interesting.

Members present were DeLores Givens, Lois Stephens, Deanna Surber, Lori Burton, Phyllis Linker, Karen Olson, Harley and Beulah Bromley and Dianne Burnett.

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Eighth graders Tavian Engert and Araceli Garcia

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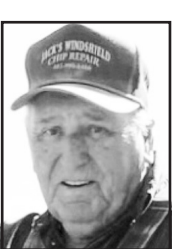
Gerald Ray Hayes

Funeral services are pending for Gerald Ray Hayes, 87, of Purcell with Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell. Mr. Hayes died March 16, 2020. Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Gene Claunch

Private family funeral services will be held at a later date for Gene Claunch, 87, of Purcell. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell. Mr. Claunch passed away Tuesday, February 25, 2020.



Everett Eugene Claunch was born February 10, 1933 in Purcell, the eighth of nine children born to Jay Elwin Claunch and Donnie Delaney (Mason) Claunch. He grew up a farm boy, west of Purcell, picking cotton and broom corn.

Gene worked in construction most all of his life, working mainly for Jack Woodrow and Don Huddleston. When he wasn't working, he loved to fish, watch his grandson, Cauly Hollis, play baseball and was always ready to help Rocky Bates work cattle or mow on the farm.

Gene especially loved old tales about the wild west, and never missed an opportunity to watch a good western. He was a wonderful father and grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his son, Wayne Keith Claunch; his parents, Jay and Donnie Claunch; three sisters, Vi Martin Jones, Susie Reynolds and Lu Ellen Loge and four brothers, Hersh, Buford "Doc," Andy and Leonard.

Gene is survived by his sons, Danny J. Claunch of Wayne and Jimmy Don Claunch of Oklahoma City; daughters, Kathy Algood of South Carolina, Cathy Walker of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Amy Hollis of Purcell, Okla.; brother, Curt Claunch and wife, Clara Reece, of Lexington and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

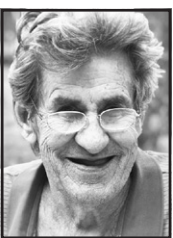
In lieu of flowers you may make donations to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America @ myasthenia.org. Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Roy Charles (Chuck) Coats Jr.

Roy Charles (Chuck) Coats Jr. passed away on March 13, 2020 in Norman. His family will honor him this summer with a memorial celebration.

Mr. Coats was born on May 3, 1949 in Atoka, Okla., the son of Roy Charles Coats Sr. and Clara Coats McCullar.



He was reunited in heaven with his grandparents; his parents, Roy Charles Coats Sr. and Clara Coats McCullar; his brother, Larry Coats; his sister-in-law, Linda Coats; his cousins, Don and Debbie Reeves and many other family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Coats; three daughters, Stacie Johnson and her husband, Brian, Sara Kimbrell and her husband, Josh, and Ryan "Leigh" Darling and her wife, Ellison; his son, Greg Coats; a loving grandpa to his many grandchildren; his brothers, David Coats and his wife, Debbie; two sisters, Karen Alexander and her husband, Jerry, and Connie Tilford and beloved by a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Roger Dale Richardson

Funeral services for Roger Dale Richardson, 65, of Noble will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at the Noble IOOF Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home.

Mr. Richardson died March 14, 2020 at Norman Regional Hospital.

Roger Dale, named by his older brother Glenn after Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, was born Sept. 14, 1954 in Oklahoma City.

Survivors include his daughter, Jennifer Richardson of Norman; son, Johnny Dale Richardson and wife, Amy, of Norman; sister, Paula Smith of Midwest City; two brothers, Glenn Richardson of McLoud and Jerry Smith of Norman; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter, Haven and his companion, Diana Ulrich. Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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John Edward Wilkowski Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial for John Edward Wilkowski Jr., 79, of Oklahoma City was held at March 17, 2020 at St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Oklahoma City. Interment was at St. Teresa of Avila Cemetery in Harrah under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home.

Mr. Wilkowski died March 10, 2020 in Pueblo, Colo.

He was born Sept. 5, 1940 in Harrah, the son of John Sr. and Ada Wilkowski.

Survivors include his sister-in-law Jan; brother-in-law, Jerry Heaslet and wife, Glenda, of Conway, Ark.; sister-in-law, Wanda Ragsdale of Chandler; sons, John Wilkowski III of Oklahoma City, Robert Wilkowski and wife, Kate, of Pueblo and Tom Wilkowski of Oklahoma City; grandchildren, Charlotte Lambert and Mary Witten and husband Matthew, all of Purcell, Gordon Ford Jr. of Moore, Gregory Ford, of Oklahoma City, Dale Corpron, and wife Chisato of Austin, Texas, and Rebecca King and husband, Bret, of Murrysville, Penn., and six great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to your local food bank.

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Joseph Elbert Hyde

Joseph E. (Joe) Hyde was born to Elbert J. Hyde and Coy Mae (Andrews) Hyde on July 25, 1933 in McClain County, Okla. He departed this life on March 10, 2020 with family by his side.



Joe was the first born of ten children. His parents farmed in several locations in McClain County. They lived a few miles west of Washington when Joe started school. Their place of residence was located in the Dibble School District. He later attended school at Cole, Freeny and Blanchard schools all located in McClain County. He completed two years of College at Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City Extension.

In 1954 he and Dorothy Fay Madden were married and of this marriage four children were born. The marriage ended in divorce on October 31, 1984.

In October, 1986 he and Helen Louise (Hackney) Hawkins were United in Marriage in Las Vegas, Nevada. They made their home in Norman where he resided until his death.

Joe was employed as a breadman for Bill's Bread Co. located in Chickasha, Okla. His law enforcement career began with the Norman Police Dept. on February 1, 1957. He retired with 20 years of service as Major on February 1, 1977. During his employment he served in all the ranks in the department.

Upon retirement he entered the real estate field as a manager and later owned Hyde Real Estate in Norman. He then re-entered the law enforcement field with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Dept. for one year before taking the position as Noble Police Chief. After serving six years he retired due to his health. He was employed with the American Exchange Bank of Norman.

He ended his law enforcement career with the United States Marshalls Service in Oklahoma City with over seven years of service and retired once more in August, 1995 after the Murrah Building Bombing. He then enjoyed woodworking, genealogy and traveling to 45 of the 50 states.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Herbert, Willie and Don Hyde; one son, Dale Hawkins.

Those who survive him include his wife, Helen; two sons, Randy and Ricky Hyde; four daughters, Marilyn Graham (Rick), Donna Hyde, Rita Sherwin and Darla Murphy (Mike); three brothers, Floyd Hyde, Lloyd Hyde (Johannah), and Lonnie Hyde (Linda), three sisters, Betty Prince (Barry), Floy Murphy (James) and Dorothy Beller; ten grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren and a host of many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank Humanity Hospice especially his aide Colisa that treated him with respect and made him laugh.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the Goldsby Baptist Church. Interment was at the Washington Cemetery. Honors were by the Norman Police Department.

Arranged and directed by McMahan's Funeral Home.

Curtis Ray Hyde Jr.

Graveside Funeral Services for Curtis Ray Hyde Jr., 56, of Washington will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2020 at the Washington Cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Hyde passed away Saturday March 14, 2020.

He was born April 28, 1963 in Norman, the oldest of three children born to Curtis Hyde Sr. and Helen Fern (Rice) Hyde. He was raised primarily in Norman and graduated from Noble High School in 1981.

Ray worked a variety of jobs throughout the years. He worked for his dad in the family wrecker service business and also at their service station some. He worked as a Sales Associate for Walmart for a little more than 12 years until recently starting at McDonalds.

When he wasn't working, Ray loved hanging out with his friends, watching movies and attending concerts. He was a gifted musician; a great guitar player and he never missed an opportunity to go fishing. He was a wonderful son, brother, the best uncle and a good friend, and will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Fern Hyde. Ray is survived by his father, Curtis Hyde Sr. and wife, Carolyn, of Washington; his brother, Frankie Hyde and wife, Barbara, of Washington; his sister, Melody Manning and husband, Randy, of Washington; stepbrother, Ronnie Shipley and wife, Shannon, of Norman; three stepsisters, Lisa Larman and husband, Billy, of Purcell, Kelly Lyles and husband, Perry, of Washington and Dawn Beller of Goldsby; nieces and nephews, Adam Hyde and wife, Tangela, Shane Hyde and wife, Marissa, Colton Manning, Cody Manning and wife, Shannon, and C.J. Manning; great-nieces and nephews, Addison, Jackson and Everett and a host of other family and friends.

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Pauls Valley Opry

Wiley Winters, Pauls Valley Opry's 2018 Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocalist, will be back on stage at the Opry, April 4. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

State issues warning "Fake" voter applications showing up

State Election Board Secretary Paul Zirix issued a warning to Oklahomans to beware of "fake" voter registration applications.

Counties across the state have received several invalid voter registration applications which were generated from the website Register2Vote.org.

The website allows Oklahomans to complete a so-called "Federal Voter Registration Application" that is not valid in Oklahoma.

Under state law only the National Mail Application and Oklahoma Voter Registration Application are accepted.

"This is a prime example of an organization creating misinformation that could cause Oklahoma voters to become disenfranchised," Zirix said.

"The application used by Register2Vote appears to be a document created specifically for the organization and cobbles together language from both the National Mail Application and Oklahoma Voter Registration Application.

"However, it is not a valid application under Oklahoma law and cannot be accepted in the State of Oklahoma."

Anyone who submitted an application generated by Register2Vote.org to their county election board will be mailed a letter from the county election board secretary explaining why the application was rejected.

Included with the letter will be an official Oklahoma Voter Registration Application.

Persons who believe they submitted an invalid form or who need to register to vote can also download a valid application from the State Election Board website at elections.ok.gov. Deadline to register to vote in the June 30 statewide primary is June 5.

Valid applications received after June 5 will be processed following the primary election.

Voters with questions should contact the McClain County Election Board at 527-3121 or the State Election Board at (405) 521-2391 or info@elections.ok.gov.

News from District 43

• Senator Paul Scott •



COVID-19 update

I was going to write a column about this last week's legislative activity, bills that have passed and visitors we have had at the Capitol and in our office.

However, I have decided it was more important to share with you what we know about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how to help you understand how to protect yourself and your family members during this time.

Since writing this column, we have even experienced some changes in the State Senate such as a member of the Senate being tested positive for COVID-19. While they felt the risk to a majority of Senate personnel and senators remains low, they are taking precautions.

The Senate will be closed from Wednesday, March 18 through Friday, March 20, 2020. Employees will work remotely during that time.

My office will remain available to you as we will be monitoring emails and my assistant will be receiving phone calls. I am available even though the Senate is closed for the remainder of the week.

As a healthcare person myself, I cannot stress to you

enough how important it is that we take this matter very seriously.

Our President and our state are taking precautions that are necessary to protect citizens as much as possible.

I know it is easy to panic and react to situations like these however, I encourage you to stay calm, wash your hands and use hand sanitizers frequently.

It is crucial that you remember not to touch your face, especially after shaking hands or touching door knobs and other surfaces.

Oklahoma-specific information on COVID-19 (prevention, symptoms, testing, Spring Break travel, etc.) is available on the OSDH website at https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov.

You can also reach out to the Oklahoma COVID-19 Call Center at 877-215-8336.

If you have any questions or concerns about COVID-19 or other legislative matters, I can be reached at paul.scott@ok-senate.gov or (405) 521-5522.

You can also write me at the state Capitol at Sen. Paul Scott, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 428, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

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Whew!

The temperature climbed to nearly 90 degrees, which is pretty hot for March 12.

Existing drug could work against coronavirus

There may be no vaccine yet for the rapidly spreading COVID-19 virus. But scientists are now testing both existing and experimental therapies to see if any are effective in treating the new coronavirus.

Among the drugs being tested are new and existing antiviral therapies. And one candidate that's showing promise is a drug that's been in use for more than a half-century.

The drug, chloroquine phosphate, was originally developed to fight malaria.

"It's also been shown to be very effective in treating patients who have autoimmune diseases like lupus," said Judith James, M.D., Ph.D., Vice President of Clinical Affairs at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. "We use it to treat hundreds of lupus patients at OMRF."

In China, researchers tested the drug in a multicenter clinical trial to treat pneumonia associated with COVID-19. Preliminary results indicate that the drug appears to show some efficacy as a therapy.

Scientifically, said OMRF's James, it would make sense that an anti-malarial drug might also fight an infection caused by a coronavirus.

"When malaria gets inside a cell, if you change the pH with a drug like chloroquine

phosphate, the malaria can't live," said James, an immunologist and rheumatologist. "The same goes for a virus like COVID-19. If you change the pH, the virus cannot assemble, and if it can't assemble, it can't infect you."

James explained that repurposing existing medications is often the fastest path to treating those infected by the virus in a novel way.

"That would be really exciting, because it's a drug that already has FDA approval, and it is readily available," she said. "If it works, it might treat COVID-19 almost instantly."

Wider studies are now underway to confirm the results.

In the meantime, James and health officials at the CDC are warning against using unapproved medications claiming to treat or prevent COVID-19. She also cautioned that antibiotics will not work for coronavirus, either.

"Antibiotics are used to fight bacterial infection. It's great if you get strep throat or have a staph infection, but COVID-19 is a virus, and viruses are not attacked or slowed in any way by antibiotics," James said.

For patients who develop mild symptoms, doctors recommend resting, staying hydrated and using over-the-counter medications and pain

relievers as needed. More severe cases often require hospitalization, with oxygen therapy to help breathing.

If you develop severe symptoms, James said, "Be sure to call your healthcare provider before you go. That will help them prepare for your visit and prevent others from being infected."

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situation in communities across our state, including testing, please consult the Oklahoma State Department of Health's special website here: coronavirus.health.ok.gov.

If you have additional ques-

tions or need assistance with another matter, my staff is available to help. There are numerous ways to reach out and stay connected.

To send an email on my website, please visit cole.house.gov/contact/email. I will also

provide regular updates on my Facebook and Twitter pages (TomColeOK04) and via my e-newsletter: cole.house.gov/contact/newsletter.

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Morris:

According to Chau, they were bicycling on Mount Haleakala when Morris pulled to the side to allow cars to pass about two miles from the summit. He lost control of the bike on loose gravel and fell approximately 10 feet, landing on jagged lava rocks.

Chau and his son, an EMT, did what they could to stabilize Morris. Poor weather caused air transport to be cancelled. Chau said rangers arrived in 10-15 minutes and were able to administer oxygen. It took 45 minutes for ground transport to arrive, during which Morris went into shock and briefly lost consciousness.

When he arrived at the trauma center, the diagnosis was grim. His spinal cord was completely severed and three vertebrae were fractured. He also has multiple bilateral rib fractures, an open clavicle fracture and multiple bruises and abrasions.

He was admitted to the intensive care unit at Maui Memorial Hospital.

In addition to spinal shock with low blood pressure, Morris was deemed too unstable for surgery for several days. Eventually, surgeons stabilized his spine with metal rod implants and removed bone fragments

Meeting:

of a newspaper in Australia comparing a couple of different countries and how they coped with outbreaks in their countries.

Scully talked about how being proactive will help hospitals deal with the sheer numbers of sickened patients if that occurs.

Quoting from a story in the Daily Mercury Bunn showed what one reporter in Australia wrote.

The excerpts said in part: "What difference does one day make? In the case of responding to coronavirus, it's massive. When the illness explodes into view, it's already too late. Which is why early action is necessary.

"COVID-19 is rewriting the rules of epidemiology. Today Italy is in total lockdown with 15,113 cases of COVID-19 and 1,016 deaths. That's a case fatality rate of 6.7 per cent in one of the largest economies in the European Union.

County:

Pandemic of COVID-19.

"With the second half of taxes coming due our citizens will be coming to the courthouse," District No. 2 Commissioner Wilson Lyles said.

"When visitors do visit the courthouse we just ask they have respect for one another and keep

Visitation:

hasn't existed at the McClain County Detention Center for about two years, Sheriff Don Hewett said.

Visitors to the jail communicate with the prisoners remotely.

At the Cleveland County Jail, all family and friend visits are being conducted remotely. Attorneys will be allowed into the lobby and will visit with their clients through glass.

Public information officer Joy Hampton said the jail population is "vulnerable."

"We can't let it (COVID-19) get into the jail," she said.

By closely adhering to guidelines set by the American Correctional Association, Oklahoma State Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, ODOC is taking a number of proactive steps to prevent the introduction and spread of the novel coronavirus inside facilities.

The agency is utilizing its Management of Pandemic

from the spinal canal.

He has since developed fever, shortness of breath, confusion, dizziness and vomiting. He is unable to eat or move his bowels. His shoulder surgery has been postponed three times due to the persistent low grade fever and low oxygen. Morris' wife, Vicky, and her sister flew to Maui to care for him. Remaining in Purcell was the couple's adult son, Anthony, who is doing his residency at OU Medical Center.

"What awaits John is almost too overwhelming to imagine," Chau said. "He will need shoulder surgery when he is more stable. Without the functioning arm, it would be difficult for rehab. The neurosurgeon reported little chance of regaining control of his legs or lower trunk. The intensivist estimated two weeks of acute care hospitalization before he returns to Oklahoma."

Vicky Morris, a physical therapy assistant, was also laid off.

Due to their recent job loss, the couple acquired a high deductible barebone health plan, Chau said. Being able to fly commercial is highly unlikely, Chau said, and an ambulance to Oklahoma, not covered by

"On Thursday, Italy had 827 dead. Two days later, that toll is 1,016. That's the difference early, decisive action makes. Coronavirus doubles every six days.

"Soon the U.S. health system will face a storm of hospitalizations. Meanwhile, the number of infected reported in the U.S. is, at the moment, meaningless. Even those hospitalized with COVID-19 symptoms are not being tested due to the kit shortage crisis. And, there is a looming international shortage of the chemicals needed to manufacture those kits."

In Bunn's report it said people in high risk categories like cardio, respiratory, diabetes, inactive and seniors should avoid contact with the public.

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a space up to six feet between them and the person they are dealing with," Lyles continued. "We want to keep the environment as safe as we can so if you visit the courthouse and you think an employee is being a little bit standoffish, that's why," Lyles said.

Influenza procedure as the basis for developing a specific, comprehensive response to COVID-19.

Those steps include screening all new inmate arrivals for COVID-19 symptoms and suspending all inmate security movements. Exceptions will be made on a case by case basis.

ODOC understands the importance of inmates connecting with family members. To lessen strain on inmates and their families, ODOC officials have established an agreement to provide each inmate with two free 5-minute phone calls each week.

The agreement with the telecommunications company GTL, which provides inmate telephone service inside state facilities, will help ensure inmates' important connections with loved ones remain during this situation.

The agreement runs through April 14. ODOC is also exploring other ways to provide com-

insurance, will cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

"He will need adaptive equipment, handicap van, home modifications including ramps and widening of doors/bathroom, etc.," Chau said of his friend. "John is in his 60s and it will be difficult for him to start a second career to cover the expenses in the near future."

Chau has started a GoFundMe campaign for his friend. The initial goal is \$60,000. That should cover initial acute and rehabilitation care. As of Tuesday, \$11,496 had been raised.

Future goals will include home care.

To donate, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-john-morris-with-spinal-cord-injury>.

"Let's bring John back to Oklahoma," Chau urged. "John is a knowledgeable, dedicated, and skillful physical therapist who works hard to improve the quality of life for others. Both John and Vicky are very kind and caring. Their patients love to talk to them just about everything. They heal both the body and the mind. Now, they need our help indeed! The Morris family is still in shock with great sadness and stress. It's time for us to come together to give them a helping hand."

lutely necessary.

- Have a 30 day supply of food and medication on hand.
- Wash hands often with soap or 60 percent alcohol based hand cleanser.
- Clean surfaces with viral disinfectant and allow wet cleaner to remain wet minimum four minutes.
- If symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath/possible headache and tired - call your doctor. Do not go into medical offices unless you call ahead. If you are ill, self-quarantine a minimum of 14 days from onset.

The President has declared a National Emergency to free up funding and Governor Stitt has declared a State Emergency and placed the decision making process at the local level so we can each do what is best for our citizens. It also free up funding. "Deal with the situation seriously to protect other and ourselves," Bunn said. "Don't panic, but be prepared."

Rain:

corded 5.56" so far this year with the normal for this date sitting at 4.64"

Additional rain with storms was predicted for Wednesday night and Thursday before drying out and cooling off Friday.

munication between inmates and their families.

Additionally, ODOC is screening staff daily for symptoms of COVID-19 when they arrive for their shifts. If they exhibit symptoms such as a fever, shortness of breath or a cough, they will be required to return home. Each week the agency director will reassess the need to keep visitors and volunteers from entering facilities. For the most up-to-date information, the public can call (405) 425-2556 to hear a recorded message. Updates will also be posted to the ODOC website and social media platforms.

The agency continues to work closely with OSDH and emergency officials as they respond to and manage Oklahoma's response to the COVID-19 virus.

Corrections departments in numerous other states are similarly restricting access to prisons to keep staff, inmates and volunteers safe from the spread of the virus.

Care:

No one at the facility is showing signs of coronavirus and the administration wants to make sure that doesn't change.

Admission to Westbrook Gardens Senior Living Community, 1215 Westbrook Blvd., is restricted to medical personnel only.

Visiting hours are only permitted for extreme cases such as end of life. Those hours are 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

At Purcell Care Center, 801 N. 8th, residents and family members are coping well with the no visitation rule, said Linda Carter, administrator.

Although she doesn't know when the ban will be lifted, Carter expects it will last "at least two or three weeks."

Lexington Nursing Home reports only staff is being admitted there.

Administrator Rick Horton has no idea how long the restriction will remain in effect.

Prices:

more than 10 percent after a declared emergency.

Hunter said the statute automatically triggers after the issuance of a state or federal emergency declaration.

Gov. Kevin Stitt issued an emergency declaration for all 77 counties on Sunday.

The statute allows Hunter's office to pursue charges against individuals or businesses that engage in price gouging.

"Scam artists routinely prey on individuals' emotions during times of fear and crisis," Hunter said. "I encourage Oklahomans to remain calm but cautious during the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. Don't pay inflated prices for things like hand sanitizer, paper towels or other products and services that are becoming sparse.

"If anyone encounters price

gouging, fraudulent charities or other crimes related to deceptive business practices, contact my office where we will not hesitate to prosecute in order to shut these operations down to protect our citizens."

For more information or to file a complaint, individuals are encouraged to contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit by phone at (405) 521-2029, or email at consumerprotection@oag.ok.gov.

The following are guidelines and information on how to avoid scams related to the Coronavirus, as well as where to find additional information and resources:

- Avoid all offers for vaccines or other products specifically claiming to treat or cure COVID-19. The FDA has not yet approved any medical products

or treatments for this virus;

- Do not open emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, or any other entity for which you have not personally subscribed to receive email updates;
- Go directly to government websites, like the CDC, to review trusted updates. These organizations will never ask for personal log-in information or require a download to provide health materials from an email; and
- Thoroughly research charities claiming to be assisting those affected by the Coronavirus. Reputable relief organizations will never require donations in cash, wire, transfers or gift cards. Do not be pressured into immediately paying, instead take time to confirm legitimacy.

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Lady 'Dawgs off to 3-1 start

Coach Kayla Stewart pleased with progress

Todd Newville
 The Purcell Register

The Lexington slow-pitch softball team is already off to a 3-1 start and the Lady 'Dawgs are currently ranked No. 15 in Class 4A.

Lexington started the season with its own tournament. The Lady 'Dawgs dropped the first game of the season, 7-5, to the Lindsay Leopards last Thursday at home.

However, they bounced back with three straight victories against Riverside, Healdton and McLoud. Lexington head coach Kayla Stewart is pleased so far with her team's performance.

"We started badly against Lindsay," Stewart said. "We weren't expecting that. We had limited practices before that, though. We had to get a bunch of girls back from basketball season. It should have been expected to have a rough go in our first game — just figuring things out and such."

"But, we definitely got better throughout the day. Finally, in our last game against McLoud, I finally felt we were doing some things right. Our bats started to come alive and we became a team that I recognized."

In the loss to Class 5A Lindsay, the Lady 'Dawgs had two hits each from Madeline Pack, Emilee Jenks, Hannah Robbins and Lindsey Barber. Pack clouted her first home run of the year and drove in two runners.

In the 16-0 win over the Riverside Lady Indians, Lexington got 20 hits while limiting Riverside to just two.

Pack, Barber, Kaylee Fink, and Abby Turnpaugh all had three hits in the game. Pack cracked another home run and added a double to her tally.

In the 16-5 victory over the

Beason, Kaylee Fink, Emilee Jenks, Amanda Graddy, Anna Sample, Hannah Robbins and Lindsey Barber. They've been outstanding players and they've just gotten better and better for us every year. They've all been a part of our success."

While the Lady 'Dawgs are

We're expecting to be in the State tournament this year and that's our goal.

— Kayla Stewart, head coach

Class 3A Healdton Lady Bulldogs, Lex welcomed a 4-for-4 performance from Jenks in the leadoff spot. Robbins and Barber both contributed three hits to Lexington's 21-hit barrage.

During a 21-10 win over the Class 5A McLoud Lady Redskins, Jenks and Sample both had three hits — with Sample going deep twice for home runs and a total of six RBIs. Madeline Pack clouted a grand slam home run in the contest. Lauren Beason went 2-for-3 with a home run and four RBIs.

Stewart certainly seems to have kept the momentum going with her current team — a club that includes seven seniors with ample experience.

"Last fall, we made the fast-pitch state tournament," Stewart said. "Two years ago, we made state in slow-pitch. We have seven seniors — Lauren

excited about this season, there is an albatross hanging around their shoulders — due to no fault of their own. It remains to be seen how the COVID-19 outbreak will affect Lexington's season, which could be cancelled at any moment.

"We're expecting to be in the state tournament this year and that's our goal," Stewart said. "Now, with all this Coronavirus stuff going around, unless our school or the OS-SAA comes out with anything new, we are expecting to play our games as normal. We are just going to go on with our normal lives. We're all hoping to continue with that."

The Oklahoma State Board of Education has cancelled all classes and extracurricular activities until at least April 6.

On that date Lexington is scheduled to play Wynnewood and Dibble.

No. 19 Dragons 4-3

Purcell wins four out of five games in tournament

John D. Montgomery
 The Purcell Register

Purcell's slow-pitch softball team is off to a 4-3 start and are ranked No. 19.

Last week the Dragons lost at home to Byng 21-16.

"It was such a good game," head coach Sarah Jones said. "For it being our first game with everyone there and hitting as well as we did, I was impressed."

"They had five home runs and one was a grand slam," Jones continued. "You never want to lose but I would say we fought hard."

In game one of the Lexington tournament Jones said her team was in slow motion against Riverside.

The Dragons still managed to win 10-3.

It was such a good game. For it being our first game with everyone there and hitting as well as we did, I was impressed.

— Sarah Jones, head coach

"We won but didn't hit well and didn't have a lot of energy," the coach said.

Sandra Del Toro went 3-4 and Logan McKiddy went 3-3 while Khia Tyler, Kinley Croslin, Chelsea Spain,

Addie Stanton, Kyleigh Smedley and Gracie Harris had two hits each.

The lack of intensity carried over to a 4-0 loss at the hands of Blanchard, Jones said.

"We couldn't get a clutch hit to save our life," Jones said. "We left the bases loaded at least three times."

Purcell stranded a total of 17 base runners in the Blanchard game alone.

"That can't happen," the coach confirmed.

The third game of the tournament was a 10-2 victory over Healdton.

"They out-hit us but we came up with hits with run-

Please see **Dragons**, page 3B

Warriors miss out on trip to Arizona because COVID-19

Season on hold for spring sports

John Denny Montgomery
 The Purcell Register

The Washington Warriors, one of the best teams in Class 3A, had to cancel their Spring Break trip to a baseball tournament in Arizona due to coronavirus.

The team (4-0) has two victories each over Little Axe and Lexington.

They defeated Lexington 13-3 last Tuesday.

Gabe Williams — who struck out seven batters while allowing only one hit — was credited with the win.

Oliver Wilson came on in relief and struck out five batters. Williams helped himself out at the plate, driving in three runners.

Bobby Reese, Nick Andrews and Colin Pelton each had two RBIs.

Pelton and Andrews had stolen bases.

The Warriors were set to see some of the best teams in the region during the tournament in Arizona.

Softball

The Washington softball team is talented in their own

right and ranked No. 3 in Class 4A.

They picked up a 24-9 win over Class 6A Mustang last Tuesday.

The Warriors had a huge day at the plate. They had home runs by Brynn Farmer (2), Hope Madden (2), Ellie Loveless, Ashleigh Gay and Elly Allison.

Emma Curry had three doubles in the game.

Madden had a team-leading six RBIs.

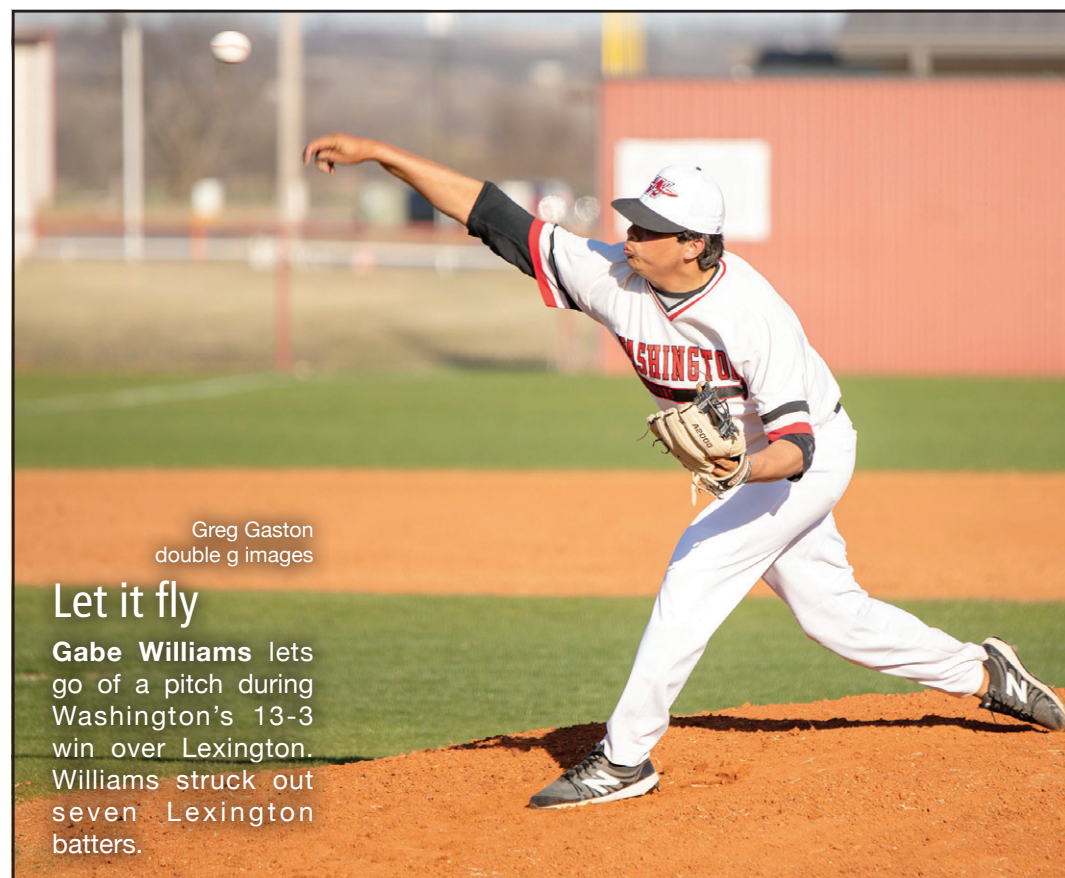
The Warriors are 1-1 this season.

Canadian Valley All-Conference Girls Basketball

Coach of the Year



Derek Clark
 Lexington



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Let it fly

Gabe Williams lets go of a pitch during Washington's 13-3 win over Lexington. Williams struck out seven Lexington batters.



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Tournament champions

The second grade Purcell Dragons won the gold bracket of the Central Oklahoma Basketball Association post-season tournament. They defeated the Blanchard Shockers 14-13. Pictured are, from front left, Jordan Webb, Jack Montgomery, Isiah Hines, Haze Baker and Hayes Anderson. In the middle row are, from left, Chance Midkiff, Mason Moreno, Blane Nicklas and Jackson Hines. On the back row are, from left, coaches Katie Midkiff, Amanda Nicklas, Tara Anderson and Megan Moreno.



John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Up and down

Bryce Tuck looks to save par during the Purcell Invitational Golf Tournament at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course. The Dragon one man shot 91 in difficult conditions.

Sari Stanley	99
Laney Hitt	110
Elie Margeson	113
Tali Sprawls	112
Team Score	420

Emily Kemp (Ada)	130
Lexie Inslee (Ada)	134
Bree Coyle (Ada)	124

Individuals	
Parker Garret (D)	90
Machelle Woods (D)	108
Haylee Sandt (Ana)	114
Lillian Vaughn (Ana)	117
Sunny Walker (Ana)	103

Individuals	
Mallory Sager (PV)	114
Alicia Baker (Pur)	80
Morgan Landes (Dole)	82
Drew Fairnes (MSM)	92
Sophia Darrow (MSM)	117
Team Score	

Washington

Ersten Pratt	99
Mina McCalip	98
Adynn Bingham	124
Katie McClary	130
Kelby He...	117
Team Score	

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Low scorer

Alicia Baker shot the low round of the Purcell Invitational Golf Tournament at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course to claim the individual title. Baker posted 80 in the difficult conditions.

PHS baseballers start slow

Purcell drops first three games

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell is off to an 0-3 start to the 2020 baseball season dropping a pair of games to Mount St. Mary, 8-0 and 5-2 in league play and a non-league game at Dibble last Thursday.

Dibble was down 8-4 heading into the bottom of the sixth when they rallied for four runs.

They scored the walk off winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Gavin Constant started the game on the mound for the Dragons going four innings, giving up eight hits and four runs. Dayton Smith and Ryan Maynard worked in relief.

Nate Willis led the offense going 3-5 at the plate and scored three times.

Jeremy Cudd had a 2-4 day at the plate with a double and knocked in two runners.

Cade Smith was 2-4 including a double and had one RBI. Nick Albright and Hayden Harp both doubled while coach Cole Sharp also got hits from Dayton Smith, Zach Idlett, Constant and Maynard.

“Overall, we hit the ball well. You should win games when you score eight runs but our pitching wasn’t very good,” Sharp said.

“We had too many walks and had some mistakes in the field that kept them in it,” the coach said.

Purcell had leads of 5-1 and 8-4.

“We just couldn’t finish

them off,” Sharp said. “We just need to keep getting better in the future and get our timing down and pitching down. It’s early. We will be fine,” he said.

In the first game against the Rockets Cudd led the offense in a 2-3 outing at the plate. Albright and Willis were both 1-2.

“Overall, we didn’t hit the ball very well. It was our first

game and our timing was off. It was our first game to see live pitching and we just couldn’t catch up with him,” Sharp said.

In the nightcap Albright was 2-3 while Cade Smith was 1-3. Creed Smith also had a double and Sharp got hits from Cudd and Dayton Smith.

“I thought Cade pitched pretty well. We just couldn’t get him any runs,” Sharp

reported.

Due to the coronavirus and the ruling by the Oklahoma State Board of Education’s ruling of no school or extracurricular activities until at least April 6, the baseball season has been drastically changed.

Purcell has a game scheduled at Heritage Hall on April 6.



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Good eye

Jeremy Cudd lets an outside pitch go during Purcell’s game against Dibble. Cudd had two hits and two RBIs in the game. Purcell was defeated 9-8.

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Lady Bulldogs' season on hold

Tough sledding in first full week of action

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Last Tuesday, Wayne was in Chickasha for games with Apache and Ft. Cobbs.

The Lady Bulldogs were on the short side of the score in both contests, falling to the Lady Warriors of Apache 24-1 and 14-2 to the Lady Mustangs of Ft. Cobb.

In game one, the Lady Warriors ripped off 19 runs in the first inning to take a hefty lead they would never relinquish.

Wayne's Bailey Kennedy scored their lone run in the first inning on an RBI from Mayce Trejo.

Seven Lady Bulldogs had hits in the loss.

In their second game in Chickasha, Wayne scored its lone runs in the first inning.

Ft. Cobb answered with 14 runs in the bottom half of the first inning to seal their run-rule win.

Later in the week, Wayne was in Lexington for the Lexington tournament.

Their first game was a 13-2 victory over ECP.

In the first two innings, Wayne scored three to hold a 3-0 advantage.

ECP got two across the plate in the top of third to chip away at Wayne's lead.

Thanks to singles by Emily Woody, Raedyn Dean, Bailey Kennedy, Kamryn Moss and Kaylee Keeler and double by Trejo, Wayne added seven runs in the third to seal their win.

Kaylee Madden manned the circle for the Lady Bulldogs. She pitched five innings, allow-



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Float it

Kaylee Madden pitches for Wayne in Lexington during the Lexington softball tournament. The Bulldogs fell to Harrah 19-5.

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Chip up

Adam Edelman chips onto the putting surface during the Purcell Invitational Golf Tournament at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course. Edelman shot 122.



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On line

Titus Pruitt putts during the Purcell Invitational Golf Tournament at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course. Pruitt shot 98 in the tournament.



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Reach back and throw

Gavin Constant delivers a pitch to home plate during Purcell's baseball game against Dibble. The Dragons were defeated 9-8.



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Putting in work

Nick Albright slides into home plate during Purcell's game against Dibble. The Dragons were defeated 9-8.

From page 1B

Dragons:

ners in scoring position. That's how we won that game," the coach said. "It was a good win after a loss."

Spain was 2-2 in that game and Tyler went 2-3 to lead the offense.

With a 12 hit attack, Purcell blanked Maud 7-0.

Del Toro led the offense going a perfect 3-3 at the plate including a triple and an RBI. Tyler and Croslin both were 2-3. Tyler laced a triple in the game and Croslin had a double and an RBI.

Jones also got hits from

Spain, Missy Nimsey, Smedley, Stanton and Kaylee Evans.

"We were getting tired but they pushed through," Jones said. "I was super proud of them."

With rumors flying about no games on Friday the Dragons' plan was to play back through the loser's bracket.

The victory set up the fifth game of the day against Lindsay with Purcell persevering 11-5.

Tyler, who was the only multiple hitter, went 2-3 with an RBI.

Harris, Stanton, Hannah Buchanan and Spain all had a hit.

"We played the first game of the day and in the last at 8:45 p.m.," Jones said. "With the possibility of it being the last game of the season, we showed a lot of heart. Just the emotions of our seniors having our last game was hard."

"We came out with a win and it was a good one," Jones concluded.

With the ruling by the Oklahoma State Board of Education all games have been cancelled to at least April 6.

Lexington off to 0-3 start

Rally against Bridge Creek falls just short

Todd Newville
The Purcell Register

The Bulldogs opened the 2020 season going winless last week with two season-opening losses to Washington, 19-4 and 13-3, and another defeat at the hands of Bridge Creek, 13-12, in eight innings.

Lexington head coach Jarod Ennis isn't concerned right now. He knows the season has just begun.

The 'Dawgs lost to the Warriors at home in the season opener last Monday. Kolby King had two hits and an RBI against Washington while Mayson Dunaway had a big hit for the 'Dawgs in the game.

King also had a hit in the second contest the next day against Washington. Toby Madden and Wyatt Webb also had nice hits for Lexington against the Warriors.

"We opened with Washington the first two games and they weren't pretty for us," Ennis said. "They're a good team, no doubt. We faced a really good pitcher in Nick Andrews who

has already committed to The University of Oklahoma.

"He might be the best pitcher we'll see all year. We certainly struggled against him and then we had some troubles defensively. Washington hit the ball well, too. They're just really good."

The next day, it seemed like the same thing on the score sheet. Ennis said it was different, though, for someone who was watching the contest.

"In the second game at Washington's field, the score wasn't indicative of how the game really went," Ennis said. "It was 5-3, Washington, going into the bottom of the sixth inning. We were putting the ball in play and Toby Madden pitched a great game for us."

"In the bottom of the sixth, the Warriors got things figured out. They're a good team and got some great hits. The game ended up being not as close as it should have been."

Lexington's last game against Bridge Creek would leave a bad taste in anybody's mouth. The

'Dawgs were getting ready to lose again but then came back — big time.

"Bridge Creek was a heart-breaker for us," Ennis said. "It was an emotional roller coaster. We had some defensive errors early. We had some 'hits' that didn't get through. In the bottom of the sixth, we were 90-feet away from getting run-ruled. With just one out, we found ourselves out of the inning, though."

"In the top of the seventh, we ended up scoring seven runs to tie the game. It was just an emotional thing for us. From being so close to being run-ruled to coming back to tie the game, it's just emotional. We scored twice in the top of the eighth to take the lead. We just didn't make it work out. We had our opportunities and I hope we learned from this game."

Coby Bear had a bases-loaded double which knocked in three runs for Lexington.

Please see **'Dawgs**, page 4B



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Load up

Kamryn Moss prepares to swat a pitch during the Lexington softball tournament. Wayne was defeated 19-5 by Harrah.

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Wayne:

ing eight hits and only two runs. Wayne had 20 hits in the win. Next up for the Lady Bulldogs was Harrah, who was hot from the get-go and handed Wayne a 19-5 loss. Harrah tallied 11 runs in the first inning, while Wayne scored one of their own. Things didn't cool down for the Lady Panthers as they added nine more runs in the second frame. Wayne held them scoreless in the top of the third and got four runs across in their half. But, it wasn't enough to edge the Lady Panthers. Wayne had ten hits in the loss. Dean, Parker and Trejo each had multiple hits. The loss to Harrah sent Wayne to the losers bracket where they faced Riverside. In an extra-inning heart-breaker, Wayne fell to the Lady Braves 8-7 to end their run in the Lexington tournament. The Lady Bulldogs and Braves matched each other

with two runs in the first inning. Both teams were held scoreless through the next three innings. Wayne added four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take the 6-2 lead. Riverside got two more runs in the sixth and Wayne added one of their own. The Lady Braves added three more to knot the score at seven-all and send the game to an extra inning. Wayne couldn't hold Riverside and allowed one run in the top of the eight. The Lady Bulldogs were held scoreless in their final at-bat to fall the Lady Braves. Due to the ruling by the State Board of Education to close schools and suspend all extracurricular activities until April 6, the current schedule of games has changed drastically. The Lady Bulldogs are scheduled to host Linday on April 6 and travel to Paoli on April 7.



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Punch shot

Grant Smith plays his ball during the Purcell Invitational Golf Tournament at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course. Smith shot 114 in the tournament.

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0-5 start for Wayne Bulldogs

Season on hold until at least April 6

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Head coach Braiden Black and his Bulldogs were in Apache last Tuesday where they fell to the Warriors 13-1. Wayne scored their lone run in the fourth inning. They had five hits in the loss. Brian Ibarra accounted for two of those hits. They hosted Calera for a double header on Thursday and fell the Bulldogs 15-0 in game one and 11-0 in game two. In an attempt to save pitching for the games with Colbert, Black rotated pitchers frequently in the contests with Calera.

Freshman Rhett Kennedy was a bright spot in the pitching for Wayne. He had a strike out and game up no runs in his one inning on the mound. Friday's double header with Colbert was canceled due to weather. Due to the ruling by the State Board of Education to close schools and suspend all extracurricular activities until April 6, the current schedule of games has changed drastically. Wayne is scheduled to play Wynnewood and Dibble on April 6 and host Apache on April 7.

From page 3B

'Dawgs:

Colton Penner had four hits and an RBI for the 'Dawgs against Bridge Creek. Dunaway came through at the plate with three hits and an RBI against the Bobcats. "We put the ball in play much better against Bridge Creek and our guys are enthused," Ennis said. "Things are looking better and it's early in the season. I'm not panicking or anything. We're looking like a baseball team that can win some big games. "But, I'm very concerned, for sure, about our season being cancelled. Right now, everything is as scheduled. But, I

don't have words to describe how I would feel if I had senior kids on the team and they had their season taken away from them – not just my own guys but any kids in the state of Oklahoma. "It would be devastating. I don't know how I would tell my players that the season is cancelled. Hopefully, I won't have to." The Oklahoma State Board of Education has cancelled school and extracurricular activities until at least April 6. Little Axe is scheduled to play at Lexington that day.



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Get back

Jaylen Cottrell dives back safely to the base during Lexington's game against Washington while Colin Pelton covers the bag. Washington won the game 13-3.

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Locally our prayers are with the family of Gerald Hayes in the home going of a husband, father, grandfather and above all a great Christian who fought courageously the battles of life and won a beautiful crown in heaven.

Gerald and his wife, Regina, have touched and blessed the lives of so many youth and adults in this area of the state. Last Sunday was a quiet Lord's Day at Johnson Road. No one was offended by the attendance when you consider the drastic measures being imposed to contain the spread of an infectious disease.

Our Sunday and Thursday worship services at Westbrook Gardens and Arbor House

have been cancelled until the threat of the coronavirus is under control. We would ask all of our friends to follow the rules in avoiding crowds and remaining calm.

Trust God to deliver us from the present pandemic and praise God for the deliverance.

Sermon text for the Sunday morning sermon was taken from Luke 18:1-10. There are great lessons to be learned from Zacchaeus and is interaction with Jesus. There is no question: Zacchaeus was not well respected by many in Jericho.

He was a hated tax collector. He was rich and short in stature. The positive side of Zacchaeus was his ability to climb a tree and his eager desire to see Jesus.

The moral of the story is Jesus always sees every sinner in a crowded society, wants to meet them and change their life. Jesus wants to meet us, change us and send us out to tell the story of salvation.

God can do His work without

our help, but God gives us the privilege of sharing the Gospel Message. God working through the Holy Spirit wants to use us in carrying the message of salvation to a lost and dying world.

We must never forget the final commission Jesus gave to every Christian. Within the heart of every Christian one or more talents are planted to be used in praising God and sharing the message of salvation through faith in Jesus, our Savior.

Please remember God sees us, knows us, wants us, needs us, uses us and loves us. Be a Zacchaeus and serve God faithfully at all times.

All services in the church building at Johnson Road Baptist Church have been cancelled until the safety net has been placed around the coronavirus.

Our pastoral service will still be available 24 hours daily.

We will carry our weekly news items in **The Purcell Register**.

Emmanuel Baptist Church

It's was another great Lord's Day at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Worship service was opened with songs of praise and adoration.

The sermon, brought by Brother Ray Sikes, was from 2 Peter 1:5-11. The message from this text was addressing the seven things to add to our faith.

These seven things are virtue, moral excellence, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and godly love for others. All of these things are evident in the life of Jesus and so should they be in the life of his followers.

We were pleased to welcome a family into our fellowship at the conclusion of last weeks services.

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Sunray Baptist Church

James and Pam Kyzer sang "Beulah Land" for the morning special. Brother Dennis used Hebrews 11:8-10 for his message and told of the faith of Abraham. He left the securities he had and went to a place he didn't know when God called. He responded to this call with no uncertainty who would be with him. Abraham had the word and blessings of God. He was a sojourner by faith.

For the believer there should not be uncertainties about the promises of God. There is one certainty you should have-the love of God is with you.

The evening sermon was from Exodus 32:25-28. Immortality and rebellion was seen everywhere when Moses came down from Mount Sinai. He made a stand for God, confronting the men, calling them to a place of

decision. He asked if they were to stand with God or not. Many were slain because of their sin and decision not to stand with God.

Standing with God honors Him and gives a testimony to the level of your commitment. The world needs to see the distinction between who's right with God and those that are not.

This coming Sunday, Sunray will be celebrating its 73rd anniversary of its founding with a homecoming service.

Former youth minister, Kent Stewart, pastor at Satterwhite Missionary Baptist Church, will be bringing the morning message. There will be several presentations of special music.

A lunch will be served following worship. There will be no evening service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunray Baptist Church was organized March 23, 1947 with 9 charter members through the efforts of local missionary M.L. West. The first meeting was at the old Odd Fellows Hall that was located on South Canadian Street.

In 1949, land was purchased and a building was built on the corner of 4th and Jefferson with the first service there on March 15, 1950. Sunray had its first service at its present location on Mother's Day, May 14, 1989.

The Lord has blessed us mightily the past 73 years. We pray for His continued blessings and that we would be found faithful in His service.

Your are always welcome at Sunray Baptist Church. Join Pastor Dennis Clark and our church family at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell. For additional information call 527-6808.

Green Avenue Church of Christ

Wednesday evening the auditorium class began a study of the book of Ephesians by looking at the 19th chapter of Acts which records the establishment of the church in Ephesus when the apostle Paul spoke for three months in the synagogue there then taught in the lecture hall of Tyrannus for two years.

The Sunday morning adult

Bible class, continuing a study of authority, considered the positive and negative aspects of constraint. The class looked at several Biblical examples of people who either did or did not respect duly constituted authority.

During the Sunday morning assembly Keith Shackelford explored how people react to threats, especially those which induce panic, from a scriptural perspective.

Several examples were cited from both the old and new testaments, beginning with the

reading of Genesis 3:6-7. The conclusion was that the best course is to go about your business, don't panic, act wisely and trust God.

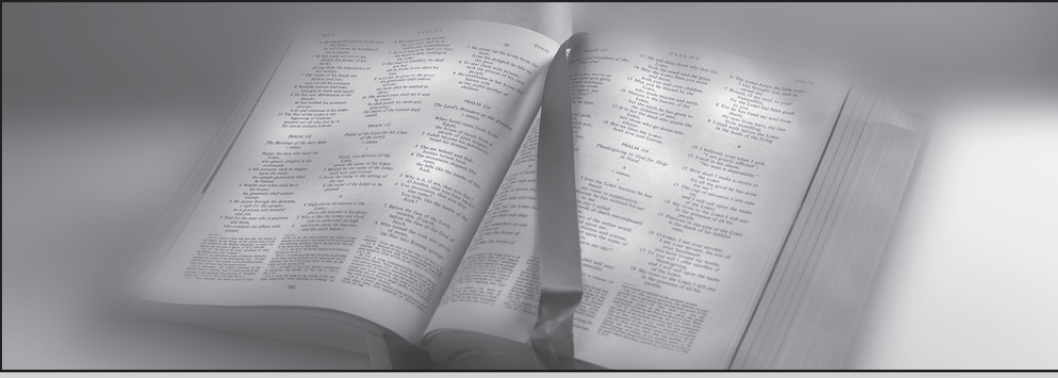
The Sunday evening message noted that the Center For Disease Control in Washington has stated that the best means of avoiding the coronavirus includes washing for twenty to thirty seconds with soap and warm water and that is similar to the scriptural admonition to 'wash and be clean.'

Several examples of rules requiring washing for both physical and spiritual cleanliness in the law of Moses were cited then noted that it is the blood of Jesus that washes away sins.

Bible classes begin at 9:45 a.m. Sunday morning and 7 p.m. Wednesday evening, with worship at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information call the church office at 527-4052.

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