

Step up to help food pantry

Lil' Dragon ministry needing donations

The Lil' Dragon Food Pantry is in need of your help.

Professionally managed by Pam and John Hobbs, the food ministry is one of the most important in town.

The pantry was completely depleted at Christmas and with the pandemic the usual food drives have not been held.

"We gave it all away at Christmas," Pam Hobbs told **The Purcell Register**.

"We were able to fulfill all our obligations for students and the senior citizens and

have been trying to rebuild since them.

"We have received some donations that have been quite helpful. We have received some money and some oatmeal and peanut butter donations but we are very low," Hobbs continued.

"We have been able to feed our kids this past week and will be able to next week."

But after that the future is bleak if donations do not

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Lil' Dragon Food Pantry
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• Photo provided

Donations sought

Food and monetary donations are needed at the Lil' Dragon Food Pantry after the supplies were depleted during Christmas.



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Scene of the crime

Not only did Johnson Road Baptist Church lose its pastor with the death last week of Wayne Brown but Friday a thief or thieves wiped out most all of the possessions of the building.

EVERYTHING but the KITCHEN SINK

Thieves wipe out contents of Johnson Road Baptist Church

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

On the heels of losing their pastor Wayne Brown to COVID-19 last Tuesday, Johnson Road Baptist Church suffered another devastating loss

sometime later in the week.

Purcell Police are investigating a disastrous burglary at the church on Interstate 35 and Johnson Road that occurred sometime between January 13

at 11 a.m. and January 15 at 1:30 p.m.

CID Lt. Kevin Austin is among six officers who have been involved in the investigation.

Unfortunately, police have little to go on as far

as cracking the case.

Austin said he wasn't exactly sure how the suspect or suspects initially got into the

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A tale of two towns

Is Blackwell a lesson to be learned in Purcell?

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

In some ways, the cities of Blackwell and Purcell have a lot in common.

Voters in both towns passed penny sales taxes to support their local hospitals.

And measures to extend that support won by a large margin at the polls.

Now both are in the process of building new, leaner hospitals.

After February 9, the two communities may share another bond.

That's when voters here will be asked to approve a 5 percent lodging tax.

Blackwell's citizens in 2019 voted overwhelmingly to raise the city's hotel/motel tax from 6 to 8 percent.

Then mayor T.J. Greenfield told a town

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New stimulus funding

How Oklahoma Schools will share in the federal relief

The Oklahoma State Education Department recently released data showing how school districts will share nearly \$600 million in federal COVID-19 relief funding.

The Oklahoma State School Boards Association created a breakdown showing the new stimulus amount along with the previous CARES Act stimulus.

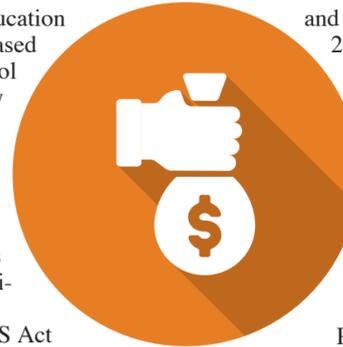
OSSBA said the CARES Act

and their previous estimate used the 2020 Title 1 allocations, which relies on 2018 poverty data.

The new stimulus uses 2021 Title 1 allocations that rely on 2019 poverty data.

Nationwide, the stimulus package set aside \$54.3 billion for public elementary and secondary schools or

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McClain County Schools	CARES Act Allocations	New Stimulus Allocations
Blanchard	\$201,137	\$822,565
Dibble	\$109,963	\$560,606
Newcastle	\$171,746	\$817,864
Purcell	\$231,688	\$905,777
Washington	\$56,169	\$219,418
Wayne	\$105,288	\$411,301
Cleveland County Schools	CARES Act Allocations	New Stimulus Allocations
Lexington	\$188,330	\$796,007

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Welcome wagon

Mid-America Technology Center officially opened their newest building on the campus. Standing in front of their high-tech machine are, from left, Malachi Blaxton, Dallas Krout, Mike Hancock, State Senator Jessica Garvin, Danny Hale, MATC Superintendent Mike Eubank, and former superintendent Dusty Ricks for the ribbon cutting event.

New manufacturing space

At Mid-America Technology Center

Mid-America Technology Center recently opened a new Manufacturing Building which boasts nearly 16,000 square feet which houses state-of-the-art equipment in the CNC Machinist and Mechatronics programs. The new addition also serves as a safe room that has a capacity for 544 individuals. The CNC Machinist and Mechatronics programs feature spacious classrooms, expanded shop/work areas and

tool and storage rooms. Both classes are filled with advanced equipment, which will allow MATC students to excel in their areas of study. The CNC Machinist shop features eight new pieces of technical equipment including four Manual Engine Lathes, two Vertical Mills and two CNC Lathes. This new equipment and the expanded area will allow for a larger enrollment in the CNC Machinist program. These

students will complete the program and enter the workforce with careers that are high skills, high demand and high wage, school officials said. The Mechatronics students are learning highly sought-after skills on equipment such as Electronic Relay Control trainers and Comprehensive Mechatronics trainers which combine pneumatic, mechanical devices and plc logic into one system. These students will enter the workforce as highly sought-after state-of-the-art industrial maintenance mechanics of the future.

Much of the equipment for these programs was purchased with grant monies from the Lottery Grant and Carl Perkins which allow for innovative technology to be purchased to assist students to become proficient in their skills at the highest level.

For more information about these programs and other programs and services please visit Mid-America Technology Center at matech.edu.



NEWS from the City of Purcell

Section R319 Site Address

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Washington Bonus Auction

Washington's 2021 Bonus Auction will be at the Clyde Ward Agriplex February 23 at 7 p.m. The meal prior to the auction will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. where bidders are welcome to make add-ons early and avoid the larger crowd. For additional information contact Melinda Tague at 288-6331 or 639-9108. Her email is mtague@wps-isd.com.

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Rain chances going up

A wetter week sets up this week as we see some variability in the temperatures, ranging from morning lows in the thirties to afternoon highs in the sixties at times. By Thursday the cloud cover begins to set in, setting up an

overcast pattern that doesn't dissipate much until into next week. Friday morning we've got a 30% chance of a stray shower moving through the area, but Sunday looks much more promising for rainfall. While it will still be scattered,

it will be a longer lasting rain event so the chances of seeing rainfall are much higher. Monday morning some of that system could be lingering, but by Tuesday sunshine begins to return.

— Colton Williams

Purcell High School announces honor rolls

Purcell High School has announced honor rolls for the second semester of the 2020-2021 school term.

Superintendent's Honor Roll students have no grade lower than an A.

Students named to the Principal's Honor Roll must have no grade lower than a B.

Seniors

Superintendent's

Samantha Ardery, Gage Askew, Tristen Brown, Hannah Camp, Liz Caralampio, Kinley Croslin, Carlee Dismuke, Misaël Duque, Brooklynn Fleming, Kyle Ginn, Kora Keith, Emily Madden, Ryan Maynard, Cade Smith, Allyson Teel, Destinie White, Lucy Wilson and Sam Wofford.

Principal's

Levi Bartels, Hannah Buchanan, Dru Clay, Bostin Fink, Landon Gray, Braden Hunter, Kody Kroth, Emma Meyer, Marisol Munoz, Missy Nimsey, Laura Paez, Jakeb Pollard, Tate Quintero, Kenneth Saucedo, Makenzie Selman, Kenzie Sewell, Kayla Skinner, Kyleigh Smedley and Tyler Williams.

Juniors

Superintendent's

Jaiden Avila, Hailey Car-

center, Lela Christian, Abigail Escobedo, Alexia Gibson, Cooper Hall, Carley Hendrickson, Dalton Holder, Kyle Honeycutt, Alyssa Rogers, Raleigh Savage, Jalyn Tate, Rosalina Venegas and Nate Willis.

Principal's

Emma Andrews, Natalie Auz, Alexis Brock, Kagan Davis, Hailey Day, Quentin Goforth, Hayden Harp, Makenzie Hook, Jordan Ingram, Celeste Martinez, Chris Moody, Brady Nabors, Jackson Perkins, Jimena Portillo, Mateo Ramirez, Eduardo Reyes, Cristian Rojo, Jair Rojo, Brodrick Smith, Creed Smith, Grace Smith, Kaitlynn Smith, Jillian Stover and Joel Vasque.

Sophomores

Superintendent's

Rowan Ardery, Haylie Dempsey, Katelyn Eck, Adam Edelman, Madelyn Hawley, Tobie Henderson, Hayden Ice, Zach Idlett, Jose Piedra, Lindsay Resendiz, Samantha Schafer, Allison Schlotthauer, Kaylee Stephens, Peyton Tharp, Madison Veach and Natalie White.

Principal's

Luke Edelman, Yoselin Estrada, Lincoln Eubank, Kylee

Field, Garret Holman, Lauren Holmes, Alexis Johnson, Lanie Lowman, Mercer Martin, Kaylee Morrow, Jose Ochoa, Payson Purcell, Annistyn Raper, Hayden Renfro, Obed Resendiz, Blake Selman, Cooper Smith, Ruth Solis, Leslie Thompson and Avery Wren.

Freshmen

Superintendent's

Kelly Anderson, Avery Barrett, Sophia Butler, Eliut Duque, Camdyn Frankenberg, Carter Goldston, Noah Gracey, Kailynn Helton, Katy Keith, Callie Larman, Amy Munoz, Gracie Pruitt, Parker Reed, Cole Smedley, Alyssa Thompson, Karlee Tolle and Jett Tyler.

Principal's

Jenna Avery, Eli Blazek, Katie Carrillo, Sabrina Carrillo, Savanna Edwards, Tavian Engert, Ryker Fink, Denise Garanzuay, Araceli Garcia, Parker Goldston, Joshua Hamilton, Kylie Hamilton, Brody Holder, Drew Kimbrell, Ashleigh Langan, Matthew Miller, Allison Pendley, Payton Rivera, Yoselyn Rodriguez, Alicia Salazar, Hannah Shea, Tyler Skinner, Katlynn Tamez and Jennifer Velascon.

Purcell High School Students of the Month

Samantha Ardery and Hannah Camp have been named January Students of the Month at Purcell High School.

Samantha Ardery is the daughter of Rex and Liezl Ardery. She is involved in band, Academic Team, FCCLA, National Honor Society, Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA), Key Club and Winter Guard.

Her honors include Superintendent's Honor Roll, "A" Honor Roll, Oklahoma Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Girls' State and Letter "P" Award winner.

Samantha's favorite class is U.S. History. After graduation she plans to attend the University of Oklahoma for pre-nursing and their nursing school to later become an RN and after graduating, go back to school to earn a doctorate degree in Nurse Anesthesia.

Hannah Camp is the daughter of Shannon and Mark Camp. She is involved in band, STUCO, Key Club and Leadership Team. Her honors include Drum Major, Honors English and AP calculus and physics.

Hannah's favorite class is English. After graduation she plans to attend college and study psychology.



Hannah Camp



Samantha Ardery

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Legislation filed to name bridge in memory of Vietnam veteran

Nearly 1,000 Oklahomans died in the Vietnam War, and many more were injured.

Among those brave souls was U.S. Marine Corp. Private First Class Tommy Wayne Haley of Lexington, who died while in combat.

Sen. Mary Boren, D-Norman, has filed Senate Bill 444 to honor Haley's service and sacrifice by designating the bridge over Chouteau Creek on U.S. Highway 77 in Cleveland County as the "Tommy Wayne Haley Memorial Bridge."

"There is no greater sacrifice an American can make for our great country. In the middle of such a controversial and deadly war, Tommy chose to enlist to further freedom in Vietnam and help those who couldn't help themselves," Boren said.

"Just one day short of having served eight months in the U.S. Marine Corp., Private First Class Haley was struck down by hostile fire.

"This bridge will forever

serve as a memorial and a sign of unending gratitude for this brave Oklahoma son's service and sacrifice," she said.

Haley was born in Roswell, N.M., in June of 1947, and raised in Enid. He enlisted in the Marines on Sept. 14, 1966, at the Oklahoma Recruiting Office.

Serving as a Rifleman, he was assigned to Mike Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. Haley was killed by small arms fire on May 13, 1967, just short of his 20th birthday in the Quang Tin province of South Vietnam.

Haley is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, D.C.

He received numerous commendations for his service and sacrifice including the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Marksmanship Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, and the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal.



Haley

NEWS In Brief

Purcell Show, Bonus Auction

The 31st Annual Purcell Livestock Show and Bonus Auction is slated.

The Livestock Show will be held Saturday, February 13, after the county show at the McClain County Fairgrounds.

The Purcell Bonus Auction will be held Tuesday, February 16, at 6 p.m. in the Purcell Ag Ed Building.

Washington Bonus Auction

The Washington FFA

and 4-H Livestock Bonus Auction will be held Tuesday, February 23, at the Clyde Ward Agriplex.

The dinner will be held from 5-7 p.m. with the bonus auction beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information or to mail in contributions contact Melinda Tague at 288-6331 or 639-9108 or mtague@wps-isd.com.

Museum News

At this time, the McClain County Museum and Historical Society board members have decided that due to the increased rise of covid cases in our state and county, they will resume volunteer applications and museum tours after the first of the year.

Misplaced trust

Daughter charged with embezzlement

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

An arrest warrant is outstanding for a Purcell woman facing a pair of felony charges — embezzlement and abuse by a caretaker.

Prosecutors filed the charges against Lynne E. Robertson, 52, in McClain County District Court.

Over the span of 71 days last fall, Robertson allegedly took \$15,246.22 from her father's bank account without his knowledge.

The alleged embezzlement occurred while Robertson had charge of her mother's care. The elder woman had Alzheimer's.

According to an affidavit by Det. Sgt. Scott Stephens with the Purcell Police Department, the suspected embezzlement was reported to police November 11.

Lloyd Sherman, who was hospitalized in Norman, called police and told an officer he was missing "about \$15,000" from his bank account.

He also said he believed the couple's daughter had been siphoning cash from the account for her own use, according to the affidavit.

Police subsequently received a letter from Mrs. Sherman's doctor stating because of her Alzheimer's, she wasn't capable of making decisions about her finances or health care.

In reviewing the Sherman's back records, Stephens found transactions totaling \$15,246.22 which Sherman believes Robertson made fraudulently.

The detective was unable to locate Robertson for an interview, according to the affidavit.

Conservation Reserve Program general signup ends February 12

Agricultural producers and private landowners interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) can sign up for the popular program until Feb. 12, 2021.

The competitive program, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

"This signup for the Conservation Reserve Program gives producers and landowners an opportunity to enroll for the first time or continue their participation for another term," FSA State Director Scott Biggs said. "This program encourages conservation on sensitive lands or low-yielding acres, which provides tremendous benefits for stewardship of our natural resources and wildlife."

Through CRP, farmers and ranchers establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland.

Farmers and ranchers who participate in CRP help provide numerous benefits to their local region and the nation's environment and economy. CRP general signup is held annually and is competitive; general signup includes increased opportunities for wildlife habitat enrollment through the State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative.

New cropland offered in the program must have been planted for four out of six crop years from 2012 to 2017. Additionally, producers with land already enrolled but expiring on Sept. 30, 2021, can re-enroll this year. The

acreage offered by producers and landowners is evaluated competitively; accepted offers will begin Oct. 1, 2021.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States. The program marked its 35-year anniversary in December 2020.

Program successes include:

- Preventing more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, which is enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks.
- Reducing nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 percent and 85 percent, respectively.

Sequestering an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking nine million cars off the road.

• Creating more than 3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, which is enough to go around the world seven times.

• Benefiting bees and other pollinators and increasing populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows, and many other birds

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment.

More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

OSU EXTENSION News

Preparing soil for successful gardens

Courtney DeKalb-Myers
Horticulture Educator

If your 2021 resolution is to start gardening, but you're not sure where to start, consider getting your soil tested. Soil testing allows you to know exactly what's in your soil.

A routine soil test from your local county extension office will provide you with the pH level and values for nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium.

Based on results, extension educators will be able to provide you with recommendations on what amendments should be added to the soil.

To take a proper soil sample, dig a 6" core in 15 to 20 random spots throughout the area of interest. Mix the cores together in a clean bucket to

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National Blood Donor Month highlights need for ongoing blood donation

Blood transfusions are the most frequent procedure performed in hospitals with more than 33,000 daily donations required to meet patient needs in the U.S.

To ensure blood is available when needed, communities worldwide rely on the commitment of altruistic blood donors who empower blood centers to continue serving their communities through the availability of a safe and robust blood supply.

January is National Blood Donor Month and Oklahoma Blood Institute challenges all eligible individuals to commit to donate blood in 2021 with the goal of creating a robust supply that can meet patient needs. Blood donors will receive a free, long-sleeved "2021 Fingers Crossed" t-shirt.

"Oklahomans really did their part throughout a tough 2020 to ensure the local blood supply despite the numerous challenges, and we thank them for their selflessness," said John Armitage, M.D., president and CEO of Oklahoma Blood Institute. "We urge you make a resolution to take just an hour out of your busy schedule to give the precious gift of life — and offer families hope, healing and comfort this new year."

"The COVID-19 pandemic has brought an unprecedented fluctuation in both supply and the need for blood. We thank all current and future blood and convalescent plasma donors for their commitment to saving lives and encourage those who have previously donated to reconnect with your local blood center as a handful of guidelines have changed such as travel restrictions, increasing the

number of eligible donors," said ADRP Executive Director Carla Peterson.

"Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood which must always be immediately available on the shelf. Blood has a very short shelf-life span and must be constantly replenished year-round to ensure availability for all patients," she concluded.

Appointments are preferred. Walk-ins will be managed as schedules allow. All donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies to identify potential convalescent plasma donors.*

Those who have recovered from COVID-19 may be eligible to donate convalescent plasma at this drive. Call 888-308-3924 or email covid-donor@obi.org to make an appointment.

Blood drives will be managed according to CDC safety recommendations. Oklahoma Blood Institute is committed to maintaining the safest standards for blood collection, testing and transfusion.

Blood donation typically takes only about an hour, and one donation saves up to three lives. Appointments can be made by calling 1-877-340-8777 or visiting obi.org. More information on Oklahoma Blood Institute can be found at obi.org.

*16-year-olds must weigh at least 125 pounds and provide signed parental permission; 17-year-olds must weigh at least 125 pounds; 18+ year olds must weigh at least 110 pounds. Photo ID required. Donors ages 16 or 17-years old need parental consent to be screened for COVID-19 antibodies and are not eligible to donate convalescent plasma.

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From Millwood to inauguration

Our hats are off to the Millwood School District and especially the leadership from superintendent Cecilia Robinson-Woods for sacking up their dolls and high-tailing it out of a packed gymnasium at CCS Friday night.

It's been well-documented the fans in the gym were not social distancing.

Few were even wearing masks.

Both the Millwood girls' coach and the boys' coach thanked the superintendent for saying their kids did not have to return to the court but rather board the bus and head home.

Superspreader of COVID-19 averted.

jdm

The Heart of Oklahoma lost a good one and Heaven received an angel who will be missed greatly down here.

Wayne Brown has served as a pastor to numerous churches in and around Purcell for many years.

He has blessed more dinners and special occasions than you can count and always did it with

Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

grace and dignity.

It was our pleasure to know Wayne Brown.

His full obituary is on page 8A this week.

jdm

It's time for area residents to dig deep into their pocketbooks and food pantries.

The Lil Dragon Food Pantry is bone-dry and is in need of replenishment.

Organizers John and Pam Hobbs report monetary donations are welcome as well as food items like canned goods and the like.

The food pantry is vitally important to keeping little bellies full during weekends and holidays.

There is a complete story about the need on the front page of this week's Purcell Register.

jdm

For those of you who have had the unfortunate experience of trying to wade through the health department portal to find an appointment for the COVID vaccine, I share your pain.

For those who haven't it's not going to be a pleasure cruise.

Unfortunately, far from it. It's been one of the more frustrating times of my life.

About the only advice I can give you is stay after it.

Persistence is the only way to succeed.

jdm

Here's hoping the inauguration went off Wednesday without violence in Washington D.C. or anywhere else for that matter.

Violence and hatred do no one any good.

jdm

Don't live your life based on Biden or Trump

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

When did life begin for President Donald Trump or President Joe Biden? Did Trump's life begin when his father loaned him millions to start investing?

Did it begin when he married Melania? Or, did life begin when he was elected President? Maybe his life is beginning now that his Presidency is over?

What about Biden? Did Biden's life begin each morning when he boarded Amtrak headed for Washington? Maybe his life began when he was elected a Senator or even the Vice President? Maybe his life is just beginning now?

Trump will have options after the White House. He is a businessman. He will figure it out. Maybe NBC will seek him to do "The Celebrity Apprentice" once again? Yes, NBC hates him but they love money. "The Celebrity Apprentice" made NBC and Trump hundreds of millions of dollars. Someone will publish Trump's memoirs.

I predict he'll make about 50 to 75 million dollars off his book royalties. He has over 70 million loyal followers. If 10 million people buy a book

with a \$6 to \$9 profit for the publisher then you can start multiplying the cash.

Book publishers are all about money and sales. They know the market potential. Trump will stay busy on the speaking circuit. In about a year look for him in a city near you drawing a crowd.

Biden's life is only changing in that he finally gets to sleep in the White House. He will be in the same place where so many politicians and families have slept before.

Biden is familiar with the nation's Capitol. He has practically spent his entire life there in politics. It's what he has awakened to almost every morning of his life. Although now, he will sit in the Oval Office.

Life is changing for these two men in different ways but what about your life? When did your life begin? Did it begin at your conception? Your birth? When you turned 16 years old or 21?

Maybe it began when you retired? When will your life end? The beginning of your life starts when you start living your life. The end of your life concludes when you give up and stop living your life.

Our lives are brief, here today

and gone tomorrow. Don't base your life on who the President is. The quantity and quality of our lives typically hinge on our decisions and the transitions we adjust to. Life is filled with transitions, just look at Biden and Trump.

Change disrupts us and the climate of fear and skepticism is dominating our nation.

For you and me we must live our lives right now. Every day we wake up is a new beginning and a new life. The old life was yesterday and we can't relive, change or erase it. However, we can learn from yesterday and education is very valuable.

When someone else's life begins is all conjecture on our part. When your life begins is your daily decision. Live your life. Maybe at this moment, your life is just really beginning.

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Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



COVID-19 situation

Before I get into legislative matters, registrations for the COVID-19 vaccine can now be made at vaccinate.oklahoma.gov, along with scheduling your appointment. The state has a four-phase plan.

Currently, only healthcare workers, first responders and those 65 years and older are eligible to be vaccinated.

The state receives weekly shipments and spaces are limited, but if there are openings when you pre-register and

you're in the eligible group, you'll be able to schedule your appointment.

If spots are full, continue checking daily until more become available. If you're not eligible when you pre-register, you'll get an email notice once it's time to make your appointment.

The past two months have been a whirlwind. We had the swearing in ceremonies, training on legislative procedures and staff services, and we also

got situated in our new offices. Last month was a race to get bill requests submitted and we've been working daily to finalize language on all our bills.

I've had several virtual and in-person meetings with constituents the past few weeks. I'm enjoying learning about your issues and finding resources to help. I'm proud of my pro-business bills this ses-

Please see **Garvin**, page 5A

Letters to the Editor Policy

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

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Your Views

How much is the lodging tax?

How much is the tax and how will it be collected?

From surveying what other communities along I-35 are charging as lodging tax we learned the rates range from 4 to 5.5 percent depending upon the location.

Most are charging 5 percent including Pauls Valley and Norman, our closest north and south neighbors and competitors along I-35. Thus the ordinance was written with a 5 percent tax on lodging rates to be collected from NON-PURCELL RESIDENT guests.

My personal experience of multiple hotel stays in many different locations has conditioned me to expect a hotel/lodging/tourism tax (what other communities might call the tax) to be assessed on my room rate at the time of check out. Five percent is on the low end of the scale when you compare the rates in other states. Most if not all travelers expect to be charged a similar tax on their stays.

Our lodging businesses will collect the Lodging Tax from NON-PURCELL RESIDENT guests at the time they pay for their stay. The process will be just like that of our sales tax that is collected by all other retail businesses.

However, instead of submitting the proceeds to the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC), the statute allows proceeds from a lodging tax to be submitted directly to the City Clerk instead of the OTC. Normally the OTC distributes tax proceeds back to municipalities and counties about 45 days after the end of the month. By having the tax collected by the city clerk, the funds will be available within 15 days after the end of the month.

The ordinance is written to levy a consumer expected tax and the funds will be made available for community investments sooner than most. Both aspects are for the betterment of our town.

Make it happen by voting YES February 9th.

**Committee for Yes
Allen Eubanks, Treasurer**

News from District 42

• Rep. Cindy Roe •



Virtual town halls launch soon

Later this month, I will begin hosting a few virtual town hall events for the communities within House District 42.

For areas that overlap or border with other state representatives or senators, we will also include those legislators. We will have a moderator that will help us with questions that arise in the chat.

As your elected officials, we want to maintain transparency and hear the opinions of our constituents and the issues they may be facing.

We also want to use these town halls as an opportunity to answer any questions constituents may have about redistricting, the upcoming legislative session and potential bills.

My first virtual town hall will be focused on the Blanchard area and its residents. The virtual town hall will include myself, Rep. Sherrie Conley from House District 20, Rep. Brad Boles from House District 51, and Sen. Jessica Garvin from Senate District 43.

Rep. Tammy Townley of Ardmore will serve as our moderator.

The Blanchard virtual town hall will be held on Wednesday, January 27 at 6 p.m.

When I secure dates for virtual town halls for other areas in House District 42, I will share more information about them on my Facebook page, which you can find under the name "Representative Cindy Roe." I will post the Zoom link there for anyone who would like to participate in the town hall, along with other updates and information.

If you plan to join the Blanchard town hall with myself, Sen. Garvin and Reps. Conley and Boles, you can find information on the Zoom link on my Facebook page.

I hope you will join me for a virtual town hall this month! Rep. Cynthia Roe, a Republican, represents District 42 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, which includes Garvin and McClain Counties.



HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

current events through a historical lens

Dr. James Finck, USAO History Professor

Fraudulent Elections

It was a dark day on January 6 as Congress planned to confirm the Electoral College vote for the next president. Around 1 p.m. a group of pro-Trump protesters pushed their way into the Capitol building, disrupting the official count as Congress was forced into lock down. The issue at hand was the President's claims of voter fraud and a stolen election.

This was by no means the first contested election in the U.S. The 1800 and 1824 elections were both decided in Congress. The 1876 and 2000 elections were both decided in the courts. Let's also not forget the South seceded from the nation in 1860 because of Lincoln's election.

In fact, in 2001, 2005 and 2017 some Democrats protested the final confirmation vote the same way some Republicans did this year. In these cases, the Vice Presidents acted like Mike Pence this year and did their duty and confirmed the vote even with political pressure not to do so.

The differences between this current election and the past ones were that the controversies did not involve a sitting president. They were always between two new candidates. 1800 did have an incumbent president in the race, but the controversy was between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr.

Trump is the first sitting president to contest his defeat. The other more important difference was those election controversies were all handled peacefully, except 1860. Yes, there have been many protests over elections, but trying to take the Capitol to obstruct the vote is unprecedented.

There have been other elections with fraud claims, most recently, the 2016 election that Democrats claimed foul because of Russian influence. Yet, the one I think is important because of the behavior of the candidates is not remembered today as controversial but at the time was called out by many as fraudulent.

Today, when discussing the 1960 election, most think of the young charismatic John F. Kennedy manhandling and crushing the much older Richard Nixon in the first televised debates. I would argue this is a false memory.

For one, Nixon was only four years older than Kennedy and, two, this was one of the closest elections in history. The closeness of the election meant that several states were swing states and just one or two of them going the other way meant a difference in the president.

Two of the states that could have gone either direction were Texas and Illinois. Both ultimately voted for JFK, but not without some controversy. In Texas it was claimed that JFK's V.P., Lyndon Johnson, used undue influence and fraud to guarantee a Democratic win. Yet it was Illinois that captured the nation's attention, especially the mayor of Chicago, Richard Daley.

Daley is one of the men credited with the quote, "Vote early and vote often." On election night, he called JFK to tell him basically that, with a little luck and some help from some friends, he would win the state. Daley was a mayor either loved or despised, depending on your political leaning, but no one questioned his power over the city and even the state. Daley was rumored to be involved in ballot stuffing, especially in Cook County, that turned the state towards Kennedy.

The cries of corruption were minimal on election night and ultimately JFK was the victor. It was after the election that the rumors began to build. The man more than any other who began to beat the drum of fraud was a reporter and friend of Nixon, Earl Mazo. He began to investigate the rumors and wrote a series of articles detailing his evidence.

He had found graveyards in Chicago where all the permanent residences had voted. The story that most stuck out was the 56 voters whose residences all turned out to be the same abandoned house. Yet as interesting as these stories were, most were never published at the insistence of Nixon.

Nixon asked his friend to stop running the stories. His request was not because he felt they were untrue. In fact, Nixon, for the rest of his life, privately insisted the election was stolen from him, and many from his administration insisted they had evidence of fraud.

What Nixon believed, however, was that in the midst of the Cold War his nation could not afford a challenge to democracy. Recounts were requested, but after a couple of legal challenges failed, Nixon did what was best for the nation and stepped aside.

It was Nixon's job as sitting Vice President to confirm the votes for Kennedy in the same ceremony that was interrupted January 6 with Pence. Nixon did what Trump could not. Whether or not there was fraud, Nixon believed there was. But he put his ego aside for the good of the nation and did not resist.

While all of Trump's court challenges were completely legal, almost all of them were found by several courts to be without merit. We have seen similar actions in many elections. Where Trump will be remembered with infamy was his refusal to accept the outcome even after the courts rejected him.

The difference may be this: eight years later Nixon ran a second time and won. However, after January 6, even Trump's staunchest supporters turned on him, making any effort for a second run obsolete.

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WAYNE SCHOOL MENU

Week of January 25

MONDAY BREAKFAST

Sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken alfredo, green beans, salad, strawberries, juice, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Little smokies, macaroni and cheese, spinach, pears, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit,

juice, milk.

LUNCH

Toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable beef soup, chips, peaches, juice, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Nachos, chili beans, carrots, fruit cocktail, juice, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Doughnut, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Corndog, fries, peas, orange, cookie, juice, milk.



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Old Old Glory

May be about time to retire this flag and get a new one.

Testing leftover seeds for viability

By Melinda Myers

The beginning of a new year finds many gardeners preparing for the growing season ahead. Clearing space to start seeds indoors, inventorying seeds and supplies, and ordering seeds, plants, and more are usually part of the process.

While organizing, you may uncover seeds from past seasons. Do not discard these just yet. When seeds are stored properly, many can last from one to five years or more.

Seeds stored in a cool location like the refrigerator in an airtight container maintain their viability best.

But even those stored in less-than-ideal conditions may surprise you.

Older seeds may still sprout once they pass their average

life expectancy, but you are likely to see a reduction in the success rate.

The type of seed also influences how long seeds can be stored and remain viable. Start by checking the expiration date on the seed packet. Onions, parsley, and parsnip seeds usually last one year.

Corn, okra, and peppers two years; beans and peas for three years; tomatoes, turnips, beets, chard, and watermelon four years; and Brussels sprouts, cabbage, muskmelons, radishes, and spinach last for five years.

The same principles apply to saved flower seeds. Marigold and zinnia seeds can maintain good viability for two to five years; ageratum, nasturtium, sunflowers, and yarrow for three to five years; monarda

four years, and calendula for four to six years.

But the longer you grow plants, the more likely you are to push the limits. This often results in unexpected success or valuable insight for future gardening endeavors.

When in doubt use this quick-and-easy test to see if your seeds will sprout. Place 10 seeds on a damp paper towel. Roll up the towel with seeds inside, place in a plastic bag and store in a warm location.

After a week or so, unwrap the paper towel and check the seeds for sprouting. If nothing has happened, rewrap the seeds and wait a few more days.

If all the seeds have sprouted, you have 100 percent germination.

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From page 4B

Garvin:

sion, and believe they'll make a substantial impact on improving healthcare in Oklahoma.

In early January, we convened for organizational day to elect the Senate leader, announce other leadership positions and approve rules for the two sessions of the 58th Legislature. When I got to the parking lot, I found myself frozen and couldn't help but think how blessed I am to get to work here.

When I pressed my voting button for the first time and saw my name light up on the screen, I kept thinking of everyone back home who gave me the opportunity to press it. I got a little choked up thinking of all the hard work my friends, family and supporters did to get me into that chair.

This month, our subcommittees are starting budget hearings to learn how agencies have used their FY'20 appropriations. It's our responsibility to hold agencies accountable and ensure they're utilizing taxpayer funds efficiently and in a beneficial manner for the state and our citizens.

Agencies submitted their budget requests in October and these meetings allow us to question those requests and learn what each agency plans to do in the upcoming budget year.

Presentations will also include how federal CARES funds have been used and agencies' plans for the new federal relief funds coming soon to the state. These hearings are an important part of the budget process.

I'm on the Appropriations Subcommittee for Health and Human Services, which oversees 12 agencies that received combined FY'21 appropriations of \$2.39 billion out of the \$7.7 billion state budget.

We have three meetings scheduled:

Thursday, January 21 — Commission on Children and Youth, Dept. of Veterans

Affairs, University Hospital Authority, Office of Disability Concerns and J.D. McCarty Center. Room 230 at 9:30 a.m.

Monday, January 25 — Dept. of Rehabilitative Services, OSU Medical Authority and Health Care Authority. Room 230 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 28 — Dept. of Human Services, Dept. of Health, Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Office of Juvenile Affairs. Room 230 at 10 a.m.

All Senate meetings and proceedings are livestreamed at <https://oksenate.gov/live-proceedings>.

In closing, I want to ask for continued prayers for our country and federal government during this difficult time. I'm an advocate of peaceful protest and for standing up for what you believe is right, but I'm against violence and hateful behavior.

My biggest fear for America is that terrorists and extremists

will now believe that our nation's Capitol is an easier target than they did before January 6, 2021. I'm afraid that this behavior has opened us up to potential threats and exposed weaknesses that we might not have realized existed in the protection of our legislature and those who serve in D.C.

It's my prayer that we can find ways to heal and move forward, but also ensure that our federal government is a

LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU

Week of January 25

MONDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast cereal kit, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken nuggets, cheezy potatoes, English peas, mixed berry cups, hot roll, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast tornados, raisins, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Mexican burrito, salsa, chili beans, Mexican corn, banana, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Cinnamon toast bar, peach cup, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Teriyaki chicken breast, mixed vegetables, steamed broccoli, apple wedges, hot roll, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Sausage kolache, craisins, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, baby carrots with ranch, pickle spears, Jell-O with fruit, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal breakfast kit, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

Pizza, green salad, pineapple tidbits, steamed carrots, milk.

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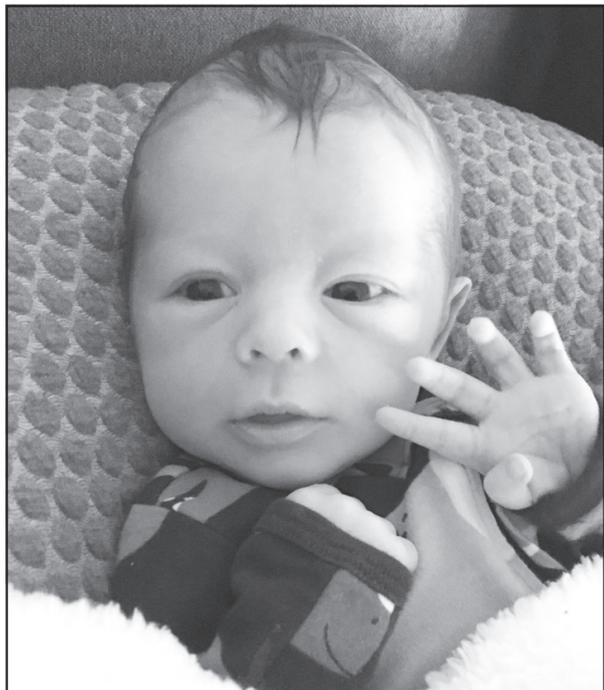
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Births



Robinson Heath Lohn

Lohn

Matthew and Chelsea Lohn of Norman announce the birth of their son, Robinson Heath Lohn, on Jan. 5, 2021.

Grandparents are Victor and Jeannie Lohn of Purcell and Tanilo Garcia of Moore and the late Robin Garcia.



• Photo provided

American Legion Oratorical winners

American Legion members (far left) Department Commander Don Roane and (far right) District Commander Dale Haynes congratulate Bridget Perry and Andrew Means on their win in the American Legion District 5B constitutional speech contest.

American Legion announces winners

Bridget D. Perry took first place and Andrew Means took second place in the American Legion District 5B constitutional speech contest.

Bridget is currently a senior at Pauls Valley High School and Andrew Means is a sophomore at Mount Saint Mary High School. Both will now progress to the Department (state) contest in February. The winner of the Department contest will then be eligible to compete in the national competition in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The District contest was held at the Lexington First Baptist Church and was the second of what they hope to be an annual event. The winners of last year's contest also went on to take first and third places at the Department contest.

District 5B includes all American Legion Posts within Cleveland, Garvin, McClain and Murray counties. It should be noted all competition begins at the post level. Bridget represented Post 301 in Lexington and Andrew represented Post 184 in Moore.

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students.

Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

The program has featured

numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years, including Vice President Mike Pence, former presidential candidate Alan Keyes, national television commentator and talk radio host Lou Dobbs, and many others.

Young orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. Over \$203,500 in scholarships can be awarded each year. The overall national contest winner gets a \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$22,000.

Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The American Legion's National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States.

High school students under age 20 are eligible. Competition begins at the post level and advances to a state competition. Legion department representatives certify one winner per state to the national contest, where department winners compete against each other in two speaking rounds. The contest caps off with a final round that decides the three top finishers.

Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. Speeches are eight to 10 minutes long; three- to five-minute speeches on an assigned topic also are part of the contest.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Doesn't seem possible but we will celebrate our 31st anniversary here in Purcell January 20!

We still can't believe we have the incredible opportunity to call Purcell our home!

Happy birthday to **The Register's** own David Stull.

He celebrates his birthday Saturday, January 23.

Happy birthdays also go out to Earla Tate, Jim Montgomery, Audri Lukens, Lana Beerhalter, Alexis Cummings, Rachelle Perigo, Danny Matthews, Hartly Wollenberg, Shelley Richards, Michelle Smith, Bruce Bryan, Dalene Bay, Ashlynn Herington, Lora Rolin, Tom Jobe, Terry Black, Laura Wood, Truda Foutch, Bailee McGowen Martinez, Ted Yates, Alfredo Arriaga, Heather Bennett, Jesse Bain, Leah Edwards and Rebecca Lynam.

It's time for the Heart of Oklahoma Basketball Tournament!

The tournament begins today (Thursday) and concludes Saturday.

There will be lots of great basketball, so make plans to attend and social distance.

All the brackets and a complete list of competitors is on the sports page.

Make plans now to join the Purcell Public Library via Zoom for a Virtual Book Program from 7-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 9.

The February discussion will be held on the book *Educated* by Tara Westover.

This is a virtual program and registration with an email address is required. A confirmation email will be sent with a link to join the program via Zoom.

Copies of the book can be picked up at the Purcell Public Library.

The Purcell Public Library and the Pioneer Library System invites readers to take part in its initiative "A Healthier You" to get 2021 off to a positive start.

The initiative runs through the end of April and features

health-related activities that customers can engage in on their own schedules. It looks into both physical and mental health through a variety of activities.

After signing up, participants can access the themes and individual activities for each month. They can earn a virtual badge by completing at least seven of each month's activities.

In addition, librarians have put together book lists to accompany the initiative's activities. These feature topics like meal planning, exercise, mindfulness, financial health and other aspects of daily life.

Find out more about these services and the "A Healthier You" initiative through the PLS web site, www.pioneerlibrary-system.org.

This is really good. I even used a roteserie chicken to make it even easier.

Slow Cooker Buffalo Chicken Chili

- 1 pound ground chicken
- 15 oz. canned white navy beans drained and rinsed
- 14.5 oz. can fire roasted tomatoes drained
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/4- 1/2 cup buffalo wing sauce start with 1/4 cup and add more at end if needed
- 1 package ranch dressing mix
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon celery salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried cilantro
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 8 oz cream cheese

Blue cheese crumbles optional
Brown ground chicken until fully cooked, place in crock (or brown ahead of time and store in fridge until ready to assemble).

Add remaining ingredients except for cream cheese and blue cheese and give it all a stir to combine

Add block of cream cheese on the top and cover.

Cook on high for 4 hours or low for 8 hours.

Stir to incorporate cream cheese and add additional wing sauce as desired.

Top individual bowls with blue cheese crumbles if desired.

Stealey OHCE

Stealey OHCE Club met at the McClain County Farm & Home Building in Purcell on January 11, 2021.

Members present were Nancy Richardson, Peggy Christian, Bonita Brakefield, Peggy Howard, Crystal Stidham, Velma Little and Sharon Hardcastle.

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by Peggy Christian. Inspirational thought was given by Peggy Christian followed by the treasurer's report. A motion was made and passed that the club make a donation to the Little Dragons food supply efforts. The club also passed a motion to donate club money for Operation Christmas to buy macaroni and cheese boxes.

Leaders' Training on "Cost of Long Term Health Care" was read and discussed. Information included dialing 211 for government assistance services available. The next Leaders' Training will be on "What is the Mediterranean Diet" and will be held at the McClain County Farm & Home Building at 1:30 p.m. on January 21, 2021.

New monthly member volunteer hour sheets were distributed and reviewed. Forms were handed out to be completed for yearly reports.

County OHCE Council will be held Friday, February 5, 2021, with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. Stealey will be hosting the Council so planning was completed on menu, door prizes, and set-up. Additionally, discussion was held on a motion to be presented at the Council meeting.

OHCE Southeast District Meeting will be held March 11, 2021. Members will have the choice of attending at the McClain County Farm & Home Building and a box lunch for \$20 or doing the meeting virtually at home for \$10. Door prizes will be given at the conclusion of sessions. Pre-registration should be mailed to Kathy Langley by January 22, 2021.

Material for additional pillowcases was distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2021, at the McClain County Farm & Home Building. All those interested are invited to attend.

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Wayne Schools honor roll students

Wayne Elementary Schools has announced honor rolls for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school term.

Superintendent's Second Grade

Aria Dixon, Neriah Gavia, Austin Holcomb, Sieanna LaDue, Kimberly Ornelas, Esteban Sanchez and Dacey St. Peter.

Third Grade

Bentley Brakefield, Aiden Cox, Alex Erwin, Matthew Jenkins, Kaylee McSwain, Aubree Paul, Emma Pettigrew, Kynlee Taylor, Emma Brannum, Eva Collett, Harper Trent and Kooper Trent.

Fourth Grade

Kash Adams and Jayce Hosek.

Fifth Grade

Railey Behrens.

Principal's Honor Roll

Second Grade

Bentley Behrens, Jagger Greenfield, Burke McGee, Hanna Nieto, Nariyah Peterson, Bella Stanard, Hannah Stidham, Rosa Taylor, Ivy Ozment, Tyler Patton, Aiden Schumaker, Easton Sternberg, Evan Vines and AJ Woods.

Third Grade

Walker Lynn, Haley McCaleb, Kash Conder, Joseph Dunn, Courtney Mitchell, Raylan Morris and Jaylyn Roberts.

Fourth Grade

Natalie Knobloch, Ivonne Sanchez, Jayson Stidham, Paislee Taliadro, Hannah Curtis, Jaedyn Kinnard, Keyla Nieto, Makenna Arnold, Aiden Douglas, Zoey Farrow and Hailey Gannon.

Fifth Grade

Tiffany Watkins and Gavin Genereux.



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Tree construction

Stairs circle one of two main trunks to reach a wooden platform high in its branches. Foundation for a treehouse still under construction or just a lofty perch for communing with nature, it serves a purpose in this yard in northwest Purcell.

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OSU EXTENSION *News*

Healthy habits can help shed unwanted pounds

Trisha Gedon
Extension Educator

Resolutions for the new year are nothing new. For some people, that list includes starting an exercise regime, eating healthy and losing weight.

The previous year wasn't easy for a lot of people, and some may find themselves carrying several extra pounds. Janice Hermann, Oklahoma State University Extension nutrition specialist, said now is a great time to get a plan in place to help shed those unwanted pounds and take steps toward a healthier lifestyle.

"It's easy to gain a few pounds over the holiday season, especially with the special treats many people make during that time of year. However, 2020 presented some unusual challenges for many of us," Hermann said.

"Lots of people were working from home, and some, unfortunately lost jobs. Gyms were closed for weeks, and people were dealing with social isolation. These changes in day-to-day life certainly put a kink in normal routines that included exercise and healthy food choices.

"Now, here we are at the beginning of a new year, so it's time to get back on the wagon," she said.

First, it's important to take small and consistent steps toward a health or weight loss

goal. For those who aren't normally active, don't start out training like a professional athlete. Doing too much too soon can set some people up for failure. The best approach is to start slowly and increase efforts over time.

The Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommend at least 150 to 300 minutes of moderately intense physical activity a week, 75 to 150 minutes of vigorously intense physical activity a week, or an equivalent combination of moderate- and vigorous-intensity physical activity a week.

"That's about 20 to 40 minutes per day. If your schedule is hectic, break up that time into more manageable segments of 10 to 15 minutes," she said. "When performed regularly, small segments of physical activity are just as beneficial as a long session. Be sure to check with your physician before starting a physical activity program."

Another strategy Hermann suggests is adding more fruits and vegetables to an eating plan. These foods are low in calories, but high in vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber. Fruits and vegetables should make up about half of the meal, with grains, protein and dairy making up the other half.

To lose weight, calories

taken in from foods and beverages need to be less than calories that go out via basic body functions and physical activity.

A 500-calorie difference a day between calories in and calories out can lead to a reasonable weight loss rate of about a pound per week. This can be achieved through eating less overall, eating more nutrient dense foods or increasing physical activity

"People who do both - decrease foods and beverages

consumed and increase physical activity - tend to be more successful at losing and keeping off weight," Hermann said. "Combined with physical activity, eating smaller, healthier portions of food is a sure bet to start you on the way to a healthier lifestyle. Make every bite count."

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

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Obituaries

Reverend Wayne Brown

Reverend Wayne Brown died January 12, 2021 in Choctaw, Oklahoma at the age of 84 years 1 month 16 days. Graveside Services were held Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at Stroud Cemetery in Stroud, Oklahoma, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.



Wayne was born November 27, 1936 in Stroud, Oklahoma to Wayne Ellis and Edna (Blickensderfer) Brown. He was raised in Stroud, Oklahoma, graduating from high school in 1954. He continued his education at Oklahoma Baptist University, earning his Bachelor's in Arts degree.

On November 25, 1958, he married Carol Doles in Kilgore, Texas. In 1969, Wayne was inducted into the United States Army, and proudly served his country until his honorable discharge, as a Lieutenant Colonel and Brigade Chaplain.

Wayne served as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Checotah, the Purcell First Baptist Church and Johnson Road Baptist Church in Purcell, as well as numerous others.

Wayne loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed ministering out on the oil sites, delivering candy as he ministered, and reading books about the oil fields. Wayne also enjoyed writing, going fishing, trapping, working outdoors planting gardens for his wife, and taking care of the yard.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Edna Brown; and his siblings, Nora Lee Brown, Donald Brown, Wallace Brown, Ruth Ligon and David Brown.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Brown; his son, Paul Brown; daughter, Nancy Brown Liles; his son, Charles Brown; his son, Patrick Brown; his daughter, Annette Westerman and husband, Jason; his grandchildren, Jennifer Dailey and husband, Robert, Steven Liles, Barbara Brown, Zachary Brown, Nathan Westerman and Nicole Westerman; his great-grandchildren, Adelyn and Wyatt; his sisters, Nan Wilkerson and Joan Farmer; and numerous other relatives and friends.

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Evelyn C. Rummell

Evelyn C. Rummell died January 16, 2021 in Lexington, Oklahoma at the age of 98 years 7 months 1 day. A private family service will be held at a later date. Services are entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.



Born June 15, 1922 in Ogdensburg, New York, Evelyn was one of nine children born to Joseph and Julia (LaFrance) Montroy. She was raised on a farm in Morristown, New York.

Evelyn worked at Glen Martin's as a Riveter during WWII. She met and married John Thomas Rummell, and moved to Windsor Locks, Connecticut in 1967 and worked at Pratt & Whitney until John passed after suffering a heart attack. Evelyn moved back to upstate New York, and enjoyed traveling to visit her children, who were scattered throughout the United States.

She was a cat lover and loved traveling with her cat, George. Evelyn eventually settled in Oklahoma and remained here with her daughter, Jeri for over 20 years. She enjoyed shooting pool, horseshoes, and collecting coins, stamps, and John Wayne and Shirley Temple memorabilia.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, John T. Rummell; her parents, Joseph and Julia Montroy; and all her siblings.

She is survived by her 7 children, daughter, Imelda Venton and husband, Roger, of Smithville, Tennessee; daughter, Jeretta Boren and husband, Homer, of Lexington, Okla.; daughter, Maryanne Promisco of Texas; son, John T. Rummell of Portland, Ore.; son, James Rummell and wife, Sherry, of Virginia; daughter, Helen Louise Miller and husband, Charles, of Ocala, Fla.; daughter, Lorraine Kay Moss and husband, John, of Bremerton, Ore.; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Evelyn was a mom, grams, aunt Evie, and best friend to all who knew her. She will be sorely missed.

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Wind whipped

Stout winds Friday were no match for this flag in Veterans Park.

Developing a savings plan is a great start to the new year

Trisha Gedon
Extension Educator

The start of a new calendar is a great time to look more closely at a foundational goal behind other New Year's goals.

Cindy Clampet, Oklahoma State University Extension assistant family resource management specialist, said establishing a savings account can help individuals and families plan and budget toward other goals, ranging from decluttering your home to losing weight to learning a new hobby.

"It's important to set aside money for specific things, rather than just putting all money into the same account. Divide your savings into three accounts, including an emergency account, a reserve account and a retirement account," Clampet said. "While putting money into each of these accounts is essential, each account serves a very different purpose from the others."

Start with establishing an emergency account. This is where money goes for true emergencies such as a car repair, job loss, medical expenses or home repair.

The reserve account is where money is saved for predictable bills that come around only once or twice a year, such as car insurance, back-to-school supplies or Christmas shopping.

Clampet said a retirement account is money invested into a special account you can't access until certain age requirements are met. Many employers set this up for their workers to contribute a certain

percentage of their salaries. Employees typically can add to what is automatically being deposited.

Clampet said it's important to develop spending habits that will help enable consumers to save even more money:

- Take lunch to work instead of eating out.
- Pay bills on time to eliminate late fees.
- Reduce utility bills by setting the thermostat lower in the winter and higher in the summer.
- Keep up with maintenance on cars to help avoid costly repairs.
- Save extra income, such as a tax refund or a work bonus.
- If automatic transfers are available through the bank, have a certain percentage of each paycheck automatically deposited into savings.

In some cases, people simply need to make more money. This can be done by using personal skills such as woodworking, babysitting, cooking and yardwork.

Another option is to sell items that are no longer needed or take a second job. Deposit all extra earnings into one of the established savings accounts.

"It'll take time and patience, but it's exciting once you start to see the money grow. There's a lot of satisfaction in knowing there's money in the bank to take care of those expected and unexpected expenses," Clampet said.

OSU Extension offers more money management information on its website.

Ron Gilley

Funeral services for Ron Gilley, 84, of Purcell will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 21, 2021 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Lexington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



The service will be livestreamed on the website, www.wilsonlittle.com, and the Facebook page, Wilson Little.

Ron Gilley, loving husband and father of three children, passed away January 18, 2021.

Ron was born on October 12, 1936, the fifth of six children born to Ernest and Mabel Lewis Gilley in Seven Shooter, Okla., rural Garvin County. He attended school at Lone Star, Willow View, Wayne and finally Lexington where he was active in FFA, basketball and baseball. After high school, he worked for Santa Fe Railroad.

During this time he met Peggy Kennedy. They were happily married that year and this union continued for 66 years, which included three children, Gary, Ronda and Janice. Ron left the railroad to work in the oil field and raise his family.

He enjoyed coaching little league baseball in Lexington and Allen, hunting and fishing on Deep Fork River and Lake Texhoma. He was an avid bird hunter and his faithful bird dog Skeeter was always there by his side. During his time working in the oil field he worked for Kingwood Oil Co, then DX that later became Sun Oil.

Ron gave his life to Christ in 1970 and has been faithful to the Lord since that time. He was a member of the Lexington Church of Christ for 50 years, where he was a song leader. Gospel music was his favorite!

Ron was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Gilley; mother, Mabel Gilley; two sisters, Wanda Rutherford and Mildred Whitehead and brother, Don Gilley.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Gilley of the home; his three children, Gary and Debbie of Lexington, Ronda and Carl of Lexington and Janice and Tim of Norman; his brother, Harold and Jerry of Tulsa; sister, Colleen of Oklahoma City; six granddaughters and 14 great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Charlotte Belle Krautlarger

Family graveside services for Charlotte Belle Krautlarger, 84, were held Jan. 20, 2021 at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Oklahoma City. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Krautlarger died Jan. 14, 2021.

She was born Jan. 25, 1936 in Oklahoma City.

She is survived by her daughters, Nancy McGee and Sharon Allen and husband, Terry; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Leroy James Charles Schaefer

Leroy James Charles Schaefer died January 14, 2021 in Norman, Oklahoma at the age of 49 years 3 days. Memorial Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.



Leroy was born January 11, 1972 in Portland, Oregon to Cheryl Schaefer. He was raised in Portland until the age of seven, when the family moved to Purcell. Leroy graduated from Purcell High School in

1991. He continued his education at Northeastern Oklahoma College in Miami.

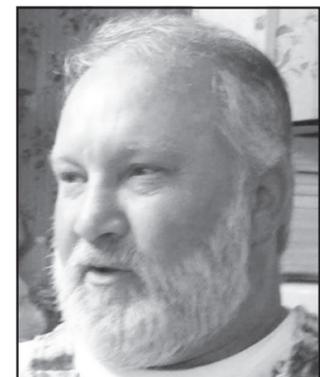
Leroy loved fishing, camping and spending time with his friends and family, especially his niece, Kenzzie. Leroy worked for the City of Lexington Police Department as a dispatcher for many years. He loved his job and his co-workers "brothers and sisters" and was always willing to fill in, pull extra shifts and help when and where he could.

Leroy is survived by his mother, Cheryl Tucker; his brother, Troy Schaefer; his sister, Elizabeth Ray and husband, Ronald Miller; his brother, Christopher Gilbert; his nephew and nieces, Kaleb, Kenzzie, Nevada, Shaeley, Sandee and Skyler; his Oregon family, Aunt Connie, Aunt Candy, Aunt Shelley, Uncle Pat, Uncle Jimmy, Grandma Barbara, and cousins, Korrey and Jenn; and numerous other relatives and friends.

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Bruce Eugene Sloan

Bruce Eugene Sloan, age 59, of Noble, Oklahoma passed away and entered heaven on Thursday, December 31, 2020. He was born to the late Eugene Ray "Gene" and "Donna" Jane Ady Sloan on June 13, 1961 in Wichita Falls, Texas.



He lived in the Wichita Falls and Burkburnett, Texas, area, moving with his family to Chickasha, Oklahoma living in Ninnekah, and Tulsa, but grew up most of his life in Norman, Oklahoma with his parents and siblings. Bruce attended Norman Public Schools and graduated from Norman High School with the Class of 1979. Go Tigers.

He worked with the Sloan Family Business, A & A Tire and A & A Tow Service, Inc., located in Norman for many years. Starting in 1995, Bruce developed and owned Bruce Sloan Tire Service, a Mobile Tire Repair Service, adding Bruce Sloan Tire Sales and Service shop in Purcell, Oklahoma in 2013.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Donna Sloan, his Sloan Paternal and Ady Maternal Grandparents, and one nephew.

Bruce is survived by his brothers, Jim Sloan and Jay (Lisa) Sloan; his uncle, Jerry Sloan; his aunt, Janice Higgs and family; many nieces and nephews, his extended Brown, Tedder, Teague, and Sloan families, as well as many friends and business associates that became friends.

He will be missed; Rest in Peace (RIP) B. E. Sloan.

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Seeds:

tion and can plant the seeds as recommended on the package.

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tweezers for finer seeds that add detail and texture to your creation.

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Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*.

She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" TV & radio program.

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

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Towns reap holiday bonus

This month the Oklahoma Tax Commission returned more sales tax revenue to municipalities than it did in January 2020. The \$164,181,289 disbursement was a \$4,189,918 increase and \$5,243,840 in use taxes. Cities and towns also received \$29,517,666 in use tax. The disbursements are based on sales from November 16-30 and estimated sales from December 1-15. The returns to counties totaled \$25,947,908 in sales taxes.

JANUARY SALES/USE TAX REPORT



CITY	RATE	2021	2020	DIFFERENCE
Blanchard	.04	\$391,617.70	\$281,575.73	+\$110,041.97
Byars	.04	\$4,955.18	\$2,866.27	+\$2,088.91
Cole	.04	\$4,392.36	\$4,662.92	-\$270.56
Dibble	.05	\$23,713.34	\$25,113.52	-\$1,400.18
Goldsby	.035	\$177,390.80	\$128,004.38	+\$49,386.42
Lexington	.04	\$61,910.66	\$41,438.50	+\$20,472.16
Lindsay	.04	\$238,271.08	\$293,910.99	-\$55,639.91
Maysville	.04	\$27,893.84	\$27,018.63	+\$875.21
Newcastle	.04	\$735,050.71	\$634,380.57	+\$100,670.14
Noble	.04	\$223,003.22	\$152,311.50	+\$70,691.72
Norman	.04	\$8,317,149.22	\$7,515,578.00	+\$801,571.22
Paoli	.03	\$9,353.51	\$3,977.69	+\$5,375.82
Pauls Valley	.045	\$609,745.16	\$577,707.25	+\$32,037.91
Purcell	.05	\$616,364.75	\$563,965.94	+\$52,398.81
Slaughterville	.02	\$35,873.22	\$18,888.21	+\$16,985.01
Wanette	.035	\$3,331.84	\$3,249.37	+\$82.47
Washington	.04	\$27,648.61	\$19,352.06	+\$8,296.55
Wayne	.035	\$20,828.62	\$20,423.90	+\$404.72
McClain County	.005	\$270,997.04	\$238,285.18	+\$32,711.86



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Fire in the sky

Oklahoma has some gorgeous sunsets and this recent one was one of the best.



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Choppy water

20-30 mph winds whipped up Purcell's City Lake late last week causing white caps in the open lake and waves crashing into the rocks.

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Soil:

create a composite. Place that composite in a quart or gallon sized Ziploc. Samples need to consist of at least three cups of soil. Soil samples are sent to Oklahoma State's Soil, Water, and Forage Analysis Lab. It takes about two to three weeks to get results and costs \$10.

Following soil test recommendations will help you to not over- or under-apply fertilizers in your garden. Excess amounts of nutrients in the soil can cause plants to decline. Organic fertilizer recommendations are also available. For questions regarding

soil testing, gardening, and horticulture, contact Courtney DeKalb-Myers at courtney.dekalb@okstate.edu.

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Cook's tour

State Senator Jessica Garvin, left, gets a bird's-eye view of the new manufacturing equipment and building at Mid-America Technology Center last week by instructor Danny Hale.

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Oklahoma leads the nation in heart disease

Brenda Hill-Alta
Extension Educator

It always is good to be number one in something, such as first in your class, a championship sports team or collecting the most donations for a food drive. While Oklahomans have experienced a number of positive first-place rankings, there's something less positive the state is known for.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Oklahoma ranks first in the number of deaths related to heart disease.

With February being National Heart Month, now is a good time to become informed about heart disease and how to prevent it.

What exactly is heart disease? This term refers to several types of heart conditions. The most common type of heart dis-

ease is coronary artery disease, which can cause a heart attack. Other types may involve your heart valves.

In addition, the heart may not pump well and cause heart failure. Heart disease isn't just something that affects older people. In some cases, people are born with heart disease.

High cholesterol, high blood pressure or diabetes also can increase the risk of heart disease. Symptoms of heart disease vary, depending on the type of disease you're dealing with. Many people don't experience any signs until they have a heart attack.

Signs of a heart attack can include:

- Chest pain or discomfort that doesn't go away after a few minutes;
- Pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck or back;

- Nausea, light-headedness, weakness or cold sweat;
- Pain or discomfort in the arms or shoulder; or
- Shortness of breath.

There are several medical tests your doctor can perform to diagnose heart disease, including chest X-rays, coronary angiograms, electrocardiograms or a stress test. Lifestyle changes can help lower your risk of heart disease. Be physically active and eat foods that are low in saturated fat, trans fat, sodium and added sugars. Your doctor can help you learn about the best way to reduce your risk of heart disease.

OSU Extension offers research-based information about health, nutrition and wellness on its website.

To learn more about heart disease, visit the American Heart Association website.

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Everything:

building but as they ravaged the contents they made their way into offices where keys allowed them to gain access to every inch of the building.

Austin said he observed fresh tire marks on the north side of the building.

"They went in and stole the entire camera system including the DVR that would have recorded the thieves," Austin said.

A complete list of the items taken was still being prepared as of press time this week but

among items the burglars took were the camera system, computers, kitchenware, towels, food, all of the sound equipment including speakers and tools in a tool shed on the east side of the building.

Among items stolen included some Bibles.

"It's safe to say the loss is in the thousands of dollars," Austin said.

And, since there is no off site back up for the video, there is little for detectives to go on.

Austin said inside the sanctuary there is a 16-18' ladder the bandits were trying to use to take the large speakers in the ceiling but they were about eight feet shy of reaching the speakers.

"They are working on a complete list of the items taken for their insurance adjuster who was expected Tuesday afternoon," Austin said.

As they ransacked the inside of the church the thieves ripped the DVR from the wall causing extensive damage.

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Pantry:

pick up.

Hobbs said it costs about \$600 a week to feed the kids from the pantry.

For persons wishing to make a monetary donation they may be mailed to Trinity United

Methodist Church at 211 N. Second Avenue, Purcell, OK 73080.

Items needed by the pantry include canned vegetables, individual fruit cups or apple-sauce, beef jerky, mac and

cheese, chunky soups, canned meals like SpaghettiOs, oatmeal, cereals and Vienna sausages.

The pantry is currently located in the old junior high school at Green and Apache.

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Stimulus:

quadruple the amount in the earlier CARES Act funding.

Oklahoma received \$665 million via the elementary and secondary schools emergency relief fund. In its data the department noted it will set aside \$500,000 for new and expanding charter schools during the 2021-2022 school year.

The department said districts have broad discretion in how to use the new stimulus money, which must be spent by Sept. 30, 2023.

Districts can spend the money on almost any expense, including maintaining existing staffing levels and overall operations.

It also specifically allows technology, site-based needs, cleaning supplies, mental health services, summer and supplemental learning and school facility repairs and improvements to reduce virus transmission and to improve indoor air quality.

Career-technology centers

are not part of the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund allocations.

However, as part of the federal stimulus package, Oklahoma also is receiving almost \$48.7 million through the Governor's Education Emergency Relief fund.

While Congress required 2/3s of the funds to be allocated for private schools, Gov. Stitt has broad discretion to distribute about \$17.7 million for other education needs.

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Tale:

hall meeting before that election that since the 1990s, the 6 percent tax brought about \$3 million into the city's coffers.

Annually, the tax was bringing in about \$120,000. The proceeds helped fund a softball complex, Summer Fest, Christmas lights, fireworks, Chamber of Commerce support, the golf course, pocket park, Kay County Free Fair donations, the Blackwell museum, the city's website, as well as the livestock building and two midways at the fairgrounds, street lighting, and other projects that create tourism.

Estimates by officials said raising the tax to 8 percent would bring in an additional \$60,000 per year.

The tax was not without opponents, including operators of Blackwell's hotels and motels.

They argued raising the tax would drive away their customers.

Still, travelers continued to pull off the interstate and spend the night in Blackwell.

All was good for a while and the Blackwell Chamber of Commerce and city hall

worked together.

Then a change in city management locked the chamber out of the lodging revenue.

A chamber official who asked not to be named said the change orchestrated by a new city manager "hit the chamber budget pretty hard" by eliminating the chamber's share.

That share amounted to approximately \$25,000 per year.

Now the tax funds are sent to a newly created tourism board to distribute as members see fit.

The chamber has no voice on the tourism board, the spokesperson said.

If Purcell voters approve the lodging tax, that won't happen here.

The resolution calling for the vote clearly sets out a Lodging Tax Committee will oversee distribution of the tax.

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce will appoint three members – a hotel representative, a merchant and chamber director. The remaining four seats – a city council member, Parks & Recreation employee, city manager and citizen at-large –

will be appointed by the city council.

All proceeds will be earmarked for advertising and promoting tourism events and venues.

In Oklahoma City, the lodging tax rate is 5.5 percent.

A city ordinance states all proceeds "be set aside and used exclusively for the purpose of encouraging, promoting and/or foster the convention and/or tourism (visitor) development."

Four-elevenths of that revenue is spent for any projects, items, costs and/or expenses that encourage, promote and/or foster the convention and/or tourism (visitor) development.

Six-elevenths is earmarked for improvements to the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. Operational costs aren't included.

The remaining one-eleventh pays for sponsorship and/or promotion of events recommended by the Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Commission and which are anticipated to enhance the local economy though increased convention and/or tourism activity.

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Girls win third in a row

49th Annual Heart of Oklahoma tips off tonight

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell ran its winning streak to three with a 54-22 victory last week over Lexington.

Only the girls played at The Reimer Center with the boys remaining in COVID quarantine.

Senior Emily Madden led all scorers with 20 points that included a pair of buckets from downtown.

She scored 11 of Purcell's 13 first quarter points when the Dragons jumped out to a 13-2 lead.

The Dragons led 24-12 at intermission before pouring in 20 third quarter points.

That's when sophomore Leslie Thompson heated up

scoring eight points in the period. She finished in double digits with 12 including a three pointer.

"I'm super proud of my team for the way they have handled this season," Sikes said.

Purcell was to host Washington Tuesday night for the final tune up for the Heart of Oklahoma Tournament.

Purcell's girls

open the 49th annual tournament tonight (Thursday) against Noble at 6:30 p.m. The winner of that game will take on the winner of Anadarko and Elgin Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Coach Roger Raper's Dragons are scheduled to open the tournament at 7:50 p.m. tonight against Elgin. The winner of that game will face the winner of Blanchard and Plainview Friday at 7:50 p.m. Also in the tournament field

Please see **Dragons**, page 3B

"We are getting better and looking stronger with each game," head coach David Sikes said.

"We didn't shoot great but we got the job done on the defensive side of the basketball.

"Emily Madden had a career night scoring the basketball. That's a great thing when you know how much time and work she has put in.



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Steady

Washington senior Graham Schovanec looks for two of his seven points during the Warrior's 65-38 win over Pauls Valley.

Playing into a rhythm

Warriors will have to adjust on the fly amid full schedule

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington Warriors are hitting their stride amid a grueling week-long stretch where they will play eight games in 12 days.

So far they have adjusted well.

They picked up wins over Pauls Valley (65-38), Davis (60-35) and Lexington (70-62). The lone loss of the stretch so far was to Class 4A Bridge Creek, 63-61.

Senior Kenneth Love III has been carrying the water for the Warriors in the scoring department.

He scored 21 points in the Davis win and 20 points against Lexington.

Sophomore Hayden Hicks has put in work on the offensive end of the floor as well.

He was in double figures against Pauls Valley (13), Davis (17) and Lexington (11). Meantime, the Warriors

have made it difficult for opposing teams on the offensive end of the floor.

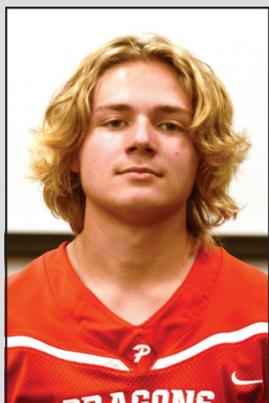
They have regularly been holding teams to under 10 points per quarter.

Washington played Purcell

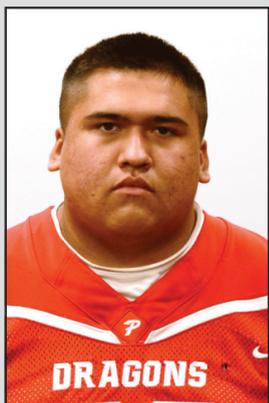
Tuesday night. They travel to Newcastle for the Sweet Pea Invitational Basketball Tournament.

They open with Lawton MacArthur on Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

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 Jr., 11



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 Sr., 12



Kelton Schultz
 Sr., 13



Graham Schovanec
 Sr., 15



Hector Quinonez
 Jr., 20



Lane Steele
 Jr., 21



Kane Springer
 So., 22



Luke Hendrix
 Jr., 23



Hayden Hicks
 So., 24



Camden Bates
 So., 32



Ellis Tontz
 Sr., 50



Drew McCalip
 So., 50



TJ Scholz
 Head coach



Dustyn Orr
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Warrior royals

The Washington Warrior homecoming court included Emjay Lucas, Kelton Schultz, Katie Adams, Kenneth Love III, queen Laylin Scheffe, king Ellis Tontz, 2020 queen Paige Taylor, Karlee Trammell, Graham Schovanec, Skylar Wells and Jaxon Sanchez. The flower girl was Cora McCalip and the crown bearer was Christopher Holland.



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Going the other way

Lexington senior Harley Salisbury collects a rebound and starts the break to the other end of the court. Lexington is 4-7 on the season. Please see page 3B for box scores.

1/12 Boys
Washington 65
Pauls Valley 38

Pauls Valley 4 16 11 7—38
 Washington .. 15 15 16 19—65

Player	Points
Hayden Hicks	13
Kenneth Love III	9
Kobe Scott	9
Hector Quinonez	8
Graham Schovanec	7
Jamison Holland	5
Luke Hendrix	5
Cash Andrews	2
Evan Andrews	2
Jaxon Sanchez	2
Kelton Schultz	1

1/15 Boys
Washington 60
Davis 35

Davis 12 8 8 7—35
 Washington 9 9 19 23—60

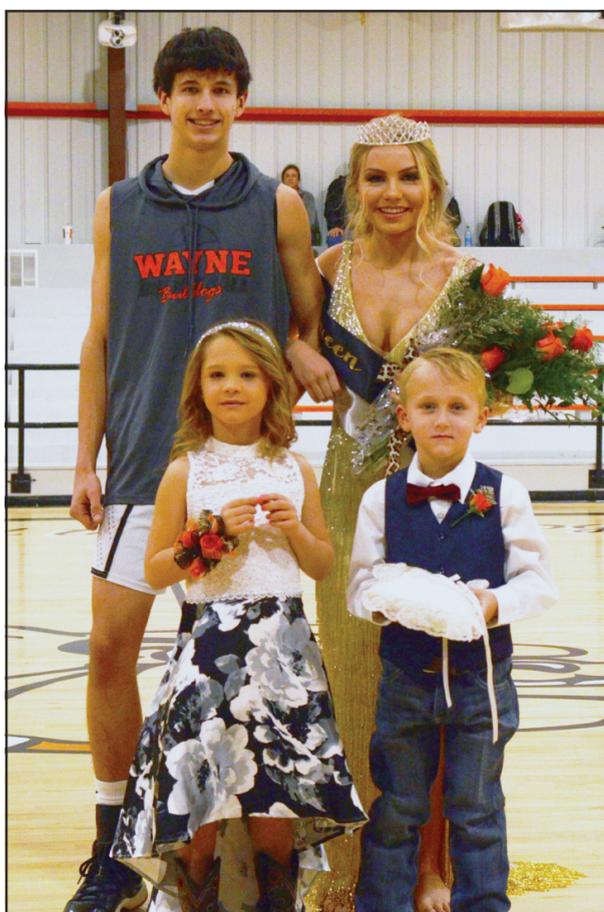
Player	Points
Kenneth Love III	21
Hayden Hicks	17
Graham Schovanec	8
Kobe Scott	4
Ellis Tontz	3
Hector Quinonez	2
Kelton Schultz	2
Luke Hendrix	2
Lane Steele	1



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Bulldog court

Basketball homecoming royalty for Wayne included Kaleb Madden, Kaylee Madden, king Talon Trent, queen Allie Walck, Ethan Mullins and McKenzie Fisher. The crown bearer was Ruger Cross and the flower girl was Kinslee Hashagen.



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Wayne royalty

Allie Walck was crowned queen and Talon Trent was named kind Friday night during homecoming festivities at Wayne. Kinslee Hashagen was the flower girl and Ruger Cross was the ring bearer.

Wayne at Marlow this week

Stephens County tournament

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Wayne played host to Stratford last Friday for Homecoming. Talon Trent and Allie Walck were crowned King and Queen.

The Lady Bulldogs fell 40-20.

Head coach Josh Trent was pleased with his girls' play, although he said baskets were hard to come by.

"We played well, but the shots weren't falling for us on Friday," Trent said.

Haideen Parker led the team with eight points. Seven other Lady Bulldogs scored in the loss, including Shyleigh Mantooth, Haylee Durrence, Kaylee Madden, Mayce Trejo, Faith Brazell, Dalayah Fuentes and Lorenza Martinez.

This week Wayne is in Marlow for the Stephens County tournament.

The Lady Indians of Comanche beat Wayne 62-36 in the first round. Wayne was scheduled to play Central in the second round Friday afternoon.

Next Tuesday Wayne hosts Dibble.

The Lady Bulldogs are 4-8 on the season.

Boys

The Bulldogs dropped their Homecoming contest with Stratford last Friday, 55-37.

"This was probably our best game we've put together all season, but we couldn't make a free throw," said head coach Josh Trent.

The story of the game was missed free throws. Wayne was just 12 out of 25 at the charity stripe.

The loss brought Wayne's record to 2-8.

Junior Brannon Lewelling led his team with 19 points in the loss. Trent joined him in double figures with 11.

The Bulldogs are also in Marlow this week for the Stephens County tournament.

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Led by Outstanding Wrestler Tristan Buchanan, who won the 119 pound bracket at Weatherford, the Lexington Junior High grapplers brought home hardware. Cian Kimerling won the 112 pound bracket. Also placing were Dalton Wall-Miller, fifth at 155 pounds, Boston Huffert, fourth at 86 pounds, Zeke Hughes, fourth at 98 pounds and Eli Lobough, fourth at 155 pounds. "The kids did great," head coach Jared Garrett said. "We took 10 wrestlers and six placed. Philip Hervey and Russell Cliet wrestled well but didn't make the medal round. Two of our female wrestlers Itzel Nunez and Bailey Forbes competed in the boys division. I hope there will be more girl tournaments in the future so they can compete better."

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Wayne:

They were scheduled to kick off the tournament versus Waurika Tuesday afternoon.

Trent was optimistic that senior Ethan Mullins, who has been out for the first part of the season with an ankle injury, would be able to contribute.

"I think Ethan will play this week. He probably won't be at one hundred percent, but he's back."

The Bulldogs are back home next Tuesday, hosting Dibble.

1/15
Stratford 40
Wayne 20

Stratford	8	14	10	8—40
Wayne	8	3	2	7—20

Player	Points
Haiden Parker	8
Shyleigh Mantooth	3
Haylee Durrence	2
Kaylee Madden	2
Mayce Trejo	2
Faith Brazzel	1
Dalayah Fuentes	1
Lorenza Martinez	1

1/15
Stratford 55
Wayne 37

Stratford	13	16	14	12—55
Wayne	7	12	9	9—37

Player	Points
Brannon Lewelling	19
Talon Trent	11
Kyle Madden	5
Jr. Perez	2



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Quick chat

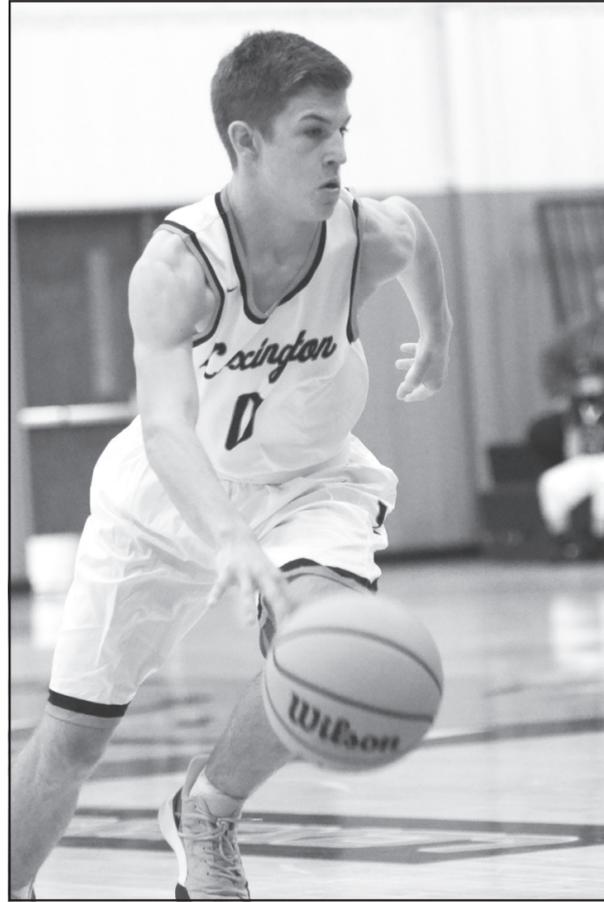
Wayne head coach Josh Trent visits with son and starting wing player Talon Trent during The Bulldogs' game against Stratford Friday night. Talon was also crowned king during homecoming ceremonies earlier in the night.



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Taking the tip

Mattie Richardson takes the tip against Pauls Valley during Washington's 43-40 over the Panthers.



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Zippping down the court

Lexington junior Chase Johnson drives to the lane from the perimeter. Lexington is playing in the Grady County Tournament.

1/12
Purcell 54
Lexington 22

Lexington	2	10	4	6—22
Purcell	13	11	20	10—54

Player	Points
Rylee Beason	10
Madison Manuel	6
Kiely Givens	3
Harley Salisbury	2
Janelle Winterton	1

1/16 Boys
Washington 70
Lexington 62

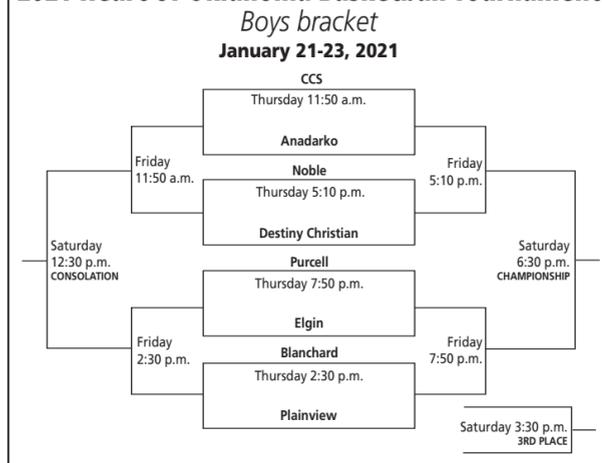
Washington	15	9	14	33—70
Lexington	14	10	9	28—62

Player	Points
Kenneth Love III	20
Hector Quinonez	14
Luke Hendrix	11
Hayden Hicks	11
Jamison Holland	10
Graham Schovanec	4
Kobe Scott	1

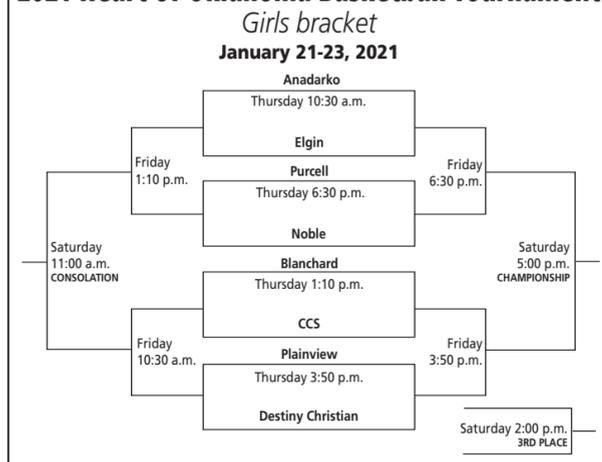
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Dragons:

2021 Heart of Oklahoma Basketball Tournament



2021 Heart of Oklahoma Basketball Tournament



are CCS and Destiny Christian.

With the COVID pandemic some changes are in store for the tournament.

The hospitality suite will be limited to individually wrapped sandwiches, snacks and drinks.

Athletic Director Carol Testa said there will not be food out where people will be serving themselves.

"We will have a four fan limit for participants which includes not only coaches and players but managers, cheerleaders and such," Testa said.

"We are excited to be able to host the Heart of Oklahoma Tournament," Sikes said.

"I hope and pray everything goes on as scheduled. This tournament always has a great atmosphere and some great teams.

"My team is excited to play and ready to compete. We still have a lot to prove," Sikes concluded.

1/12
Lexington 22
Purcell 54

Lexington	2	10	4	6—22
Purcell	13	11	20	10—54

Player	Points
Emily Madden	20
Leslie Thompson	12
Jaiden Avila	6
Kayla Skinner	6
KK Eck	4
Kora Keith	4
Lauren Holmes	2

2021 Grady County Tournament



2021 Grady County Tournament



1/15
Bridge Creek 61
Lexington 40

Bridge Creek	17	16	9	19—61
Lexington	7	9	9	15—40

Player	Points
Teagin Pruitt	16
Drew Dierking	6
Seth Pearman	6
Josue Calixto	5
Israel Trejo	4
Carter Moore	3

1/18
Lexington 58
Alex 39

Lexington	13	17	10	18—58
Alex	5	16	11	7—39

Player	Points
Rylee Beason	20
Madison Manuel	10
Harley Salisbury	10
Leslie Barber	8
Kiely Givens	5
Jaci Idlett	4
Abby Sample	2

1/16
Washington 70
Lexington 62

Washington	14	10	14	32—70
Lexington	14	10	10	28—62

Player	Points
Seth Pearman	16
Ezra Faulkenberry	11
Drew Dierking	10
Carter Moore	10
Teagin Pruitt	8
Heath Winterton	3
Tyler Stockdale	2
Israel Trejo	2



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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

January 17, 2021 was the second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is the time of the liturgical year that is not a major season like Lent, Advent, Christmas, or Easter. During Ordinary Time, the readings focus on Christ's time on earth and the miracles he performed.

Three of the readings remind us to listen to God. The first reading, 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19, is about Samuel sleeping in the temple. Three times he heard his name called and each time he went to Eli. The third time Eli realized it was God calling Samuel and told him to answer, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening," if he was called again.

The reading from the Psalms is Psalm 40. It begins, "I waited patiently on the Lord and he stooped toward me and heard my cry." In John 1:35-42, the Gospel reading concerns John the Baptist saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God." While many heard, Andrew and Simon Peter were listening and

realized they had found the Messiah.

Have you ever thought you were in a conversation but the other person was looking all around? Or have you been in a conversation where the other person kept interrupting? How about when the other person jumps in to solve your problem but you were not asking for anything but their attention?

And, of course, the modern day "you can't be as important as this text or phone call from Kalamazoo, Michigan" even if the in-person conversation was still in progress.

When we converse with another person, we can show our attentiveness by looking at them. We can acknowledge what they are saying with a nod. We can reply with words that reflect we are paying attention and listening. We know how to listen in person even if we don't do it well.

But...when we want to communicate with God, do we ever stop and listen? Or, do we go on and on about our wants and

Bowl Sunday" lunch after morning worship, February 7.

World Missions Sunday will be February 28. We will be taking a special Jerry Kidd offering that morning to benefit our BMA missions and missionaries.

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Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Oh, no, God is Not Just the God of the Mountain!

As we prepare to write each week, we think of what is most fitting for this particular week—that's the way it is 52 weeks of the year. Clearly, taking the pen in hand this week, we realize we are in some crazy times, no doubt about that. But, rest assured, the things that are happening right now clearly aren't God's doing—the Lord isn't about deceit, abuse, underhandedness, and corruption.

Oh, that doesn't mean He won't allow those types of folks to carry on with their foolishness, sometimes for long periods. For a while we'll think, "Well, I guess they'll just keep getting by with their constant troublemaking and destruction." But don't be too

quick to give up. Just read of the Old Testament kings.

Most of Old Testament kings hover on the evil side—and that includes the kings of Israel as well as the kings of the nations who do not know the true God. The Lord uses both for His own purposes over and over. The only thing is, the kings who are pushing their agendas instead of upholding God's principles have no idea that they're just playing into God's hands. But the time will come that they will; ah, they will.

One of the most wicked kings of Israel is a man named Ahab. You'll recognize him by the name of his wife: Jezebel. You don't get any worse than having a wife such as that. Look around, don't be surprised if we don't see some Jezebels today. You know them because their agendas are those that promote abject godlessness, not godliness. You understand.

But as bad as Jezebel's husband Ahab is, he is still the king of God's people—so, he at least has one thing going for him. One of Ahab's enemies named Benhadad, king of Syria, is one of the biggest bullies to come along in that day. He picks one fight after another, just because he can. One of those fights takes place up on a mountain, where the Lord sides with Ahab; and they soundly whip the Syrians— with God's help, of course.

Benhadad's men limp home defeated, but they are not through. They have another plan. (Isn't it just like men to keep coming with evil plots! If one plan doesn't work, then they'll try another plan, whatever it takes, for they have their own evil agenda; and they are not quick to repent of it).

These men come to the king with this 'brilliant' plan, saying that the God of Israel is a powerful God, but He's really a God of the mountain. What they need to do is attack Israel down in the valley, because this God isn't powerful down there. (We can't help but laugh a little at that!) Of course, they aren't engaged in battle down in the valley for long before they realize that God is not just the God of the mountain, He's God down in that valley, too.

The Syrian army limps home after that second defeat, and they are done with their evil plots for a while. God has spoken. Remember, God will speak, always, in His time.

Let us note this, too: Regardless of what's going on around us, the Lord knows who they are with evil motives and underhanded schemes. No, don't be surprised when they get away with their corrupt plans for a long time—but, just remember,

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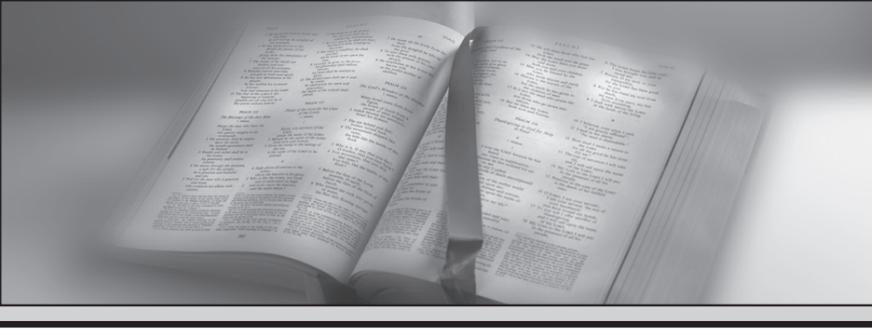
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We live in strange, a troubling, and difficult times, just as humans have in the past. This may be the first time that we have lived in a time that has affected the whole world.

A friend asked me if I knew the difference between an epidemic and a pandemic. At that time I really didn't He explained it to me, but since I forgot exactly how he said it, I'll quote the dictionary.

An epidemic is a particular disease that affects a large number of individuals within a population, a community, or a region at the same time.

A pandemic is a type of epidemic with greater range and coverage. It is the outbreak of a disease that occurs over a wide geographic area and affects an exceptionally large proportion of the population. It is prevalent throughout an entire country, continent, or the whole world. In other words, it's an epidemic that has traveled internationally.

A different friend saw a sign that said, "COVID-19 is a pandemic of biblical proportions." That got me to thinking about what this means. "Of or pertaining to a natural disaster or other cataclysmic event so immense that it brings to mind biblical accounts of horrific catastrophes. By extension, it pertains to a thing or occurrence having vast size, extent, or consequences."

So, in a way the sign is correct COVID-19 does have vast extent and probably does bring to mind biblical accounts of catastrophes. The Great Flood that Noah's Ark survived is one that is described to affect the whole world, even though the biblical world at that time was smaller than the one world we think of today.

We need to be aware of becoming consumed in the negativity of living within the COVID-19 pandemic. When we do this, we live in a state of darkness and forget that there is sunlight above the clouds in which we are living. If you've flown in an airplane, you may have looked out the window to see clouds below you and the plane flying in sunshine.

One way for us to be a Child of the Light is to focus on positive things. We can give thanks for all the blessings that we are given. Think about all the positive things in your life. They may include the love of your family. Your ability to have a job.

To have enough money to live on. To have enough to eat or to know where to get more to eat. To have schools to educate your children and grandchildren. There are many things specific to your personal circumstances.

Sometimes we need to go some place quiet to think about all these things. We can go to our bedroom or any other place we can be alone. (Bathroom, anyone?) Psychologically, it's good to go outside and breathe deeply. Be quiet in God's creation.

Be still, breathe deeply, listen for God. As the United Church of Christ has in their ad campaign, "God is still speaking." We expect God to speak to us immediately. We forget that we may not get a reply until God knows that we are ready to hear.

Continuing with ideas about the new year, remember to show love, and kindness, to our neighbors. We are commanded to do so. Learn how to learn the unloving, as well as the unlovable. In our hearts we know no one is unlovable. God loves all humans and other creatures, and we are called to do the same.

No matter who you are, what you look like, or where you are from, you are welcome to be with us. Our address is 631 East Ash, near Lexington High School. For more information, please call the church at (405) 527-3506 to leave a message, or contact Pastor David directly at (405) 406-6174.

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Westside:

with God, what goes around does, indeed, come around. Count on it.

They'll turn this way, and that way, trying to outsmart the Lord. They'll work up a plan to attack the Lord's people up on the mountain, and - when that fails - they'll send their men down in the valley armed for war. Whatever it takes, they'll do, feeling invincible. All of their confederations casting their votes with them give them plenty of false confidence. But they're missing the one vote they need.

But they always forget something: The time will come when the Lord will have enough, and He will send them a whipping like no other. He'll start out with the beat-down up on the mountain-- then, when they don't give up, He'll repeat the whipping down in the valley.

No sir, our God - the God of our country, and the God of the world - isn't just the God of the mountain.

He's God of the valley, too. coachbowen1984@gmail.com

No. 26-January 14-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES RAY BOYDSTON, Deceased, WINNIE MAE LURENE BOYDSTON, Deceased, and JANET DIANE BOYDSTON, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2019-138 NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE NOTICE is hereby given that James David Boydston-Selman, Personal Representative of the Estates of CHARLES RAY BOYDSTON, Deceased, WINNIE MAE LURENE BOYDSTON, Deceased, and JANET DIANE BOYDSTON, Deceased, having filed in this Court his Final Account of the Administration of said estate, and his Petition for Distribution of said estate and for Final Discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge

of said Court for 9:30 o'clock a.m., on the 4th day of February, 2021, before Judge Charles Gray in his chambers in the McClain County Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of CHARLES RAY BOYDSTON, Deceased, WINNIE MAE LURENE BOYDSTON, Deceased, and JANET DIANE BOYDSTON, Deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

WITNESS MY HAND this 6th day of January, 2021. CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE Judge of the District Court BILL C. LESTER (OBA #5389) Attorney for Personal Representative 212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407 Purcell, OK 73080 (405) 527-5623

Military to be honored at basketball game

Angie Steele Washington Correspondent

The Washington Warrior basketball teams will honor our current and former military heroes at our 4th annual military appreciation night Saturday, February 6.

Washington will take on Purcell at home beginning with the JV girls and boys playing at 4:30/5:30 p.m. and followed by the varsity girls and boys games beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Due to COVID guidelines the number of visitors in the gym is limited. However, the games will be broadcast live on the NFHS network.

All of the proceeds from t-shirt sales will go to the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation to help them fund the work they do to help our veterans.

You can order your shirts online at <https://massivegraphicsstore.com>. Order forms will also be available in the school offices. Orders are due January 21.

Washington Senior Center Lunch

Lunch is served at the Washington Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Friday for senior citizens in the community. Come on down and enjoy lunch and time with friends. Age 60 and over and any age with a disability is a \$2 donation, under 60 meal charge is \$5.

Menu for January 21-29: Thursday, January 21 - White bean chili with chicken, cornbread, cookies.

Friday, January 22 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, biscuits, pineapple upside down cake.

Monday, January 25 - Taco salad, tortilla chips, cheese sauce, chili beans, fruit cocktail cake.

Tuesday, January 26 - Spaghetti, meat sauce, Italian green beans, garlic bread, harvest bars.

Wednesday, January 27 - Smoked sausage, baked beans, corn casserole, fruit and Jell-O.

Thursday, January 28 - Chicken and noodles, peas and carrots, strawberry shortcake.

Friday, January 29 - Pulled barbecue pork, baked potato, green beans, hot rolls, banana pudding.

Friday Music Jams starts at 10 a.m.

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

Washington Public Schools Calendar

January 21 - JV boys basketball, Little Axe Tourn, vs. Crossings Christian, 1:30 p.m.

January 21 - Varsity girls basketball, Little Axe Tourn, vs Tishomingo, 12 p.m.

January 21 - Varsity boys basketball, Newcastle Tourn, vs Lawton Mac, 11:30 a.m.

January 22 - V girls and JV boys, Little Axe Tourney, TBA.

January 23 - V girls and JV boys, Little Axe Tourney, TBA.

January 25 - JH Basketball - Boys home, Girls at Lindsay, 5 p.m.

January 26 - JV/V Basketball at Marlow, 4:30/6:30 p.m.

January 28 - JH Basketball - Girls home, Boys at Pauls Valley, 5 p.m.

January 29 - JV/V basketball, Lexington, Home 4:30/6:30 p.m.

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All the proceeds from t-shirt sales will go to the Dale K.



• Photo provided

New headphones

Washington Public Schools appreciates the Washington Elementary PTO for providing headphones to every student in the elementary. WPS is appreciative to every person and organization who helps enhance the learning environment of our students.



• Photo provided

Senior salute

Washington's Senior Boys were recognized at last Friday's game. The 2021 seniors include Jaxon Sanchez, Kenny Love, Graham Schovanec, Ellis Tontz and Kelton Shultz.

Graham Veterans Foundation to help fund the work we do to help our veterans. You can order your shirts online at <https://massivegraphicsstore.com> through January 21.

We have reopened our portal at dkgvf.org to begin accepting both new and previous clients. This site is very user friendly. Simply fill out the intake forms and start uploading your current service-connected and denied disabilities along with a DD-214.

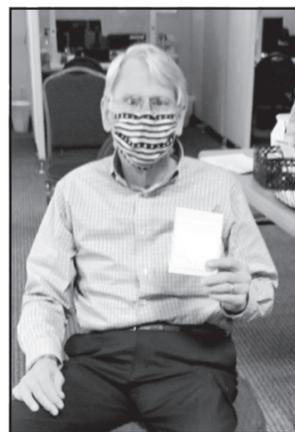
We will keep it open until we reach the maximum number we can process during the next thirty days. As we continue to train new volunteers, more veterans will be able to register for our assistance with their VA claims.

We have processed almost 500 claims for both veterans and surviving spouses during the last few months. Using our new system of uploading each veteran's documents electronically, the turnaround time is reduced. When we upload the documents to VA, some veterans are scheduled for their examinations within a week. This quick turnaround is significant to veterans and their families, as many of them are struggling because of the pandemic.

I appreciate each one of you who are supporting our Veterans Foundation. Without your help, we could have never helped the thousands of veterans and surviving spouses who come to us for assistance.

We would not have been able to afford our new computers to run the IntakeQ and VetPro systems we use. As we continue to move forward with these changes, some of our volunteers will work from home processing veterans' claims for benefits.

As we can add trained volunteers in other locations, I believe our Board of Directors, along with our Chief Executive Officer, will be able to ensure our Foundation can make a difference in veterans and their families' lives no matter where



• Photos provided

Recognized for service

Dr. Steve and Alice Reagan were recognized last week for their many hours of donated time. The pair have worked five to six days a week in December and early January to help process our backlog of claims.

they live.

If you would like to become a volunteer for our organization, please contact us at info@dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org or call 405-550-8806 Ext. 101.

To donate to our Foundation, you can do so online at dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org or mail a check to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, 1268 N. Interstate Drive, Norman, OK, 73072.

Dale K. Graham, Accredited Claims Agent Dale K. Graham

No. 40-January 14-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: Hank William Sawyer, Petitioner, and Terra Leigh Sawyer, Respondent. Case No. FD-2020-00171 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT: Terra Leigh Sawyer GREETINGS: You will take notice that you have been sued in the above names Court by the above petitioner, for a Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility and that unless you answer the petition filed by this petitioner

Veterans Foundation Washington Correspondent Contact Information

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

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

Angie Steele

in said Court on or before the 24th day of February, 2021, said Petition will be taken as true and judgment granting to the petitioner a Dissolution of Marriage, annulling, canceling, setting aside and holding for naught the marriage contract with you and for other relief and orders rendered according to the prayer thereof.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 11th day of January, 2021.

Hank Sawyer Petitioner Kristel Gray by DM Notary/Deputy

SUBSCRIBER AND SWORN to before me this 11 day of January, 2021.

My commission expires: with term Kristel Gray by DM

Managing a difficult insect pest on houseplants

By Melinda Myers

A sticky substance on plant leaves, plant stands, and the floor are often the first clue alerting gardeners to a problem. If a closer look reveals bumps on the upper and lower surface of leaves and stems, it means scale insects have moved in to dine on your houseplants. Severe infestations can cause leaf yellowing, stunting and dieback of the plant.

If you have battled these insects, you know they can be challenging to control. Arm yourself with an understanding of their lifecycle and be persistent to successfully manage these pests.

Scale insects have needle-like mouthparts that allow them to pierce the leaf and stem surfaces. They suck plant sap through a tube-like structure just as if they were drinking from a straw.

These are one of several insects that secrete drops of a clear, sticky substance, called honeydew, as they feed. A black fungus known as sooty mold may grow on the honeydew. It does not directly harm the plant, but it looks bad. In severe cases, sooty mold can prevent sunlight from reaching the leaves, causing them to yellow.

Adult scale insects form coverings that protect them from adverse environmental conditions and most chemical controls. Eggs hatch under this protective covering and the immature scale, called crawlers, emerge looking for a place to feed.

Once settled, the crawler continues to grow, shedding layers of skin. These layers of shed skin, or waxy layers, form their protective covering.

Isolate infested plants as soon as you discover the problem. This will reduce the risk of this pest spreading to your other plants.

You can remove the adult scales with a toothpick, tweezers, or an old toothbrush. Repeat every few weeks until you have this pest under con-

trol. This may be sufficient to control small populations, but if you miss even one adult the problem persists.

The crawler stage is the most susceptible to chemical control. You will need a hand lens or magnifying glass to see these short-lived crawlers. Insecticides and washing small plants with a plant-safe soapy water solution can help manage small populations.

Cover the pot and soil to prevent any scale knocked off during the bath from crawling back onto the plant.

Increase your chance of success with the help of an organic insecticide like Summit Year-Round Spray Oil (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com). This lightweight oil suffocates and controls all stages of the scale insect, including the adult and eggs housed under the protective covering. Repeat applications are needed to get this insect under control.

This product is safe for people and pets while harmful to this and other houseplant pests. As always read and follow label directions for the most effective results.

Clean the pot, saucers, plant stands and the area around infested plants to remove any honeydew and unseen crawlers. This along with proper control will reduce the risk of these insects infesting treated and nearby plants.

Continue to monitor all your plants for scale and other insects each time you water. It is much easier to manage small populations than larger infestations on more plants.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*.

She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" TV & radio program.

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



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Still testing

The drive thru COVID testing continues at the Chickasaw Campus on Hardcastle Boulevard in south Purcell.

No. 49-January 21-1 Time BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA APPLICANT: RED ROCKS OIL & GAS OPERATING, LLC RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING LEGAL DESCRIPTION: W/2 NW/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, MCCLAINE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA CAUSE CD NO. 202100054 NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:

All persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers, and takers of oil and gas and all other interested persons in McClain County, Oklahoma, and more particularly Casillas Petroleum Resource Partners, LLC; Frank T. Fleet, Inc.; P.A.W.N. Enterprises, a limited partnership; Rimrock Resource Partners, LLC; Trust A Under the Last Will and Testament of Margaret Helen Kalmar; and, if any of the above are corporations which do not continue to have a legal existence, the unknown trustees or assigns of such parties. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant in this cause is requesting the Corporation Commission pool the interests, designate an operator and adjudicate the rights and equities of oil and gas owners in the Sycamore, Bois d' Arc, Chimney Hill, Viola and, Simpson above Oil Creek common sources of supply underlying the W/2 NW/4 of Section 28-T5N-R4W, McClain County, Oklahoma, established by Order No. 116853 and by Order No. 290503 as corrected by Order No. 294445. The Applicant may also request the order to issue in this cause provide to the operator a period of one (1) year from the date of the order in which to commence operations for the drilling of the initial well proposed hereunder.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause be set before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicants attorney prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Initial Hearing Docket at the Corporation Commission, First Floor, Jim Thorpe Building, 2101 Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 8th day of February, 2021, and that this notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested parties may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact ROBERT D. GRAY, Attorney, OBA #013985, 3500 S. Boulevard, Suite 10B, Edmond, Oklahoma 73013, Telephone: (405) 848-8998, or JON WHITE, TURNER OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES, INC., 3232 W. Britton Rd., Ste. 200, Oklahoma City OK 73120, 405-752-8000, jwhite@jwlandllc.com, AGENT FOR RED ROCKS OIL & GAS OPERATING, LLC.

No. 38-January 14-2 Times In the District Court of McClain County State of Oklahoma In the Matter of the Estate of Henry E. Dittmar a/k/a Hank Dittmar deceased person. Case No. PB-2020-110 Combined Notice, Notice to Creditors; Notice of Hearing - Petition for Summary Administration & Determination of Heirship; Notice of Hearing on Final Account

Kelle Dittmar, the Administrator, filed a Petition for Summary Administration, et al. in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, requesting appointment as Administrator, the determination of heirship for this intestate estate, and distribution of the estate's property to the heirs at law entitled thereto. Henry E. Dittmar (a/k/a Hank Dittmar, and hereinafter "Decedent") died intestate on April 3, 2018 in Scotland while a resident of England. Upon death, the Decedent was approximately 62 years of age. The heirs at law for the Decedent include the following, to wit: (1) Kelle Dittmar, 1809 Azalea Drive, Cedar Park, TX 78613; (2) Clara D. Dittmar, 172 Olney Road, London SE17 3HR, England; and (3) Cole J. Dittmar, 60 Hollingdean Terrace, Brighton BN1 7HA, England. This estate includes oil, gas, and other mineral interests located in and under the following: Section 6-T7N-R3W of McClain County, OK (value unknown) W/2 SE/4 of Section 13-T8N-R3W of McClain County, OK (value unknown) E/2 NW/4 of Section 19-T7N-R2W of McClain County, OK (value unknown) W/2 NE/4 of Section 24-T8N-R3W of McClain County, OK (value unknown) Section 31-T8N-R3W of McClain County, OK (value unknown) NE/4 NE/4 of

Section 1-T6N-R4E of Pottawatomie County, OK (value unknown) N/2 SE/4 of Section 18-T7N-R4E of Pottawatomie County, OK (value unknown) S/2 SW/4 of Section 20-T7N-R4E of Pottawatomie County, OK (value unknown) NW/4 and NW/4 SW/4 of Section 29-T7N-R4E of Pottawatomie County, OK (value unknown) N/2 SE/4 and NE/4 NE/4 of Section 30-T7N-R3E of Pottawatomie County, OK (value unknown) N/2 NE/4 of Section 32-T7N-R4E of Pottawatomie County, OK (value unknown) Funds being held in by the Oklahoma Treasurer's Office of Unclaimed Property in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, related to oil and gas production, with an unknown value. Pursuant to an Order of said Court, Notice is hereby given that the 4th day of March at 9:30 A.M. in the Courtroom of the Honorable Charles Gray, or the assigned Judge, in the McClain County District Courthouse located in Purcell, Oklahoma, has been appointed as the time and place for hearing. All interested persons may appear. Anyone may file objections to the Petition. All objections must be made in writing, filed within this case record and provided to Petitioner and Counsel. If an objection is not made within the allowed time, it shall be deemed waived. CREDITORS: Creditors having claims against the Decedents are required to present such to the named Administrator, Kelle Dittmar, at the offices of Dewberry Law Firm, PLLC, Attorneys for the Estate, at the address below within thirty (30) days following the filing of the Petition and Combined Notice herein, or the same will be forever barred.

/s/Rachael Dewberry, OBA 19478 Dewberry Law Firm, PLLC 2425 Wilcox Drive Norman, Oklahoma 73069 Attorneys for the Estate

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA J. TODD HIETT, Chairman BOB ANTHONY, Vice-Chairman DANA L. MURPHY, Commissioner DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 19th day of January, 2021. BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: Peggy Mitchell, Secretary of the Commission

No. 47-January 21-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McClain County STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVE A. BROADBOOKS, Deceased. Case No. PB-2021-08 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Steve A. Broadbooks, deceased, that on the 14th day of January, 2021, there was produced and filed in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Steve A. Broadbooks, deceased, dated December 8, 2016, and there was also filed in the Court the Petition of Helen M. Broadbooks praying that the Will be admitted to probate, Letters Testamentary issued to

her as Personal Representative of the Estate, to serve without bond, and for a judicial determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees of said Decedent. Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 14th day of January, 2021, notice is given that on the 4th day of February, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., the Petition will be heard in the courtroom of Judge Charles Gray at the McClain County Courthouse, 121 N. 2nd St., Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same. WITNESS my hand this 14th day of January, 2021. CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE Charles Gray Associate District Judge Monte J. Wilson, OBA #11572 1818 W. Lindsey, C-110 Norman, OK 73069 (405) 321-0500 (405) 321-6911 (fax) Attorney for Petitioner

No. 48-January 21-1 Time RESOLUTION 01-21 NOTICE OF ELECTION TOWN OF BYARS, OKLAHOMA I. BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Town of Byars that for the Purpose of electing officers of said City/Town that: A nonpartisan general election shall be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. II. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the filing period for electing officers of said Town shall begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021 and end at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. III. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers of said Town to be elected are: 1. Nominated at large and elected at large. IV. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers will be elected to fill A four year term: TOWN TREASURER; 2025

TRUSTEE; 2025 TRUSTEE; 2025 V. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers will be elected to fill two -year unexpired term: VI. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each candidate must be qualified elector by Virtue of being a resident and registered voter within the municipality, or in the ward if an office is from a ward, for at least six (6) months prior to filing a declaration of candidacy. VII. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that absentee ballots will be provided in accordance With State Law. ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2021. (Seal) /s/ Marion D. Cail MAYOR ATTEST: /s/ Angela Fisher TOWN CLERK

No. 46-January 21-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAINE COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBBIE LEE SHARP, Deceased. Case No. PB-2020-28 NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION, APPROVAL OF ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, APPROVAL OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S FEES, AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given that GARY K. MOORE, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of Robbie Lee Sharp, Deceased, has filed his Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution, Approval of Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Expenses, Approval of Personal Representative's Fee, and Discharge of Personal Representative. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 11th day of February, 2021, at 9:30 AM,

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OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY CIMARRON, H.E. BAILEY, MUSKOGEE, TURNER AND WILL ROGERS TURNPIKES ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSAL CONTRACT NO. SP-SW-21 On February 23, 2021, until 3:30 P.M., the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority will receive sealed bids hand delivered or received by Certified Mail on the day of the bid opening to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority office at 3500 Martin Luther King Avenue. Proposals will be publicly opened and read on the same day at 3:30 P.M. at the office of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, in accordance with the following: I. The bidder shall submit with the Proposal a certified or cashier's check or a bid bond for an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal to guarantee the bidder, if successful, will enter into contract and obtain bond in agreement with the requirements of the Specifications. The check shall be payable to the order of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority. II. No bids which are tied to, or contingent upon, other work with the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority will be accepted. III. Bidders shall familiarize themselves with the conditions and shall understand that full cooperation in executing the requirements of the Specifications and Special Provisions is expected. IV. The Proposal shall be prepared as directed by the 2010 Standard Specifications for Turnpike Construction. V. A set of bidding documents including proposal forms, contract forms, Special Provisions, and 2010 Standard Specifications for Turnpike Construction may be examined at the Maintenance Divisions office of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, located at 3500 North Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. VI. There will be a pre-bid meeting scheduled at 10:30 A.M. on February 9, 2021 at the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority Administration Offices, 3500 North Martin Luther King Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. VII. The work to be performed under Contract Number SP-SW-21 consists of: sweeping approximately 1,524.60 miles of median barrier wall, median cable barrier, bridge wall, toll plaza curbing and interchange curb along the Cimarron, H. E. Bailey, Muskogee, Turner and Will Rogers Turnpikes, all located in Lincoln, Creek, Rogers, Mayes, Craig, McClain, Grady, Caddo, Cotton, Comanche, Muskogee, Noble, Pawnee, Payne, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma. VIII. In awarding the contract, the Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to act for the best interests of the Authority without technicalities as to procedure. IX. Policies of insurance will not be cancelled without first giving the OTA 30 calendar days advance notice. This statement must be on the Description of Operations section of the Certificate of Insurance. X. All contractors that desire to provide the OTA with manual service work are required by state statute to complete an employee E-Verify Form. XI. Upon award of contract to a successful bidder, the contract will be completely and correctly executed by the contractor and returned to the Authority within twenty (20) calendar days from the date of award. The Authority will have thirty (30) working days from the date of award to complete its execution of the contract. OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY By: s/s Tim Gatz, Director

Purcell and Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello again everyone. By the time you read this, we will have sworn in a new administration in Washington, D.C. When I was a kid, the school used to bring televisions to each classroom so we could watch the inauguration, in black and white, of course!

It was fascinating then and it's fascinating now. It is my hope that President Biden and Vice President Harris enjoy good health, have patience and wisdom and surround themselves with smart people to lead our great country for the next four years.

There is nothing, however, to report regarding the re-opening of our centers. We are still focused on providing a good meal to our local seniors.

Please continue to reserve your meal by calling 527-9462. You may also call the same number to cancel your reservation. Please ask for Sherrie, Evelyn or John.

Here is the menu for January 25-29:

Monday — Beef stew, pickled beets, cornbread, butterscotch pudding swirl.

Tuesday — Taco Joe on a bun, potato soup, available fruit, snickerdoodle cookies.

Wednesday — Chicken tetrazzini, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, gelatin with topping.

Thursday — Salmon patty, scalloped potatoes, tomato spoon relish, sliced bread, fruit cobbler.

Friday — Chili dog with cheese and onion, tater tots, peaches, oatmeal raisin cookies.

Milk is available with every meal.

The garage sale is open every Thursday and Friday for your convenience. A mask is required to enter. Donations of clothes and other items are always welcome, but if you need to bring your items after 1 p.m. or on weekends, call Hester at 990-1840 to assist you. All proceeds benefit the local seniors.

Please continue to wash your hands often, wear a mask in public and practice social distancing whenever possible to keep yourself and others safe from COVID-19. Vaccines are now available, so please consider getting one if you have not already done so.

We appreciate your continued support of your senior centers in Wayne and Purcell.

PUBLIC NOTICE

How much do public notices cost? The Oklahoma Legislature sets a rate, which is typically much lower than other newspaper ad rates, so the cost of notices can be controlled, and exact wording – rather than a summary – printed.

The public is well-served by notices published in a community newspaper.

www.oklahomanotices.com

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PURCELL SCHOOL MENU

Week of January 25

MONDAY BREAKFAST

Grab N Go—Pancake on a stick or pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Grab N Go—Rick Krispie Granola bar or Ubr bar, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken fajitas, Mexican salad, tortilla chips and salsa, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Grab N Go—Sausage biscuit

or rice krispie granola bar, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Barbecue pulled pork, baked potato bar, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Grab N Go—Breakfast pizza or pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Frito chili pie, chili beans, cinnamon stick, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Grab N Go—Doughnut or Ubr bar, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Breaded chicken sandwich, baby carrots, ranch dressing, fruit, milk.

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Picnic

Monday afternoon's awesome weather was taken advantage of by these folks enjoying a late lunch from McDonald's and using a picnic table at the Purcell City Lake.



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 January 7-13, 2021.

Traffic

- Dustin R. Lynn, speeding, 95/75.
 - Rebecca A. Nava, speeding, 94/75.
 - Joel Sandlin, no seatbelt.
 - Rayallen J. Antoine, speeding, 90/80.
 - Dustin Slusher, no seatbelt.
 - John A. McCaul, unsafe lane change.
 - Elizabeth A. Stephenson, speeding, 85/65.
 - Lauren Lackey, failure to stop at stop sign.
 - Scotty Lewis, taxes due state.
 - Pablo Rosas, no valid driver's license.
 - Kelsey D. Massey, no seatbelt.
 - Jim T. Pennycook, no seatbelt.
 - Payton L. Massey, no valid driver's license.
 - Mercedes D. Flowers, no seatbelt.
 - Robert C. Hamilton, no insurance.
 - Derek Weaver, speeding, 75/65.
 - Alma Leyva, failure to stop.
 - Justin Lewis, speeding, 70/60.
 - Johnny Braxton, failure to stop.
 - Allison Cassidy, taxes due state.
 - Matthew Phillips, operator not reasonable and proper.
 - Belinda Bergren, operator not reasonable and proper.
 - Mauro Pineda-Villa, no seatbelt.
 - Travis Galbreath, speeding, 70/60.
 - Betty Drummer, DUS.
 - Pablo G. Machado, fail to devote attention resulting in collision.
 - Colt D. Allen, operator not reasonable and proper.
 - Michael J. Sparks, speeding, 85/75.
 - Weston J. Jervis, no seatbelt.
 - William F. Price, speeding, 91/75.
 - William F. Price, speeding, no valid driver's license.
 - John D. Ledbetter, no seatbelt.
 - Rachel K. Holterman, speeding, 85/75.
 - Daniel A. Buchanan, speeding, 90/70.
 - Joseph W. Tuscher, failure to display current tag.
 - Averi N. Krogstad, no seatbelt.
 - Tyler R. Fannon, no seatbelt.
 - Gary Conrad, speeding, 80/65.
 - Linda Nelson, speeding, 80/65.
 - Steven K. Reeves, no seatbelt (passenger).
 - Jenifer E. Lanzarin, no valid driver's license.
 - Jenifer E. Lanzarin, no insurance.
 - Delores Cruz, no valid driver's license.
 - Manuel S. Esparza, speeding, 70/60.
- Misdemeanors**
- Octavious Z. Thompson, resisting an officer.
 - JJ A. Laws, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.
 - Jorge M. Nunez, trespassing after being forbidden.
 - Christopher J. Harper, obstructing an officer.
 - Kevin W. White, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - Deborah L. Waterman, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - Donovan R. Law, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - Donovan R. Law, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.
 - Donovan R. Law, trespassing after being forbidden.
 - Emalee S. Leasure, trespassing after being forbidden.
 - Matthew S. Wilson, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - Dakota R. Wertman, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - Bryson S. Quinton, possession of CDS - heroin.
 - Keith M. Hood, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - Toriana J. Patterson, possession of CDS - marijuana.
 - Emalee S. Leasure, possession of CDS.
 - Christine M. Pannell, possession of CDS.
 - Daneae K. Varner, actual physical control of vehicle while under the influence.
 - Lacie J. Cardenas, possession of CDS.
 - Kacie N. Robertson, possession of CDS.
 - Larry M. Smith, assault and battery.

- Joseph A. Davis, DUI - alcohol.
 - Bethany A. West, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - Jessica M. Kemp, trespass after being forbidden.
 - John R. Beyer, public intoxication.
 - Kristen P. Vanzandt, public intoxication.
 - Sarah N. Lake, possession of CDS.
 - Teshwana L. Caldwell, possession of CDS.
 - Jeffrey L. Sparkman, possession of CDS.
 - Richard W. Ishmael, possession of CDS.
 - Jordan R. Ramon, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 - Jacob A. Ortiz, possession of CDS.
 - Matthew L. Tucker, protective order violation.
 - Marie L. Johnson, assault and battery.
 - Philip J. Huff, carrying firearm while under the influence.
 - Ella M. Watson, DUI - aggravated.
 - David V. Lamirand, possession of CDS.
 - Joseph A. Cartwright, possession of CDS.
 - Connie G. Ware, possession of CDS.
 - Lonnie G. Montgomery Jr., trespass after being forbidden.
 - Dustin W. Abrams, malicious injury to property - under \$1000.
 - William Faus, possession of CDS.
 - Melissa G. Kopp, possession of CDS.
 - Debbie L. Castleman, possession of CDS.
 - Colby D. Smith, possession of CDS.
 - Thomas R. Salomon, petit larceny.
- Felonies**
- Jimmy D. Smith, trafficking in illegal drugs.
 - Lynne E. Robertson, embezzlement.
 - Haley N. Dilbeck, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.
 - Jared W. M. Wilson, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.
 - Kaylie B. McSperritt, DUI.
 - Roger T. Cook, possession of stolen vehicle.
 - Sunny D. Casey, DUI.
 - Chance L. Godwin, aggravated trafficking illegal drugs.
 - Manuel A. Valenzuela, possession of stolen vehicle.
 - Stephen J. Kiker, possession of stolen vehicle.
 - Julie A. Martin, trafficking in illegal drugs.
 - Shawn M. Parker, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.
 - Dusti N. Rickert, aggravated trafficking illegal drugs.
 - Jason C. Wolfe, unauthorized use of a vehicle.
 - Corry J. Hughes, endangering others while eluding/attempt to elude police.
 - Tyler D. Moore, failure to register as sex offender.
- Small Claims**
- Amy Carwile vs. Oscar J. Maddux, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
 - McElderry Rentals, LLC vs. Daniel B. Riopelle, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
- Civil**
- LVNV Funding LLC vs. Brandie L. Shephard, civil action \$10,000 or less.
 - Synchrony Bank vs. Rod Smith, civil action \$10,000 or less.
 - Citibank NA vs. April Clay, civil action \$10,000 or less.
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 - Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Robert G. Gray, civil action \$10,000 or more.
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- Marriages Filed**
- Cody B. Womack, 26, and Kelli M. Anderson, 30, both of Purcell.
 - Demychal V. Mickens, 38, and Stephanie K. Montgomery, 38, both of Wayne.
- Divorces Granted**
- John J. D. Craig vs. Kristi A. Craig.
 - Dusty Andrews vs. Amber Andrews.
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