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## MLK Day of Service

### Students make blankets for Tri-City Hope Center

This month, hundreds of HealthCorps students including some from Newcastle High School participated in nationwide Martin Luther King — MLK Day of Service events coordinated by HealthCorps.

In Newcastle, 92 students came together to make “no-sew” fleece blankets for the Tri-City Hope Center.

A HealthCorps representative said the project was a huge success with the local students helping to make no-sew fleece blankets.

“Many members of our community have a limited amount of winter resources and struggle to stay warm in winter time. The students wanted to address this issue and truly enjoyed working together to make these blankets,” said Margo Burgard, HealthCorps coordinator at Newcastle High School. Together students were able to make 10 blankets to donate to the community.

HealthCorps coordinators work in tandem with students and school administrators to select a project that’s meaningful to both the students and to their community.

“Empowering our students to make a difference in their community is a key component of the HealthCorps mission to strengthen communities and empower youth. It is incredible to see how motivated the students are to give back directly to their communities,” said HealthCorps Living Labs Program Manager Betsy Amstutz. “MLK Day of Service serves as a wonderful precursor event to Project Health, a spring initiative



where students learn to improve their well-being and use their passions to tackle pressing community health challenges.”

MLK Day of Service is a community-based project performed nationally by HealthCorps coordinators and their school community. Coordinators work with stu-

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Newcastle students Kaylee Shetley and Ashlynn Donahoo work on a “no-sew” fleece blanket as part of a service learning project in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

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## Lt. Governor Pinnell coming to Newcastle

McClain County GOP invites the public to “Meet your Lieutenant Governor” at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 17 at the Newcastle Storm Shelter.

McClain County GOP spokesperson Paul Maus said, “Please join us as we meet and listen to Matt Pinnell and his concerns about our state government and how he hopes to represent you as our Lt. Governor.”

Pinnell was elected as the 17th Lieutenant Governor of the State of Oklahoma on November 6, 2018. In that role, he serves as President of the Oklahoma State Senate, and is a member of multiple constitutional boards and commissions. Pinnell also serves as Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage on Governor Kevin Stitt’s cabinet.

In his role as Secretary of Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage, Pinnell oversees the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation and the state’s efforts to promote tourism, which he touts as the third largest industry in Oklahoma. Pinnell led the successful effort to rebrand the State of Oklahoma, a component of the overall effort to retain and recruit more jobs to the state.

Pinnell also currently serves on the Department of Commerce executive committee focusing on small business growth, entrepreneurship, and workforce development. He has a background in entrepreneurship and is a small business owner with his wife, Lisa, who is an inventor and entrepreneur.

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**Matt Pinnell**  
Lt. Governor, State of Okla.

## Chamber planning Feb. 24 ribbon cutting, fund raiser at Elevate

By Mark Codner  
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A ribbon cutting along with a fund raiser to help area dancers go to a National competition was rescheduled from February 3 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, February 24 at Elevate Dance Academy.

The Academy is located at 167 N.E. 31st Street in Newcastle near both New U Fitness and La Luna Cantina and Grill.

Representatives of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce will be attending to provide the ribbon cutting, in celebration of the Elevate Dance Academy’s new facility.

And Pioneer Telephone Coop representatives will have burger sack lunches for sale from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to support the Elevate dancers in reaching their goals to attend Nationals in Tennessee. The meal will be composed of a burger, chips and a drink.

In other Chamber business, after a one-month hiatus the Chamber has planned a luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 22 in the Community Room at Newcastle Library. The luncheon

is sponsored by Pioneer Telephone Coop.

In announcing the upcoming activities, the Chamber also announces new memberships from several businesses. These include: 1901 Roofing, Blackmon Mooring, Elevate Dance Academy, High Point Heat and Air, Huffman Custom Homes, and Ten Arrows Roofing.

Later this year, the Chamber is planning the Annual Garage Sale Event for 2022.

Chamber Executive Director Gayla Riddle said this year’s event will be the last Thursday, Friday and Saturday in April — April 28-30. Riddle said the normal \$10 garage sale permit fee is waived by the City of Newcastle, and lots of bargain hunters come to Newcastle for the annual citywide sale.

The Chamber will have an online interactive map of garage sale locations before the event begins to help shoppers find and plan their hunts.

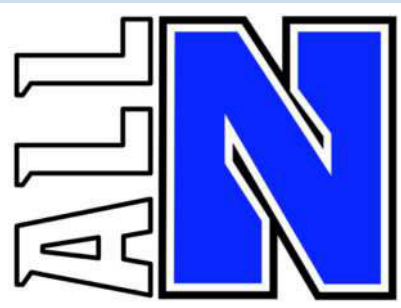
Only the address will be used on the map, not your name or other information, Riddle said.

A registration form is online at [www.cognitofirms.com](http://www.cognitofirms.com) under City of Newcastle.



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Faces you might see at the Chamber ribbon cutting and Pioneer fund raiser at Elevate Dance Academy, from left, are: dance moms and front desk assistants Crystal Wall and Angela Bartel, and owner Kelsey Britton.



### Newcastle Forecast

<b>Friday</b>	High
Partly cloudy at times	69°F
<b>Winds NNW</b>	Low
15-25 mph	35°F

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Obituaries

Larry Dean Rogers

Larry Dean Rogers, 84, of Tuttle, passed away from this life on January 30, 2022.

Larry was born May 4, 1937, in Oklahoma City to Newton and Jewel Rogers. He was a graduate of Capitol Hill High School, and served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. Larry had a long, rewarding career at the Midwest Elevator Company, Inc. as a passenger elevator mechanic, retiring after 40 years of service.

Larry and Ruby McCray were married October 5, 1956 in Del City. She preceded him in death November 2, 2017. Larry enjoyed a wide variety of hobbies throughout his life. He loved to go fishing and hunting, and he enjoyed fighting chickens, as well as raising racehorses. Larry touched the hearts of many during his lifetime, and he will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by: his beloved wife, Ruby Rogers (McCray); a grandson, Johnny Franken; his daughter, Shenna Young; a sister, Betty Lou Eagleburger; his father, Newton Rogers; and his mother, Jewel Rogers (Johnson).

Larry is survived by: three daughters, Sherry Rogers of Villa Rica, Georgia, Sheila Grubbs of Tuttle, and Destinee Rogers of Mustang; his grandchildren, Brandi Franken, Ricky Byars, Peggy Fenwick, Bradley Grubbs, Kyler Rogers, Ryder Rogers, and Dawson Rogers; eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Lucretia Sneed of Porum, and a brother, Keith Rogers of Durant; as well as a host of loving nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. February 1 at John M. Ireland & Son Funeral Home & Chapel, 120 S. Broadway Ave. in Moore. Dr. Chester Beavers officiated services. Pallbearers were Keith Rogers, Justin Fenwick, Micheal Fenwick, Dakota Prince, Drew McKee, and Travis Christley. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Tuttle.



Helen Hendricks

Helen Hendricks of Newcastle, Oklahoma, died Friday, January 14 in Oklahoma City. She was born to Fritz and Jeneva Thorns. She attended school in Grass Valley, California.

Helen worked at JC Penney's in California, before moving to Newcastle where she worked at Tri-City Walmart. Helen was energetic and approached life with all her strength.

She married John Hendricks on October 26, 2002, at her home in Newcastle.

Helen considered her fellow employees and customers at Walmart part of her family. She loved hugging everyone who came into the store, even those who at first resisted. She was always laughing and talking. She loved people.

Helen loved fishing, Oklahoma City Thunder basketball, vintage hot rods, car shows, Oklahoma football and serving her Lord.

Helen attended Woodland Hills Baptist Church and served as a door greeter. She considered her church as family.

Helen was preceded in death by: her husband Rex Brown and husband John Hendricks.

She is survived by two sons; Jeff Brown and wife Shirley, Randy Brown and wife Cindy.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 16 at Woodland Hills Baptist Church.

Family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Integris Cancer Center in Helen's name.



Newcastle Middle School celebrated their counselors during National School Counselors Week which began Monday, saying they are very thankful for counselors Toni Kammerlocher (right) and Kristal Williams (not pictured). Also pictured, from left, are: Stephanie Cox, eighth grade reading teacher; Vickie Crossley, technology and yearbook; and Cathy Robertson, retired registrar. A middle school representative said their counselors love, guide, teach, serve, comfort, counsel and uplift the students and the staff.

Bivens makes RSU honor roll

Rogers State University has announced its President's and Dean's Honor Rolls for the fall 2021 semester. Among those listed is Cynthia Bivens of Newcastle.

To qualify for the President's Honor Roll, students must complete a minimum

of 12 credit hours with a 4.0 grade point average (no grades lower than an "A").

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours with a 3.5 grade point average (no grades lower than a "B").

Casey makes Wofford Dean's List

Jackson Daniel Casey of Newcastle has been named to the fall 2021 Dean's List at Wofford College.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for at least 12 semester hours of graded courses and attain a semester grade point

average of 3.6 or higher.

Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

It offers 27 major fields of study to a student body of 1,775 undergraduates.



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The University of Oklahoma is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Protected veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Schools receive funding from tax on medical marijuana

The Oklahoma State Department of Education last week allotted half of \$38.5 million to 330 brick-and-mortar public schools statewide through Redbud School Funding Grants. The remainder will be distributed to qualifying schools this summer.

Newcastle Public Schools was among those receiving funds. They were given \$36,228.06.

The funding is the result of legislation passed into law last year. Senate Bill 229 addresses funding disparities for brick-and-mortar public school districts that receive below-average funding from annual local tax revenue. The State Department of Education awarded the grants with funding appropriated from medical marijuana taxes and the Common School Building Equalization Fund.

These are excise tax proceeds from medical marijuana sales which are first budgeted for running the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA). Any collections exceeding OMMA's operating budget are apportioned to the General Revenue (GR) Fund with 75% required to be expended for common education.

"The Redbud School Funding Act was a historic step for funding education in our state, and I'm excited these dollars are finally being awarded to our schools," said Sen. John Michael Montgomery, R-Lawton. "Ensuring all of Oklahoma's children have access to a high-quality education is a priority of mine, and I'll continue to work to find outside-of-the-box solutions to bolster our schools in the future."



Frank Strange, of the McClain-Grady Emergency Medical Services, was recognized as EMT of The Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3608 in Blanchard. Strange also placed first at the State level and is headed to the National level. He will be recognized at the VFW State Conference later this month.



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dents from high-need high schools to contribute time and energy to strengthen and improve the lives of those living within their community. HealthCorps began MLK Day of Service in conjunction with ServiceNation in 2009 to demonstrate the importance of giving back to communities.

Across the nation, HealthCorps currently maintains a network of schools called Living Labs. Through the program, a full-time coordinator — a recent college graduate with a passion for health and wellness — is embedded in a school to mentor the students, lead health-related workshops, and promote a variety of in-school and after school activities.

Programming in Oklahoma is made possible by funds from The Chickasaw Nation. In 2013, HealthCorps partnered with the Chickasaw Nation to bring its innovative in-school health and wellness program to two high schools in Ada and Ardmore. Today that partnership has expanded to 10 schools in Chickasaw Country including Newcastle. Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was honored for his contributions toward the well-being of America's youth at the organization's annual benefit in fall 2021.

To learn more about HealthCorps, visit the website: [www.healthcorps.org](http://www.healthcorps.org).



Media Specialist Vivian Cisneros played a huge part in running the recent MLK Day of Service project to provide fleece blankets to Tri-City Hope Center.

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# Newcastle students make OU Honor Roll

The University of Oklahoma announced today the students named to its fall 2021 honor roll, a distinction given to those who achieve the highest academic standards.

Several Newcastle area students were among those listed. They are: Courtney Elizabeth Armstrong, Luke Braden Babbit, Caitlin Michelle Beson, Danny Ray Bigelow, Roman Gabriel Chavez, Georgia Michelle Chen Sun, Seth Michael Dillman, Jonathan Anthony Erbar, Keeleigh Clark Everett, David Allen Fleenor, Ryan W. Gulikers, Bryan Cole Hubble, Donovan A. Huff, Jayson Robert Lantis, Colin David Moeller, Amanda Lorellen Owens, Shane M. Perry, Robert Casey O'Connor, Jay William Shoumaker, Jasmina J. Trujillo, and Amanda Brooke Withrow.

A total of 8,900 students were named to the fall 2021 honor roll. Of these students,

3,576 were named to the President's Honor Roll for earning an "A" grade in all their courses.

The honor roll recognizes undergraduate students in the academic programs based at OU's Norman campus and at the OU Health Sciences Center. For students in Norman campus programs, the fall honor roll also includes grades that may have been earned during the winter intersession, which count toward students' overall grade-point averages for the preceding semester.

In most colleges, full-time undergraduate students who completed 12 or more letter graded hours with a grade-point average of 4.0 were named to the President's Honor Roll. Students on the Norman campus with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher were included in the Dean's Honor Roll.

## McClain County Court Records

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between January 27-February 2, 2022.

### Traffic

Kolton W. Cave, speeding, 92/65.  
Bryan D. Garza, no seatbelt (passenger).  
Ryan D. Garza, no seatbelt.  
Royce A. Hinkle, speeding, 90/70.  
Maddox T. Mantooth, fail to devote full attention resulting in collision.  
Matthew V. McCoy, DUS.  
Amy O. Richards, failure to yield.  
Eriberto Rodriguez, violation of special permit.  
Eriberto Rodriguez, overwidth, 1st offense (load without permit).  
Francisco S. Rodriguez, violation of special permit.  
Francisco S. Rodriguez, overwidth, 1st offense (load without permit).  
Jarail G. Smith, no seatbelt.  
Jeffrey N. Ticer, no seatbelt.  
Charles B. Tilley, overweight - 5001 to 6000.  
Taryn F. Torres, failure to stop at stop sign.  
Tracy L. Webb, no seatbelt.  
Jennifer R. Weston, speeding, 81/75.  
Jana D. Woodall, following too closely.

### Misdemeanors

Abdelkhabir Elaroua, possession of CDS.  
Lonnie P. Huddleston, loiter in/injure/molest motor vehicle/joy ride.  
Lindsey L. Russell, larceny of lost property.  
Tony L. Servantes, public intoxication.  
Sharhonda K. Macklin, possession of CDS.  
Kevin H. Thu, DUI.  
Israel Salas Barcenas, DUI - alcohol.  
Efrain J. Lopez, DUI - alcohol.  
Carlos Lucio, DUI - alcohol.  
Michael A. E. Rodas, public intoxication.  
Aaron I. Wilson, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.  
Randi B. Hickman, neglecting or refusing to compel child to attend school.  
Julie M. Dean, reckless driving.  
Brandon J. Waulk, stalking.

Jessie J. Manahl, possession of CDS.

Darold K. Bailey, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.

Ashley L. Craig, embezzlement.

Jamie D. Gilbert, eluding/attempting to elude police officer.

Matthew G. May, larceny of lost property.

Steven M. J. Moody Jr., possession of CDS.

Trey D. Kelly, assault and battery.

Sandra J. Clark, protective order violation.

### Felonies

Michael D. Lankister, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.

### Small Claims

Susan E. Laye vs. Christopher Ramsey, small claims over \$5000.

McElderry Rentals, LLC vs. Justice Wilson, small claims under \$5000.

Hunter Mayfield vs. Courtney Walters, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Lacie Hawthorn vs. Amy Carwile, small claims over \$5000.

### Civil Filed

Autovest LLC vs. Larry D. Winters, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Discover Bank vs. Ronald L. Tener, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Kristy D. Bell vs. GOB Franchise Group LLC, civil

action \$10,000 or less.

Jessica B. Johnson vs. Tullio R. Morales Jr., civil action \$10,000 or more.

Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Karen S. Howard, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Daimler Trust vs. Priscilla Santana, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Progressive Northern Insurance vs. Mustapha Wahmane, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Autovest LLC vs. Michael Barnes, civil action \$10,000 or more.

David Thompson vs. Kenney Stevens, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Coffeyville Resources Refining vs. Evolution Energy LLC, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Candice Howard vs. Jason A. Baca Sr., civil action \$10,000 or more.

Melody Morrison vs. Jeff Knobel, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Ben Morris vs. Antonio M. Mitchell, civil action \$10,000 or more.

### Marriages

#### Filed

Brian D. Kelley, 66, and Sandra A. Potts, 60, both of Newcastle.

Brody W. Harmon, 24, and Madison P. Watson, 22, both of Blanchard.

Hudson L. Horton, 23, of Goldsby and Kylee M. Robinson-Carroll, 23, of Blanchard.

Tyler R. Ruiz, 32, and Jacquilynn H. Krois, 28, both of Purcell.

Tanner J. Clouse, 34, and Bailee J. Shepherd, 26, both of Wayne.

Lonnie M. White, 56, and Jordon M. Henderson, 34, both of Shawnee.

Satvik Nimmagadda, 29, and Fayth M. Gammon, 28, both of Washington.

### Divorces

#### Granted

Tristan B. Phillips vs. Zane D. Phillips.

Larry D. Winters vs. Deanna R. Winters.

Frank J. Gonzales vs. Falen R. Gonzales.

Cierra N. Hacker vs. Coy E. Hacker.

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## SETTING THE PACE / Living life with an eternal perspective

# Recipe for life

I am currently preaching through the book of Genesis at First Baptist Church in Newcastle. I like to preach through books of the Bible because I think it is the best way for people to understand God's Word, keep it in proper context, and apply it most appropriately. Genesis is a 50-chapter book though, that is filled with lengthy narrative chapters, making it a bit challenging to preach. As we have persevered through this timeless, yet timely book of the Bible, God has spoken some tremendous truths into our hearts.

This past Sunday, we entered the final section of Genesis, chapters 37 through 50. These chapters largely cover the life of a man named Joseph. Next to Jesus Christ, Joseph is one of the most incredible examples to follow in the Bible. He was a man who went through a mountain of trials, yet never seemed to lose his focus on or faith in God. He is a stellar model of remaining faithful to God in and through all circumstance.

As we began talking about his life on Sunday, I shared three truths that help us think about how to live rightly in a world gone wrong. These three truths provide a "recipe for life," if you will. In order to walk with God and fulfill His purpose for your life, these three truths will help guide you and keep you on the right track.

First, rest in God's grace. Joseph was what he was because of the grace of God. God chose, called, and used Joseph in a mighty way. None of that was because Joseph was special. It was because God was gracious. Grace is defined as God giving us what we do not deserve. Because we are all sinners, we deserve punishment and judgment, but be-



Jeremy Freeman  
*pastor, FBC Newcastle*

cause God is rich in mercy and grace, He forgives us and uses us when we trust in Him. God was gracious to Joseph, and Joseph knew he was what he was because of God's grace. In this life, you will either focus on self or on God, and when we focus on God, and remember that all we have is because of Him, that changes everything.

Second, walk in God's truth. God gave Joseph some very clear visions and promises for his life. The promises were guaranteed because God is always faithful to finish what He starts. Joseph would be tested along the way. If you know the story of Joseph, he was sold into slavery by his brothers, falsely accused by his employer's wife, thrown into prison, and forgotten for many years. Yet, in all things, he held on to the promise of God and walked in God's truth.

Joseph shows us that we can always trust God's Word because it never changes. We must hold on to and walk in God's truth, even when our circumstances might cause us to question or doubt. Trial and tragedy are inevitable in this life, but what keeps us centered and focused, are the truths from God's Word.

Third, trust in God's sovereignty. The great Charles Spurgeon once said, "The sovereignty of God is the pillow upon which the Christian rests his head." Knowing and understanding that is incredibly relieving to a Christian. Joseph was one who never seems to question God's plan, even when he was in very difficult situations. He had a deep trust in God and knew that God would be faithful to him. This world seems to always be spiraling out of control, but knowing God is in complete control brings peace, hope, and joy!

This week, rest in God's grace, walk in God's truth, and trust in God's sovereignty!  
See you next week!

## OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES / From the desk of Sherrie Conley

# Redbud School Funding Grants aid school districts in area

The Oklahoma State Department of Education recently allotted half of \$38.5 million to 330 brick-and-mortar public schools statewide as part of the Redbud School Funding Grants program signed into law last year.

The grants are part of Senate Bill 229, which was drafted to help address funding disparities for brick-and-mortar public school districts that receive below-average funding from annual local tax revenue.

Because the funding is appropriated from medical marijuana taxes and the Common School Building Equalization Fund it can only be used for acquiring and improving school buildings. With the funding from the Redbud Grants, the hope is that other funding streams will be used for classroom instruction materials and reading and math interventionists to improve student outcomes.

With disruptions caused by COVID, our students have education gaps to close, and every bit of funding possible needs to be directed towards closing those gaps.

This legislation equalizes funding for school districts that are below the state average per student in local property taxes for the building fund and the county-wide millage. Only public charter schools that provide in-person or blended instruction to a minimum of two-thirds of enrolled students as the primary means of instruction may receive these funds. Statewide virtual charter schools are not eligible.

The initial allocations were made at the end of January. Funding collected between January and June will be allocated in June 2022.

School districts in House District 20 receiving Redbud grants are:

- Asher: an initial allocation of \$24,668.77, and a maximum allocation, pending all revenue receipts, of \$51,277.46.
- Blanchard: initial \$107,913.61; maximum \$224,313.37.
- Lexington: initial \$81,580.22; maximum \$169,575.78.
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- Paoli: initial \$5,987.68; maximum \$12,446.22.
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- Washington: initial 58,561.17; maximum \$121,727.51
- Wayne: initial \$3,163.48; maximum \$6,575.73

Norman, Wanette and Wynnewood are not receiving a Redbud grant as these districts receive at or above average local tax revenue.

Redbud School Funding Grants are in addition to the Republican-led Legislature's expansion of funding for public education to historic levels over the past five years. This includes teacher and staff pay raises, restoration and an increase of textbook funding, increasing appropriations for classrooms and school activities and other positive investments that seek to make Oklahoma students among the best prepared in the nation.

With the investments the Legislature has made over the last several years and addressing the disparities in the School Funding Formula there have been record-high appropriations to education.

Oklahoma students deserve excellence. They get that through creating and investing in a strong educational system.

Schools receiving Redbud Grants can be viewed here: <https://sde.ok.gov/redbud-school-grant-allocation>.



Rep. Sherrie Conley  
*R - Dist. 20*

## OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES / From the desk of Rep. Brad Boles

# Highlighting my top bills

The new legislative session is now underway for the second half of the 58th Legislature!

On Monday, Feb. 7, Governor Stitt began our session at noon with his annual State of the State address. He outlined his legislative priorities and his budget proposal for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Session typically runs Mondays through Thursdays each week and lasts until late May.

January 20 was the deadline to officially introduce new bills for the upcoming session. This year, 2,256 new bills were filed to be considered by the Legislature.

I want to highlight my seven highest priority bills, which will soon be assigned to a committee, where they'll begin the legislative process.

House Bill 3037 would appropriate \$5 million of the red-dyed diesel sales tax to a municipal drilling fund to help repair and maintain city roads damaged by oil and gas truck activity in cities under 15,000 people. This would give communities with oil and gas activity an opportunity to apply for funding each year to help repair roads negatively impacted by oil and gas traffic, which is very much needed.

House Bill 3038 amends last year's open transfer reform by allowing for automatic renewal of transfer students each year subject to school district approval without the same student having to reapply for transfers each year to the same school. Currently, a student reapplying to remain in the same school runs the risk of being at the bottom of the transfer list and possibly getting denied due to limited capacity. It also allows for siblings of a current student and children of a district employee to transfer regardless of capacity subject to district policy.

House Bill 3039 would give the Oklahoma Corporation Commission



Rep. Brad Boles  
*R - Dist. 51*

the ability to issue an intent to drill prior to the issuance of an order, but only after notice and hearing have occurred.

House Bill 3040 would limit Medicare supplement insurance premium increases to once per year and only during the enrollment period.

House Bill 3053 would allow a person with no prior felony convictions to receive a deferral of their sentence after successfully completing Oklahoma's drug court program. Currently, a deferral sentence would allow the opportunity for a program participant to receive drug court aftercare treatment.

Additionally, a deferral of sentence would give an individual with a significant amount of restitution owed to victims additional time to pay restitution. At the end of a successful deferral of sentence, an individual would still receive a dismissal of their case. This bill is supported by the Oklahoma District Attorney's Council.

House Bill 3054 gives hydrogen vehicles the same weight exemption that natural gas vehicles currently have in state statute. This change was recommended by the Hydrogen Task Force Committee, which I had the opportunity to participate on this past year.

House Bill 3403 updates definitions of "recycled water" and "treated constituents" in our statutes to include "thermal process or other commercially viable technologies" as a method of waste water recycling treatment. This will modernize our state statutes for the increasing number of thermal waste water recycling technologies that exist today.

It truly is an honor to represent House District 51 at the State Capitol. I encourage my constituents to stay engaged and reach out to me with your opinions of certain bills or of a particular issue, as I sincerely value your feedback.

My office phone is 405-557-7405 and my email is [brad.boles@okhouse.gov](mailto:brad.boles@okhouse.gov). You are always welcome to come by and visit me in person at my Capitol office in Room 244.

As your state representative, it's my job to be your voice at the State Capitol and I want to represent you and District 51 well. God bless!

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# Shawn Williams: Highly-trained cowboy fashion reporter



Shawn Williams entertains a Las Vegas crowd with his unique insights about Western fashion during the 2021 National Finals Rodeo.

Long before the American public was clamoring to view the latest cliffhanger of the Paramount western drama “Yellowstone,” Chickasaw cowboy Shawn Williams was sharing his unique insights about Western ensembles and “Wild West Wisdom.”

“Pearl Snap Fever” is his moniker choice with fans enjoying his homespun offerings weekly on a variety of social media platforms.

Always sporting his custom chipped-obsidian cowboy hat, complete with a press pass and a spare toothpick tucked into the band, the highly trained cowboy fashion reporter files a “Thursday Evenin’ Cowboy Fashion Report” on the Facebook page “Pearl Snap Fever.” He also shares “Fashion Tips and Wild West Wisdom” monthly reports for “Western Horseman.”

During the brief videos, he meticulously

describes his ensemble du jour, beginning with the ever-present pearl snap shirt. He expounds on the subtle differences in shades, such as Victorian alabaster and evening clabber, and how the colors accentuate his other fashion choices, such as a buckskin vest or an electric blue wild rag worn around his neck.

Asked about his inspiration for the highly descriptive commentary, Mr. Williams answered, “I don’t make up the fashion. I just report it. Pearl snap shirts have many luxurious colors and I am just blessed to know what it is. Sometimes I find the fashion, sometimes the fashion finds me, but I always report it.”

The “Thursday Evenin’ Cowboy Fashion Report” has evolved into a brand Williams trademarked, “Pearl Snap Fever.” He hopes to bring humor and levity to Western fashion similar to what

“Fashion Police” did for mainstream audiences.

“Sometimes, the reports capture the simplicity but the exaggeration of sarcasm of what Joan Rivers did with everyday fashion. Some people say I don’t look like a highly trained cowboy fashion reporter, so maybe that adds to the allure,” he laughed.

Williams’ persona inspired a new feature, “Snap and Ride: The Adventures of a Highly-Trained Cowboy Fashion Reporter,” scheduled for launch in the February 2022 issue of “Western Horseman.”

The cartoon strip, written by Williams and illustrated by Ty Skiver, is a call back to a time when the iconic publication, launched in 1937, featured cartoon strips.

“Western Horseman has agreed to a six-month run. It will be a three-to-four block cartoon on a half-page,” he said. “We are really

excited and have high hopes for it.”

The characters are also featured on wild rags, or scarfs, worn around the neck.

Williams’ connection with “Western Horseman” began when the publication featured his poetry, publishing a two-page spread of his poem “The Cowpuncher’s Night Before Christmas.”

Beneath Williams’ pearl snap shirts and dry wit beats the heart of a true cowboy poet, which was forged from his experiences as a cowpuncher in expansive ranches throughout the West. Soon after graduating high school, he mounted his horse and worked for years on several large ranches in the Southwest, from West Texas and New Mexico to Montana.

The poetry really began to flow when Williams, 51, moved back to Oklahoma and worked

stuff in me, I just didn’t know anyone wanted to hear it.”

Friends offered encouragement, and Williams’ first book of poetry, “Where the Wind Always Blows” was published in 2020. The poems tell the story of life as a cowpuncher, the horses he rides and the cattle determined to give him a run for his money. The book is available on Amazon.

**Pearl Snap Fever is born**

One evening in 2017, on horseback in the middle of the pasture, Williams decided to try out his new smartphone and filmed a video for his Facebook page, where he describes both his style choices, as well as his horse’s attire.

“I called it the “Thursday Evenin’ Cowboy Fashion Report” because it was Thursday and it was in the evening,” he said. “I wasn’t ever going to

to Gene and Linda (Lowrance) Williams, he was educated in the “cowboy way” while being reared in Sulphur. He grew up in a rodeo family with deep roots in Chickasaw Country.

His Chickasaw heritage stems from his mother’s family. The Lowrance family was among the first to arrive in the section of Indian Territory which would later become Murray County.

Willis Burgess (W.B.) Lowrance and his Chickasaw wife, Mattie, established Lowrance Ranch in the 1870s near Boiling Springs, the headwaters of Buckhorn Creek, south of Sulphur.

One of their sons, Williams’ maternal great grandfather, Oscar Kennedy (O.K.) Lowrance, was a real wild-west cowboy who assumed ranching responsibilities. Born in 1883, O.K. won a gold buckle and a saddle in the bulldogging



Highly-trained cowboy fashion reporter Shawn Williams, his granddaughter Miya Johnson and “Cheech.”



Shawn Williams.

do it again, but what few friends I had on Facebook encouraged me to do another one, and then another one, so I did. I enjoyed it.

“One day I shared a poem I had written about pearl snap shirts, and it just blew up. So, I just started talking about pearl snap shirts because that is what a lot of cowboys wear, and they have since they have been invented.”

“Pearl Snap Fever” also features a clothing line of T-shirts, hoodies, ball caps and koozies available at retailers in Sulphur.

Williams has recently been invited to make appearances at the National Finals Rodeo, Legends of the Rodeo banquet, the Red Stegall Cowboy Gathering, and was the keynote speaker at the Idaho Cattle Association year-end banquet.

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event at the 1912 Calgary Stampede, and was considered world champion.

“He was still roping calves in his late 80s and maybe even his 90s,” Williams said.

O.K. also served two terms as an Oklahoma legislator, one term as a state senator, and was a co-author of the bill which led to the creation of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

Williams’ maternal grandfather, Millard, was a well-known attorney in Sulphur, who also served as district attorney. Millard was known to leave the courthouse and attend roping events still wearing his suit.

“The older I get, I realize the rich history of the Chickasaw people and this area, and to know my family was a part of it, it really means a lot,” Williams said.



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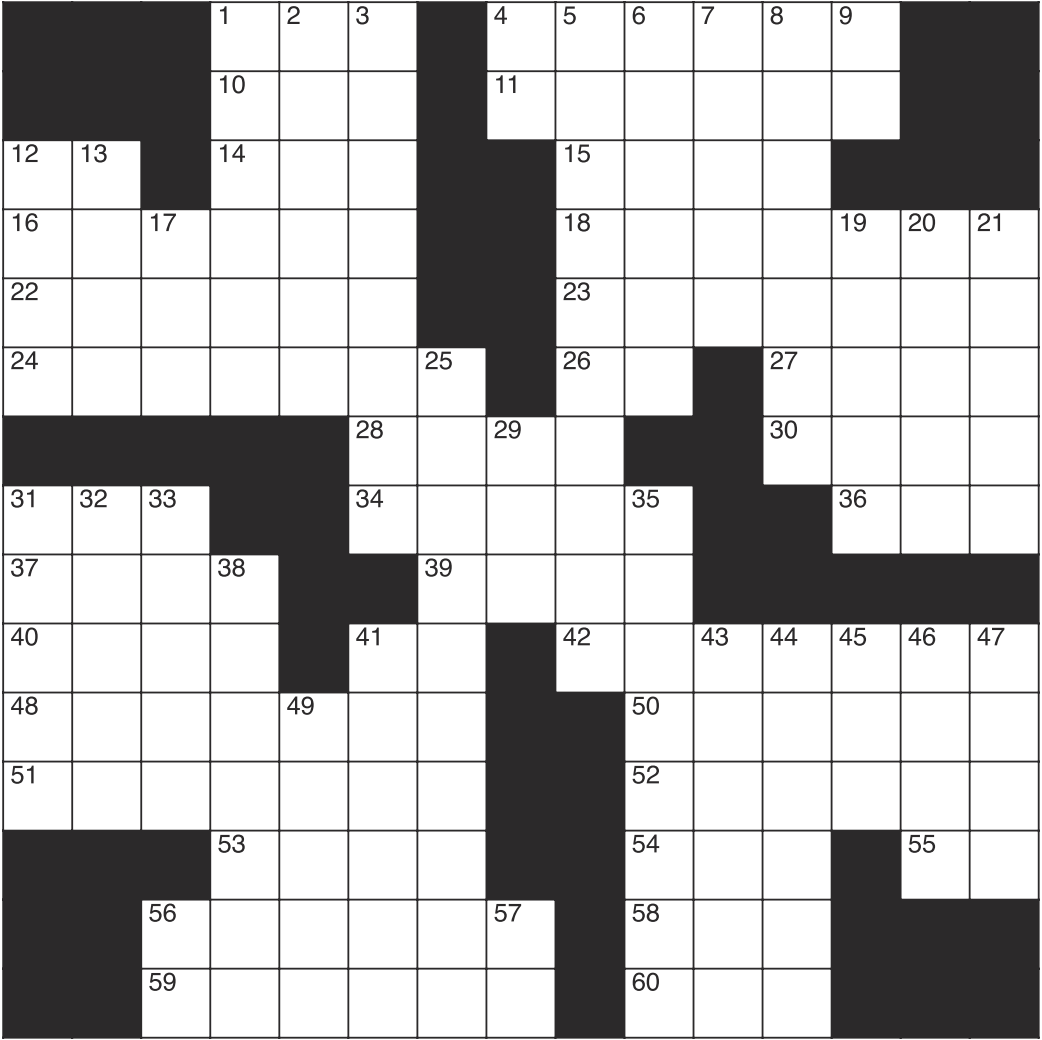
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- Millisecond
- the ante
- Without value
- Eurasian ryegrass
- Authentic
- Having a mournful quality
- Not out
- Salvador \_\_\_, Spanish artist
- Cargo (abbr.)
- This (Spanish)
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Slang for trucks with trailers
- Helps you hear
- Steer a boat
- British School
- Genus of olive
- Computer term (abbr.)
- Horse gear
- Give off
- A type of salt
- Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- One who watches birds
- Sailboat
- A major division of geological time
- Sodium
- American state
- Soak in water
- Thin decorative covering of fine wood
- Affirmative

### CLUES DOWN

- One of the four seasons
- Its sultan is famous
- A lens for correcting defective vision in one eye
- College degree
- Soldiers need it
- Japanese car manufacturer
- A way to address
- Obstruct
- Atomic number 45
- Ill-mannered
- Opaque gem
- Indicates before
- Remove
- Populous Argentine city
- More cunning
- Rich dessert
- Payment (abbr.)
- Footwear
- Famed Alabama city
- Sheep's cry
- Arrogance
- Clergical vestment
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- Scottish island
- Early multimedia
- Atomic number 18

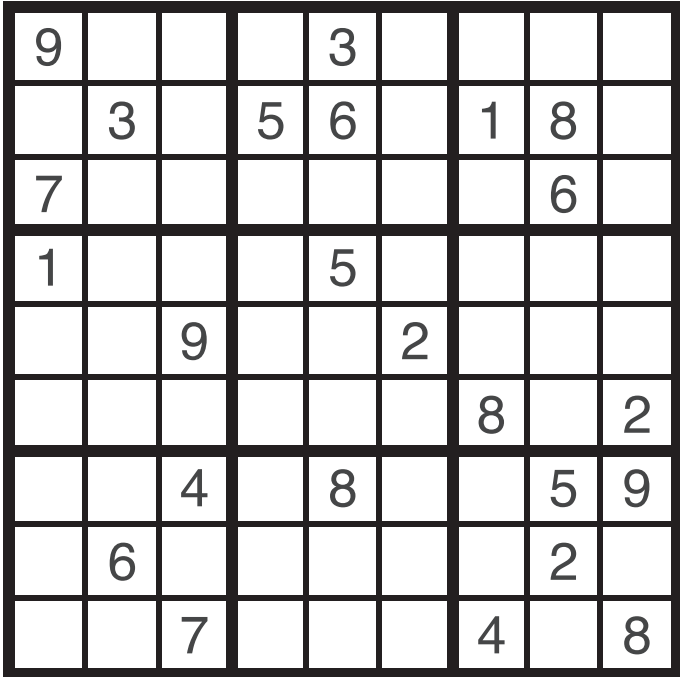
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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COOKIE  
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CUT  
DOUGH  
DRIZZLE  
FLOUR  
FOLD  
FONDANT  
GANACHE  
GLUTEN  
ICING  
KNEAD  
PASTRIES  
PROOF  
RADIANT  
YEAST



Level: Intermediate

## CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to baking.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 16 = E)

- A. 2 18 16 19**  
Clue: Cooking device
- B. 25 16 13 22 6 16**  
Clue: Cooking instructions
- C. 24 4 6 6 9 22 16 24**  
Clue: Materials
- D. 6 25 16 26 16 5 12**  
Clue: Warm up oven

Answers: A. oven B. recipe C. supplies D. preheat



### Guess Who?

I am a wrestler born in South Carolina on February 8, 1972. I once went by the name "The Giant" and defeated Hulk Hogan in 1995. I am self-described as the World's Largest Athlete due to my immense size.

Answer: Big Show

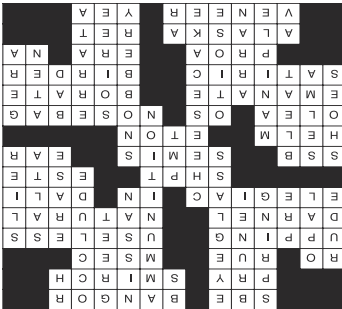
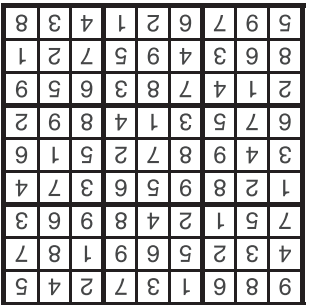
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# Stark fifth at JH State Championship

By Mark Codner  
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Newcastle was represented Friday and Saturday at the Junior High State Wrestling Championship by seventh grader Gage Stark. The 92-pounder placed fifth at the tournament, held at the Jim Norick Arena at the Oklahoma City State Fairgrounds. Coach Zach Hale said, "To place at that tournament is really something." Hale said Stark also won

first place at the Conference Tournament, held earlier this year. With the State Championship comes the conclusion to the junior high season. The high school Racers had a match at Bridge Creek Tuesday night, but due to the Newcastle Pacer deadlines, the outcome could not be determined. The Racers take on Davis for their annual Senior Night beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday at home.



• photo by Carlos Flores

Freshman Hadlee Ballard looks to throw the ball inbounds during a Racer basketball game.



• photo by Carlos Flores

Junior Emma Allen prepares to pass to a teammate during the Newcastle-Weatherford basketball game last week.



• photo by Carlos Flores

Sophomore Leah Bradley prepares to pass the ball during the Newcastle-Weatherford basketball game.



• photo by Carlos Flores

Junior Connor Boydston prepares the pass to Newcastle's Chase Sucharda during the Weatherford basketball game last week.



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Senior Tristan Cathey shoots the jump shot between two Weatherford defenders during a Newcastle game last week.

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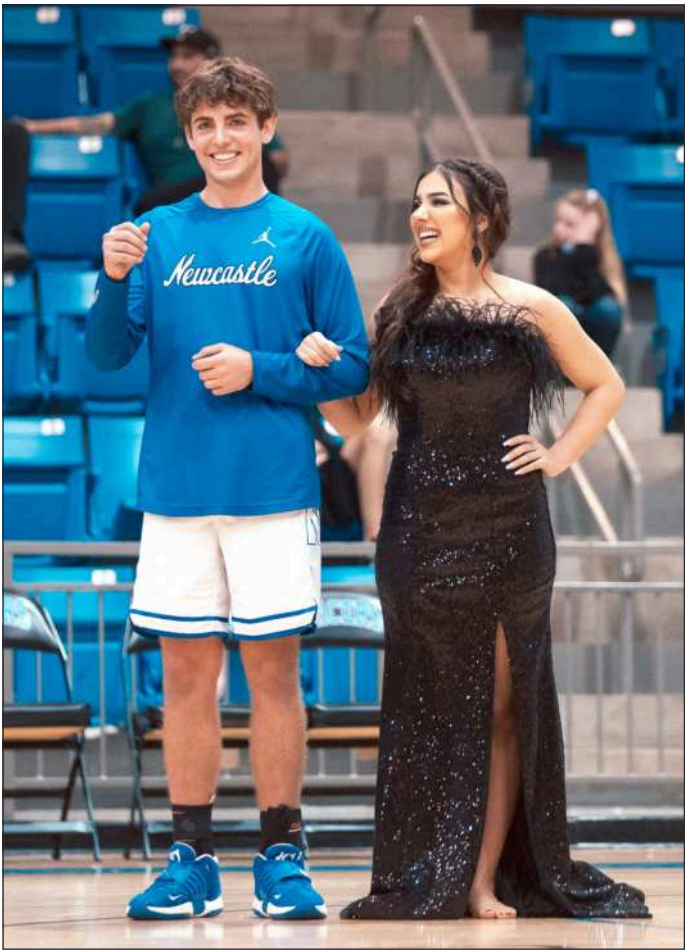
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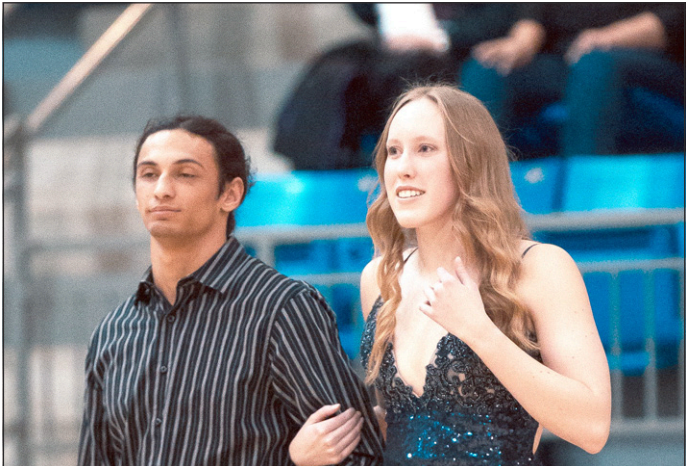
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