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High winds hit Kenefic



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This barn near Kenefic on Highway 48 was destroyed during a storm Friday evening. The barn is more than 100 years old.

Distinctive Bryan County barn hit by storm

BY MATT SWEARENGIN
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A storm hammered Kenefic Friday evening destroying and damaging homes, uprooting trees and knocking down utility poles.

Kenneth Eppler, deputy director of Durant/Bryan County Emergen-

cy Management, said the storm hit at approximately 10 p.m.

One home and several barns were destroyed, and 16 power poles were knocked down. Other structures were damaged.

Steve Clark's home was heavily damaged during the storm and a Go Fund Me account has been set up to

raise funds to help him rebuild.

A distinctive old barn off Highway 48 near Kenefic was among structures knocked down during the storm.

The barn had been a popular subject for photographers and

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Shown is some of the wind damage in Kenefic.



Rare December tornadoes reported in central U.S.

TAYLORVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Residents in central Illinois on Sunday assessed the damage after rare December tornadoes, including one the day before that was a half-mile-wide, ripped roofs off homes, downed power lines and injured at least 20 people.

The severe weather in Illinois was part of a line of thunderstorms that

raked areas of the central U.S. late Friday and into Saturday, killing one person in Missouri. The National Weather Service confirmed tornadoes in Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma.

At least three tornadoes were confirmed in northwest and southwest Arkansas, which largely caused property and structural damage. No

injuries or fatalities were reported.

Peak months for tornadoes in much of the Midwest are April and June, according to the weather service. But at least 12 tornadoes were reported in Illinois on Saturday, including one in Taylorville which has been confirmed. If the majority are confirmed, that would be the most tornadoes

in Illinois in a December storm since Dec. 18-19, 1957, when there were 21.

The weather service sent crews Sunday to survey the hardest-hit areas in Illinois, which included Taylorville, 25 miles southeast of Springfield.

Photographs and video from Taylorville showed several houses flattened,

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Choctaw Nation hosts Pow Wow



Michael Clements | Durant Democrat

The 14th annual Choctaw Nation Pow Wow was held Friday-Saturday at the Choctaw Event Center. More than 30 tribes participated in the event that included competitions and vendors. Shown are participants in the grand entry held Saturday at noon.

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BIBLE QUOTE

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives
2 Peter 3:10-11 NIV



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Court bids farewell to Powers

Long-time judge feted as fair and compassionate

BY MICHAEL CLEMENTS
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Rocky Powers, associate judge for District 19 in Bryan County, said Friday that he's not really retiring, he's simply returning an office he's occupied to the people it belongs to.

"This has never been my job, it's never been my office," Powers said. "It belongs to the people of Bryan County. It always has and always will. I'm just proud to be one of them."

Powers is stepping down after 41 years on the bench. He graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1973 and received his law degree from the University of Tulsa in 1976. He was appointed an associate judge for District 19 in Bryan County by Gov. George Nigh in 1986.

During a reception in the third-floor courtroom, Powers presided over his coworkers, fellow officers of the court, friends and family gathered to honor him. Powers was lauded as being a firm, fair and compassionate



Retired Judge Ted Knight, left, and retiring District 19 Associate Judge Rocky Powers share a laugh during a reception for Powers in the Bryan County Courthouse this past Friday. Powers is retiring after more than 40 years as a judge.

judge who protected the rights of Bryan County citizens, including children who often had few champions in the courtroom.

District Attorney Emily Redman said Powers had been a mentor and friend long before she took over as Bryan County's DA. Redman said Powers' office décor shows the compassion he has for children.

Powers presided over hun-



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District 19 Associate Judge Rocky Powers, left, accepts a plaque from Bryan County Bar Association president Chris Jones, left, during a reception at the Bryan County Courthouse this past Friday. Powers is retiring after more than 40 years on the bench.

dreds of cases involving children. From custody battles to foster parent cases, Powers often had to make difficult decisions that would have far-reaching implications for children, Redman said. She said his office, which is filled with Mickey Mouse memorabilia, earned him the moniker, "The Mickey Mouse Judge."

Redman said that Powers would often take children scheduled to appear in his court to his office. The toys and other items related to the cartoon character would help put the children at ease by showing them the human side of the man in the black

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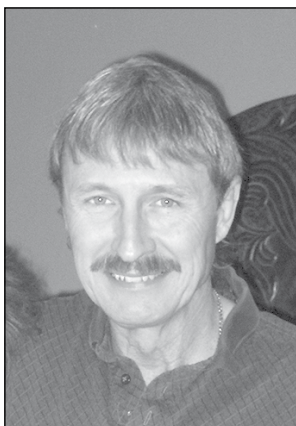
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OBITUARIES

THOMAS O. MACENTIRE III

Thomas O. MacEntire III was born on May 21, 1950 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Thomas O. and Barbara Gene Kuykendall MacEntire II. Tom passed away on November 29, 2018 in Durant, Oklahoma at the age of 68.

Tom moved with his family to Bryan County in June 1964. He graduated from Mead High School before beginning his military career with the United States Navy as an Avionics Technician in May 1971. He served 21 years and retired in 1992 as a Master Chief and decorated Vietnam veteran. Following retirement, Tom returned to Durant where he furthered his education at Southeastern Oklahoma State



University receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in May 1996 while working at ISC Computers. On June 1, 2003, Tom married Brenda Kay Morris and they were blessed with 15 years together. Tom worked for Silo Schools as IT Director. Tom enjoyed football (specifically the Dallas Cowboys), boating, and he deeply loved his family and the Lord.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother, Anna Mae MacEntire.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Brenda Kay MacEntire; treasured daughter, Amber Larson and husband Trevor; stepsons, Cory Wheeler and wife Shawntae and Kaylan Woods; brothers and sisters, Gary Reece and wife Maxine, Bart Reece and wife Margie, Kathy MacEntire-Bates, Tim MacEntire and wife Nancy, Mary Rawls and husband Bob and David MacEntire; grandchildren, Avilynn and Mirari Larson, Emily, Hannah and McKinnley Wheeler and numerous extended family and friends.

Funeral services to celebrate Tom's life will be held Thursday December 6, 2018 at Victory Life Church. Brother Tim

MacEntire and Pastor Lee Armstrong will officiate. Interment will follow in Mead Cemetery. Pallbearers will be family members Scott Reece, Landon Bates, Brad MacEntire, David Rawls, Jeff MacEntire and Kaylan Woods. Honorary pallbearers will be Trevor Larson, Cory Wheeler and Kirby Haynes. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home on Wednesday evening from 6-8 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Silo School Alumni Association at 4710 West Hwy 70 Durant, OK 74701. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brownsfuneralservice.com.

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robe. She held up a photo of Powers high-fiving a child in his court and said the image was emblematic of Powers' work.

"Who knows how many little hands he has impacted?" Redman asked the group.

She credited Powers with starting her legal career during a visit to her school on career day when she was 14 years old.

"That's when I decided to be an attorney," she told the gathering.

Ted Knight, who retired in 2014 after 32 years on the bench in LeFlore County, said he and Powers had been friends since 1983.

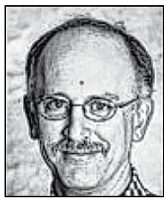
He joked with Powers that they had stories they couldn't share publicly.

"We had a lot of fun at judicial conferences, but I don't think the people at the conferences always enjoyed our comedy," Knight said.

Soil amendments to improve your garden

While it may not be a pleasant time to be outdoors, now is the time to start preparing your garden soil for the upcoming growing season.

If you have experienced poor vegetable production in spite of good management practices, you probably need to add something to your soil. For example, garden soils that have been heavily fertilized every year may have become more acidic and need lime to counteract that acidity.



ROBERT BOURNE
Guest Columnist

First, you should have your soil tested. A low pH can be corrected by adding lime to the soil. The soil test will tell how much lime is needed. Lime applications should then be worked into the soil in fall or winter. Do not add lime unless the soil has been tested. Too much lime can be as bad as too little.

If you burn wood you can use two gallons of fireplace ashes per 100 square feet as a short-term substitute for lime. This is risky without a soil test because ashes are very alkaline and high in potassium salts. They can ruin the soil if the pH is too high. Ashes can be beneficial if the pH is low. Do not use ashes more

than two or three years in a row, and definitely don't apply them unless a recent soil test has recommended lime.

A high pH can be lowered by adding sulfur to the soil. It is best to do this several months before planting season.

Garden soils that crust badly and become very hard when dry, need organic mulch or compost. These will conserve moisture during summer and improve the soil when tilled in the fall.

Any partially decomposed organic material such as leaves, grass clippings, old garden plant residue, rotted hay or straw, vegetable scraps, shredded newspaper and such materials can be effective as a compost. Avoid using newsprint with colored ink, as it may contain

traces of heavy metals. Also avoid using meat scraps and animal fats in compost, as it tends to attract rodents, fire ants and other undesirable critters. More information on composting and improving garden soil fertility is available free at the County Extension Office.

If you have any questions or would like further information on this or other related management topics, visit us on the west end of the Clay Jones Community Building at 1901 S. 9th Avenue in Durant, or call (580) 924-5312.

Upcoming events
January 4-5, Horticulture Industries Show, Fayetteville, AR

Robert Bourne is a Bryan County Extension Educator



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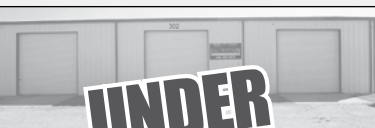
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Basketball tournament to kick off Thursday

BY KEVIN FARR
For the Democrat

The 29th Annual Durant Lion Classic tips off Thursday with another group of standout teams and extremely talented individual participants converging on the DHS Gymnasium for a three-day

run. A couple of new faces along with tournament perennial challengers highlight another star-studded girls bracket this season.

Top-seeded Denison has a stellar returning nucleus from a 31-win squad that proved to be the best in

school history a year ago. The Lady Jackets are off to a just a 6-5 start however have played a brutally difficult schedule that includes a loss to long-time 6A Texas powerhouse Duncanville as well as a pair of defeats in a west Texas road swing through Lubbock.

The team's catalyst is 5-7 senior Zya Nugent who is second only to Lion Classic record holder Shayla Moore in the school's scoring history. She earned All-State and District Player of the Year honors last season with 25.5

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Dan Hoke | SE

Southeastern defeated Southwestern in a game Saturday in Weatherford.

Big second half lifts SE past SWOSU

WEATHERFORD, Okla. – Southeastern had four players in double-figures and drained 17 threes on its way to a 92-77 road victory over Southwestern Oklahoma State on Saturday afternoon in Weatherford.

The win lifts the Savage Storm to 4-1 overall on the season and evens its Great American Conference record at 1-1.

Kevin Buckingham turned in a huge performance, finishing with his second-straight double-double while leading all players

with 24 points and posted a game-high 11 rebounds. He shot 9-of-13 from the floor, including a pair of threes, and tacked on a 4-of-4 effort at the free throw line. He also pitched in three assists, a block and a steal.

Todd Dawkins joined him in double-figures with a season-best 18 points on 6-of-11 shooting from three-point range, while Kayo Goncalves chipped in 14 points with a trio of threes, while Kellen Manek added 12 with a pair of threes.

SE finished the contest

shooting just under 50 percent from the field, bolstered by a 52.2 percent effort in the second half, while hitting 17-of-36 from long range.

Jett Jobe led the way in triggering the offense with a season-high 10 assists, while Adam Dworsky dished out seven and the Storm handed out 25 helpers as a team.

Buckingham's 11 rebounds led all players on the glass, while Goncalves was next in line with seven as the Storm held a 40-to-37

edge on the boards.

The teams traded runs early in the first half, with SWOSU putting together a 19-2 run to open up a 29-15 lead near the midway point of the first half.

The lead would grow to 15 points before the Storm put together back-to-back-to-back threes from Dworsky, Dawkins and Manek to quickly close the deficit to 33-27 with 8:21 to go in the half.

Dawkins would later con-

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SE women drop road matchup at SWOSU

WEATHERFORD, Okla. – After a solid start led to a lead after one quarter, Southeastern hit a midgame cold spell and Southwestern Oklahoma State took advantage, handing the Savage Storm a 96-70 loss on Saturday afternoon in Weatherford.

The loss drops the Savage Storm to 2-3 overall on the season and 1-1 in Great American Conference play.

The Savage Storm held a 17-14 lead after the first quarter after holding SWOSU to 28.6 percent shooting from the floor, including an 0-for-9 effort from behind the arc.

However, the Bulldogs would get to the free throw line 13 times in the second quarter, hitting 11

of them to outscore the Storm 24-14 in the quarter to take a 38-31 lead at the halftime break.

The third quarter saw SE go cold from behind the arc and finished the frame shooting 23.1 percent from the floor and was outscored 28-14 to head to the fourth quarter down 66-45.

Southeastern got back on track in the fourth quarter, hitting 4-of-6 threes and shooting 50.0 percent overall from the field, but it was not enough as they would fall 96-70.

Katie Webb led all players on the floor with 25 points on 8-of-15 shooting, including a 1-of-1 mark on threes, while adding an 8-of-10



Matt Swearingin | Durant Democrat

Kamryn Cantwell moves toward the goal in a game Nov. 25 with Texas A&M-Commerce. Saturday, they played Southwestern in Weatherford.

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Rock Creek sweeps Colbert in county basketball play

BY KEVIN FARR
For the Democrat

Rock Creek 50, Colbert 24 (girls)

After a tight first half, Rock Creek exploded on a massive 27-1 run in the third quarter Friday night spurred by 17 combined points from Teeronie McCann and Brittany Farrington to take command and put the contest completely out of reach.

Colbert got off to a great start leading 12-6 after one stanza and 15-14 at intermission before going completely cold in

the third frame while the Lady Mustangs cashed into several turnovers into points.

McCann and Farrington each tallied 15 points to lead the charge for Rock Creek. Macy Converse added 10, Karissa Blackburn and Kendra Ingram finished with three each with Kala Anderson and Jolie Perry both posting two points.

Hannah Rhoades topped Colbert with 10 points. Leigha Brown scored six, Kinzee Coker had four with Toree Buck and Danica Olguin scoring two apiece.

Rock Creek 57, Colbert 37 (boys)

Big first and fourth quarters provided the difference for Rock Creek as the Mustangs utilized a solid inside-outside combination.

Rock Creek burst out to an 18-9 lead after one stanza before both teams managed just eight points in the second frame. It was 40-28 Mustangs through three.

Darian James fueled the charge with a game-high 20 points. Karson Dry added 16 and Aaron Taylor also reached double figures with 14. Luke Jestis notched five and

Cactus Williams rounded out the scoring with two.

Colbert had two players reached double digits with 11 from McKye Marquez and 10 by Hunter Peebles. Dillon Winger added six, Carlos Segura had four and Brandon Denton, Braden Mueller and Aaron Staple scored two each.

Calera 32, Tupelo 18 (girls)

In spite of a very slow offensive start, the Lady Bulldogs kicked things into gear and slowly pulled away for their first win of the season.

After battling to a 3-3

deadlock after one frame, Calera came alive with 12 points in the second stanza led by eight from Mykah Carlton to take control. The Lady Bulldogs were in front 15-7 at intermission and 21-12 through three quarters.

Carlton ended with a team-high 12 points. Maddi Virgin chipped in seven, Kya Daniel had four, Cassidy Mullens and Koty White scored three apiece, Kendra St. Clair notched two and Amber Berryhill one.

Calera 65, Tupelo 56 (boys)

Calera raced to an

early lead behind balanced scoring and then held off the Tigers down the stretch to post the victory.

The Bulldogs led 20-12 after one, 36-25 at the half and 45-33 through three stanzas before being outscored 23-20 in the fourth.

Bodie Smith, Keith Jeffreys and Tyler Shupert all reached double figures with 17, 16 and 14 points respectively.

Tim Iker contributed six, Parker Barkley and Tytus West added three apiece while Landon Robinson, Slate Swedelson and Brayden White all ended with two.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today

Caddo at Rock Creek; Calera at Boswell; Colbert at Milburn; Coleman at Victory Life; Durant at Byng; Kingston at Madill; Kiowa at Silo

Thursday, Dec. 6

Basketball: Durant Lion Classic – Boys vs. Norman North, 5:40; Girls vs. Springdale, Ark., 7 p.m.

Basketball: Bennington Tournament; Rock Creek Tournament; Tushka at Hartshorne Tournament; Boswell at Madill Tournament; Silo at Bethel Tournament; Kingston at OBU Tournament

Basketball: Southern Nazarene at Southeastern, 5:30

Wrestling: Durant at Tecumseh Triangular (Tecumseh, Ada)

Friday, Dec. 7

Savanna at Caddo

Saturday, Dec. 8

Basketball: Northwestern at Southeastern, 1 p.m.

Wilmoth chairs legislative committee

BY HAROLD HARMON
For the Democrat

The lady has more chairs than a dining table in a cafeteria and darn near a title to go with each chair.

Cherrie (Johnson) Wilmoth came to Southeastern Oklahoma State University from Idabel (Oklahoma) High School and earned her bachelor's (1995) and master's (1996) degrees in Education.



WILMOTH

She is a member of NCAA Division II's Management Council and chairs the powerful Legislation Committee. When she has time to answer the phone, you will discover she is the Associate Athletics Director, Internal Operations and Compliance.

It's not a short title but it is a short way of saying that every athlete in every sport at Southeastern must be cleared by Wilmoth before becoming eligible to participate. Internal Operations means that if it moves in Southeastern athletics, she knows about it.

Chairing the National D-II Legislation Committee is in addition to her normal day job which can run into many night hours as well.

"Serving as National Chair of the Legislation Committee was not something I thought I would be doing back in 2016 when I became a member of the Management Council and Legislation Committee," Wilmoth said. "Preparing for a Management Council meeting is like reading a novel. Many times our meeting materials will run to 500 or more pages. It took me a little while to learn how to prepare for these meetings."

Despite the prep work for meetings and making sure all athletes are cleared to practice and play, the first thing one notices about Cherrie is that big smile. Walk into her office and she will brighten your day regardless of her work load at the time.

Division II features more than 300 colleges and universities located in 45 states, including Alaska and Hawaii and the District of Columbia. The division stretches into Canada with Simon Fraser University and there are three schools located in Puerto Rico.

From that number, the Legislation Committee is narrowed to just 12 members, two of which are from the Management Council.

The committee's primary charge is to determine interpretations of all

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The wrong bags

Dear Annie: This may be a new one for you, but I'm finding it frustrating, to say the least. My husband, who is a retired European-trained chef, does most of the cooking now that we are both retired. For years, I've used zip-lock bags for storing leftovers. Over the past two years, he's insisted on buying a kind that has to be lined up perfectly to be pressed together. I hate these bags, and he knows it. I have a hard time getting them to close properly. He refuses to use the ones I prefer. I end



ASK ANNIE
Advice

up putting things in "my" bags if I can't close "his." What message is he sending?! I am so beyond frustrated!

— Why?!

Dear Why: The question to put that question to is your husband. But I can tell you that when you and your partner are fighting about something as small as zip-lock bags, there are bigger issues at hand. This bag issue may just be the lightning rod for all the emotional static that's built up over the past two years — or however long

you've both been retired, as it's normal for couples to experience some friction when adjusting to retirement. You're around each other a lot more often, with all the routines you've been following for 30-plus years suddenly upended. Take a step back together to look at the big picture of your relationship. Are there things you haven't been communicating? Are there needs that aren't being met — perhaps for more togetherness or more alone time? Once you're on the same page with the big things, the little things tend to become a lot less significant.

Dear Annie: I want your opinion. I started going to one church, and then I switched to another church of the same denomination

because it's much closer to my house. One friend who is a member of the first church tries to tell me it's wrong to go anywhere other than the first church. She called me three times in one day about it. She is making me resent her. It's her way or the highway. What are your thoughts on this?

— Churchgoer

Dear Churchgoer: My thoughts are that your friend is behaving completely inappropriately. You are free to worship wherever you please; that's one of the founding principles of our country. Tell this controlling friend that you won't hear any more on the subject, and if she insists on calling to berate you about it, let her go to voicemail.

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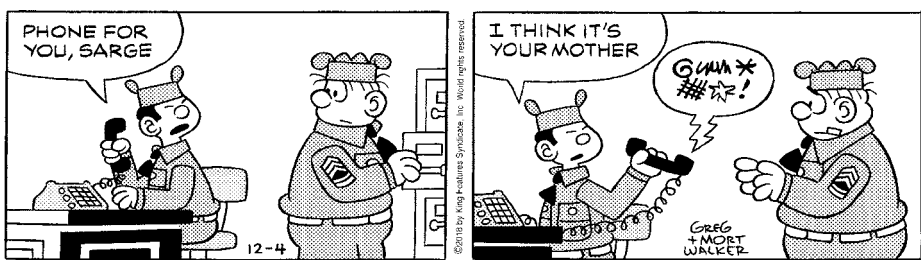
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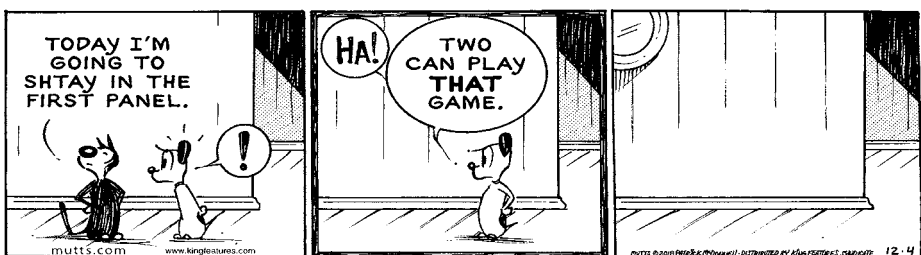
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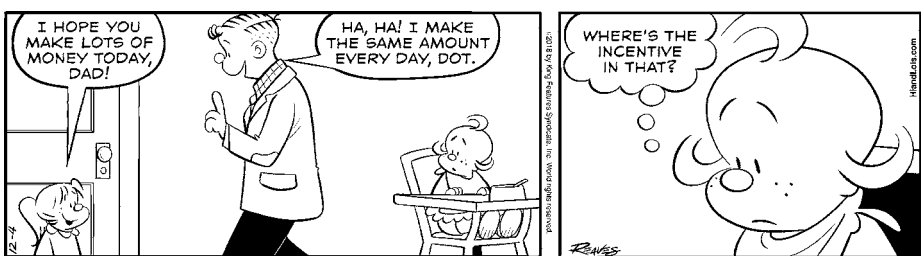
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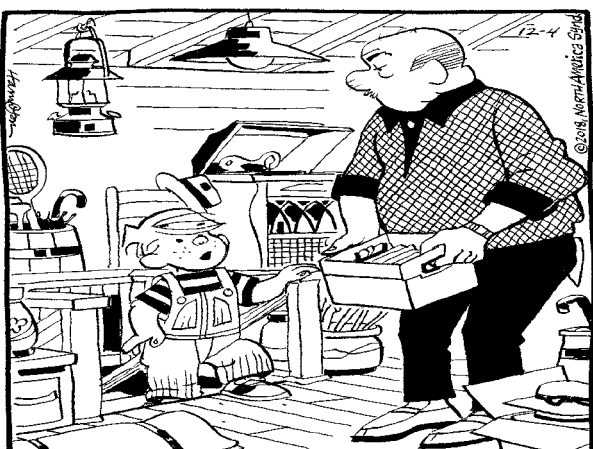
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DENNIS THE MENACE

Hank Ketcham's



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THE LOCKHORNS

By Bunny Hoest & John Reiner



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By Bill and Jeff Keane



"Hey, Mr. Covell, did you know you have a hole in your hair?"

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By Dave Green

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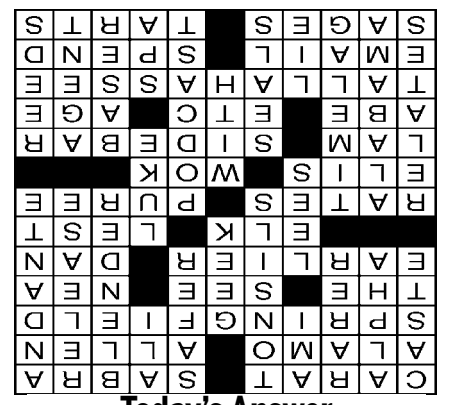
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BABY BLUES

By Jerry Scott & Rick Kirkman



CRYPTOQUOTE

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTE

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they'll tell a lot. — Walter Winchell

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: People like to tell tales. If I take the rap for what they tell me,

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★ Juggle your finances carefully. A decision could have implications beyond the obvious. You initially might look at the worst-case scenario and then decide to be reasonably indulgent. Tonight: Out and about.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Maximize the moment. You might have a special friend visiting. A loved one will notice how busy you are and retreat. Make sure this person is not being left

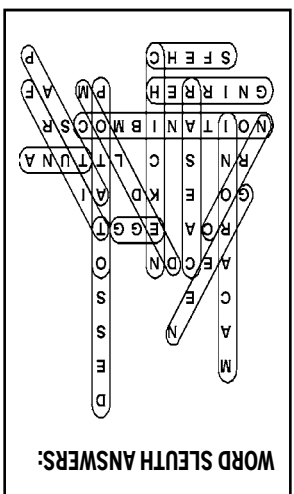
out; ask if he or she would like to join you. Tonight: Whatever you choose is perfect.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★ You don't need to explain why you need some time alone. Many of you will be doing holiday shopping. The intensity of a personal relationship could overwhelm you. Take some time and distance yourself rather than create an uproar. Tonight: Nap, then decide.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Listen to a friend, as he or she gives you the scoop on what is happening with several friends and a get-together. A loved one could feel as if he or she isn't included in this group. For your sake, do not allow this person to feel insecure. Tonight: Do what you love.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Others share with you as though you were their confidant. A problem could occur when more than one of these people are around, as there could be an undertone

of jealousy. Support yourself in who you are. A loved one understands you well. Tonight: A force to behold.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Keep trying to get a hold of a friend. You care a lot about this person. Fill out cards and buy presents, especially for those at a distance. Recognize your limits. Invite friends to go caroling. Get into holiday music. Tonight: In the spirit of the moment.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Continue to relate to close friends and loved ones directly. There is something about you that makes others want to be your sole focus. You give the gift of being present in the moment. Tonight: Spend some close time with a loved one.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Touch base with several loved ones. Even if you are heading in different directions during the day, it doesn't mean that you won't be able to get together later.

You might be the force that brings loved ones together. Tonight: Enjoy a laid-back gathering.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★ You might be stuck in high gear trying to get as much done as possible. At some point, try to squeeze in a nap. A loved one will join you later in the day, as he or she wants to hang out with you, even if it means going shopping or finally getting a tree. Tonight: Celebrate life.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ You will want to spend some quality time with a special someone, but you have a lot to get done. Everyone is as busy as you are, and they probably would like to steal some time away with their loved ones, too. Tonight: When you feel tired, stop.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★ You could be thinking that you should run some holiday errands, but you simply might need some

time off from the hectic pace. Once you decide to lie low, you might want to screen your calls. Tonight: Curl up with a favorite book and play it low-key.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Hook up with a friend for lunch to visit and discuss your holiday plans and gift-giving arrangements. For you, most of the pleasure of the holidays comes from visiting with different friends,



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Monday's unlisted clue: BOILED
 Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
 Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: NAMED FOR A HOTEL

Caesar	Corn	Herring	Potato
Chef's	Egg	Macaroni	Tossed
Chicken	Fruit	Molded	Tuna
Combination	Green	Pasta	

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LEGAL NOTICES

Published in the Durant Democrat 11/27/2018 and 12/4/2018. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BRYAN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA Case No. PB-2018-1 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAHLILA HOUSTON, Deceased. NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION, APPROVAL OF ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Notice is hereby given that Melissa Courtney Valentine, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of Dahlila Houston, Deceased, has filed her Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution, Approval of Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Expenses, and Discharge of Personal Representative. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for December 17, 2018, at 9:30 AM, in the District Courtroom, County Courthouse, 402 W. Evergreen, Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the Account should not be settled and allowed, the Estate distributed, the Attorneys' Fees, Costs,

and Expenses approved, and the Personal Representative discharged. DATED this 21st day of November, 2018. /s/ Mark Campbell JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT Matt B. Mickle, OBA #21534 323 W. Main Street Durant, OK 74701 Telephone: (580) 924-7777 Telefax: (580) 924-2600 Attorney for Petitioner LPXLP Published in the Durant Democrat 12/04/2018. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BRYAN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA Case No. CJ-2018-61 Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., Plaintiff, v. The Unknown Heirs, Successors, and Assigns of Guy W. Scott aka Guy Weston Scott, deceased; Jane Doe, spouse of Guy W. Scott aka Guy Weston Scott, if any; The Unknown Heirs, Successors, and Assigns of Rhonda D. Scott aka Rhonda Denise Scott, deceased; John Doe, spouse of Rhonda D. Scott aka Rhonda Denise Scott, if any; Occupants of Premises, If Any; State of Oklahoma, ex rel Oklahoma Tax Commission,

Defendants. NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION TO CONFIRM SHERIFF'S SALE TO: Above-named Defendants, The Unknown Heirs, Successors, and Assigns of Guy W. Scott aka Guy Weston Scott, deceased; Jane Doe, spouse of Guy W. Scott aka Guy Weston Scott, if any; The Unknown Heirs, Successors, and Assigns of Rhonda D. Scott aka Rhonda Denise Scott, deceased; John Doe, spouse of Rhonda D. Scott aka Rhonda Denise Scott, if any; Occupants of Premises, if any; and State of Oklahoma, ex rel Oklahoma Tax Commission. TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed herein its Motion To Confirm Sheriff's Sale in the above-entitled cause. That said Motion to Confirm Sale of the following real property: THE SW/4 OF THE NW/4 OF THE SW/4 OF SECTION TEN (10), TOWNSHIP EIGHT (8) SOUTH, RANGE TEN (10) EAST OF THE INDIAN BASE AND MERIDIAN IN BRYAN COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, and 2013 CMH MOBILE HOME

VIN: CSS013428TXAB (the "Property")
 Hearing of said Motion to Confirm Sheriff's Sale will be heard before the Honorable Judge Campbell in the Bryan County Courthouse, on the 19th day of December, 2018, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. You must appear at said time and present any objections to the said sale proceedings or the Motion to Confirm Sale will be sustained and the sale confirmed. Respectfully submitted, /s/ Gretchen Latham Gretchen M. Latham - OBA No. 17523 PHILLIPS MURRAH P.C. Corporate Tower, 13th Floor 101 North Robinson Avenue Oklahoma City, OK 73102 Telephone: (405) 235-4100 Facsimile: (405) 235-4133 gmlatham@phillipsmurrah.com ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF LPXLP Published in the Durant Democrat 12/04/2018 and

12/11/2018. Classification and Compensation Program The City of Durant is soliciting proposals for a Classification and Compensation Program. Specifications are included in Request for Proposal packets which can be picked up at the City Clerk's office located at 300 W. Evergreen, Durant, OK or downloaded from the City of Durant Website (www.durant.org). Sealed proposals shall be submitted to: City of Durant, Attention: Cindy Price, 300 West Evergreen, Durant, OK 74701. Sealed proposals must be received no later than January 4, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Faxed proposals, incomplete proposals or proposals that are received late will not be considered for award. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope, the outside of which is clearly marked 'Classification and Compensation Program'. The City of Durant reserves the

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BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Application of Teliax, Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity To Provide Resold and Facilities Based Local Exchange and Intrastate Interexchange Telecommunications Services, and Operator Services within the State of Oklahoma) Cause No. PUD 201800144

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant, Teliax, Inc. ("Teliax"), has filed an Application, pursuant to OAC 165:55-3-1 and OAC 165:56-3-1, seeking a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to provide resold and facilities based local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services and operator services within the State of Oklahoma. The service territory designated by the Teliax in the Application as its initial service territory includes the service territories currently served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma ("AT&T Oklahoma") and Valor telecommunications of Texas, LP d/b/a Windstream Communications Southwest ("Windstream").

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person desiring to file an objection to the Application must do so within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Notice. Objections must be filed with the Court Clerk at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Room 130, Jim Thorpe Office Building, 2101 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105, and served on counsel for Applicant and on any intervenors.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if no objections are timely filed, the Commission, without hearing, shall issue such orders and grant such relief, if any, as it deems fair, just, reasonable, and lawful in the premises, whether or not specifically requested in the Application.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that additional information concerning this Cause may be obtained by contacting J. David Jacobson, Jacobson & Laasch, 212 E. 2nd St., Edmond, Oklahoma 73034, (405) 341-3303, attorney for Applicant; or the Office of the General Counsel, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Room 400, 2101 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, (405) 521-2255.

BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PLAINS INTERNET, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA) Cause No. PUD 201800136

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Plains Internet, LLC ("Plains Internet" or "Applicant") has filed an Application, pursuant to OAC 165:55-3-1, seeking a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to provide local exchange and interexchange services within the State of Oklahoma, initially limited to the service territories of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Oklahoma, Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP d/b/a Windstream Communications Southwest, Windstream Oklahoma, LLC and Oklahoma Windstream, LLC.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any person desiring to file an objection to the Application must do so no later than thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Notice. Objections must be filed with the Court Clerk at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Room 130, Jim Thorpe Office Building, 2101 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105, and served on counsel for Applicant and on any intervenors.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if no objections are timely filed, the Commission may issue an order granting the requested relief without further notice and hearing. However, if objections are filed then all interested parties may appear and be heard, and the Commission shall, after hearing and taking evidence, issue such orders and grant such relief as it deems fair, reasonable, necessary, proper and lawful.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that for additional information concerning this Cause contact George M. Mahokin, attorney for Plains Internet, Metro Business Tower, 2525 NW Expressway, Suite 301, Oklahoma City, OK 73112, 405-858-7220, or Lauren D. Hensley, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Fourth Floor, Jim Thorpe Office Building, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, 405-522-8954.



Photo provided

Russell Cook will play the dulcimer tonight at the Three Valley Museum during the Durant Christmas Parade,

Cook to perform in holiday window scene at museum

Tonight, the Three Valley Museum will present a live holiday window display which will include the beautiful dulcimer sounds of Russell Cook of Masterworks Dulcimers of Bennington.

“As those who attend the museum’s holiday open house each year can attest, Russell has a way of bringing magic into our hearts each

Christmas season,” said Nancy Ferris, Director of the museum.

“We encourage those along the parade route to walk in front of the museum and let your hearts be lifted by the harp like sounds of the dulcimer.”

A Christmas tree lighting will be held at 6:30 tonight at Market Square and the parade begins at 7.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS RECORDED IN THE BRYAN COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE

Vonna D. Loper to Mark Alan Wallace and Ann Emma Wallace, warranty deed
 Ralph Chalk and Mary Chalk to Courtney Johnson, warranty deed-CORR
 Great Plains LLC to Heritage 3325 N. Highway, 81 Duncan LLC, quit claim deed
 Jason Farris to Lowinda Williams, quit claim deed
 Mark Brice Jenkins, James Heath Jenkins and Melissa Mae Jenkins to Mark C. Jenkins, warranty deed
 Daniel Haile and Amy Haile to Delphine Webb, warranty deed
 Shawn C. Hamil and Charlotte Hamil to Penny James, warranty deed
 Bert T. Davison and Linda K. Davison to Gateway Homes and Design, warranty deed

Karen L. Estep, Karen Fite and Michael Fite to Michael Fite and Karen Fite, quit claim deed
 Roy West to Carl D. Hendrickson and Carolyn E. Hendrickson, warranty deed
 David K. Downs and Darla K. Downs to Darla K. Downs and David K. Downs, warranty deed
 Linda Dodge to Dawn Baker, warranty deed
 Rita Kay Powell to Melissa Diane Tiemann, warranty deed
 Melissa D. Tiemann to State Line Properties LLC, warranty deed
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 Marcellus Buckner and Arnita Sue Buckner to Jennifer K. Stephens and Toby E. Self, warranty deed
 Hill Commercial Properties LLC to Oklahoma Properties LLC, warranty deed
 Bayview Loan Servicing to Roger Cornelson, warranty deed
 Derrick Nix and Lacey Nix to Precious O. George, warranty

deed
 Carol Michelle Beaty, Carol Michelle Hall and Otis F. Beaty to Houses 4 U LLC, quit claim deed
 RDJ Holdings to Edward R. McGowan and Lenda J. McGowan, warranty deed
 Amanda Williams to James Thompson, warranty deed
 RK Hall Construction to Lucien Hines, warranty deed
 Calvin Blagg to Christina June Blagg, warranty deed
 Alan Hobbs Properties to The Upper Room Properties, quit claim deed
 Rebecca Jo Parker, Rebecca Jo Hicks and Jason Hicks to Rebecca Jo Hicks and Jason Hicks, quit claim deed
 Donald R. Wright to RGB Investments, quit claim deed-COR

Church donates to Shop with Cop



Durant First Christian Church made a donation to the Shop with a Cop program that serves needy family for Christmas. The program has been operating for 11 years in Durant and last year, 134 families were served in Bryan County. From left, Dell McLain, of the First Christian Church Board; Erica Corbett, of the Christian Women’s Fellowship, and Lt. Brad Nelson of the Durant Police Department.

Matt Swearingin | Durant Democrat

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

The Christmas tree lighting will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at Market Square and the annual Christmas Parade will follow at 7 in downtown Durant.

Dec. 6

The Durant Newcomers Club will meet for a luncheon at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Three Valley Museum. The club welcomes women of all ages regardless of the amount of time they have lived in Durant.

Dec. 6-8

The Friends of the Library annual Holiday Craft Show is Thursday, Dec. 6 through Saturday, Dec. 8, at 1515 W. Main. The hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. There will be 23 booths with home-made crafts, sweets, décor, retail and more. This is a great way to do your Christmas shopping and support your library.

Dec. 8

The 41st annual Calera Christmas Parade will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8. The line up will be on the service road near Cherokee Telephone Company facing north. The parade will travel north up the service road and turn on Washington and travel down McKinley toward the fire department. There will be trophies given for the Best Individual Entry, Best Group and one to the Fireman’s Choice. Santa will be at the fire station after the parade.

Dec. 14

The Durant Choctaw Seniors are having a garage sale from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 at the White Buffalo Thrift Store Barn located at the Choctaw Community Center, 2746 Big Lots Parkway.

Ongoing

Clothes Closet First Baptist Church hosts a free clothes closet for anyone in need of clothing. The closet features,

shoes, coats and other types of clean, serviceable clothing. The closet is at 217 N. 2nd St. in Durant across from the church. It is open the second Friday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The closet accepts donations from 9 a.m. to noon each Wednesday.

Child Find is a search for all children with disabilities who are not receiving a free, appropriate, public education. This applies to children between the ages of birth and twenty-one years of age, who have not yet graduated from high school. Caddo Public Schools offers full educational opportunities for all students. If you suspect your child may have a disability, or know of a child with a disability who is not receiving a free, appropriate, public education, please contact Caddo Public Schools.

Big Five Head Start is a free child development program designed to meet the needs of 3-and-4 year-old children. Eligibility is determined by the child’s age and family income based on the 2018 Family Income Guidelines. Ten percent of enrollment must be made available to children with disabilities. Heath screenings and transportation is provided for qualifying children. For more information, call 924-7404 or 924-5331. Applications are available at Jackie Watson Child Development Center, 3725 W. Arkansas St. and 1502 N. First Ave.

Durant Masonic Lodge No. 45 holds its breakfast on the third Saturday of each month from 6:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. at the lodge on the corner of Gates and University. Cost is \$5 per plate.

The Disabled American Veterans, “DAV” has five certified Service Officers that are located in the VFW post at 123 S 2nd Ave here in Durant. These service officers attend training and get recertified each year. The purpose of the cer-

tification is to be sure all the service officers are current on all new forms and procedures that are necessary to file claims for Veterans and their families. The hours are 11 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday. If it is not possible for the veteran to make these hours due to work or what ever we will do appointments. Just call the Commander, Don “Pappy” Papin at 580 634 2905 and set up an appointment.

The Bryan County Magnolia Garden Club monthly third-Monday morning meetings convene in the homes of different members each month from September through May. Times of meetings will be posted in advance.

The Hendrix Community Center has a game night from 5-7 p.m. the first Saturday of each month.

The Lighthouse of Colbert will have a gospel singing at 7 p.m. the second Friday of each month. The church is located at 346 Somers Ave. south of the post office.

New Horizon Fellowship’s temporary location is 383 Bushnell Lane in Durant. Services soon will begin at the permanent address of 501 S. First St. in Calera. Worship times: Sunday school 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Reynolds Chapel Baptist Church hosts a singing at 7 p.m. the third Saturday of the month. Bible study will be at 6 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays.

A Christ-centered 12-step meeting for men will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays at Durant First Baptist Church, Room 207. For information, call (580) 924-3574.

Bryan County Court Appointed Special Advocates is conducting ongoing volunteer training. Contact Betty Colclazier or Carolyn Thompson at (580) 924-0564 for CASA details. Flexible train-

ing schedule available.

“DivorceCare,” a divorce-recovery seminar and support group, is a 13-week series conducted at First Baptist Church, 124 W. Evergreen St., Durant. The ministry remains open, so people may attend as they have need. Weekly sessions are 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Room 210. There is no obligation to attend First Baptist or any church to participate in this seminar/support group. All persons in the area who are experiencing separation or divorce or have experienced divorce years ago are encouraged to attend. For information about DivorceCare or to pre-register, call the church at 924-3573, Katherine Brown at 924-1472, or e-mail kmbrown740@simplynet.net. Visit www.divorcecare.org or www.dc4k.org to learn more.

The Democratic Party of Bryan County meets at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the small dining room of Roma Italian Restaurant in Durant. Meetings are open to the public.

The Bryan County Federation of Democratic Women meets the third Tuesday of each month at noon in the small dining room of Roma Restaurant in Durant. The meetings feature guest speakers and discussions of current events. Both women and men are welcome to the meetings.

Mead Community Center serves lunch 12-1 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays. Cost is \$4. Caddo Community Association meets at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Indian Territory Museum and Library. New members always welcome.

Red River Pride meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Donald W. Reynolds Community Center and Library, 1515 W. Main St., Durant. Anyone interested in the community-oriented organization is welcome.

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points, 7.1 rebounds, 4.1 steals and 3.8 assists before signing with Division I Stephen F. Austin University.

Denison also sports a pair of major forces inside that earned All-District honors a year ago with 5-10 Ikia Lacy, who averaged nearly nine points and nine rebounds, along with 5-11 Taryn Gaines with five points and over seven boards an outing.

The Lady Jackets face the Springdale JV in the first round and could have a very interesting semifinal matchup against Piedmont, which makes its first Lion Classic appearance.

Piedmont was a bit unheralded heading into its first campaign under head coach Eric Carr but still ranked 10th in the preseason before easily blitzing fourth-rated El Reno, 71-55, in the season

opener after building a 30-point advantage.

The Lady Wildcats shot a scorching 61 percent from the field in their first contest of the season sparked by 22 points each from sophomores Delanie Crawford and Lillie Attala. They also picked up 15 from senior Regan Crawford.

A first round meeting between Piedmont and Class 3A's 20th ranked Hugo could be a good battle as well.

The Lady Buffaloes opened the year with a 46-26 loss to McAlester but have rebounded with three straight victories, including a 30-28 triumph against Class 4A 15th ranked Broken Bow.

Tournament regular Westmoore returns with a little different look this year under new head coach Matt Thornton. The Lady Jaguars have played a very tough schedule as well with a pair of narrow losses versus Top 10 foes while trying to find an offensive

catalyst to replace OU signee Jessi Murcer.

Senior guard Jocelyn Smith has been a stalwart in the early going with 24 points in a two-point defeat against fourth-ranked Edmond Santa Fe and 15 versus rival Norman North.

Junior Shelby Kraus in another offensive key while averaging just over double figures in the paint.

Westmoore has a first round meeting with a McAlester club that started the season with a 20-point blowout of Hugo before dropping a 50-41 decision to Ada.

The Lady Buffaloes have the tallest player in the tournament with 6-4 junior Hope Johnston.

In the girls opening round finale Durant faces Springdale, Arkansas, which is coming off another state semifinal finish last year.

Springdale lost two games to begin the season in another tournament but have bounced back

with three consecutive wins.

The Lady Bulldogs may have the most marquee player in this year's tournament with University of Arkansas signee Marquesha Davis, a 6-1 spark plug that averaged over 21 points and 10 rebounds per game as a junior last season.

In the boys' bracket, tournament newcomers Piedmont and McKinney North meet in the first opening round game at 12:20 Thursday.

Piedmont has a guard-oriented attack that forced 27 turnovers in its initial contest of the season. Dylan Hahn, a 6-4 senior, is the team's catalyst pouring in 27 points and six steals in the opener.

Fellow seniors Hunter Oden and Rylan McDaniel are also double figure contributors.

McKinney North meanwhile rolled to a 6-3 record starting the season after last year's playoff campaign.

The Bulldogs have a huge force in the paint with 6-8, 240-pound junior Brandon Frazier, who already has Division I offers as a tight end in football.

Another intriguing first round matchup has unbeaten Southeast and Hugo meeting at 3 p.m. Thursday in a rematch of last year's tournament consolation championship game.

Southeast has ridden a balanced attack with four double figure scorers to a 2-0 start to the season.

Class 3A's fifth-ranked Hugo meanwhile welcomed back all but one player from last season's state semifinalists and has been fueled by 6-8 senior Houston Greggs and his double-double average during three straight wins against a tough schedule that has included McAlester, Broken Bow and defending state champ Wright City.

Tulsa Union is back in the field after nearly claiming the champion-

ship a year ago and started the season ranked seventh in Class 6A.

The Redskins have a lot of new faces after graduating their top three scorers but a formidable one-two punch returning in 6-1 senior Larry King and 6-4 senior Ira Richardson.

McAlester will be the Union opening round foe and despite an 0-2 start have one of the most dynamic scorers in the tournament in senior Zac Leblance, who is averaging a blistering 30 points per contest.

Durant's first round opponent is Class 6A Norman North, which began the year ranked ninth in the state and has a new coach in Kellen McCoy after reaching the state semifinals a season ago.

Dynamic 6-6 senior Shemar Smith, who signed with Central Oklahoma, averages a double-double for the Timberwolves who welcomed back a host of returnees and are already 2-0 on the young season.

WILMOTH

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Division II-specific legislation and incorporate new legislation and interpretations into the NCAA Manual.

Wilmoth said, "I was selected to represent the Great American Conference on the Management Council, which reports directly to the Presidents' Council. I was then appointed to the Legislation Committee, where we look at interpretations, rules education, compliance resources and review some cases related to the amateur status of prospects.

"There's no question it can be stressful and some people wonder why I enjoy this opportunity.

"I hope that I am able to share our perspective from Oklahoma, Southeastern and the GAC, but more importantly I hope I am able to bring back some ideas that will help benefit these entities as we move forward in athletics.

"You learn so much by

getting the perspective from other schools in other parts of the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada. It can certainly change your thoughts about things."

Wilmoth came to Southeastern in 1997 as volleyball head coach, women's basketball assistant coach and instructor in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department. In 2001, she took on the role of NCAA Compliance Coordinator and in 2006 was named Director of Compliance and Academic Eligibility.

She stepped away from coaching volleyball in 2007-08 to assume the role of Interim Director of Athletics. In 2008 to the present time, she has served as Associate Director of Athletics, Compliance & Internal Operations and in 2011 was designated Senior Woman Administrator.

She occasionally sees husband John and daughter Chelsie, age 15. John is a coach at Durant High School and Chelsie is a student.

She has served on nu-

merous committees at Southeastern, including the President's Budget Task Force Advisory and Title IX committees.

Southeastern has been a member of the Lone Star Conference and is a charter member of the Great American Conference.

Wilmoth has chaired the LSC volleyball and Compliance Coordinator committees, as well as serving as the GAC Senior Woman Administrator chair.

She has been recognized as Adjunct Professor of the Year, Outstanding Faculty Member, recipient of the prestigious Spirit of Southeastern Award and LSC North Division Volleyball Head Coach of the Year.

She served on the NCAA Volleyball Regional Ranking Advisory Committee from 2008-2010.

Wilmoth said, "I love my job, committee work and helping students. However, the most important thing is that I am first John's wife and Chelsie's mother."

Oklahoma State RB Justice Hill to enter NFL draft

STILLWATER (AP) — Oklahoma State running back Justice Hill will skip his senior season and enter the 2019 NFL draft.

Coach Mike Gundy announced Monday that Hill will not play against Missouri in the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 31. Hill made his announcement in a thank you letter to fans, teammates and coaches on social media.

The 5-foot-10, 190-pound Hill thanked Gundy "for taking a chance on a kid from Tulsa." He added: "You saw something in me when others did not and helped me turn my dreams into a reality."

Hill finished his career with 3,539 yards rushing in three seasons, seventh-best in school history. He left the Nov. 10 game against Oklahoma

in the first half due to injury and missed the final two regular-season games against West Virginia and TCU.

Hill ran for 1,142 yards as a freshman, 1,467 yards as a sophomore. He ran for 930 yards this season. In his best game, he ran for 228 yards and two touchdowns his sophomore season against Oklahoma.

LIFTS

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nect on a transition three to knot the game at 38-38 with 5:08 to play in the first.

The Bulldogs would reclaim the lead, and despite the Storm swiping it back briefly on a Goncalves layup, the home team would hold a 52-47

lead at the break.

SE took the lead early in the second with the first seven points of the half, but the teams would trade leads and ties until Buckingham and Dawkins hit back-to-back threes to give the Storm a 63-57 lead at the 13:06 mark of the half.

SWOSU would respond and take a 67-66 lead with 10:43 to play,

but another Dawkins three would erase that deficit and put SE up for good.

The lead was still one possession with 6:11 to play, but Southeastern would turn up the heat in the final six minutes, outscoring the Bulldogs 19-6 to pick up the 92-77 victory.

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effort at the free throw line.

Kamryn Cantwell

joined her in double-digits with 13.

Webb, Tracy Johnson, Alix Robinson, and Katie Branam each dished out three assists as the Storm finished with 15 as a team.

Robinson led the way on the glass with nine rebounds, while Cantwell chipped in eight and SE finished with 41 as a team.

From Southeastern Athletics.

29th Annual 2018 Durant Lion Classic

BOYS

Norman North
Thursday, 12-6-18
5:40 p.m.

Durant
Friday, 12-7-18
3:00 p.m.

Piedmont
Friday, 12-7-18
5:40 p.m.

McKinney North, TX
Thursday 12-6-18
12:20 p.m.

Southeast
Thursday 12-6-18
3:00 p.m.

Hugo
Friday, 12-7-18
12:20 p.m.

McAlester
Friday, 12-7-18
8:20 p.m.

Tulsa Union
Saturday, 12-8-18
11:20 a.m.

Springdale, Ark.
Saturday, 12-8-18
2:00 p.m.

GIRLS

Denison, TX
Thursday, 12-6-18
1:40 p.m.

Springdale, Ark. JV
Friday, 12-7-18
11:00 a.m.

Hugo
Friday, 12-7-18
4:20 p.m.

Piedmont
Thursday 12-6-18
11:00 a.m.

Westmoore
Saturday, 12-8-18
10:00 a.m.

McAlester
Thursday 12-6-18
4:20 p.m.

Durant
Friday, 12-7-18
1:40 p.m.

Springdale, Ark
Friday, 12-7-18
7:00 p.m.

Springdale, Ark
Saturday, 12-8-18
3:30 p.m.

Springdale, Ark
Saturday, 12-8-18
12:40 p.m.



Photos provided

Hunter Goodwin, Rock Creek 4-Hers learns to fill canning jar with the help of Tommie M. James.



Bryan County 4-Hers and youth preserved grape and jalapeno jellies.

4-Hers learn how to can jellies

Bryan County Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service taught a Let's Preserve Jellies Canning Day Camp for 4-Hers and youth. A total of seven youth learned to can jellies.

Youth learned to safely chop jalapeno peppers, how to measure dry and liquids ingredients, how to properly fill the canning jars,

and how to hot water bath jellies. Each youth prepared half pint jars of Grape Jelly and Jalapeno Jelly. The canning day camp were taught by Tommie M. James, FCS & 4-H Extension Educator and Cheryl Dillingham, CNEP Nutrition Assistant.

The youth canning class was funded by an Oklahoma 4-H Enrich-

ment Grant.

For more information, about the Bryan County 4-H Program and upcoming 4-H events, contact the Bryan County OSU Extension Office at 924-5312 or visit the Bryan County 4-H Facebook page. For information on food preservation and canning contact Tommie M. James.



Matt Swarengin | Durant Democrat

A building at the old cotton gin facility in Kenefic was damaged during a storm Friday evening.



Trees were uprooted and limbs knocked down during a storm Friday evening that hit Kenefic.



This photo was taken by Matt Swarengin on Nov. 4. The barn, located near Kenefic, was hit Friday evening by high winds.

WINDS

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artists over the years because of its classic design and weathered appearance. Democrat editor and photographer Matt Swarengin is among those who have photographed it. Swarengin last took a picture of it on Nov. 4.

Photos of the barn were shared on Facebook over the weekend with comments about its history and how sad people are that it is gone.

"My great grandfather built this and my wonderful Papa was born here," wrote Autumn Pepperman.

Pepperman's grandfather was C.L. Bell, who

was born in 1916. The barn was constructed in approximately 1910.

Many have commented that the loss of the historic barn is "heartbreaking" and "sad."

"It's barns like this that makes my drive through countrysides more therapeutic," wrote Ronnie Cubley. "I hate to see a piece of our past gone."

A building at the old cotton gin plant was also damaged.

Eppler said three emergency management volunteers visited Kenefic and they believe the damage was caused by straight-line winds.

Bryan County was under a tornado watch at the time of the storm.

"There was no rotation

showing on our radar, but we can only see above 11,000 feet," Eppler said.

He said the National Weather Service is investigating the storm and is looking at pictures of the debris.

In other news, Durant firefighters responded to a camper trailer fire early Monday morning at 174 Indian Road. Firefighters were dispatched at 3:06 and upon arrival, the camper was fully engulfed in flames.

The fire melted siding on a nearby mobile home and the fire intensified because of fuel from a propane tank, according to a DFD report. Firefighters put out the fire and remained on scene until 4:14 that morning.

TORNADOES

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with residents wading into debris to salvage what they could. Some homes remained standing but with gaping holes in the roofs or with no roofs at all.

The tornado was on the ground for around 10 miles before it thundered through Taylorville, and the weather service was able to warn residents of its arrival 41 minutes before it actually struck, Chris Miller, a meteorologist at the service's Lincoln office, said in a phone interview Sunday. That advanced warning gave

people critical time to take cover and may have saved lives.

Assistant Fire Chief Andy Goodall, speaking to reporters Saturday night shortly after the storm pounded the city of 11,000, said at least 100 homes had major damage, including his own, Springfield's State Journal-Register reported.

A Taylorville Memorial Hospital spokesman said 21 people, from age 9 to 97, arrived for treatment Saturday. Most were released within hours. Miller said three people remained hospitalized as of Sunday afternoon.

Miller said preliminary estimates are that the

Taylorville tornado may have been an EF2, which indicates wind speeds as high as 135 mph. It could take several more days to know for sure.

The weather service said Sunday that a strong tornado that developed from severe thunderstorms Friday night touched down in Van Buren, Arkansas. It was rated an EF2. About 10 minutes later, a second weaker tornado was confirmed less than 10 miles away near the town of Rudy, Arkansas.

Damage surveys for the two tornadoes are ongoing but officials said dozens of homes were damaged.

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