

## Election results

### Fishburn-Boyle eye runoff election

Incumbent Purcell City Council member Graham Fishburn is headed for a runoff election against his closest challenger, Bill Boyle.

In Tuesday's Purcell City Council election, Fishburn and Boyle were the top two in the ballot box.

However, neither won 50 percent of the votes cast forcing a runoff for the Division 1 post.

In a very slim turnout, voters gave Fishburn a lead with 148

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## Junior high project complete

### School district receives certificate of occupancy

**Jeanne Grimes**  
The Purcell Register

Purcell Public Schools officials learned Friday that the new junior high school has received a certificate of occupancy.

What that means, school board members were told at Monday's monthly meeting,

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## Show time

### County show opens today; Purcell show Sunday

Purcell's 30th annual livestock show will be judged Sunday starting at 2 p.m. at the McClain County Fairgrounds.

The local show follows the

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# Four inches of snow CLOSES SCHOOLS

## Swift, professional snow plowing eases drivers' issues

**John D. Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

A powerful, slow-moving winter storm blew through south central and central Oklahoma last Tuesday night dumping up to four inches of snow in the Heart of Oklahoma.

Snow continued Wednesday morning with snow flurries lasting most of the day.

The frozen precipitation forced school closings all across the area for not only Wednesday but Thursday as well.

Marlow's basketball teams elected not to travel to Lexington Tuesday night, forcing the games to be played Saturday afternoon in Lexington.

Snow plows were called out to scrape off highways and byways and streets inside city limits to allow drivers the means to travel about.

Luckily, there was little to no ice with the system that dumped up to eight inches of snow in Pauls Valley.

The swath of snow came up from the southwest portion of the state near Lawton right up the I-44 corridor through the Heart of

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### Snow day

Taking advantage of Mother Nature's gift of snow and the gravity going down hill last Wednesday were sledders Ayden Little, Lexi Little and Michael Little. Along for the fun was their dad Kevin Little.

## Plunging right in Saturday's Polar Plunge all for Special Olympics

**Jeanne Grimes**  
The Purcell Register

Mark your calendars and set your watches.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, several law enforcement officers from McClain County will take leave of their senses and risk pneumonia or worse by diving into the frigid pool at Whitewater Water Park in Oklahoma City.

They are on a mission, raising funds for Oklahoma's Special Olympics.

Sgt. David Childress with the McClain County Sheriff's Department was the top individual fund raiser at a previous Polar Plunge.

That was also the year the McClain County team snared first place af-



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### Chilled

Sgt. David Childress with the McClain County Sheriff's Department, shown here, says the warm glow in one's heart will chase the chillblains away when it's done in support of Oklahoma's Special Olympics.

ter raising more than \$10,000.

This year's team has already surpassed the \$10,000 mark, Childress said.

The team includes officers from the Purcell Police Department and the sheriff's department.

The sheriff's personnel taking the Polar Plunge this year include Childress, Lt. Billy Scott, Deputy Scott Gibbons and members of the jail staff.

Childress is an old hand at plunging into chilled depths when the weather is likely fine for swimming in the southern hemisphere, but definitely

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## Police warn of cyber threat

### In connection with coronavirus

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The Purcell Register

Purcell Police are issuing a warning for a cyber threat with actors exploiting coronavirus concerns to further malware and phishing campaigns.

Lt. Kevin Austin, C.I.D.,

said Det. Sgt. Scott Stephens came across the cyber awareness bulletin.

Fake emails in Japan imitate official notifications from public health organizations

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## Presidents Day Holiday

Monday's observance of Presidents Day will mean many area residents will have a holiday to enjoy.

There will be no classes in Purcell, Lexington, Washington and Wayne schools,

as well as Mid-America Technology Center.

However, the day will be a professional day for faculty

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**Tuesday Night Ticker**


**High school basketball**

Boys	
Purcell 53	Lindsay 37
Maysville 68	Wayne 61
Lexington DNP	
Washington DNP	
Girls	
Purcell 48	Lindsay 27
Wayne 39	Maysville 28
Lexington DNP	
Washington DNP	

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**Rear Admiral**


Former Blue Angel raising cattle in Wayne.



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### Blanketed in snow

About four inches of snow fell on Central Oklahoma Wednesday, cancelling school and giving kids a chance to play in a winter wonderland.

## Through With Chew Week planned for February 16-22

Smokeless tobacco users can show themselves some love after Valentine's Day by initiating a quit attempt. February 16-22 will be Through With Chew Week, and smokeless users are encouraged to explore the free services offered by the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline. "During Through With Chew Week, the Helpline is focused on showcasing the free support, tools and personalized assistance available to Oklahomans thinking about quitting dip," said Joe Johnson, program coordinator for the TSET Healthy

Living Program serving McClain County. "Whether you prefer text and email support or phone and web coaching, our specially trained Quit Coaches will work with you on a personalized plan designed to help you be successful in quitting smokeless tobacco." According to the 2014 Surgeon General's Report, smokeless tobacco use has increased steadily since 2004. Contributing factors to this trend include the marketing of smokeless flavors and the sale of products at low prices to current or

former smokers. While smokers sometimes switch to smokeless tobacco as a method of quitting, it's still extremely addictive. Someone who dips two cans a week gets as much or more nicotine as a pack-a-day smoker. Holding an average-sized dip in your mouth for 30 minutes delivers as much nicotine as four cigarettes. Ronnie Trentham started dipping as a teenager and has since survived seven bouts of cancer caused by tobacco use. The Stilwell resident has lived tobacco free since 1995, which allows him to enjoy life as a husband, father and grandfather. Trentham actively encourages tobacco users to take advantage of quit resources like the Helpline to help protect themselves from the dangers he faced. "Don't be too stubborn to ask for help," he said. The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline provides support for all those aged 13 and older

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43° 23°	50° 35°	60° 39°	65° 45°	70° 41°	61° 40°	58° 38°
Prty Sunny	Prty Sunny	Prty Sunny	Sunny	Prty Sunny	Sunny	Prty Sunny

## Warming, dry pattern ahead

After a rainy start to this week, a dry pattern will be setting up over the region. This will make way for plenty of sunshine, and slightly above average temperatures. Thursday the slow temperature climb will begin, staying on the chillier side, but warming to the average for mid-February by Valentine's Day on Friday. Saturday highs will be in the upper 50s and low 60s across the state. Starting next week Monday has the potential to hit 70 degrees for a warm start to next week. A weak cold front will come through after Monday, dropping our temperatures back just barely by the middle of next week.

## USS Oklahoma City honored

### Third year in a row

The leadership and crew of the Los Angeles class fast-attack submarine, USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723) were presented with the Commander, Submarine Squadron Fifteen Battle "E" Award in a ceremony held at Naval Base Guam, February 7. Each year one submarine from each squadron is recognized and the Battle "E" is presented to the submarine crew that demonstrated the highest level of battle readiness during the evaluation year. Rear Adm. Blake Converse, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, presented the crew with the award. "USS Oklahoma City is an example of sustained, superior performance in core competencies and warfighting skills. They exemplify battle readiness," Converse said. "Our nation expects a Navy that is ready to fight tonight—ready to conduct prompt and sustained combat operations at sea." The Battle "E" competition is conducted to strengthen individual command performance, overall force readiness and to recognize outstanding performance. The criterion for the award is the overall readiness of the command to carry out its assigned wartime tasks as a unit

of the Pacific Submarine Force. "This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the crew" said Cmdr. Steven Lawrence, commanding officer of Oklahoma City. "They continue to excel by thoroughly preparing for all tasks, meticulously executing and then conducting thorough post execution critiques to continue to improve. I am extremely proud that they continue to meet the high standard required of a submarine operating in the Indo-Pacific region." The Battle Efficiency competition evaluates submarines on their performance and readiness in the following fields: Engineering, Weapons, Strategic, Navigation/Operations, Communications/Cyber, Supply, Personnel, Medical and Repair. "We were selected for this award by excelling as a crew," said Master Chief Machinist's Mate (Auxiliary) Kevin Swanson, Oklahoma City's chief of the boat. "I am extremely honored to be leading this group of sailors. Each crew member was a key part in highlighting our hard work and ability to maintain mission readiness as a forward-deployed submarine in Guam." This is the third consecutive

year the Oklahoma City has earned the award. Oklahoma City is one of four Los Angeles-class fast attack submarines assigned to CSS-15, which is located at Polaris Point, Naval Base Guam in Apra Harbor, Guam. The squadron staff is responsible for providing training, material and personnel readiness support to these commands. Also based out of Naval Base Guam are submarine tenders USS Frank Cable (AS 40) and USS Emory S. Land (AS 39). The submarines and tenders are maintained as part of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed submarine force and are readily capable of meeting global operational requirements. For more news from Commander, Submarine Squadron 15, visit our official CSS-15 website at <http://www.csp.navy.mil/css15> and our official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SubmarineSquadron15/>. Are you interested in taking orders to Guam? Want to learn more about the duty station and life on our island? For more information, check out the 'Go Guam!' website at <http://www.csp.navy.mil/go-guam/> and download the '1st Fifteen' checklist.

## Out-of-state teacher certification heads to full Senate for approval

The Senate unanimously approved legislation February 11 to help get more teachers into Oklahoma classrooms. Sen. Adam Pugh, R-Edmond, is the author of Senate Bill 1125 directing the State Board of Education to issue a teaching certificate to anyone who holds a valid out-of-state teaching certificate, with no other requirements except a criminal history record check. "We've got to be more innovative when recruiting teachers. One way we can

help is by getting rid of the expensive and time-consuming roadblocks that are keeping out-of-state teachers who move to Oklahoma from applying," Pugh said. "Currently, they have to get re-certified, take competency exams and meet other requirements. Under this bill, they'll only have to get a criminal background check," he said. SB 1125 is a follow up to Pugh's 2019 SB 670 that was signed into law providing reciprocal licensing for

military personnel and their spouses. SB 1125 addresses teacher licensing, which was not covered under SB 670 because it is under a different title of law. "I want to thank my colleagues for their support as we work to get this important bill through the process," Pugh said. "Senate Bill 1125 has an emergency clause so it will go into effect with the governor's signature, so we need to get it to his desk as soon as possible. "That way these teachers can start applying this summer, and schools can hire them before the fall semester starts. We're excited to welcome these professionals to our education system," he concluded. For more information, contact Sen. Adam Pugh at (405) 521-5622 or [Adam.Pugh@oksenate.gov](mailto:Adam.Pugh@oksenate.gov)

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# HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

current events through a historical lens

Dr. James Finck, USAO History Professor

## Historical Impeachments

Watching the Senate hearings over the past weeks I am happy to see historical arguments being made by both sides. As I have said, the Constitution is purposely vague, and it is no different when it comes to impeachment. There are three sections in the Constitution that discuss impeachment, but even with those sections there are still many questions.

As with most Constitutional issues, the rest has been filled in with laws, the courts, and especially precedent. Several times both sides have referenced both the Andrew Johnson and William Clinton impeachment trials. In this vein, I think it is worth examining the lesser known of the two, the Johnson case, to see what we can learn from history and if there are similarities between the two.

There is a great deal of detail to explain Johnson's election as V.P. Suffice to say, the Republicans in 1864 were concerned about Lincoln's chances in the upcoming election. That may sound crazy, but he was not yet the super popular president that he would become.

Johnson was a pro-war Democrat and Lincoln hoped that by bringing him on the ticket he could attract other pro-war Democrats. What made Johnson an even more interesting choice was that he was a pro-slave, state's rights Democrat from Tennessee. Johnson was brought in for votes only. Once in office, Lincoln did not use him and he by no means was meant to ever be president.

The issue with Johnson's impeachment revolves around Reconstruction. Even before the end of the War, Lincoln was already discussing his plans for how to treat the South. He basically wanted to make it easy for the southern states to return, including keeping their existing governments.

His biggest opposition to Reconstruction was the radical wing of his own party. The so-called Radical Republicans wanted to punish the South and make it difficult for their return. They wanted to remove all past leaders and guarantee certain rights for the new freedman population.

The Radicals were originally excited about Johnson as president. He said and did all the right things. However, when Congress left for recess, he put in his own plans for Reconstruction that were just as lenient as Lincoln's, maybe even more so. When Congress returned, they attempted to retake the power. They tried to pass laws to help the ex-slaves but were blocked by Johnson's vetoes.

The Radicals did have enough support to overturn Johnson's veto on the Fourteenth Amendment, which gave freedmen citizenship, but they faced an uphill battle. It was at this point they began looking for reasons to impeach the president. They tried twice unsuccessfully before they found a reason that stuck.

In 1867 Congress passed the Tenure of Office Act, which basically said that the president could not fire any member of his own cabinet without congressional approval. This was done for two reasons.

First, Congress was afraid that Johnson would start replacing Lincoln's Republican Cabinet with a Democratic one. Secondly, they hoped this would trip up Johnson and give them a reason to impeach. The plan worked. Johnson, who had been fighting with his Secretary of War Edwin Stanton over keeping troops in the South, finally grew frustrated and fired him. Johnson did not think the Tenure of Office Act would hold up in court. He was right. But before the courts examined the case, the House acted first and charged Johnson with eleven counts of impeachment.

The 11 articles are incredibly repetitive. They all boil down to Johnson having broken his oath of office by firing Stanton and by hiring Lorenzo Thomas without consent of Congress. They basically said it in different ways, like he violated Stanton's rights in one and conspired with Thomas against Stanton in another. In Article 10 Congress went as far as including that he criticized congress "with a loud voice, certain intemperate, inflammatory, and scandalous harangues."

The trial lasted for three months. The defense argued that Johnson had done nothing wrong. They claimed he was challenging an unconstitutional law and basically his act did not meet the demands of a High Crime. What seemed like a slam dunk win at first fell apart by the end.

From the beginning of the trial, Johnson worked with moderate Republicans to save his position by promising not to interfere any more with Reconstruction. Also, the managers had a weak case. It became apparent the entire reason for the law was to remove the President. His only real crime was disagreeing with Congress.

In the end, seven Republicans voted to acquit. For some congressmen they were more concerned with the man who would replace Johnson, whom they saw as even more difficult. For others, when it really came down to it, they did not want to remove the President based on a power struggle. It would create a dangerous precedent that they did not want and could hurt the balance of power.

When they received their assurances from Johnson, the Republicans were more than happy to leave him in office until the next year when they could replace him through voting. One senator said after, "I cannot agree to destroy the harmonious working of the Constitution for the sake of getting rid of an Unacceptable President."

What is interesting about today's impeachment is many will see similarities with Johnson's trial and many will not. Supporters of Trump will see two presidents who disagreed with a hostile Congress which simply wanted the president removed for political reasons. Others will disagree with any similarities.

More like the Nixon scandal, they see a president who clearly overstepped his authority and then tried to cover it up. The problem is this split happens to be along party lines, which is very much like the Johnson impeachment. With Johnson, Republicans had to cross the party line to clear him, whereas with Trump they had to cross party lines to convict.

But either way the vast majority of the Senate in all three presidential impeachments trials voted along party lines instead of voting their consciences. So, what we can learn from studying Johnson is that in the end what we see is that impeachments are political above everything else.

For my Texas readers, if any of you are interested I will be speaking at the Weatherford College Interdisciplinary Academic Conference on February 27 at 5 p.m. The conference is free and open to the public. For more information, you can call 817-598-6326. If you attend, make sure you come by and say hello.

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## Volunteers

Four officers with the McClain County Sheriff's Department were volunteers Friday at Night to Shine 2020. Attending the event at Putnam City Baptist Church were, from left, Deputy Tony Simpson, Deputy Scott Gibbons, Sgt. David Childress and Deputy Kalea Dobbins.



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## The artist's eye

Everyone sees something different in a winter sky, as these Wee Explorers showed during an activity last week at Purcell Lake.

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## Cole:

prevent further contagion of the coronavirus in the U.S.

Disease outbreaks can threaten American lives anywhere in the world, and we're all safer when the CDC can respond to them immediately. As our world becomes more interconnected, the spread of new infectious diseases occurs more frequently.

A standing reserve fund is

proving to be a wise investment.

Commentators delight in portraying legislators as incapable of working together across party lines, but bipartisanship and institutional foresight have made the nation more prepared to deal with an outbreak like the coronavirus than we were even five years ago.

While it's unclear whether the available funding will be sufficient to respond to the entirety of the coronavirus challenge, at least our public-health defenders won't be slowed down in these critical first days.

If they need more funding, I'm confident that Congress will move quickly to provide the resources.

From page 4A

## Jeanne:

the ground dries out so they can get in with a skid-steer. They need a reasonably sunny Saturday with not much wind.

They will call me when the conditions and forecast are favorable.

The tree removal will take one day and they will stack the wood outside the yard.

The cost? Well, the only "fee" they charge is prayer with me before the work begins and after the job is finished.

Such jobs, I was told, are a good practice before a disaster happens.

I never dreamed this was possible and feel so blessed

right now.

I want to plant a replacement tree with the realization I won't grow another tree of the old elm's stature in whatever time I have left.

I'll miss the old tree, the bird families it housed every spring in its spreading hospitality and its welcome shade on hot Oklahoma summer days.

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# Society

## Stealey HCE

Stealey OHCE Club held their regular monthly meeting on February 10, 2020, at the McClain County Farm & Home Building in Purcell.

Members present were Susie Williams-Allen, Peggy Christian, Peggy Howard, Crystal Stidham, Nancy Richardson, Phyllis Horn, Cindy Hensley, Bonita Brakefield and Sharon Hardcastle.

Phyllis Horn, president, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was given and the OHCE Collect was recited.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's Report was given and approved.

An inspirational quote and the slick trick for the month were read from the Handbook.

Unfinished business was a reminder that March 4 will be a Sew Day for the County Quilt. Also, a Sew Day was set for March 9 at 10 a.m. to work on Positive Bags.

New business started with an announcement that on February 21 a Leadership Training will be held at the Farm & Home Building at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should RSVP to the McClain County OSU Extension Office.

Other new business included a discussion on assisting Delta Community Action with their peanut butter and jelly collection. It was decided that Stealey will contribute 20 jars of each to the drive.

February 20 at 1:30 p.m. will be the next Leaders' Training on "What Makes a Good Shoe." This will be held at the McClain County Farm & Home Building.

Announcement was made of County Awards for Stealey Club. Stealey OHCE Club won first place on the Group Achievement Award and Janice Lenard won first on the Life Essay Award. Peggy Christian won second in photography, second in County Resource Management and second for County Membership Reports.

A decision was made to get another storage tub for the club to use.

Peggy Christian then presented the Leaders' Training on "Heart Health."

The next meeting will be March 9 at 1 p.m. at the McClain County Farm & Home Building.

Anyone interested in joining OHCE can contact the McClain County OSU Extension Center at 527-2174 or any club member.

## Purcell Senior Citizens

By Fredda Perry

It sounds like we might have had some more bad weather Tuesday and Wednesday. Hope we can get by without any ice. However, if we do get snow, ice, etc., which makes the roads bad, check to see if Purcell Schools is dismissed and we will be doing the same. We are not really expecting any really bad weather, but you know we are living in Oklahoma.

Lots of hearts and cupids have been showing up in the dining room. That means you need to remember your sweetheart on Valentine's Day. Your sweetheart is important, but if you are still fortunate enough to have your mom or grandmother, give them a call on Valentine's Day.

The senior center will be closed on Monday, February 17, for President's Day.

Don't forget to shop at the senior garage sale on Thursday and Friday of each week. New items come in every day. This week brought men's and women's clothing and lots of knick knacks.

The senior center serves a warm meal five days a week. All seniors are welcome to come in, eat a warm meal and warm your soul and body.

On Monday the seniors had a wonderful meal of stuffed baked potatoes. Everyone was complimenting the cooks. Of course, that is the best way to get another good meal.

We want the people to feel free to stay and play games after

Please see **Senior**, page 12A



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### Tooth Fairy visits

Youngsters at Education Station in Purcell listen as the Tooth Fairy explains the importance of teeth brushing. Debbie Tims, pictured, is the Purcell Rotary Club president. One of Purcell Rotary Club's service projects is dental hygiene.

## Library presents annual Family Dance

It's an evening of making memories with the Purcell Public Library and its annual Family Dance, taking place from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, February 22, in the cafeteria of the Purcell Public Schools Administration Building.

While this event in the past has been specifically for fathers and daughters, this year it's opened up to children and any special grownup in their life.

It's a chance to experience a day of dressing up, dancing and having fun.

All attendees will need to register online, including adults. After registering, attendees will need to pick up tickets to the dance from the Purcell Public Library.

For more information, visit the library, call 527-5546 or go online to [www.pioneerlibrary-system.org/purcell](http://www.pioneerlibrary-system.org/purcell).

## LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU

<b>Week of February 17</b>	peas, broccoli with ranch,
<b>MONDAY</b>	whole kernel corn, lime sorbet,
No School.	milk.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
Whole grain cereal, breakfast	Breakfast sticks, syrup,
crackers, peaches, fruit juice,	applesauce, fruit juice, milk.
milk.	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	Frito chili pie, green beans,
Chicken nuggets, cheezy	bread and butter pickles,
potatoes, English peas, biscuits	steamed carrots, peaches, milk.
mixed fruit, milk.	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Biscuit and gravy, pineapple
Scrambled eggs with ham,	tidbits, fruit juice, milk.
flour tortilla, mixed fruit, fruit	<b>LUNCH</b>
juice, milk.	Hamburger, french fries, let-
<b>LUNCH</b>	tuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles,
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## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy Valentine's Day! Hope you have a fabulous time with that special someone.

you can imagine with the components of light, sound and movement.

A special happy birthday to my sister-in-law, Missy Clark. Missy celebrates her birthday Saturday, February 16.

"Game On" for children will be held at the Purcell Public Library on Thursday, February 13, from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Happy birthday to Lloyd Beaudion, Dale Bunn, Victor Lohn, Kitty Velasco, Jeff Eck, Judy Moring, Parker Page, Lavene Jones, Bailey Beller, Margaret Miller, Egan Galvin, Anna Belle Carpenter, John Henry Forster, Daniel Calixto, Jaime Ibarra, Margaret White, Matthew Smith, Jovita Trejo, Jerry Potter, Arvie Roberts, Dorothy Potter and Kennedy Tompkins.

Play games with your friends after school. Play the Wii, computer games, card games and more. Snacks will be provided.

The 30th Annual Purcell Livestock Show and Bonus Auction are coming up!

For more information call the library at 527-5546.

The Livestock Show will be held Sunday, February 16, at 2 p.m. at the McClain County Fairgrounds.

The annual Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Monday, February 24, at the Showplace Theatre at Riverwind Casino. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The event is non-smoking and will have a private entrance and valet parking.

The Purcell Bonus Auction will be held Tuesday, February 18, at 6 p.m. in the Purcell Ag Ed Building.

For more information, or tickets, call 527-3093.

The Purcell Public Library invites its youngest guests to STEAM learning at the library's weekly Preschool and Toddler Story Times.

The Purcell Public Library annual Family Dance will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, February 22, in the cafeteria of the Purcell Public Schools Administration Building.

Story Times are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday.

While this event in the past has been specifically for fathers and daughters, this year it's opened up to children and any special grown up in their life. It's a chance to experience a day of dressing up, dancing and having fun.

Each of the story times feature stories, science, tech, engineering and math, art, crafts and hobbies to help young children in developing their pre-reading skills.

All attendees will need to register online, including adults. After registering, attendees will need to pick up tickets to the dance from the Purcell Public Library.

Advance registration is requested, but is not required.

For more information, visit the library, call 527-5546 or go online to [www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell](http://www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell).

For more information call the library at 527-5546.

Try this recipe on a cold winter night.

Teens are invited to the Purcell Public Library for Teen Lounge on Tuesday, February 18, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Paula Deen

**Crockpot Potato Soup**  
 30 oz. bag frozen hash-brown potatoes (frozen southern style)  
 1/3 cup chopped onion  
 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper  
 2 cans chicken broth (14.5 oz. each)  
 1 can cream of chicken soup  
 8 oz. package cream cheese (softened)  
 Shredded cheese  
 Combine all the ingredients in a slow cooker except for the cream cheese and shredded cheese. Mix well.  
 Cook on low for 6-8 hours.  
 Stir in cream cheese, cook 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until combined.  
 Garnish with cheese and any of your other favorite toppings.

School can be exhausting. Teen lounge is a weekly program to hang out and relax and have some fun. Many of the things we will be doing will be cooking, gaming, arts and crafts, and technology.

For more information, visit the library at 527-5546.

Full STEAM Ahead will be presented at the Purcell Public Library on Tuesday, February 18, from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Design and create whatever

Children are invited to use littleBits and Squishy Circuits for hands-on exploration of electrical circuits.

Design and create whatever

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## PCCC to meet February 25

The Purcell Chickasaw Community Council will meet on Tuesday, February 25, at the Purcell Area Office, located at 1430 Hardcastle Blvd.

Indian Tacos will be served at 6 p.m. and the meeting will follow. Those planning to attend are asked to bring tortilla chips, a side dish or dessert.

Brad Frizell, Director of Home Maintenance, will be the speaker for the evening.

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

**Rural Electric Cooperative's**  
**Tree Giveaway for members**  
**February 15, 2020**

- Walmart in Lindsay (located at Highway 19 and 76)
- Worth Every Bite Restaurant in Maysville (located at 314 6th Street)
- Speedy G's in Elmore City (located at 22964 Highway 29)
- Community Insurance Agency in Rush Springs (located at 303 W. Blakely Street)

Trees offered on a first come basis beginning at 8 a.m. Members will be limited to 10 trees. Trees offered include: LOBLOLLY PINE and SAWTOOTH OAK. If you have questions about this program contact REC at 756-3104 or 1-800-259-3504.

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# Wagyu beef AT H

Former Blue Angel Doug

**JeanneGrimes**  
The Purcell Register

The road from Point A to Point C doesn't necessarily pass through Point B.

Consider Doug McClain. Native Oklahoman. Career Navy officer and aviator, former Blue Angel; retired as a rear admiral after 31 years service.

Since 2012, he has devoted his time and energy to raising Wagyu and Beefmaster cattle on the Rockin' HD Ranch near Wayne. McClain owns the ranch with his wife, Doni.

Not familiar with Wagyu cattle? The breed originated in Japan where it is known as Kobe.

Under McClain's guidance, the ranch is developing what he describes as "full life cycle" MIO (Made in Oklahoma) Wagyu beef products.

"Our success is due to good business practice, good neighbors and good dirt," McClain said. "The ranch is the greatest location in the world being right on the river."

So his revelation in one of those if-I-had-it-to-do-over moments may surprise you.

"If I had anything to do over again, I would be a professional bass fisherman," he said.

Which is a far cry from flying



Doug McClain

fighter jets off an aircraft carrier or operating a ranch.

Yet in a roundabout way, it was his love of fishing that first planted the cattle ranching seed. And that seed flourished in some pretty surprising places, thanks to the Navy.

At nearly every assignment, McClain found himself be-friending area cattlemen.

In the early 1970s, McClain did most of his angling in Oklahoma stock ponds.

The father of a good friend raised Beefmaster cattle in the Fort Cobb/Carnegie area.

"Every Saturday before I could fish, I had to work the cattle," he said. "Over time I became a better cowboy than anything else. I fell in love with

those big bulls."

After high school, McClain attended the University of Colorado. He later transferred to the University of Oklahoma, graduating in 1979 with a degree in business administration.

He also began a Navy career with a commission as an ensign through the Navy's ROTC program.

He was sent to flight school at the Naval Aviation Station at Kingsville, Texas.

One of his neighbors was a ranch manager for the famed King Ranch.

He later served in Central California at one of the largest Naval Air Stations in the world.

Lemoore NAS is near Fresno in an area filled with cotton and dairy farms.

Doni played basketball at the University of Colorado and in 1980 had an opportunity to play basketball for the United States in the Olympics.

But the U.S. boycotted the Games to protest the Soviet's invasion of Afghanistan.

"She never picked up a basketball again," McClain said.

Instead, she became a soccer coach. At Lemoore, she solicited the support of the dairy farmers who turned out with their heavy equipment to build a 12-field soccer complex



## Spring on the range

Wagyu and Beefmaster cattle graze on spring forage at the Rockin' HD Ranch at Wayne.

under her guidance.

"The dairy farmers were our family friends," McClain said. "I was around their cattle a lot."

It was especially fortuitous when the Navy sent McClain to Atsugi, Japan.

He met the owner of Japan Air Lines, who invited the McClains to dinner at his home in Saporro.

"It was a very big deal, very traditional but with a lot of western influence," McClain said,

His Japanese host was also a cattleman and owned the largest Wagyu herd in the country.

"The table was about 60 feet around with the chefs in the center. They did what they call 'parade the beef,'" McClain said. "My wife and his wife hit it off. We became the best of friends."

McClain explained that the Japanese closely guard Wagyu genetics and are loathe to export the cattle.

But in the early 1970s, the first Wagyu cattle arrived in

this country to be studied by beef specialists. It was strictly a loan and the cattle were to be returned to Japan.

That isn't what happened. When Japan placed limits on imports of beef from the U.S., the government reacted by refusing to return the Wagyu to Japan.

By the time McClain retired from the Navy in 2011, his plan to become a rancher was beginning to gel.

"I never wanted to work for the government or another company," he said. "I was just done with that. I was in the Pentagon on 9-11. That pretty much shaped who I am."

In 2012, he returned to Oklahoma and purchased land along the Canadian River northeast of Wayne.

"I came back to be a Beefmaster breeder and bought a Beefmaster herd," he said, adding he also purchased some Wagyu cows.

Like the Beefmasters, Wagyu are a very docile breed.



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## Friends to the end

**Retired Admiral** Doug McClain, left, visited with Jon Hansen, Oklahoma City's assistant fire chief, during a Blue Angels' appearance in Oklahoma in 2005. The men became the best of friends until Hansen's death in 2016. Hansen was the rescue salvage coordinator in the wake of the 1995 Murrah bombing.



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## Flying the Delta

The Blue Angels fly a delta formation past the Fallen Aviator Memorial at the runway's end at the Naval Air Station outside Lemoore, Calif.

## Life of a

### Career H

1979 – Doug McClain graduated from Oklahoma with a degree in business administration and com-

missioned an ensign through the Naval Air Station at Kingsville, Texas.

1987-1990 – Demonstrated leadership for the Blue Angels.

1993 – Attended Naval War College for a master's degree in National Security Studies; received the Presidential Medal of Merit.

Sept. 11, 2001 – Was at the Pentagon as Chief of Policy for the Chairman's Staff. He assisted in planning for the start of Operation Enduring Freedom. Also led the chairman's effort to coordinate Northern Command and Northern Command's Strategic Commands.

2003 – Operations officer for the USS Zumwalt (DDG-105) where he was in charge of planning and execution of Unified Assistance in the Persian Gulf for relief. Also coordinated the deployment of the marine USS San Francisco (LHA-7) to the Persian Gulf.

February 2008 – Led the Blue Angels' tour of the singularly most complex and demanding mission by U.S. Strategic Command, destroying an out of control aircraft carrier in Operation Burnt Frost.

2009 – Integrated the start of the Blue Angels' tour when malicious malware was detected in the Department of Defense network. Led the Blue Angels' defense operations during the tour.

2011 – Retired from the Navy.

### Command

- F/A-18 strike fighter pilot, VFA-113, and VFA-125 (Business Squadron), VFA-125.

- Navy A-6 all-weather bomber pilot on three tours.

- Commanded Carrier Air Wing 12 forward deployed air wing.

- Commanded all carrier forces of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

### Flight S

- Flew more than 300 carrier missions during Operations Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Enduring Freedom and Iraq Odyssey.

- Logged more than 6,500 flight hours, including 2,000 hours in the F/A-18 and 4,000 hours in the F/A-18B aircraft.

- Made more than 1,500 landings on 12 different aircraft carriers and arrested more than 500 night arrests.

### Military

- Defense Superior Service Medal
- Legion of Merit Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Medal (3)
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal
- Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal



# HOME on the range

McClain ranches high tech



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## Sweet disposition

**Doni McClain** demonstrates the calm temperament of Beefmaster cattle, posing with one of the Rockin' HD Ranch's Beefmaster bulls.

## Navy pilot highlights

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## Medals

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In the years since, the ranch has grown and gone high-tech. "We now have about 100 fullblood bulls," McClain said. "We lease sires to producers and buy the calves back. We also collect embryos and semen. We keep the embryos and implant them in our recipient cows. We had to build the herd ourselves

"The ranch has a unique product that is 100 percent made in Oklahoma."

The cattle are processed by the Quapaw Tribe at Miami. It is the only USDA-approved plant in Oklahoma for individual producers like McClain.

Eventually, McClain hopes to interest the Chickasaw Na-

tion in partnering with him to build a processing plant on State Highway 59 east of I-35. With the proximity to Mid-America Technology Center, McClain envisions MATC expanding their animal husbandry program.

McClain's estimate to build such a plant is \$5 to \$7 million.

"I talk to hundreds of beef producers and they all say 'When are you going to build that beef processing plant?'" he said.

One partner he already has is Dr. Zach Moffatt, a Norman dentist and owner of Tractor Hat Farm off Ladd Road.

Their company, Fresh from Oklahoma LLC, is generat-

ing profits by utilizing the trimmings left from the beef carcasses when the more desirable cuts of meat are sold to high-end restaurants.

"We sell all the middle meats to restaurants," McClain said. "And we end up with a lot of trimmings."

One of his partners approached Schwab Meats, which developed Kobe beef hotdogs using Wagyu beef from the Rockin' HD Ranch.

"They took off," he said of the Kobe hot dogs.

Then about 1-1/2 years ago, McClain and his partners found a processor in Odessa, Texas, that was turning out a smoked product best described as

"jerky on steroids." "We wanted to do something like that with Wagyu," he said.

The result is a brand new product being marketed at Uptown Grocery in Oklahoma City, as well as a chain of convenience stores in south Texas.

The Wagyu jerky and beef sticks are also ideal fundraisers for bands and school organiza-

tions. A school for the developmentally disabled at Stratford operates a "store" for students. It sells 100 beef sticks a week, making \$1 on each.

In addition, McClain turns some of his profits from the sales to support Fields of Honor, a charity helping combat veterans cope with PTSD.

Doni also sells Rockin' HD products at farmers markets in Norman and Oklahoma City. She is a prime vendor at the OKU-OKC market on Saturdays.

Meanwhile, McClain pursues other marketing venues.

"I want Loves to pick them up," he said of the products.

McClain has also taken on a wildlife conservation mission at the ranch.

He buys 500 quail a year from a hatchery and now has several established coveys of the birds on the ranch, as well as surrounding properties.

"I want to return quail to Oklahoma," he said.

Quail, once plentiful in Oklahoma, have all but disappeared across the state – a decline he blames on an out-of-control wild turkey population. The wild turkeys eat the quails' eggs, he said.

In such free time as he has, McClain is devoted to another passion – speaking to young people.

He had addressed several career days and has been a



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## Branded beef

**Doug McClain** named his Wagyu cattle operation near Wayne the Rockin' HD Ranch after his Navy aviator call sign Hound Dog.

Boys State speaker "four or five times."

Though his Navy aviator days are in the rearview mirror, McClain is still a pilot. And one day he wants to buy an airplane.

But not quite yet.

He has become the Oklahoma cowman of his dreams.

Life doesn't get any better than that and is meant to be enjoyed.



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## Prized bull

**Shigefuku** is a highly prized Wagyu bull at Rockin' HD Ranch outside Wayne.



• Photo provided

## Almost supersonic

**As close** to supersonic as it gets, the sound wave is visible at the tail of this Navy jet. The sonic boom results when the jet outdistances this visible wave.



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## Elevating the hot dog

**Rockin' HD Ranch** is even marketing its Wagyu beef as hot dogs.



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## A cut above prime

**Wagyu beef's** distinctive marbling is higher in Omega 3,6 and 9 than salmon.

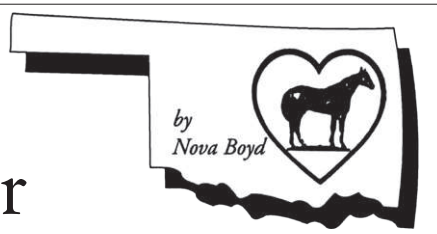


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## Winter sky pastels

**Wee Explorers** used colored frozen water daubers to paint the winter sky on oversize canvases during an activity at Purcell Lake.

# The Horseman's Corner



### 2020 Convention and Hall of Fame

**Stacey Roberson, Diamond R Ranch, Byars, new OQHA President**

The Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association held its 2020 Annual Meeting and Convention on Friday and Saturday, January 24 and 25, at the Embassy Suites Hotel at the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

Friday night was the annual Oklahoma Quarter Horse Hall of Fame inductions and banquet. There were eight inductees honored for their outstanding contributions to the Quarter Horse industry.

This Hall of Fame is a collaboration of the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association, the showing organization, and the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association, the racing side. Three people, three horses, one equine business, and the Bud Breeding Oklahoma Spirit Award winner were inducted.

The three people were: leading racing breeders and owners Melvin and Jackie Bollenbach, and Charlie Claborn, and former AQHA and OQHA President Mike Perkins. The three horses were Country Zevi, Golddust Dee Doc and Shawne Bug. The business was Remington Park, and the Bud Breeding Oklahoma Spirit Award winner was Primrose Cockrell.

Saturday's activities included organizational meetings for officers and board members of the Open, Amateur and Youth Associations. That evening was the year-end awards dinner.

2020 Open Division Officers and Board of Direction include Executive Secretary, Michelle Wrigley; President – Stacey Roberson, Diamond R Ranch, Byars; President Elect – Leonard Berryhill, Talala; 1st VP – Russell Mueller, Mulhall; 2nd VP – Tim Lindsey, Piedmont.

Executive Committee – Immediate Past President Larry Sanchez, Stillwater; Calvin White, DVM, Roff; Luke Castle, Castle Ranch, Wayne; Rick Chayer, Sperry.

Board of Directors - Leigh Berryhill, Talala; Mike Keller, El Reno; Katy Krshka, Yukon; Cara McMillian-Gibson, Ramona; Monica Parduhn, Edmond; Bobbie Jo Stanton, Shawnee; Bob Storey, DVM, Perkins; Vicki Tebow, Piedmont; Karen Torrice, Strom Ranch, Lexington; Heather Van Hooser, Tulsa; Jake Walker, Porum; Kirt Wingate, Broken Arrow.

Emeritus Directors - Jack Bogart, Oologah; Nova Boyd, Purcell; Betty Wells, Norman.

Oklahoma AQHA Directors – Showing - Leonard Berryhill, Talala; Luke Castle, Castle Ranch, Purcell; Dolly Chayer, Sperry; Rick Chayer, Sperry, At Large; Cindy Chilton-Moore, Broken Arrow; Rebecca Halvorson, Guthrie; Wayne Halvorson, Guthrie – At Large; Alice Holmes, AWH Enterprises, Goldsby – At Large; Jackie Krshka, Yukon – At Large; Jimmy Seago, Skiatook; Jeff Terpstra – At Large; Calvin White, DVM, Roff – Director Emeritus.

Oklahoma AQHA Directors

– Racing - Spence Kidney, Shawnee; Dee Raper, Belle Mere Farms, Norman – Director Emeritus; Jeff Tebow, Piedmont; Matt Witman, Guthrie; Phillip Stewart, Bob Moore Farms, Norman; G R Carter, Jr, Pawhuska.

2020 Amateur Division Officers and Board of Directors - President – Dr. Kimberly Roark, Ada; 1st Vice President – Jennifer Jackson, Yukon; 2nd Vice President – Russell Mueller, Mulhall; Secretary/Treasurer – Alice Holmes, AWH Enterprises, Goldsby; Immediate Past President – Karen Torrice, Strom Ranch, Lexington.

Board of Directors - Courtney Battison, Battison Ranch, Purcell; Martha Bartholomew, Wetumka; Buzz Haltom, Oklahoma City; Lindsay Hill, Tulsa; Jessilyn McCarroll Beecher, McCarroll Farms, Blanchard; Trina McCarroll, McCarroll Farms, Blanchard; Kailyn Ogle, Edmond; Shelly Presley, Edmond; Vicki Tebow, Piedmont; Norma White, Roff; Alexandra Strom, Strom Ranch,

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## NEWS from the City of Purcell

### Sec. 106-244. Truck parking prohibited in certain areas.

It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to park any commercial vehicle or trailer of all types, including travel, camping, and hauling, in excess of 24 feet in length on any public street in a residential district. (Code 1991, § 15-720)

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 527-6561 or 527-4656.

## Gospel Meeting

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**February 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>**

Friday at 7:30 PM  
Saturday at 6:00 PM  
Sunday at 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM

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## Trade:

dairy and large gains in wheat,” said Rodd Moesel, president of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau. “It was a key development for our wheat to be marked for human consumption instead of feed grade.”

Canada and Mexico are the two largest buyers of American agriculture products, combining for nearly 65 percent of U.S. agriculture exports. And they are major trade partners with Oklahoma, as the state exported to those two countries \$2.4 billion in goods and services in 2018.

The cattle industry is benefitting from the new trade agreement by keeping gains made under NAFTA, such as low tariffs and fees, while maintaining and building on a strong relationship with two of the top five countries that import U.S. beef.

“Those protections are what were able to open those markets and give us the great opportunity we’ve had,” said Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association President Mike Weeks. “Keeping those protections in there was very important and I’m glad this administration was able to do that.”

USMCA does not include mandatory country-of-origin labels, which essentially would require every exporter to label from where and what grade the consumer is purchasing. Producers would bear the cost of labeling, and mandatory labels have not been shown to bring in additional profit.

“We are against any kind of mandatory labeling program,” said Weeks. “We are a supporter of a voluntary program, we think the producer should be able to pick their program. Everyone in the cattle industry is a little bit different.”

The agreement includes updated provisions and enforcement measures that protect e-commerce, intellectual property and environmental protections.

New provisions deter online piracy, extend the minimum protections of industrial designs to 15 years and ensure a 10-year data protection period for agricultural chemicals.

Through increasing labor standards, such as working conditions and wages, allowing for more collective bargaining rights for Mexican workers and including mechanisms to report abuses and lack of followthrough, the provisions have the potential to benefit workers north and

south of the Rio Grande.

The National Farmers Union said in a statement that after initial hesitation to endorse USMCA, the union supported its passage after more labor assurances were included by the U.S. House.

“Though USMCA is not a perfect replacement, it does make some important changes to its predecessor [NAFTA]. We are particularly encouraged by the inclusion of stronger labor standards, more robust enforcement mechanisms and better environmental protections,” the statement read.

USMCA’s added environmental protection provisions

include clean water infrastructure on the U.S.-Mexican border, environmental infrastructure improvement and labor law reform. Similar tenants had been applied in the past but were not implemented successfully.

“I personally think what was agreed to was more of a fig leaf so to speak, on labor and environmental standards than anything,” said Lucas. “But, it apparently had to be done for the Speaker to allow it to come to the floor.”

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## Chew:

who are thinking about quitting tobacco or ready to quit. Nicotine replacement therapy is available for registrants aged 18 and older.

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## Voters:

voter to indicate their candidate preference by spending two or more hours at a school gym or similar hall choosing delegates who are committed to support a candidate.

The best way to drive youth turnout, she says, is for candidates to champion the issues that matter most to young voters. According to CIRCLE polling of Iowans under 30, those

issues are access to healthcare and the environment.

Regardless of how the under-30 crowd votes come Monday, Biden seems confident that he has the support of the right demographics.

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# Newsmakers

### UCO honor roll students

The University of Central Oklahoma recently announced the students named to the university’s honor rolls, a distinction given to those who achieve the highest academic standards.

To be named to the President’s Honor Roll, a student must have recorded a “straight-A” or 4.0 GPA.

Students named to the Dean’s Honor Roll achieved a 3.5 GPA or better for the semester and no grade lower than a B.

To be eligible for the President’s or Dean’s lists, students must complete at least 12 hours of on-campus class credit for the semester.

President’s Honor Roll students include **Robyn T. Ardery** of Byars; **Montanna Lorraine Morris** of Dibble; **Logan Ciara Bidack** of Lexington; **Hunter D. Askew**, **Camryn Laurel Dickerson**, **Neel Patel**, **Brady Thomas Rangel** and **Vivian Teresa Steiner**, all of Purcell; and **Alexis Jo’ Elle Andrews** and **Kari Renea Smith**, both of Washington.

Dean’s Honor Roll students include **Georgia Kimberly Fishburn**, **Daniel McGee** and **Adam Jefferson Wells**, all of Purcell; and **Kelsey Lynn Johnson**, **Conner Brant Kirtley** and **Arionna M. Redpath**, all of Washington.

### Black named to honor roll

**Geena N. Black** of Purcell has been named to the Wichita State University Dean’s Honor Roll for the 2019 fall semester.

To be included on the Dean’s Honor Roll, a student must be enrolled full time and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

### Burchett named to OSU honor roll

**Cole N. Burchett** of Lexington was named to the Oklahoma State University Dean’s Honor Roll for the 2019 fall semester.

Burchett, a graduate of Lexington High School, is a student in the veterinary medicine college. He earned a grade point average of 3.50 or higher to earn a spot on the honor roll list.

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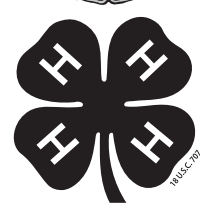
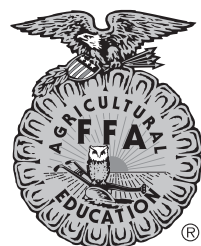
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Michael Crawford, PA

# 30th Annual PURCELL LIVESTOCK SHOW

Sunday, February 16 • 2 PM  
McClain County Fairgrounds



## PURCELL BONUS AUCTION

Tuesday, February 18  
at 6 PM  
Purcell Ag. Ed. Building



# NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

## A thriving union

### Congressman Tom Cole

Last week, President Donald Trump delivered his third State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress. Focused on what he dubbed the "Great American Comeback," the president's speech rightly touted the tremendous results of his leadership during the last three years.

And I was encouraged that he also outlined an optimistic agenda to continue building on the significant progress made. President Trump came to office determined and ready to fulfill the promises he made to the American people, and I am proud that he has successfully done just that.

Before he'd even finished his first year in office, President Trump worked with Republicans in Congress to deliver the historic Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which continues to benefit hardworking American families and small business job creators.

But he didn't stop there. Along with negotiating and achieving incredible trade wins in recent days, he also certainly deserves credit for reining in needless regulations and eliminating damaging rules to the American economy.

As a direct result of the president's laser focus on improving economic policies over the last three years, there's no question that the economy is booming. More than seven million jobs have been created nationwide, unemployment has hit the lowest level in 50 years and consumer confidence is the highest it's been in a generation.

In Oklahoma specifically, unemployment has fallen below 3.4 percent, at least 41,000 jobs have been created across the state and wages continue to rise.

Even amid a choppy global economy, the United States continues to lead the developed world in job creation and economic benefits for its citizens.

Among the president's latest achievements is the historic United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which he skillfully negotiated on America's behalf in order to replace outdated terms of trade with our North American neighbors.

And just last month, he signed Phase 1 of a critical trade deal with China. I am encouraged that negotiations

are underway on other potential trade deals with our traditional allies like Japan.

Following years of underfunding the nation's defense during the previous administration, I am proud that President Trump has actively sought to rebuild the American military and restore much-needed readiness for our troops.

The steps taken to strengthen our common defense have put our service members in a better position to fight our adversaries, including successful defeat of the physical caliphate established by ISIS and the removal of many terrorist leaders from the battlefield.

Indeed, the president's decisive action in recently taking out terrorist leaders like Qasem Soleimani hits close to home for many Americans, including two Oklahomans who were present as special guests of the president and first lady during last week's speech.

Kelli Hake and her son Gage know all too well the bitter consequences of the brutal terrorism directed by Soleimani. In 2008, it meant the loss of Kelli's husband and Gage's father, Army Staff Sergeant Christopher Hake.

While Sergeant Hake was on patrol in Baghdad, he was tragically killed by a roadside bomb supplied by Soleimani to target and kill Americans. By ridding the world of Soleimani and other terrorists intending to do us or our allies harm, the president has helped make the world a safer place and made it clear that the U.S. will not stand idly by.

As the president said himself, "Our message to the terrorists is clear: You will never escape American justice. If you attack our citizens, you forfeit your life."

In addition to demonstrating strong resolve in defense

of America, I am proud that President Trump remains committed to pursuing transformational peace around the world and "working to finally end America's longest war and bring our troops back home."

Most recently, this included putting forward a bold vision for peace between Israel and the Palestinian people.

When the president outlined his goals for the future, I was encouraged to hear his desire to pursue commonsense reforms for improving education, protecting and providing quality healthcare, lowering prescription drug prices, securing our border, repairing our broken infrastructure and taking care of the environment.

As one of the most outspoken presidents in defense of life, he rightly called on Congress to protect our most vulnerable Americans and finally ban the late-term abortion of babies.

Of urgent concern and as we monitor the spread of the coronavirus, I was glad the president affirmed his commitment to defending the public health.

During his speech, President Trump reassured those listening, "Protecting Americans' health also means fighting infectious diseases. We are coordinating with the Chinese government and working closely together on the coronavirus outbreak in China. My administration will take all necessary steps to safeguard our citizens from this threat."

During a time of sharp divisions and deep polarization nationwide, I am proud that the president delivered a masterful speech inviting all Americans to remember and appreciate just how far we've come and just how far we can still go.

As President Trump said, "The American age, the American epic, the American adventure has only just begun."

## Delivery policy for Valentine gifts at Purcell High School told

Purcell High School officials have a reminder for all businesses, parents or individuals that will be delivering Valentine Day gifts to Purcell High School on Friday, February 14.

Valentine gifts may only be delivered at the south entry door

by the office starting at 2:30 p.m. for any student or staff member at the school.

Deliveries will only be accepted during this time period.

Flower shops will make deliveries in the cafeteria to the students when school is dismissed at the end of the day.



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## Red Hill's guardian

**Mother Nature** dropped about four inches of snow on Central Oklahoma Wednesday. Schools were cancelled Wednesday and Thursday but the snow was mostly gone by the end of the week.



• Photo provided

## Snow ice cream

**Snow ice cream** was the perfect finish to a Wee Explorers painting activity last week at Purcell Lake.



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## City snow plow

**City of Purcell** crews did a masterful job of clearing city streets after the four inch snow that fell Tuesday night and all day Wednesday of last week. McClain County crews and ODOT also worked hard and did an outstanding job of clearing highways and biways for the motoring public after the winter storm.

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## Horse:

Lexington. 2020 Youth Division Officers - President - Mimi Cate Copeland, Edmond; 1st Vice President - Olivia Upton, Edmond; 2nd Vice President - Hannah Cain, Milburn; Secretary - Jessee Clark, Purcell;

Treasurer - Madison Pardu, Edmond; Reporter - Tatum Keller, El Reno; Historian - June Roberson, Diamond R Ranch, Byars; Immediate Past President - Tatum Keller, El Reno; Youth Advisor - Monica Pardu, Edmond.



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## Pauls Valley Opry

**Kensington Curtis** will be back on stage of the Pauls Valley Opry, Saturday, March 7. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

## K-9 drug team assist

A narcotics K-9 team with the McClain County Sheriff's Department was called Tuesday morning to back up Norman police working a traffic stop.

Sgt. David Childress, the drug dog's handler, was dispatched to I-35 and Main Street in Norman at 8:15 a.m.

Police had stopped a Kia sedan on a traffic violation.

Childress' drug dog, LoLo, twice alerted to the presence of narcotics in the car, stopping each time at the driver's door.

Childress returned to his patrol area shortly after 9 a.m.

He learned later that officers found approximately 30.01 grams of suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia on an occupant of the car.

The man, 37, was booked into the Cleveland County Jail on complaints of drug trafficking, possession of a controlled dangerous substance without a tax stamp and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was not charged as of press time.

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# Obituaries

## Carol Lee Capps

Carol Lee Capps died Sunday, February 9, 2020 in Purcell, at the age of 78 years 4 months 23 days. Memorial Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at [www.wadleysfuneralservice.com](http://www.wadleysfuneralservice.com).

Carol was born September 17, 1941 in Norfolk, Virginia, to M.C. and Teresa Lee (Duke) Capps. She was raised in Oklahoma City, graduating from US Grant High School in 1959.

Throughout her life, Carol did volunteer work with the Gene Walker Community Resource Center, Cleveland County Aging Service, Christmas Store and other non-profit organizations. Carol always wanted to help those in need.

In her later years, she had the love and passion to sing and host Karaoke at social events. Carol loved spending time with her family and friends playing games and hosting dinners. She also enjoyed feeding the birds, OU football, fishing and traveling when she could. Carol was a long term member of the Moose Lodge and was of the Baptist faith.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, M.C. and Lee Capps; her sister, Loretta Capps; her brothers, Wayne "Skip" Capps and Ronnie Capps.

Survivors include her daughter, Cathy Conner of Sulphur; her sons, Tim Coats of Oklahoma City and Shawn Harp and wife, Amber, of Norman; granddaughter, Shannon Murphy of Washington, Okla.; grandson, Currin Harp of Norman; granddaughter, Kaylee Harp of Norman; great-grandsons, Dylan Wheeler and Ethan Vasquez of Washington, Okla.; her brother, Earl Capps and wife, Marquita; and many other relatives and friends.

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

## Sharon Hunt

Funeral services for Sharon Hunt, 68, of Lexington were held Feb. 12, 2020 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at the Lexington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hunt died unexpectedly Feb. 8, 2020.

She was born May 24, 1951 in Lacrosse, Wisc., one of 10 children.

Survivors include her husband Paul, of the home; daughter, Sondra McCracken of Purcell; three grandchildren; brothers, William Hunter, Collin Campbell, Patrick Campbell and Lance Campbell and sisters, Cecilia Lerhke, Lillie Zoeller and Ann Campbell.

Online condolences may be made at [wilsonlittle.com](http://wilsonlittle.com).

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## Hellon Leveridge

Graveside Funeral Services for Hellon Leveridge, 85, of Wayne will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Leveridge passed away Saturday, February 8, 2020.

Mary Hellon Shobert was born February 3, 1935 in Rosedale, Okla., the youngest of four children born to Jesse Marion Shobert and Cora Elizabeth (Fox) Shobert.

She was raised in Rosedale and attended school there, graduating in 1952. Hellon married young, to Ruel Wayne Leveridge, and to this union, three children, daughter, Andrea, and sons, Reuel and Kenneth, were born.

Hellon worked hard throughout the years, doing whatever was necessary to help care for and provide for her family. She worked in the family demolition business, for the U.S. Postal Service, and all the while, found time to be a mother and grandmother. She was a substitute teacher and drove the school bus for Wayne Public Schools.

Hellon devoted a great deal of her time in the caring of others, and she delivered Meals on Wheels to those in need for many years. When she wasn't working, you could find her sitting on her porch, and she loved watching the Canadian Geese on her pond.

She was an excellent cook, and will be forever remembered for her fried chicken and yeast rolls, and her chili con carne. She was a loving mother and grandmother; strong and steadfast in her faith, and a longtime member of the Wayne United Methodist Church. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Cora Shobert; sister, Eileen Roberts and two brothers, Kenneth Shobert and Dewey Eugene "Gene" Shobert.

Hellon is survived by her daughter, Andrea Parks of Lusby, Md.; her boys, Reuel Leveridge of Wayne and Kenneth Leveridge of Purcell and her grandchildren, Cody Leveridge of Purcell, T.G. Parks of Lusby, and Reuelene and Reuben Leveridge, both of Wayne, and a host of other family and friends.

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## Larry McCall

Funeral services for Larry McCall, 70, of Maud will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 at the Rosedale Baptist Church. Interment will be at the Rosedale Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home.

Mr. McCall died Feb. 9, 2020 at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Larry Gene McCall was born Feb. 17, 1949 in Pauls Valley, the older of two sons of Doug and Ophelia McCall.

Survivors include his wife, Janice of the home; brother, Jerry Dean McCall of Los Angeles, Calif.; sister-in-law, Kim Overbey of Shawnee and brother-in-law, John Overbey of Crossett, Ark.

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# Democratic candidates' agriculture policies don't resonate with some Oklahoma farmers

Drew Hutchinson and Jordan Miller  
Gaylord News

For Shane Coe, a sixth-generation Chickasha farmer, a short work day is 16 hours. He grows wheat and oats and raises cattle, and his wife, Denise, runs a quick lube shop.

He's a registered Democrat, but like the majority of farmers, he voted for Donald Trump in 2016 — and plans to do so again in November.

Coe's biggest concern for the 2020 election is that a Democrat will win the vote. The agriculture business hinges on the stock market, which has performed well during the Trump administration, he said.

"When Trump was elected, it helped us immensely," Coe said. "Every one of the guys that I deal with that are related to agriculture — and I do mean every one of them — are wearing Trump 2020 tee shirts."

On January 15, after a two-year trade war, President Donald Trump signed a "Phase One" agreement with China, in which the country pledged to purchase \$32 billion of American agricultural goods over the next two years. By January 19, Trump's approval rating among farmers had risen to a record 83 percent, one poll found.

Although the trade war slashed U.S. agricultural exports to China by billions of dollars, Coe said he wasn't affected as much as he thought he'd be. Denise Coe agreed, although she said there was a "little bumpy road" at first.

"But once you get down that and things get ironed out, it was by far in our best interest," she said.

The trade war's effects on farming vary by commodity, said Amy Hagerman, former agricultural economist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Oklahoma is a wheat and cattle state, both of which don't have many entanglements with China for production and trade. In turn, these industries have escaped some consequences of the market conflict, she said.

"We are huge consumers of our own agricultural products," Hagerman said. "And I think that that has been a boom for some of our agricultural industries, as these trade agreements have been worked out."

Oklahoma's cotton and grain sorghum industries were not as lucky, Hagerman said — the U.S. relies on other countries to process cotton as textiles, and grain sorghum is a large feed source exported to China specifically.

In the midst of the Trump administration's trade tensions with China, which held many agricultural commodities in the balance, 2020 Democratic presidential candidates have criticized the president for his handling of the issue.

Notably, former Vice President Joe Biden's plan for rural America dedicates its first tenant to pursuing "a trade policy that works for American farmers," attacking Trump for the price some farmers have paid during the "damaging and erratic trade war."

Other candidates take this idea further. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D, Mass.) grew up in Oklahoma and is, along with Sen. Bernie Sanders (I, Vermont), one of the most progressive presidential candidates. Warren has proposed sweeping overhauls of the farming industry, and Sanders has similar ideas.

The two senators want to break up large agribusinesses that they say have hurt the success of small farmers. But Coe said he doesn't have issues with the industry's big corporations.

"If it weren't for them, everything would drop because there's not as many buyers that

way," he said.

Whether big business harms smaller players in the agriculture industry depends on the sector and product, Hagerman said. In the crops market specifically, there are pros and cons for small farms since many large corporations offer benefits.

For example, some large seed companies invest in research to combat costly issues like pests and weed stress. This helps farmers save money on maintenance, and also relieves stress on farmland.

But corporate farming is often criticized for its environmental practices and monopolization — relatively few companies control most of the nation's food production. Nine U.S. states have enacted laws to limit or prohibit corporate farming, although these provisions sometimes have exceptions for family-owned corporate farms.

Right now, farmers are eligible for government subsidies when markets fluctuate. But Warren — who grew up in Oklahoma — wants to back away from this arrangement and instead allow the government to cover farmers' costs of production. This loan could be

repaid either with commodity profits or with collateral.

With the second option, the government could store farmers' products if they don't sell to private buyers. This takes goods out of circulation, which could drive up prices. But these kinds of proposals are sometimes criticized for departing from free market policy.

Coe, for instance, said he doesn't like federal regulation of the agriculture industry. He said farmers can store their products themselves until the market is back up.

"Quite frankly, I wish government would leave it alone," he said. "I'm a sixth-generation farmer, and we've been doing a pretty good job up to now by ourselves."

Over the past week, both Warren and Sanders held rallies in Iowa, but neither candidate made much mention of the agriculture industry during this time — even though agriculture is significant to the economies of both Iowa and Oklahoma.

Sanders won Oklahoma's Democratic primary in 2016, and Gaylord News asked Warren how she plans to recapture her home state in 2020. She echoed her commitment to a grassroots campaign, which

she said resonates with voters both in Oklahoma and other regions. She did not comment on winning over the state's agricultural workers.

In contrast, Trump told Iowans at a Jan. 30 rally that their farms would deteriorate if he doesn't serve a second term, the Des Moines Register reported.

Shane Coe said this concern also resonates in Oklahoma.

"The (progressive) regulations would absolutely just put a lot of us out of business," he said.

Hagerman said tax policy and water issues will be the two biggest issues for Oklahoma farmers in the upcoming election, with trade as a close third. When navigating agricultural matters, she said to look at the direct impacts of certain policies instead of giving into political division:

"Kind of putting aside the politics aspect of it, and paying attention to just objectively 'What is the impact on our agricultural industries?'"

*Gaylord News is a Washington reporting project of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Oklahoma.*

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## Senior:

lunch is served. The center is open until 3 p.m. every day except Friday at which time we set up for the Friday night dance. The dance is every Friday night from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The ticket charge is \$6 per person.

We love having guests for lunch. If you are planning to eat with the seniors, it is imperative to call and make a reservation by 8 a.m. that day or the afternoon before.

If you do not have a reservation you will have to wait until all the people who have a reservation are fed. Call Evelyn or John at 527-9462 to make

a reservation. If there is no answer call 527-5070. This is an alternate number so please use the 527-9462 number first.

Lately there have been some items left on the carport at the senior building. We ask if you need to leave something over the weekend, you call 990-1840 and let someone meet you before you just dump it.

If you need a place for a special celebration, birthday party, family reunion or any type of class, check out the senior center. Call the center at 527-5070 and ask for Fredda or Hester.

Menu for the week of February 17-21:

Monday — Closed for President's Day.

Tuesday — Beef stew, coleslaw, crackers, cinnamon rolls.

Wednesday — Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, corn, garlic bread, margarine, lemon pudding.

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

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



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## Lexington Academic Team

The Lexington Middle School Academic team members finished their season at Regionals in Bethel last Saturday. Even though they lost to Purcell and Anadarko, they had improved so much since August. Team members include Devon Finch, Adeline Gower, Emma Gower, Natalie Dickson, Virginia Feuerborn, Emma McMillan, Tammi Coker, coach, and Blain Rainwater.

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### Recognition for a partner

**Rebekah Lynam**, branch manager at Purcell Public Library, accepts a certificate of appreciation from Lexington School Superintendent Chad Hall. The presentation was made during Monday's school board meeting and recognized Pioneer Library System's donation of at least 33 computer stations, allowing the district to update and remove obsolete equipment. Other services provided by PLS include an active and vital book exchange, makerspace demonstrations and Bulldog Camp participation.



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### Disney-themed prom

A **Dumbo** inflatable welcomed volunteers and prom participants attending Friday's Night to Shine 2020 event at Putnam City Baptist Church. The prom for the developmentally disabled also drew volunteer prom buddies, including four offices from the McClain County Sheriff's Department.

## OSU EXTENSION News



### Twenty things producers can do that will have a positive economic impact

**Justin McDaniel**  
Extension Ag Educator

1. Soil test and work with County Extension Educator to figure out ways to decrease hay needs. This is possible with increased forage availability resulting from selling some cows and/or fertilizing pastures. Feeding less hay would be more pleasurable and at the same time save some money.
2. If one is going to feed hay, use a round bale feeder to reduce trampling and expensive waste.
3. Outside storage of round bales should be on sites that are well drained, not shaded and open to breezes to reduce hay storage losses.
4. A 3-inch gravel base, pallets, or posts under the bales can further reduce storage losses by 10 percent.
5. Crossbreeding, on average, will yield a 20 percent increase in pounds of calf weaned per cow exposed through improved cow reproduction, calf growth and cow milk production.
6. Dehorn all calves and castrate bull calves to avoid severe discounts at sale time.
7. Brand calves to limit the opportunity for theft. This practice in itself won't make you money, but it can eas-

- ily be done along with other practices, demonstrate pride of ownership, and potentially save a large loss.
7. Growth stimulants (implants) can increase weaning weight 10-20 pounds for all steers and those heifers to be marketed as feeders.
8. Treat spring-born calves for internal parasites ("de-worm") to increase weaning weight approximately 20 pounds. Products that can be administered through feed or blocks are available.
9. Shortening the breeding and calving seasons will pay off in heavier, and more uniform groups of calves to sell at weaning time. Lots with 2 or more steers sell for \$4-\$7/cwt. over the price of steers sold as singles.
10. Fertilize fescue before Labor Day with 60 pounds of actual nitrogen, plus phosphorus and potassium (soil test), to obtain an extra ton of fall forage growth per acre.
11. Buy bulls capable of siring calves of high market value. Semen test herd bulls to insure that cows will get bred.
12. Test hay to know if protein supplement must be purchased. Don't feed 20 percent Crude Protein cubes as routine.

- There are often more economical and/or convenient choices.
13. Provide salt and phosphorus as basic mineral program.
14. Cull old and unsound cows early to maintain market value and avoid discounts or problems to dispose of animals classed as downers. Cull wild cows.
15. Know your sale barn. At Ada, calves sell on Wednesday by order of delivery. Therefore, deliver calves there Tuesday evening (and provide your own hay) to sell when a larger number of buyers are bidding.
16. Be aware of factors that affect shrink when marketing calves.
17. Use a back rubber to control summer horn fly problems, which can hinder cattle performance.
18. Figure out ways to manage cattle and pastures so that minimal equipment is necessary (i.e. buy hay).
19. Make sure you have gathered adequate background information before making large purchases.
20. Minimum cattle handling facilities consist of a pen to dependably catch and hold animals. In addition, two different pens are needed to sort off animals to be loaded.



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### Peaceful in white

**Our Lady** of Victory Catholic Church stands amid the snow after a winter storm dropped about four inches on Central Oklahoma.

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## Making roads passable

The Purcell Street Department had most city streets in town cleared off by Wednesday afternoon, after Mother Nature dumped about four inches of snow in the Heart of Oklahoma.

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## Threat:

warning of coronavirus infection reports and directs readers to open malicious attachment.

According to the bulletin, the best prevention practices include blocking email attachments commonly associated with malware, blocking emails where attachments cannot be scanned by antivirus software, implement group policy objects and firewall rules.

Also, implement an anti-

virus program and formalized patch management processes, implement filters at the email gateway and block suspicious IP addresses at the firewall and limit unnecessary lateral communications.

Police report citizens using their computers be extra vigilant and not open any file they don't immediately recognize.

Also they request citizens report suspicious activity so they can pass it along to the public.

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## Plunge:

not in central Oklahoma.

"One year it was snowing and the year before that it was sleeting," he said.

But they don't heat the water park's pools and in February there is just one constant to count on.

"It's usually really cold," he said.

Then again a little hypothermia is a small price to pay for what the plungers get in return.

Especially those plungers in law enforcement.

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"We're heroes to those kids," Childress said.

And the feeling is mutual.

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## Show:

McClain County Spring Fair Livestock Show which opens today (Thursday) and runs through Saturday.

Today's judging schedule includes sheep at 10:30 a.m., market goats at 12:30 p.m., followed by a doe fitting competition.

Cattle will be shown at 10:30 a.m. Friday, followed by a cattle fitting contest.

On Saturday, swine and poultry will show at 10 a.m. and the rabbit show will begin at 11 a.m.

A bonus auction for animals in the local show is scheduled at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Ag Ed building on the Purcell High School campus.

Exhibitors this year in the Purcell show are Chase Anderson, Jasey Baker, Tanner Bloodworth, Tucker Bloodworth, Alyssa Bumpass, Jace Clary, Haiven Culp, Thomas Edwards, Kaylee Evans, Cecilia Johnson, Cooper Lynn, Emma Lynn, Jalyn Tate, Carli Thomas, Carter Thomas, Cooper Smith and Jaxson Staggs.

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## Election:

votes or 43.15 percent. Boyle had 111 votes or 32.36 percent. Dr. Aaron D. Perkins polled 84 votes or 24.49 percent.

With the light turnout of 343 voters, Fishburn needed just 24 votes more to pass the 50 percent threshold of 172 to win a new term outright.

The election results are unofficial until Friday when McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley will officially confirm the election results.

The runoff will be April 7, the date of the city's general election.

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## Snow:

Oklahoma, Norman and points to the northeast.

Highs in the 40s and 50s in the days following the storm essentially melted the snow completely by Saturday.

The snow amounted to about 4" of moisture.

A cold rain started falling Monday afternoon dumping

1.1" of moisture in the area over night.

With rain still falling as of 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Purcell had recorded another .4" bringing the total for the year here to 6.1".

Oklahoma City has recorded 3.39" with the normal year-to-date total sitting at 1.97".

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## School:

is that the new construction passed all inspections.

Chase Haines with Goldsby Construction said work remaining to be done on the building is included in a punch list of minor fixes.

His report was expanded on by Tyler Graves, construction superintendent for the contractor.

He reported the internet was up and operational in the school as of last week and reminded the board that he and the company are "a phone call away" if any issues are encountered in the new school.

Graves said the company hopes to complete the band storage building by the end of April and also wants to produce a fact sheet listing exactly what the community is getting out of the bond project.

"It's a ripple effect," he said. Goldsby Construction is also available to help the district with any long-term planning.

"We've really enjoyed this process, working in Purcell and being part of the community," he said.

The new junior high school will welcome students on the first day of school in the 2020-21 school year.

That will be August 13, according to the calendar the board approved on Monday.

The new calendar was one of two options presented to school employees to vote on.

It includes 168 days of

instruction, five professional days and two work days.

The last day of classes will be May 13 and high school graduation will be May 14.

State testing will be April 19 to May 7.

The calendar includes one snow day on April 2 and also eliminates the no school Fridays on the current calendar.

Assistant superintendent Jerry Swayze updated the board on technology across the district.

Security cameras at the new junior high school will provide 360-degree coverage outside the building.

A wireless network will be operational in each school by the start of the new school year and all classrooms will be equipped with digital antennas.

"It's the nature of where the world is taking us," Swayze said of the technology. "We're not changing school directly. It is transforming with what is going on in the world."

There are presently more than 1,200 student devices in the district.

The board also approved the contract and engagement letter hiring Sanders, Bledsoe & Hewett to conduct the district's 2019-20 audit.

In a special meeting before the regular meeting, Dr. Ann Caine with the Oklahoma State School Boards Association conducted whole board development training.

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## Holiday:

at Wayne and MATC, while Washington has scheduled parent-teacher conferences.

City offices will be closed in Purcell, Lexington, Goldsby, Washington and Wayne.

The day is also a holiday for

state and federal employees. There will be no mail delivery on Monday.

The McClain County Courthouse will be closed, as will McClain Bank and First United Bank.



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## Frosty

Monday's snow day in Purcell was good news for this cousin of Frosty the Snowman at 125 N. 7th Street in Purcell.

## "Spread the Love" peanut butter and jelly drive in February

Delta Community Action Foundation, Inc. is calling on the public to help "Spread the Love" during the month of February.

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# Final push

## Dragons 16-4 heading into Lindsay game Tuesday night

**John D. Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

Purcell's Dragons continue to be the cardiac kids coming from behind in the fourth quarter in recent games to post victories.

The latest was last Friday night at home against Lexington when Purcell came back from a 28-26 deficit to start the fourth frame to post a 43-35 victory, led by Gavin Nation's game-high 22 points.

Nation rained three pointers splashing five against the Bulldogs. Mojo Brown-ing was also in double digits with 11 points.

"Our defense is keeping us going," head coach Roger Raper said. "Our offense has not been extremely fluid during the last few games but our defense has kept us alive."

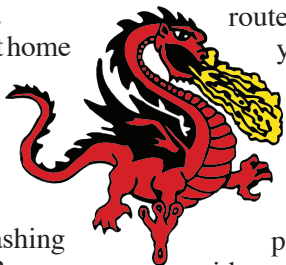
"Two of our last three games we have been

behind in the fourth quarter and came back," Raper continued. "We did it again Friday night and I'm glad we were able to do it."

"But it's kinda' scary to keep going that route because it can come up and bite you. This group just keeps fighting. They keep guarding the heck out of people, giving us a chance even when our offense is not what you want."

"They've been rebounding pretty well. We're just struggling with our offense but we haven't let that affect our defense," Raper said.

Earlier last week the Dragons traveled to Bridge Creek posting a 54-47 victory when



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# Home stretch

## Lex hosting Bridge Creek and Wayne to end regular season

**Todd Newville**  
The Purcell Register

The Lexington girls had a good week again. The Lady 'Dawgs went 2-1 with a defeat at Purcell and wins against Marlow and Davis.

Lexington is now 16-4 and ranked No. 15 in Class 3A.

Last Friday, Lex traveled across the Nance Bridge to visit the Purcell Lady Dragons.

Purcell (12-8) won the game, 61-57, and swept the series with the Lady 'Dawgs after having beaten Lexington, 49-45, on Jan. 14. The Lady Dragons used a strong second and third quarter push to keep the visiting Lady 'Dawgs inside their cages.

Lexington simply couldn't handle Kora Keith of Purcell, who had a game-high 26 points.

The Lady 'Dawgs were led by Emilee Jenks on the scoresheet with 18 points, followed by Lauren Beason with 13 and Rylee Beason with 11.

Last Saturday, the Lady 'Dawgs pulled off a tight 46-41 victory over the Marlow



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## Up strong

**Emilee Jenks** muscles her way up for a layup. Lexington hosts Bridge Creek tonight (Thursday).

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• Photo provided

## Basketball Senior Night

**Recognized last** Friday night were, from left, Brenya Rutledge, Chelsea Spain, Sandra Del Toro, Alicia Baker, Grant Smith and Gavin Nation.

# Wayne on a tear last week

## Lady Bulldogs go 3-0, Bulldogs win two

**Emily Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

Head coach Josh Trent was pleased with his teams' play last week. His Lady Bulldogs went 3-0 with wins over Wynnewood, Maud and Dibble in a makeup game from December. His Bulldogs were 2-1, besting Wynnewood and Maud but falling to Dibble.

### Girls

Saturday Wayne traveled to Dibble to make up a game from December. In a dominating performance the Lady Bulldogs won 53-20.

"The girls played well the whole game, especially defensively. Shyleigh Mantooth led us in scoring off the bench and Kaylee Madden was dominant on both sides of the ball," Trent said.

Wayne jumped out on top and outscored the Lady Demons in each stanza, including allowing them just two points in the second quarter.

Mantooth led the Lady Bulldogs with 13 points while Madden added 10. Haiden Parker had nine and Lorena Martinez had eight.

On Friday, Wayne hosted Maud and once again dominated the game, winning 34-18.

"The girls played very good defense, allowing just 18 points in the fourth quarter. I'm proud of them for playing hard," Trent said.

The Wayne nets were hot from the start, outscoring the Lady Tigers in each quarter except the final eight minutes.

Mantooth once again led the team with 11 points. Madden added eight.

Tuesday night Wayne hosted

Wynnewood and came away with the hard fought win, 44-39.

Down 25-16 at the break, Wayne came out of halftime and held the Lady Savages to just 14 second half points. They erased their deficit

and notched the five-point victory.

"This was the best all around team win for us this season. I'm proud of how

Please see **Wayne**, page 4B



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## Slash to the hole

**James Spencer** attacks the Dibble defense during Wayne's previous loss over the Demons. Wayne played a rescheduled game at Dibble on Saturday but fell to the Demons 48-34. Spencer had six points in the loss.



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## Fair catch

**Tinley Lucas** hauls in a loose ball. Washington hosts Davis tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m.

# Warriors eye Playoffs

## Looking to make a deep run

The Washington boys are looking to make some noise when the Playoffs open next Friday with Star Spencer in the District tournament.

"Getting Star Spencer in the first round - they're a tough team," Washington Head Coach TJ Scholz said. "We think we can make a run in the Playoffs. We're hoping to surprise some people."

Washington dropped a 68-65 final against Pauls Valley last week, but reversed course

and claimed a 56-36 win over Bridge Creek Friday night amid homecoming ceremonies.

"We fixed some mistakes and showed improvement to finish out a game," Scholz said. "We were up 14 points against Pauls Valley and lost. We finished this game. We always want to win but sometimes it takes a hard lesson."

Luke Hendrix and Kobe Scott each scored 16 points against Pauls Valley.

Graham Schovanec was also in double figures with 10 points.

Turnovers plagued the Warriors in the game and Pauls Valley's press forced Washington into some poor shot selections.

"That's what the press does, they either want to steal it from you or force you into taking a bad shot," Scholz said. "Eight

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### Royal Warriors

Paige Taylor was crowned homecoming queen Friday night at Washington and Colten Ross was named king.



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### A royal Warrior court

The Washington homecoming court included Hayden Hicks, Tinley Lucas, Graham Schovanec, Laylin Scheffe, Jaxon Sanchez, Abi Hayes, queen Paige Taylor, king Colten Ross, Aden Hyde, Rylee Andrews, Hector Quinonez, Mattie Richardson and 2019 queen Kassi Hyde. The flower girl was Esmeralda Ocampo and the crown bearer was Liam Scheffe.



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### Wayne royalty

Abigail Lee was crowned queen Friday night and Kristopher Welch was named king during Wayne's homecoming ceremonies. The flower girl was Atley Brakefield (left) and Bentlee Wright was the crown bearer.



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### Bulldog court

The Wayne homecoming court included Haiden Parker, Ethan Salsman, McKenzie Fisher, James Spencer, Kristopher Welch, Abigail Lee, Austin Box and Allie Walck. The flower girl was Atley Brakefield and Bentlee Wright was the crown bearer.

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## Dragons:

they didn't have to mount a fourth period come back.

Brown was hot from the outside draining four treys on his way to a team-leading 16 points. Jorge Sotelo joined Brown in double figures canning 12 points in the paint including 10 in the first half alone.

Nate Willis finished with 10 points in the victory.

The Dragons built a 10 point half time lead that bulged to 13 to start the final quarter.

Purcell is 16-4 overall and 11-1 in conference play.

Coach David Sikes' Dragons

tough opponent. The game was very similar to the first game. We built a big lead and they came back on us," Sikes said.

Bridge Creek pinned a 63-59 loss on the Dragons despite a game-high 25 points from Baker, who had yet another double-double.

Keith finished with a dozen with Emily Madden nipping at her heels with 11 points.

"Bridge Creek is always a tough game for us especially at their place," Sikes said. "It was the second time this season they shot the ball extremely well.

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Our conference is so tough. Anyone can beat anyone else on any given night.

— David Sikes, head coach

neatly tucked victory number 12 in their pockets last Friday night with a 61-57 victory over Lexington behind the scoring duo of Kora Keith and Alicia Baker.

Keith nailed four baskets from downtown to lead all scorers with 26 points. Baker, who had a double-double in the game, finished with 17 points.

"I can't be more proud of the fight my girls had," Sikes said. "We got a big night from freshman KK Eck who scored eight points off the bench.

"Alicia continued to be what she is and Kora's shooting from the outside was very helpful. Lexington is a very

"We got behind early but battled back to take the lead but in the end turnovers proved costly," the coach said.

The girls are 12-8 overall and 7-5 in conference play.

"Our conference is so tough," Sikes said. "Anyone can beat anyone else on any given night."

Purcell will close out the regular season this week hosting Lindsay Tuesday night and traveling to Marlow Friday night.

The Dragons will host the District Tournament against Marietta February 22. Purcell will also host the sub Regional the next weekend with Lexington and Marlow.

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<b>Purcell</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Bridge Creek</b>	<b>63</b>

Purcell	16	7	20	16—59
Bridge Creek	23	6	15	18—63

Player	Points
Alicia Baker	25
Kora Keith	12
Emily Madden	11
Leslie Thompson	9
KK Eck	2

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<b>Lexington</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Purcell</b>	<b>61</b>

Lexington	13	15	17	18—57
Purcell	15	22	18	6—61

Player	Points
Kora Keith	26
Alicia Baker	17
KK Eck	8
Emily Madden	5
Chelsea Spain	3
Leslie Thompson	2

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<b>Purcell</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Bridge Creek</b>	<b>47</b>

Purcell	9	17	16	11—54
Bridge Creek	12	4	13	18—47

Player	Points
Mojo Browning	16
Jorge Sotelo	12
Nate Willis	10
Gavin Nation	9
Grant Smith	5
Lincoln Eubank	2

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<b>Lexington</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Purcell</b>	<b>43</b>

Lexington	8	8	12	7—35
Purcell	11	10	5	17—43

Player	Points
Gavin Nation	22
Mojo Browning	11
Misael Duque	5
Nate Willis	4
Jorge Sotelo	1

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# Eye:

turnovers in the fourth quarter hurt us. We did a better job against Bridge Creek.”

Hector Quinonez scored 19 points against Bridge Creek.

He was also credited for shutting down the Bobcat’s best offensive threat.

“Their best player had 16 points in the first half but was limited to six in the second,” Scholz said. “We locked him down.”

Washington used the defense to extend their lead in the second half and they outscored their opponent 30-9 in the half.

Washington also only committed one turnover in the fourth quarter of the Bridge Creek game.

The Warriors have been getting solid play from Hendrix, Aden Hyde and Hayden Hicks on the offensive end of the floor, according to Scholz.

“Luke has been trusting his jump shot. He’ll stop and shoot the 15 footer and his jump shot is looking really good. He’s able to elevate over the defense,” he said. “Aden has stepped up and hit some shots and Hayden has stepped up too.”

The team has improved overall on their defensive rebounding as they head into the Playoffs.

“We hope to peak at the right time,” Scholz said. “We have corrected some mistakes and hopefully guys will be consistent with it and we can make a run. Once the Playoffs come part of it is which team wants to be there. Who is still wanting to play basketball and who is ready for the next sport. And it also comes down to teams who shoot well that night.”

Washington is 9-13 on the

season.

They open District play with Star Spencer Friday, Feb. 21 at home.

## Box score

2/7 Boys  
**Pauls Valley 68**  
**Washington 65**

Pauls Valley ... 10 16 19 23—68  
 Washington .... 15 22 22 6—65

Player	Points
Luke Hendrix	16
Kobe Scott	16
Graham Schovanec	10
Hector Quinonez	9
Hayden Hicks	8
Cash Andrews	3
Aden Hyde	2
Jax Sanchez	1



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### Bulldogs honored

**Brannon Lewelling** (left) and **Ethan Mullins** were awarded post-season honors by John D. Montgomery (center). Lewelling was named the Heart of Oklahoma Defensive Player of the Year while Mullins was named the Offensive Player of the Year.



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### Offensive Lineman

**Dallon Berglan** was awarded the 2019 Heart of Oklahoma Offensive Lineman of the Year award Saturday afternoon.



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### Defensive Lineman

**Alberto Aguirre** was honored last Friday night as the Heart of Oklahoma Defensive Lineman of the Year. Pictured with him are his parents, **Purcell Register** publisher John D. Montgomery and Washington Head Football Coach Brad Beller.

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# PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



2019 Offensive Player of the Year

**ETHAN MULLINS**  
 Wayne Bulldogs

Mullins rushed 349 times for 2,856 yards and 40 touchdowns. He was 13-36 passing for 174 yards and two touchdowns.



2019 Defensive Player of the Year

**BRANNON LEWELLING**  
 Wayne Bulldogs

Lewelling registered 133 tackles, seven sacks, forced three fumbles and recovered two fumbles.



2019 Offensive Lineman of the Year

**DALLAN BERGLAN**  
 Lexington Bulldogs

Berglan graded out at 93 percent for the 2019 season.



2019 Defensive Lineman of the Year

**ALBERTO AGUIRRE**  
 Washington Warriors

Aguirre made 62 tackles and registered 12 quarterback sacks in 2019.

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Sundays: 9-45 am Morning Bible Study, 11:00 am Morning Worship, 4:30 pm Community Outreach, 5:30 pm Age Group Bible Study, 6:30 pm Evening Worship  
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Pastor: Rev. Mark A. Stacy  
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### Johnson Road Baptist Church

Winter finally provided our state with a blanket of beautiful snow. Our friend in northeastern Oklahoma is watching a nine foot snowman melt in his neighbor's yard.

Mark Brown and Clyde Gilman have been busy replacing lights on the church sign and wiring the security system to record anyone that might wish to enter the church facilities during the darkness of night or the early morning hours.

Three young men, students at Randall University in Moore, were our surprise visitors at Johnson Road last Sunday. All three of the students play baseball for Randall University. One is a pitcher from Texas, one is a catcher from Moore and one is an outfielder from Purcell.

Valentine's Day arrives this Friday with a bag of all the memories from our younger years in grade school. We received Valentines from our classmates from a decorated hat box or cardboard box.

Can't remember what the Valentine said, but we certainly remember the common love of our classmates. One of the ladies at Westbrook remembered

the Valentine she received from one of her admirers. Inside the envelope was a card that contained one stick of gum.

Mark Brown and Gynean Gentry provided the special music for morning worship.

Scripture for the Sunday sermon was taken from two letters from the Apostle Paul, the first addressed to the Christians in Galatians 6:19-26 and the second addressed to the young preacher I Timothy 6:12.

Paul listed 18 sinful actions of mankind and nine wonderful actions of Christians. From the numbers 18 and nine, we might learn that sin is more prevalent in our world than good.

World Wars have a beginning and an end. One country wins the victory in battle. America became involved in two wars during the 1940s and declared victory in 1945. Germany and Japan surrendered.

Since the arrival of mankind in this world there has been a war between good and evil that will only end on the day Jesus takes us home to heaven. Plainly put, "The war between good and evil will rage as long as the world continues to spin

around its axis."

The tug of war between good and evil will prevail until time is no more. There is no way the Army of Christian soldiers that can imprison or rid the world of evil.

Through our born again experience with Jesus and the infilling of the Holy Spirit, we as individuals are guaranteed the power to overcome evil, live a victorious life and encourage others to follow our example.

To combat evil we must know where evil abides. Be prepared to wage war against evil. Recognize the disastrous results of evil. Never surrender in spiritual warfare.

Visitors are always welcome to attend Sunday services at Johnson Road Baptist Church.

Sermon title for this Sunday is "Love and Actions Go Together."

The weekly prayer meeting is a one hour session of prayer and Bible study that begins at 6 p.m.

Mark Brown is leading our weekly study each Wednesday from the Book of Galatians.

Sunday morning worship begins at 11 a.m.

### Lexington Westside Church of Christ

**Don't be shocked to find a 'sleeper' in the late rounds!**

Did you know that Bart Starr, quarterback for the Green Bay Packers in the 1950s, was picked in the 17th round of the 1956 draft. He was the 200th player taken in.

This one may surprise you, too: Bo Jackson made it all the way to the seventh round in the 1987 draft, the 183rd pick overall. Some of you may remember the commercials with Bo Jackson that promoted its product by saying, "Bo knows."

His story is a little different, though. He actually was drafted number one in 1986 but chose to play baseball instead. The next year Oakland "wasted" a late-round draft pick on him, hoping he would come back - which, to everybody's surprise, he did.

The most famous late-round draft pick is Tom Brady, drafted 199th in 2000. It's almost funny to think that almost 200 players were drafted before the man who is probably the greatest quarterback of all time - like him or not, he probably is.

The Tom Brady's of the world teach us that, yes, we sometimes miss on our "draft

picks."

There is a familiar Old Testament story where we find a "miss" similar to the case with Tom Brady.

God sends the great prophet to Samuel to the house of Jesse to select the next king who would one day replace Saul. In other words, Samuel has the number one pick in the draft, which sometimes can be an easy choice. In this case it seems to be, as Samuel quickly sees the son he wants to choose: Jesse's oldest son Eliab.

At first glance he says, "Ah, here's the next king of Israel." But God shocks Samuel when He says, "No, he's not the one!" Sometimes God does that, to our own surprise.

Samuel must have thought, "What do you mean 'No'?" Look at this man!" And he was right. Eliab was quite a physical specimen. He was tall, strong, and handsome.

But he wasn't the one. If he had taken time to think on it, Samuel would have realized that King Saul also was tall, strong, and handsome. He stood head and shoulders above all the rest, but he was a total failure as a king. We have

evidence later on that shows that Eliab likely would have followed suit.

Even with the rejection of Eliab, Samuel has other choices for his prized draft pick. He has Abinadab, Shammah - the next in line of Jesse's son - plus five others from the sons Jesse brings before him.

But God's answer is no, no, and no - all the way to the last of the seven. We know, though, that Jesse has eight sons, and the youngest one - the auburn-headed baby boy of the group - is out in the field tending the sheep during Jesse's visit.

The Lord ultimately leads the prophet to the son with the "bright eyes," and along the way He teaches Samuel a great lesson.

Here's how the Lord puts it: "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" - 1 Samuel 16:7.

Truth is, sometimes we, as

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### Green Avenue Church of Christ

Wednesday evening Bible classes were canceled last week because of bad weather.

The Sunday morning Bible class continued laying a foundation for an upcoming study

of contemporary issues. This week's discussion centered on God's revelation to man and His requirement that man accept it as He gives it without adding to it or taking from it.

Several scriptures were cited from both the old and new testaments showing that the principle has been consistent from the beginning.

During the Sunday morning assembly Keith Shackelford brought a lesson based on Jesus' admonition in the first 10 verses of Matthew 18 to become as little children and not cause any of those little ones to fall away, and especially not to despise them.

After noting that the word despise in this context means to undervalue or neglect rather than to abhor or despise, the lesson went on to explore ways in which we might do so and the consequences of failure to

follow the admonition.

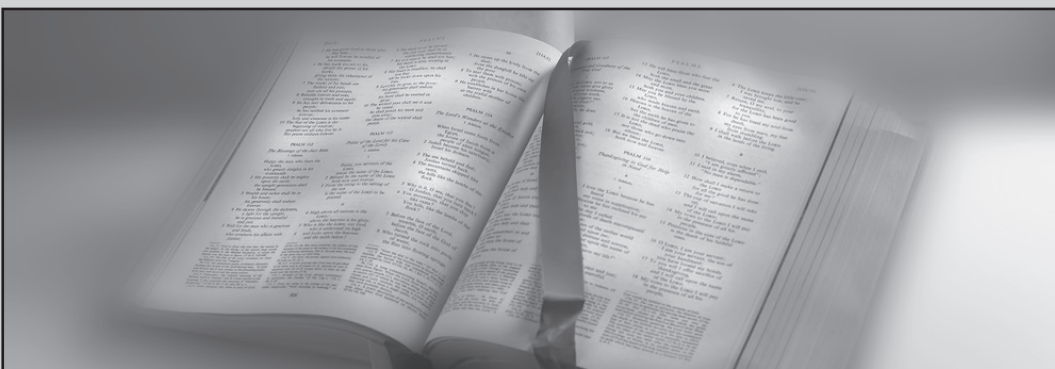
In conclusion, it is the responsibility of parents to love, teach, provide for and train children.

The Sunday evening message was on Jesus' response to the apostle Philip's request in John 14:8, "Lord, show us the Father, and that's enough for us." Jesus began by saying that whoever had seen Him had seen the Father.

Then He explained that anyone who had heard His words and seen His actions should know the one who had sent Him. And finally He told them that the proper response to learning of the Father is to love Him and keep His commandments.

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

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## Prom buddies

**Deputy Scott** Gibbons with the McClain County Sheriff's Department poses with his "prom buddy" at the Night to Shine 2020 event on Friday at Putnam City Baptist Church. Four officers with the sheriff's department were among about 500 volunteers who were prom buddies for the developmentally disabled attendees. Night to Shine is a project of the Tim Tebow Foundation.

## Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Our attendance has been trending slightly upward lately and we would like to invite anyone 60 or older to join us for lunch. We serve a delicious meal at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, excluding closure days.

If you would like to reserve a meal, please call the kitchen in Purcell at 527-9462 by 8:30 a.m. and ask for Sherrie or John. You may also call the day before you plan to attend.

And, if you are a senior in need of a home delivered meal,

please call to see if you qualify.

Our weekly menu is listed in the Purcell Senior Citizens Center article in **The Purcell Register**.

Come join your friends or make new ones at your Wayne Senior Citizens Center.

## ARTesian Gallery & Studios to host community art and craft lessons

The Chickasaw Nation offers an assortment of classes and workshops for both experienced and aspiring artists throughout February at the ARTesian Gallery & Studios, 100 W. Muskogee St., in Sulphur.

The roster of expert artists and artisans teaching these classes include Patta Butcher, Leanne Parker-West, Donna Welch, Margaret Roach Wheeler and Ashley Wallace.

Students develop skills in arts and crafts such as silk painting, pastels, journal making, calligraphy, gourd art, loom weaving and creating pucker toe moccasins.

### Patta Butcher - Silk painting, surface design

Students in Choctaw artist Patta Butcher's silk painting classes will handcraft a wearable and unique art piece by applying dyes on silk. Butcher will lead the group as they design their fabric with a fusion of contemporary concepts and traditional Native American motifs.

Butcher's silk painting classes are planned two per day, 10:30 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m., February 15. Students in these classes will practice surface design, or creating patterns and designs meant to be applied to the surfaces of fabrics.

An enrollment fee of \$25 includes instruction and materials. Pre-registration is encouraged. Class size is limited.

### Leanne Parker-West - Multimedia

Leanne Parker-West, a Muscogee (Creek) artist and teacher, has planned hands-on multimedia art classes at the

ARTesian Gallery & Studios.

Drawing from her history as an art teacher, Parker-West has taught in multiple art media at the ARTesian, including oil pastels, soft pastels, book page crafts, mini canvases, quill ink, watercolor, calligraphy, origami, weaving, cartooning and wax resist, among others.

She spends the fall and spring semesters teaching junior high and high school art at Dickson Public Schools in Ardmore. Since 2012, Parker-West has also taught art during the Chickasaw Arts Academy. Now she is sharing her 24 years of art education experience with the community.

Parker-West said she plans her classes as child-friendly and accessible to everyone. All skill levels are welcome.

Her classes in February will be available 4-6 p.m. and include: journal making February 10 and 13, calligraphy February 19 and 21, and oil pastels February 24, 27 and 28. An enrollment fee of \$10 per class includes instruction and supplies.

### Donna Welch - Gourd art

Multi-talented Chickasaw artist Donna Welch crafts gourds into colorful vessels that can be functional or works for display.

Welch's art has been exhibited in California, Utah, ARTesian Arts Gallery in Sulphur and in the Chokma'si Gallery located at the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities Division building in Ada. She also provided gourd artwork for the 2018 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference.

Welch is a traditional Chickasaw storyteller. She incorporates ancient motifs in her work, including her gourd art, which is the chosen medium in which she hopes to expand, grow and flourish.

Welch has planned a fine gourd art class 1-5 p.m., February 27.

This class will cost \$50, which includes materials and instruction focusing on branded and beaded gourd necklace earrings.

### Margaret Roach Wheeler - Loom weaving

Margaret Roach Wheeler is a Native American hand weaver, fiber expert and textile artist of Chickasaw-Choctaw descent.

She has created costumes for film production, designed garments for fashion shows and exhibited around the world. She also lectures, instructs workshops and leads seminars on Native American fibers and her unique style of weaving.

She grew up in a household where fibers were a part of daily life. Her mother and grandmother knitted, sewed, quilted and crocheted.

The loom and the act of weaving brought memories,

not only of childhood, but also an awareness of her Chickasaw heritage.

Wheeler developed as a painter, sculptor, educator, Native historian, weaver and 2010 Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee.

She has won numerous awards, including the President's Award at Red Earth Festival and textile awards at the 2009 Southeastern Art Show and Market. Wheeler is the owner of Mahota Handwovens, where she designs contemporary fashions and traditional Native American regalia.

Her class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., February 22, at the ARTesian Gallery & Studios will have students creating a frame loom woven sampler. Cost is \$50, which includes materials and instruction.

### Tana Washington Exhibit

Visitors and students are welcome to browse the works of Tana Washington, on exhibit at the ARTesian Gallery & Studios through March 9.

Washington is a self-taught Cherokee artist who was born and reared in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She was introduced to art at a young age and has practiced this craft throughout her life.

Washington's work can be found in a variety of media. She has been awarded in several categories including scissor-cut, brushwork, graphite, wood and alabaster carvings.

About the ARTesian Gallery & Studios

Located in the heart of downtown Sulphur, the ARTesian Gallery & Studios is a space for creating, appreciating and sharing fine art. The 7,400-square-foot facility features an art gallery, classroom space, reception and retail space.

The facility was designed to assist and promote Chickasaw and other Native American artists. The gallery provides an excellent venue for artists to display and market their work.

A reception area houses art shows and meet-the-artist receptions. Five separate studio spaces are also occupied by various resident artists.

The ARTesian Gallery & Studios offers public art classes for all levels. Students can learn many different art media such as painting, weaving, dyeing, crafts, drawing, beading, printing, soapstone carving, moccasin making, quillwork, needle punch and embroidery with French knots brought by world renowned artists.

The ARTesian Gallery & Studios is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. To register for classes and workshops, or for more information regarding other upcoming events, call (580) 622-8040.

## McClain County GOP Precinct meeting set for February 22

The McClain County GOP Precinct meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, February 22. Party officials expect a good turnout statewide.

The main business of the meeting will be to elect delegates to the county convention which will take place immediately following at 9:45 a.m. The county convention will in turn elect delegates to the district convention on March 21 at 10 a.m. and the state convention scheduled for May 2, 2020.

In announcing the meetings to be held February 22, Paul Maus, McClain County Chairman said, "A person must be a registered republican voter of the precinct to take part in a

precinct meeting and to serve as a delegate to any republican convention. Others are most welcome to attend the meeting, but may not vote. These meetings are informative with time allowed for discussing problems at the local, state, and national levels."

McClain County GOP Precincts and county convention will have their meeting at the Newcastle Storm Shelter, located at 901 North Carr Drive, in Newcastle. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. An alternate date of February 29 has been reserved in case of severe weather.

For questions please contact Paul Maus at (405) 650-1581.

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# Conservation efforts highlighted during World Wetlands Day

On the nearly 2,000 acres known as Kullihoma, the land and its maintenance comes first.

Kullihoma, which is Chickasaw for red springs, is currently cared for by a group of dedicated Chickasaw Nation Rangers. Approximately eight miles east of Ada, this acreage has been set aside and put into federal trust to be managed by the rangers.

Rangers maintain Kullihoma's rustic landscape and fragile ecosystem, allowing modern Chickasaws a glimpse of their ancestors' lives before statehood. "Aside from the few acres where limited improvements have occurred for outdoor cultural events, flood control and fire management, Kullihoma has seen little change since the few original Chickasaw families settled the area generations ago," Chickasaw Regional Manager Rick Carson said.

To balance human outdoor activities with the needs of the surrounding ecosystem, rangers monitor local wildlife populations, floodwaters and overall environmental quality of the land.

Game animals located at Kullihoma include whitetail deer, many species of waterfowl, rabbits, squirrels and wild turkeys. Chickasaw citizens have the opportunity to enjoy hunting and fishing in a natural environment that remains pristine.

Larger, unique animals that have been reported within Kullihoma include mountain lions, bobcats and an occasional black bear.

Animal populations at Kullihoma are monitored and managed by the rangers. Based on an annual wildlife census, animal populations are maintained at an equilibrium the land can support.

"We manage game populations at Kullihoma," Carson said. "We don't want their numbers to get so large that the land can't support them. We also don't want to harvest game animals to the point that it takes years for the population to recover."

## One of the few managed wetlands in Oklahoma

World Wetlands Day, February 2, celebrated the benefit of wetlands to the planet and its inhabitants.

Kullihoma includes 35-acres classified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as wetlands. With soil saturated with water throughout the year, the wetlands at Kullihoma provide a water and food source for the local ecosystem as well as migrating waterfowl.

"The wetlands are a valuable resource. They help in drought years when many of our ponds become low or dry up. The wetlands store much of the floodwaters from previous years' rains. The area provides much of the water needs for the local ecosystem," Carson said.

Wetlands serve as a natural water filtration system. They are described as nature's "kidneys," removing suspended sediments and other pollutants as water flows through them. They also provide Kullihoma with natural flood control.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, one-acre of wetland has the potential to store up to 1.5 million gallons of floodwater.

In addition to the natural wetlands occurring at Kullihoma, a system of dykes and water release valves has been built to control water levels. Rangers try to keep the wetlands about two or three

feet deep, providing food, nesting areas and cover for waterfowl and other animals.

Information provided by the United States Geological Survey and Oklahoma Conservation Commission indicates that nearly two-thirds of vital wetland habitat has been lost in Oklahoma, and more than half has disappeared nationally since the mid-1800s.

With nearly 75 percent of Oklahoma's wetlands privately owned, Kullihoma is one of the few locations preserved by professional land managers.

Migratory birds use Kullihoma as a "way station." As birds fly from summer breeding grounds to winter feeding grounds and back again, Kullihoma wetlands provide important temporary habitat and food resources.

## Management philosophy based on common sense

Kullihoma was not always the preserve it is today. Much of the land bought by the Chickasaw Nation at Kullihoma was initially leased to cattle ranchers.

While the majority of the ranchers were good stewards, some overgrazed the land and did not maintain the delicate balance between farming and wildlife.

Managing Kullihoma is hard work. Most days are filled with backbreaking manual labor. Trails are cleared; brush burned, dead trees and underbrush removed.

Some days require wading waist deep in water to clear tin horns, while others are spent digging with picks and shovels to shore up dykes for erosion control. All this work is accomplished even under Oklahoma's baking summer sun or bitterly harsh winters.

Rangers do not keep normal

business hours. They are on call day and night. During deer, turkey and duck hunting seasons, rangers report to work as early as 5 a.m., often returning to the station well after dark.

Lightning strikes, which can start fires, are common on the high ridges overlooking Kullihoma. To combat this natural disaster, rangers become state certified wildfire firefighters.

Rangers receive training through the Pontotoc Technology Center, located in Ada, and participate in wildfire firefighting courses offered through Oklahoma State University.

Prevention and preparation are key to fire safety. Firebreaks are maintained throughout Kullihoma, and rangers have custom-crafted firefighting trailers capable of holding up to 200 gallons of water. Towed by small all-terrain vehicles, the trailers allow rangers access to areas larger trucks can't get into.

Rangers deal with more than wildlife. They are in constant contact with the public. While not law enforcement officers, each ranger is state certified through Oklahoma's CLEET program as an armed security officer.

## A location with heritage

Rangers are just one part of the puzzle that completes the care and management of Kullihoma. They work within a tribal committee consisting of the Chickasaw Rangers, Tribal Properties and Cultural Resources Department.

"The three departments work together in keeping Kullihoma a special place for the Chickasaw people," Carson said. "(We) rangers provide information to the group regarding wildlife and land management and oversee

day-to-day patrols, all special hunts and camping reservations on the grounds."

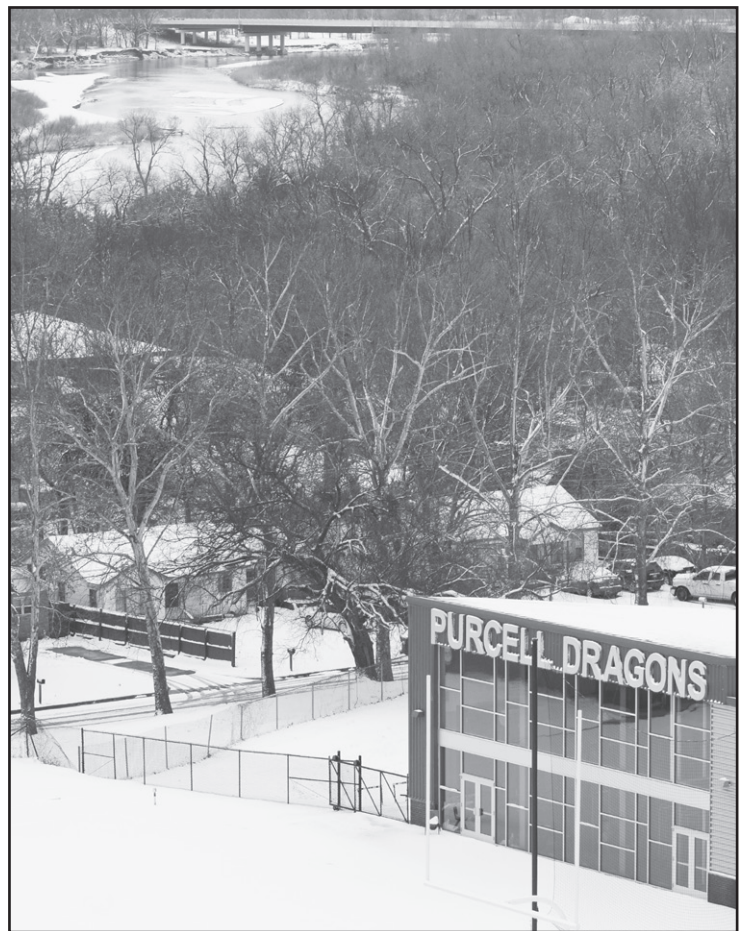
Tribal Properties personnel maintain public areas, campgrounds and assist with the upkeep of fences and other infrastructure.

With the rich history of the area, the cultural resources department provides input on the cultural needs of Chickasaw citizens and how future projects at Kullihoma could affect them.

Limited outdoor amenities have been developed for edu-

cational and cultural resources. These include a shooting range for traditional archery games, a stickball field (a traditional game similar to lacrosse) and a contemporary baseball field.

Primitive campgrounds and RV slips with electrical outlets are available for extended stays in Kullihoma. The Chickasaw Nation has built a re-creation of a Chickasaw village pre-European contact. The village is complete with traditional summer and winter homes, corncrib and a large council house.



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## On the banks of the Canadian

The new field house at Conger Fields looms over a frigid Canadian River Wednesday after about four inches of snow fell on Central Oklahoma.

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### Getting their rings

The Class 3A State champion Washington Warrior cheer team was presented its championship rings Friday during Washington's basketball games against Pauls Valley.



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### All-Stater

Abi Hayes was presented her cheerleading All-State jacket Friday night. She is pictured with cheer sponsor Sheila Leforce.



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### Rushing down the floor

Cash Andrews dribbles down the floor against Lexington. The freshman scored seven points in the game. Washington was defeated 50-42.



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### New Broncho

Lexington's Jaylen Cottrell will take his football skills to the University of Central Oklahoma after inking a letter of intent to play for the Bronchos next fall. On hand for the signing Friday at Lexington High School were his dad, Mike Lewis, sister, Kaylee Cottrell and brother Dylan Cottrell.



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### Crimson Storm


Lexington's Colton Penner signed a letter of intent to play football at Southern Nazarene University last Friday at Lexington High School. On hand for the signing were his mom, Kristina Avery, dad, Jeremy Penner, stepdad, John Avery, Shanna Steele, brother, Blake Penner and sister, Ally Avery.



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### Warrior signings

In front of head coach Brad Beller, three Washington Warriors inked football letters of intent earlier this week. From left, Logan Lile signed with SNU in Bethany, Gavin Grimsey with Midwestern State in Wichita, TX and Lance Spaulding with Waldorf in Iowa.




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