

Citizen of the Year nominations open

Make sure your nomination is made by January 19. The annual Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be January 26.

That's when Purcell's Citizen of the Year will be announced.

Nominations are now being accepted at **The Purcell Register**.

It's a simple matter to nominate a candidate.

All that's needed is the individual's name and a statement of why you believe he

or she deserves to be Citizen of the Year.

That information may be hand-delivered to **The Register** at 225 W. Main St., mailed to the newspaper at P.O. Box 191, Purcell, OK 73080 or emailed to montgomeryjohnd@yahoo.com.

Nominations will be accepted through January 19.

The banquet will be at the Grand Canadian Theater.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

with the banquet starting at 6 p.m., according to chamber president Jenny Hunter.

Up in FLAMES

Fire destroys deputy's car

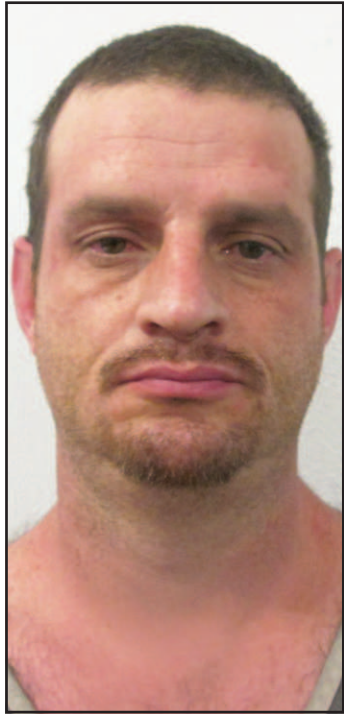
Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

When McClain County Deputy Sheriff Brandon Wheeler saw a vehicle fail

to stop at a stop sign at State Highway 76 and 190th Street early Tuesday morning, he did what the situation called for.

He attempted to make a traffic stop.

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David Carter



• Photo provided

City council

Senior citizen living center approved

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The Purcell Register

The Village on Green, a proposed rental home community for senior citizens, won the support of the Purcell City Council Tuesday night.

The council approved a zoning change request for a site on North Green Avenue between the Purcell High School agriculture barn and Coldwell Banker.

The community will consist of approximately 48 one and two-bedroom homes, as well as a clubhouse for residents.

The homes will be built in four and six plexes and renters must be at least 62-years-old. The site was previously zoned commercial, but the change approved by the council changed that to multi-family residential.

The council also approved spending \$930,000 from the city's reserves to pay for its share of the Green Avenue

Improvement Project from Grant Street to Washington Avenue.

The city is partnering with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation on the project which includes GreenScape. Those improvements have been on the drawing board for five years.

Included in the project is the construction of school crossings, sidewalks, new lighting and landscape improvements in the median. Total cost will be \$1.93 million.

Bids on those will be opened January 19, the council was told.

Council members also learned about the city's community service program administered by Jimmy New.

That program is two-fold, benefitting individuals who are ordered by the court to per-

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Purcell close to average precip

Area gets 33.98" of rain in 2016

Purcell recorded 33.98" of rain for the year 2016.

The normal annual rainfall for central Oklahoma 35.85".

In the past nine years Purcell has recorded 350.18" of rain for an average per year of 38.91".

The driest year in the past decade was 2011 when only 20.62" of moisture was recorded.

The wettest year was 2015

when a whopping 66.12" inches fell swelling Walnut Creek out of its banks and flooding homes and businesses.

There is a chance for a light dusting of snow today (Thursday) when temperatures plummet once again.

Overnight temps are predicted to be well below freezing Tuesday night through Friday morning when a low of 17 is possible.



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On tour

McClain County commissioners' first order of business in 2017 was the annual tour of the McClain County Detention Center on Tuesday. From left are Benny McGowen, District 1; Wilson Lyles, District 2, and Charles "Shorty" Foster, District 3.

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Deadlines

- **News:** 12 noon, Tuesday
- **Display Ads:** 12 noon, Tuesday
- **Classifieds:** 11 a.m., Tuesday
- **Legal Notices:** 2 p.m., Tuesday

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Purcell, Wayne and Washington get back to the hardwood.



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Taking the oath

McClain County officials were sworn in Tuesday at the courthouse.



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Many parts of state said to be high-level math, science 'deserts'

Jennifer Palmer
Oklahoma Watch

Participation in advanced-level math and science classes in high school is a strong predictor of success in college, regardless of the grade earned in the class or whether it results in college credit, studies show.

Yet as many as two-thirds of Oklahoma high schools report they don't offer calculus or physics, leaving swaths of the state devoid of these classroom opportunities, according to data for the 2014-2015 school year, reported by schools to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights.

Calculus and physics aren't needed for a high school diploma, and schools may offer other high-level math and science courses, such as statistics. But calculus and physics are regarded as key concepts used in many other disciplines. And the classes are essential for entry into well-paying careers in science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, as well as medicine.

At the least, offering such rigorous courses – or a lack of them – sends a message to students about expectations, some experts say.

"Offering a variety of advanced classes — AP or IB courses, as well as advanced math and science — tells students that the school expects them to complete a rigorous course of study, and believes in their ability to do so," said Natasha Ushomirsky, K-12 policy director for The Education Trust, a national nonprofit

advocacy organization. "Offering no such courses sends a very different message."

AP, or Advanced Placement, and IB, or International Baccalaureate, are high school classes offering more chal-



lenging work than the standard curriculum.

For students whose school doesn't offer advanced classes, there are alternatives, such as tuition-free community college courses, technology center programs or online classes. But students may be deterred from those by fees, transportation challenges or scheduling complications.

Another option for high school students is concurrent enrollment in college, but administrators at several community colleges say students are not clamoring to enroll in calculus or physics. Of the 1,800 high school students enrolled at Tulsa Community College, just 31 are taking analytic geometry or calculus. Two are in physics.

The latest state rankings available from the U.S.

Education Department – from the 2011-2012 school year – show that Oklahoma had the third lowest percentage of schools reporting they offered calculus, with 34 percent, just above Alaska and North Dakota. Oklahoma schools reported the second lowest percent offering physics, at 36 percent, above only Alaska.

And although Oklahoma reported one of the highest percentages of high school availability of Algebra 1, at 95 percent, that, too, could be interpreted as a sign the state is lagging. To reach calculus by senior year, students should complete Algebra 1 in middle school.

The self-reported data likely contains some discrepancies, such as whether a school counts pre-calculus as a calculus course, and may not capture the full availability of courses in districts that rotate offerings every other year. Additionally, some districts disputed the numbers published by the department. But the data collection is subject to a series of embedded checks to ensure significant data errors are corrected before districts submit, according to the federal Education Department.

Where Calculus Is, and Isn't

Oklahoma Watch's mapping of high schools offering – and not offering – calculus and physics in 2013-2014 show large areas and many schools

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Commissioner's oath

Beginning a new term as McClain County District 2 commissioner is Wilson Lyles. He was sworn in Tuesday morning by special district judge Leland Shilling. Holding the Bible for Lyles is his wife, Dee.



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Swearing an oath

McClain County Sheriff Don Hewett, left, repeats the oath of office for special district judge Leland Shilling during a ceremony Tuesday morning. Holding the Bible for Hewett is his wife, Pam.

Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between December 22-28, 2016.

Traffic
Matthew C. Kaminski, speeding, 90/65.
Britton J. Kaminski, speeding, 90/65.
Leonard A. Clark, improper passing.
Samer A. Elimam, passing in no passing zone.

Jeremy B. Kounovsky, improper passing.
Brandi N. Gilley, DUS.
Lindsey N. Duble, DUS (2nd offense).
Lindsey N. Duble, violation of license restriction.
Martin Reyes, failure to obtain current registration.
Martin Reyes, alter license plate.
Martin Reyes, no insurance.
Jesse L. Reyes, failure to yield.
Elvis G. De Leon Cifuentes, speeding, 76/70.
Jadon K. Prewett, overweight -

5001 to 6000.
Ricky D. McDaniel, failure to stay in lane.
Kaytlynn N. Maxwell, speeding, 85/75.

Misdemeanors
Desiree D. Allen, domestic abuse - assault and battery.
Lori L. Engle, public intoxication.
Heather Selman, larceny of merchandise from a retailer - 2 counts.
Serenity D. Montgomery, obtaining cash or merchandise by bogus check/false pretenses.
Jaime D. Gabbard, obtaining cash or merchandise by bogus check/false pretenses.
Kevin D. Witt, obtaining cash or merchandise by bogus check/false pretenses.
Alexcia Onley, obtaining cash or merchandise by bogus check/false pretenses.

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NEWS from the City of Purcell

It is the responsibility of the home owner and or renter to maintain your property, from the street to the middle of the alley. You are required to keep mowed any grass, weeds, or similar vegetation in that area between the property line and the street. And from the property line to the center of the alley way. This includes keeping trees trimmed.

Vehicles, trailers, tractors etc. are not allowed to be parked in the alley. This is very important for emergency vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances and police. Keeping the alleys clean and free and open also allow for the city's work trucks to have access to utility poles, water mains, sewer etc.

In cases of emergencies these vehicles need to have quick and easy access for service and to save lives.

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

HOME/BUSINESS DAMAGED BY A RECENT EARTHQUAKE?

In April 2015, the OGS determined that the majority of recent earthquakes in central and north-central Oklahoma are very likely triggered by the injection of produced water in disposal wells.

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Start of a new term

Kristel Gray, left, repeats the oath of office during her swearing-in as McClain County court clerk on Tuesday morning. County clerk Pam Beller holds the Bible for Gray as special district judge Leland Shilling administers the oath.

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Must present photo ID and ad to claim prize at Bravo's Mexican Grill by January 20, 2017

Chicken dinner?

Arrest foils shoplifting attempt

Jeanne Grimes
The Purcell Register

A 42-year-old Noble man's plans for a chicken dinner went awry when he was caught allegedly walking out of Walmart without paying for chicken strips and a set of cookware.

Rodney S. Leslie is charged in McClain County with larceny of merchandise from a retailer, a misdemeanor.

According to an affidavit, Purcell police were called to the local Walmart shortly after 2:30 p.m. December 23.

Asset protection employees at the store told an officer Leslie was stopped when he tried to exit the store with the cookware, chicken and sunglasses.

The items, which weren't paid for, totaled \$142.17.

After viewing store surveillance video, police arrested Leslie and took him to the McClain County Detention Center.

NEWS In Brief

Bean Luncheon

The American Legion Post 301 Ladies Auxiliary will have a bean luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10.

A variety of beans, cornbread, and other items along with desserts and drinks will be served. It will be all you want for a \$5 donation to be used for Post programs.

The last luncheon is back by popular request and it is suggested you try to get there early.

The Legion Hall is located at 104 E. Broadway in Lexington (across the street from City Hall).

Lexington 4-H

The Lexington 4-H regular monthly meeting will be held Monday, January 9, at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

For more information call Judy Lewis at 274-3901 or Susan Moffat at 826-5748.

Purcell FFA

Steak Dinner

The 2017 FFA Steak Dinner will be held Sunday, January 15, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Purcell High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$17 and takeout orders are available.

There will also be a silent auction during the event.

This year, the Purcell Masonic Lodge #27 will be partnering with the booster club.

Contact Jason Baker or a FFA student for tickets.

Property Renditions

The McClain County Assessor's office has mailed the 2017 Business Personal Property Renditions.

This is an important, time-sensitive document. Penalties will be assessed if they are not returned by March 15.

The form must be returned

even if there are no changes from the previous year. If you have a business and do not receive the form, please contact our office at 527-3520. We may not have a correct address, or we may not have your business information.

Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Museum News

The McClain County Museum and Historical Society will be open Thursday, January 5, and Friday, January 6, from 1-4 p.m.

Historic Purcell posters are still available at the McClain County Historical Museum, 203 W. Washington St. in downtown Purcell.

It includes a description sheet for the historical pictures and a one-year membership to the McClain County Historical & Genealogical Society.

Membership to the MCHGS alone is \$25.

Contact the museum at cmuseum@mail.com, call (405) 701-3171 or Facebook to schedule an alternate time to visit or to purchase the historic Purcell poster.

Senior Citizens

Music Project

Lexington Senior Citizens is sponsoring a music jam from 1-5 p.m. every Tuesday.

All traditional country, gospel, or bluegrass musicians and singers are invited to perform.

All live music, and admission is free and the public is invited.

For more information contact Hank Ivester at 527-7694.

Purcell

NA Group

Purcell New Beginnings Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Living Clean and Fridays at 7 p.m. for Basic Text.

The group meets at the 7th and Monroe Church of Christ in Purcell.

For more information call Sarah W. at (405) 816-9233.

No. 15-January 5-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR CIM TRUST 2015-4AG MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2015-4AG, Plaintiff, v. LAFLEETA HEFLEY AKA LAFLEETA F. HEFLEY; SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF LAFLEETA HEFLEY; JOHN DOE, OCCUPANT; AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCE, INC.; CARLOS G. SEWELL; AND FAY SEWELL Defendant(s).

Case No. CJ-2015-104 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, TO: Carlos G. Sewell and Fay Sewell, if living or if dead, the names or whereabouts of said Defendant(s) unknown successors, if any.

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by U.S. Bank National Association as Indenture Trustee for CIM Trust 2015-4AG Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2015-4AG, in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, and that you must answer the Petition on or before March 1, 2017, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you awarding Plaintiff a first lien upon the following described real estate, situated in McClain County, State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2), THREE (3), AND FOUR (4), IN BLOCK TWENTY-SEVEN (27) IN THE TOWN OF BYARS, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 502 Ripley Street, Byars, OK 74831 for the sum of \$25,525.93, with interest from July 25, 2014, at 11.99 percent per annum, together with a reasonable attorney's fee, \$300.00 for abstracting, advances for taxes, insurance and property preservation, and the costs of this action, and ordering said property sold to satisfy said judgment, and forever barring you and all persons claiming by, through or under you from ever setting up or asserting any right, title, equity or interest in and to said real estate adverse to the right and title of the purchaser at said foreclosure sale, and for such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL, this 30 day of December, 2016.

Kristel Gray Court Clerk By: /s/ Kathy Peterson Deputy (Seal)

Shapiro & Cejda, LLC 770 NE 63rd St Oklahoma City, OK 73105-6431 (405) 848-1819 File No. 15-123538

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Board of McClain County Commissioners and the McClain County Excise Board are required by 19 O.S. Section 350 to set holidays on which courthouses will be closed for the calendar year 2017;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, The Board of County Commissioners of McClain County sets and requests the Excise Board to set at their next regular meeting, the following holidays which the McClain County Courthouse will be closed for 2017:

2017 HOLIDAYS

- MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017-----NEW YEARS DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017-----MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017-----PRESIDENT'S DAY
FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017-----GOOD FRIDAY
MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017-----MEMORIAL DAY
TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017-----INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017-----LABOR DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017-----COLUMBUS DAY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017-----VETERANS DAY
THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 & 24, 2017-----THANKSGIVING
MONDAY & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 & 26, 2017-----CHRISTMAS

APPROVED by the Board of McClain County Commissioners this 24th day of October 2016.

ATTEST: Pam Beller, McClain County Clerk

Benny McGowen, Chairman

Charles Foster, Vice-Chairman

Wilson Lyles, Member

APPROVED by the McClain County Excise Board this 25th day of October 2016.

ATTEST: Pam Beller, McClain County Clerk

Steve Vaughn, Chairman

Janie Kizzar, Vice-Chairman

Bill Hammon, Member

Volunteers needed

Have you ever thought about what you can do to help the most vulnerable children in your community?

Hundreds of children enter the foster care system every day. Each and every one of these children deserve a voice, someone ensuring they don't fall through the cracks of the very system put in place to protect them.

They deserve a CASA volunteer who will advocate for their best interest.

Join the Court Appointed Special Advocate program for a Dinner and Learn at Rodney's Pizza Place, 1627 S. Green, in Purcell on Tuesday at 6 p.m. to learn how you can help.

Dinner is on us and space is limited. Please RSVP to Kasha@clevelandcountycasa.org or call (405) 551-5221.

PURCELL FFA STEAK DINNER

Sunday, January 15

11 am to 1:30 pm

Purcell High School Cafeteria

Tickets available at the door - \$17.00 per plate

Take-outs are also available.

The Purcell Masonic Lodge #27 will be partnering with the Booster Club. In addition, there will be a silent auction.



John Denny Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Grand drawing

Purcell Public School Foundation president Kerry Wilhoit (far right) preps the hopper for the Foundation's fundraiser drawing. Also pictured are, from left, Purcell Superintendent Jason Midkiff, Chance Midkiff, former Purcell head basketball coach Lee Reimer and Foundation board member Jenny Gowens.

Driver facing charges

Hitting an object like a stop sign is bad enough, but leaving your vehicle behind and running away only complicates your legal troubles.

That's what a Wayne man found out last month.

Christopher A. Gilley, 26, was charged Friday in McClain County District Court with leaving the scene of an accident that caused damage, a misdemeanor.

He was freed after posting a \$10,500 bond.

According to an affidavit, Purcell police were called to Walmart shortly after 4 p.m. on

December 23 to investigate a motorist who struck one of the store's stop signs.

An adult male later identified as Gilley was seen leaving the

vehicle with a young girl.

Police ran the tag and learned

Please see Charge, page 7A

Finding Senior Housing can be complex, but it doesn't have to be.



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ROYAL THEATRE advertisement featuring 'ROYAL HELD OVER SING' and 'ROGUE ONE STAR WARS' with showtimes and ticket information.

Xylo of Oklahoma advertisement listing various horse feeds like Progressive Premium Performance (\$18.20), SafeChoice Original (\$15.80), SafeChoice Senior (\$19.45), Wrangler 12% Hi Fat (\$9.15), Triumph 14% Sweet (\$11.45), and Triumph 14% Pellet (\$10.85).

Society



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Miss Starchman, Mr. Woods announce engagement



Matt Woods and M'Kaylah Starchman

Mike and Marcia Starchman of Lexington announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, M'Kaylah Starchman of Norman, to Matt Woods of Norman, the son of Monty and Melissa Woods of Broken Arrow. The couple plans to exchange wedding vows in late May

in Oklahoma.

Miss Starchman is pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing at the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Woods is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations.

Spend a Friday Play Date with the library

Make a "Friday Play Date" with the Purcell Public Library and its twice-monthly program, scheduled in January for 10:30 a.m. on January 13 and 27.

The programs are geared to toddlers and preschool-age children and feature different themes.

The January programs will be:

January 13—Grow a Learner Through Art, a bilingual event featuring several ways to create

art and also learn a sampling of Spanish words from guest presenter Florencia Briglie; January 27—Let it Snow, with crafts and activities involving snow and ice, including ice painting, melted snowmen and more.

Registration is not required to attend either of the programs.

For more information, visit the library, call 527-5546 or go online to www.pioneerlibrary-system.org/purcell.

Happy birthday to Debbie Tims, John Bourquin, Marla Lucas, Quin Bennett, Blake Western, Carolyn Harrison, Corey Nimsey, Norma Jaquez, Jerry Jennings, Sean Cole, Sara Lehman, Joyce Pennington, Brianna Cleeland, Lacy McGee, Jobeth M. Suarez, Raul Caralampio, Deacon Jose Ortiz, Barbara Bruehl, Martin Montelongo, Victor Orta, Leslie Arriaga, Eduardo Cruz, Carolyn Hall and Cristian Reyes.

Guest speakers and volunteers from local extension groups will be in attendance to help participants with their projects.

Ages 18 and up may take part. Space for the program will be limited, so registration in advance is required.

For more information, visit the library, call 527-5546 or go online to www.pioneerlibrary-system.org/purcell.

Preschool and Toddler Story Time will be held Tuesday, January 10, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Come enjoy stories, rhymes, and games each week. We will focus on a different pre-reading skill that is introduced in the GLAR (Growing Like a Read) program.

Following the story time there will be a short time for children to explore different art mediums. This program is geared toward toddlers and preschoolers, but any age is welcomed.

Registration is not required to attend any of the story times.

Find out more by visiting the library, calling 527-5546 or going online to www.pioneerlibrary-system.org/purcell.

Get the best of both worlds with this easy recipe. Combine taco ingredients with wagon wheel pasta—there's no doubt this dish will be a winner!

One-Pot Taco Pasta

- 1 lb. extra-lean ground beef
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 cup each chopped red and yellow peppers
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp. chili powder
- 3 cups water
- 15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 3 cups wagon wheel pasta, uncooked
- 1/2 cup frozen corn
- 1 cup Kraft Mexican Style Shredded Four Cheese with a Touch of Philadelphia
- 1 green onion, diagonally cut into thin slices

Brown meat with yellow onions in nonstick Dutch oven or large deep nonstick skillet. Add peppers; cook 5 minutes or until crisp-tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in garlic and chili powder; cook 1 minute.

Add water and sauce; stir. Bring to boil. Stir in pasta; cover. Simmer 15 minutes or just until pasta is tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in corn; cook 3 to 4 minutes or until heated through.

Top with cheese and green onions.

Reception for retiring PLS Executive Director Anne Masters

The Pioneer Library System invites the community to a reception for retiring Executive Director Anne Masters from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, January 15, at Norman Public Library West, 300 Norman Center Court.

It's a chance for members of the community to say farewell to Masters, who announced her retirement in late 2015. She has served as Pioneer's Director since 2007 and has been with PLS since 2001.

Before that, she spent more than 30 years working in school libraries, retiring from the Norman Public Schools after a long

run as the Director of Media Services and Instructional Technology for NPS.

Lisa Wells will assume duties as Executive Director effective Jan. 16, 2017. She has served PLS for more than 25 years, most recently as the system's Deputy Director.

The library will be closed January 15 except for the reception, although limited library service will be available during the event itself.

For more information, visit the library, call 701-2644 or go online to www.pioneerlibrary-system.org/norman-west.

PURCELL SCHOOL MENU

Week of January 9

MONDAY BREAKFAST

Biscuit with sausage patty, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chili pie or cheese pizza, romaine salad with ranch dressing, pinto beans, pears, juice, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Hash brown potato patty, toast, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Ham or chicken tenders, brown rice, brown gravy, broccoli with cheese sauce, peaches, biscuit, chocolate chip cookies, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

French toast sticks, syrup, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Toasted cheese sandwich or corndog, tomato soup, french fries, apricots, juice, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Combo bar, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Beef taco or chicken fajita, lettuce and tomato, Spanish brown rice, fajita vegetables, strawberries, salsa, gelatin dessert, juice, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Hamburger on a bun or hot dog in a bun, lettuce and tomato, carrot and celery sticks, ranch dressing, baked beans, mixed fruit, whole wheat sugar cookies, juice, milk.

"Fitness with Friends" exercise class offered

A "Fitness with Friends" exercise class is being offered by the McClain County OSU Extension beginning Wednesday, January 11.

The class will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Wednesday at the McClain County Farm/Home Building, 1721 Hardcastle Blvd., in Purcell.

The class is a low-impact exercise program of minimal to moderate intensity.

It is designed specifically for people who need to maintain or improve mobility, muscle

strength, balance and functional ability.

Each class will include a variety of exercises, many of which are performed while sitting and some while standing.

The curriculum used is certified by the Arthritis Foundation.

There is no fee and participants are not required to attend all of the classes.

To register, please call the OSU Extension office at 527-2174 or email mickey.simpson@okstate.edu.

Garvin County Republicans

The Republican Party of Garvin County will hold annual precinct meetings on Monday, January 9, at 7 p.m. at Christian Life Church, 820 S. Walnut, in Pauls Valley.

The meeting will include electing precinct officers for

the new year, as well as electing delegates to the Garvin County Republican Convention, which will be held February 13.

Call (405) 740-5131 for more information about the meeting or the Republican Party.



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GOURDget class offered

The Chickasaw Nation will host a GOURDget class with Chickasaw award-winning artist Dustin Mater from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway Ave., in Ada. Mater will teach the art and technique of crafting gourds

into gorgets, intricate Native American necklaces and collars.

The class is open to the public at no charge. Class size is limited.

For more information or to enroll, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Pauls Valley Opry

Saturday, January 7 • 6:30 pm

PAULS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Featuring the **Memory Makers Band** and MC Steve Bratcher

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ADMISSION \$10⁰⁰ Children under 12 FREE

Veteran's Corner SH 9

Fred Zacher
For The Purcell Register

World War II Veterans Honored

Recently Veterans Corner recognized two gentlemen who served in Patton's Army in Europe during the final months

and became a school teacher and coach at Chickasha Public Schools.

Charles Huddleston with his friend Jack Ogle and volunteer Harold Harvell talked about Huddleston's WWII experience.

done by all the volunteer's at Veterans Corner.

Oklahoma VFW
Harold Harvell is shown giving a tour of the Corner to James Dockemeyer, Commander of the Oklahoma VFW department. Veterans Corner and the

want to get involved and help veterans in Oklahoma, please stop by Veterans Corner to learn more. We would love to meet you and help you find a place with our team.

Transportation Available
Veterans Corner has three vans available to transport veterans to their medical appointments. If you need help getting to or from a medical appointment please contact one of our drivers. They are Fred Zacher (405)447-2482 and Sam Knight (405)808-5096. There is never a charge for these service but donations are always appreciated. We are also in need of a driver to help transport veterans. Please contact us if you are interested in helping.

Helping Veterans
Veterans Corner provides food boxes, both manual and electric wheel chairs, medical equipment and vehicle electric wheel chair lifts for veterans. If you are in need, please see Jerry Baxter or Jimmy Flowers at Veterans Corner.

About Veterans Corner

Veterans Corner is located just south of Norman, 2 miles west of I-35 Exit 106 on the north side of Highway 9. From the southwest go four miles north of Blanchard on Highway 62 to Highway 9. Travel east 4 miles to Western Avenue and make a U-turn. Veterans Corner is 1/4 mile west on the north side. The facility is open from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday and Friday and the phone number is (405) 387-5070. They offer extended hours on Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Veterans Corner is a 501(c)(3) organization and all gifts are tax deductible. Donations can be sent to: Veterans Corner; P.O. Box 722160; Norman, OK 73070-8635. All proceeds are used to support veterans and their spouses.



Charles Huddleston, Jack Ogle and Harold Harvell

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Dr. Terry Cline and John Carter

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of WWII.

Roger Brown was presented a certificate of appreciation from chairman, Alfred Hollis.

Brown was trained as a tank crew member but when he arrived in Europe they found out he was needed to be on the half-tracks. He served as a machine gunner from the time of the crossing of the Rhine River to the liberation of Germany. After the war he went to college

Huddleston was trained as a tank crew member, but when he arrived in Europe he found he was too tall to be in a tank. So, he was assigned as a half-track crew member. Before the war was over, he was promoted to squad leader with a crew of 12 men. He was with Patton's Army when they started the liberation of Czechoslovakia. Before they entered Prague, they were ordered to stand down and provide the Russian Army the fuel and ammunition to help take Prague. Later, they found the Russian Army dug in across the road with machine guns aimed at American troops.

Commissioner of Health
Dr. Terry Cline, State Commissioner of Health, recently visited Veterans Corner. Here he was greeted by volunteer John Carter. Dr. Cline is part of Governor Mary Fallin's cabinet and is very interested in the work

VFW work together to make sure no veteran is left behind when it comes to providing help they need to make their life a little better. Many of the Corner volunteers are members of the VFW and welcomed the opportunity to visit with Commander Dockemeyer.

Volunteers Needed
Veterans Corner is seeking additional volunteers to help provide increased services to our Veterans and their families. Your help can make a difference in the lives of those who offered to give their all to protect our country and our way of life. Last year Veterans Corner helped thousands of veterans and was able to get them the benefits they earned as a result of their service to our country. Over 100 volunteers work an average of six hours per week to be there when a veteran or a surviving spouse needs assistance. If you



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Who's on first?

A car crashed through the outer fence at McCurdy Park off Washington St. overnight and came to rest in the outfield. Authorities were investigating the cause of the accident.

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From page 1A

Council:

form community service and the city which receives free labor.

Teddy Boles said 31 individuals worked 589 hours of community service for the city in 2016. The tasks ranged from picking up trash along the city's thoroughfares to clerical work at city hall.

"It's a really good program," Boles told the council.

The Rural Fire Board's recommendation that the city purchase a small pumper truck for the Purcell Fire Department was also approved. Fire chief Greg Cypert told the council the purchase will help the city maintain its insurance rating.

Presently, Purcell receives only partial credit for the department's ladder truck because it doubles as a pumper truck, Cypert said. The addition of a

small pumper truck will give the city full credit for both fire fighting vehicles.

The pumper, which will be purchased used, is expected to cost \$70,000

City treasurer Shauna Long reported the city's new penny sales tax to benefit Purcell Municipal Hospital went into effect January 1. The first proceeds from the new tax will be received by the city in March.

Long also reported on Lights from the Heart.

Over 38 nights, the Christmas light display around Purcell Lake brought in donations totaling \$15,988. The average nightly collection of more than \$420 was the third highest in the history of the display.

Thirty-one groups volunteered this year.

From page 1A

Flames:

Instead of writing a ticket and resuming his nightly patrol, however, Wheeler found himself the pursuer in a chase with speeds topping 100 mph.

The chase ended 1-1/2 miles inside Grady County when the other vehicle blew a tire and left the road, coming to rest in a pasture.

Wheeler drove his unit into the pasture and that's when the other driver, David R. Carter, 41, of Alex, tried to flee on foot.

The deputy chased him down and took him into custody. But when he returned the prisoner to his unit, he found flames coming from under the hood.

Wheeler retrieved a fire extinguisher from the unit, but was unsuccessful in stopping the fire before it destroyed his car.

Sheriff's Lt. James Richardson said the vehicle was one of the department's newer units - a low mileage 2010 model

purchased from the Missouri Highway Patrol last year.

"It was on the road about five months," Richardson said, adding the car was one of the newer units in the sheriff's fleet.

Unfortunately, it was also one of two units equipped in November with Lojack receivers to aid in the recovery of stolen goods.

Richardson said the 1995 Nissan Frontier which Carter was driving was reported stolen in McClain County on December 5.

Carter, who is well known to law enforcement authorities, was booked into the McClain County Detention Center on complaints of failure to stop at a stop sign, eluding an officer, possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of burglary tools after a former felony conviction, possession of drug paraphernalia and destruction of county property.

Neighbors

Rosedale News

By Donna Stufflebean

A Christmas celebration was held in the home of Doris Lang, hosted by Mrs. Lang's oldest daughter, Donna Stufflebean.

The family also celebrated Tiffany Lang's birthday on December 25. She is the daughter of Brent and Adrienne Lang Foshee and mother, Donna Hamilton of Texas.

The traditional Christmas dinner feast was served and gifts were exchanged and opened.

Attending were Doris Lang, Donna Stufflebean, Bo Linker, Hailey Lang, Randy Webster and Doc and Sherrie Lang and daughter, Tommie Brooke, all of Rosedale.

And Bobby Keenom of Paoli; Tommy and Kandace Miller and Dylan Summers, Shaeli and Emmanuel of Chickasha; John and Zoey Farrow, Brent and Adrienne Lang Foshee, Riley Lang Foshee and Randy Tyson, all of Wayne.

Also Blake Herrington of Wanette; Tracy and Dustin Lang of Dibble; Tana Lang, Maddie Kane and Anthony Soto of Purcell; and Tiffany

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New lights

When students returned to class this week they were welcomed by new lights in several buildings at Purcell schools. A worker with BridgePoint installed lights at the Purcell Intermediate School gym last week.

Washington Schools resume January 5

Angie Steele

Washington Correspondent

Washington School Events

Thursday, January 5—HS Basketball Tournament at Lone Grove; Return to School.

Friday, January 6—HS Basketball Tournament at Lone Grove.

Saturday, January 7—HS Basketball Tournament at Lone Grove.

Monday, January 9—4th-5th Grade Mad Scientist Program, 1 p.m.; 9th Basketball-Conference Tournament, Girls and Boys at Newcastle.

Tuesday, January 10—9th Basketball-Conference Tournament, Girls and Boys at Newcastle; HS Basketball at Crooked Oak, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11 9th Basketball-Conference Tournament, Girls and Boys at Newcastle.

First Baptist Church of Cole

Church schedule: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.

Wednesday evening activities for all ages at 7 p.m. The church website is www.fbcole.org.

The church is located in Cole on SH 74 B between Washington and Blanchard.

For more information, send an email to the website or call (405) 485-3377.

Washington United Methodist Church

We are a friendly, Bible based church where everyone is welcome. Our Sunday worship service begins at 11 a.m. We have a Bible Study group that meets at 4:30 on Sunday afternoons.

Union Hill Baptist Church

Sundays—Age Group Bible studies, 9:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Children's Church, 11 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays—Evening meal, 5:30 p.m.; Age Group Bible Studies, 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Schedule—Retired/Senior Lunch, 4th Tuesday at Noon; Men's Breakfast, 1st Saturday of each month, 7 a.m.

First Baptist Church Washington

Weekly Worship Service Times:

Sunday—10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Weekly Small Group Opportunities:

Sunday School, Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

Youth Bible Study, Sundays, 5 p.m. and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

GAs (girls 1-5 grade), RAs (boys 1-5 grade), Sundays at 5 p.m.

Mission Friends (Pre-K and Kindergarten), Sundays, 5 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9 a.m.

Kid's Choir and Bible Study, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Journey Through the Bible, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Connect with us at office@fbwashington.com, 288-6060, Facebook: FBC Washington, Twitter @FBC-WashingtonOK.

Dale K. Graham Norman Veteran's Corner

Dale K. Graham Veteran's Corner is not affiliated with any other organization. Our services are only provided at Faith Pointe Baptist Church, 3404 NW 36th, in Norman.

To schedule a visit for Tuesdays, please contact Helen at 405-550-8806 Ext. 102. We are at the church each Thursday morning at 7 a.m. Please arrive by 9 a.m.

Dale K. Graham Veteran's Corner Veteran of the Week is Kenneth Sanders from Fletcher, Okla. Mr. Sanders served in Alaska with the Army Air Corps during WWII. We appreciate Mr. Sanders for his service to our country.

As we start this New Year of 2017 all our volunteers want to express their appreciation for the support our mission has received from our community and the men and women we serve. Without your support, we would not be able to meet the needs of the 10,000 veterans and surviving spouses who made the trip to Norman for assistance.

During the past year we have spent several hundred thousands of dollars in direct support of our nation's veterans and their families. Some of the items that were funded were for rent, utilities, food items, transportation, medical expenses, repairs, medicines, along with a host of other daily needs. Please remember there are many veterans and their families in our state who are doing without not just today, but every day.

Some veterans are affected by Post Traumatic Stress

Disorder (PTSD) caused by mental trauma that occurred while in the military. This condition has caused some of our veterans to have mental health issues they will experience their entire life. During my service to veterans I have met some of them who continue to struggle with PTSD that occurred while in WWII. For some of them their struggles have led to alcohol and drug abuse.

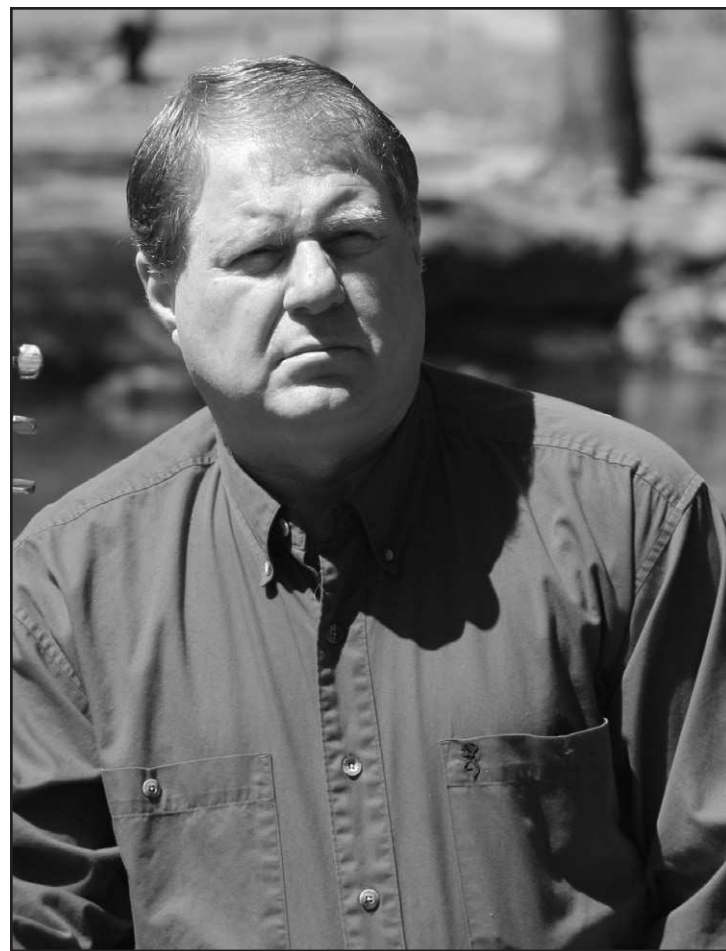
Personally, I feel there have been thousands of veterans who received bad discharges from the military when the veterans were suffering from untreated and undiagnosed PTSD symptoms. To support my belief the Secretary of Defense recently ordered the military review boards to take a look at the possibility of upgrading some discharges based on PTSD or other mental health diagnosis. For information on applying for a review of a military discharge please stop by any Tuesday or Thursday morning.

The last week of the year we were very busy helping veterans and their families apply for the VA benefits for which they may be eligible. There were a total of 175 men and women who were assisted. Of that number there were nine surviving spouses who filed claims for DIC, Pension or aid and attendance. To apply for the pension benefits the veteran must have served on active duty at least one day during war time. Our ladies are available to assist with your claims or questions each Tuesday and Thursday morning or call Shirley at (405) 361-9322.

As an Accredited VA Claims Agent, I receive the VA rating decisions on each of the veterans or surviving spouses who I represent. This allows us to send a letter to the veteran or surviving spouse detailing what is their next step should be in the claims process. Having this information has enabled us to guide them in their quest for VA benefits. Before being accredited, I was just like the other service officers who veterans went to and never knew if the veteran was approved or not for VA benefits. Having that Accreditation has improved everything for both the veterans and me.

Last week I received the fol-

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Pauls Valley Opry

John David Smith will be one of the guests at the Pauls Valley Opry, Saturday, January 7. Other guests include April Davis, John Williams, Missy Rude and Wiley Winters. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline can help you quit tobacco

In 2017, the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline — a free program of the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) — encourages tobacco users to start the New Year with a new approach to quitting.

Those thinking about quitting tobacco this New Year can explore the Helpline to find services that work best, and to customize a plan to fit their unique needs. Among the free services available are text and email support, phone and web coaching, free patches, gum or lozenges, and more.

"When I was quitting smoking, the Helpline quit coaches helped me identify a cessation tool that worked best for me," said John Woods, TSET executive director. "More than anything, the Helpline gives an individual the ability to

make a conscious decision to quit tobacco. I know taking the step to quit is scary, but that's where the Helpline can support and encourage anyone even thinking about quitting."

Once a customized plan has been selected, the Helpline encourages registrants to reach out whenever needed, especially during cravings. Sticking to an individually customized Quit Plan increases the chances of breaking nicotine addiction, bad habits associated with it and, ultimately, quitting.

"Sometimes it can take several tries and a variety of methods to quit tobacco, but with each quit attempt, you are closer to reaching your goal of being tobacco free," said Paola Klein, Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline coordinator. "By allowing each person using

tobacco to select the services that work best for them, the Helpline empowers them to quit and stay quit at the New Year or any time of year."

The Helpline website, OKhelpline.com, offers other resources that tobacco users can reach for to help fight cravings. These include mini-quit tips, and distractions like games, puzzles and music playlists.

The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline's resources are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. Call 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) or visit OKhelpline.com to learn more.

Connect with the Helpline through social media by liking the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline on Facebook or following @OKhelpline on Twitter and Instagram.



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Warrior Band performs in Orlando

The Washington Warrior Nation Band performed at the 2016 Russell Athletic Bowl game in Orlando, Fla.

The Purcell Register Sports

Dragons head to Byng

Boys open with Yukon JV while girls have Madill

Purcell will get back on the hardwood January 5-7 at the Byng Tournament.

The boys open with Yukon JV at 8:30 p.m. January 5 while the girls will square off with Madill at 10 a.m. that day.

The winner of the Purcell-Yukon contest will face the

winner of Byng and Broken Bow. The winner of the Purcell-Madill fracas will face the winner of Byng and Community Christian.

Other teams in the tournament are Okemah and Hugo.

The tournament runs through Saturday night.



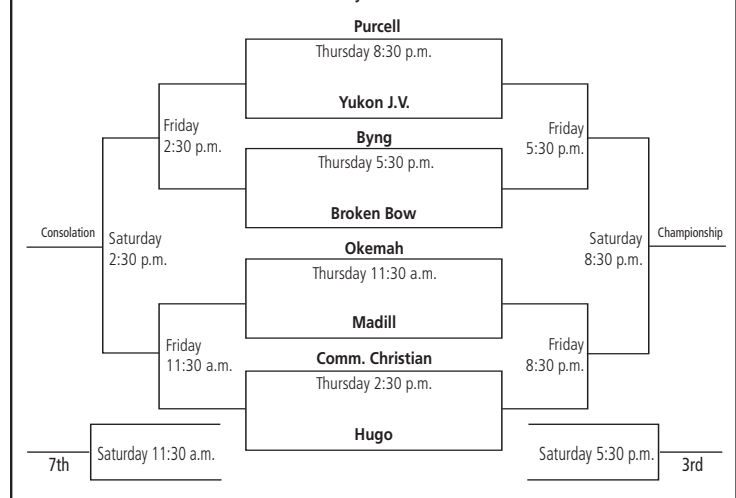
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Ready to roll

Austin Nation and the Dragons tip off today (Thursday) at the Byng Winter Classic at 8:30 p.m.

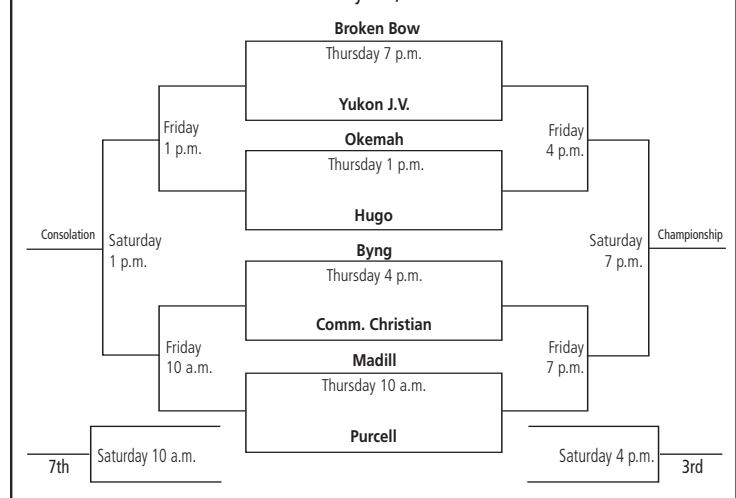
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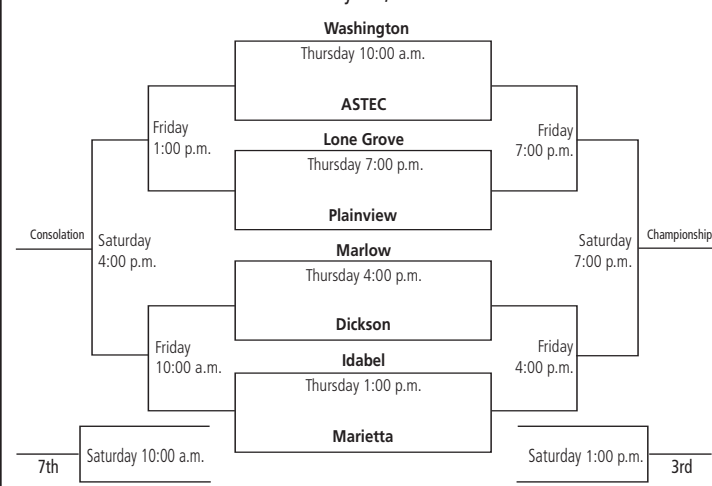
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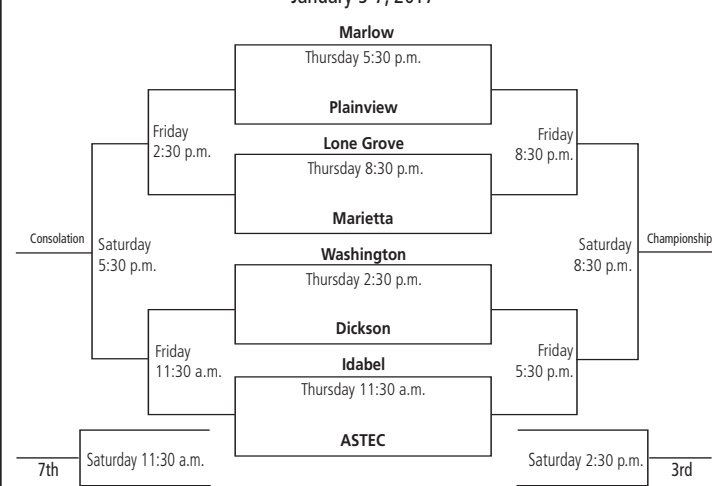
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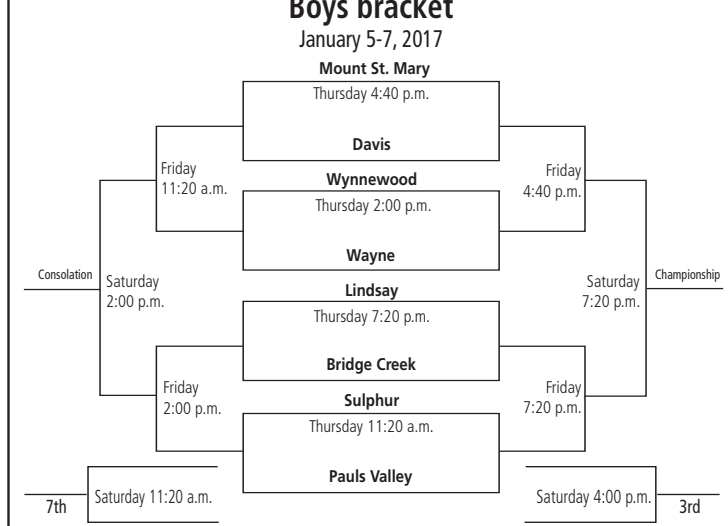
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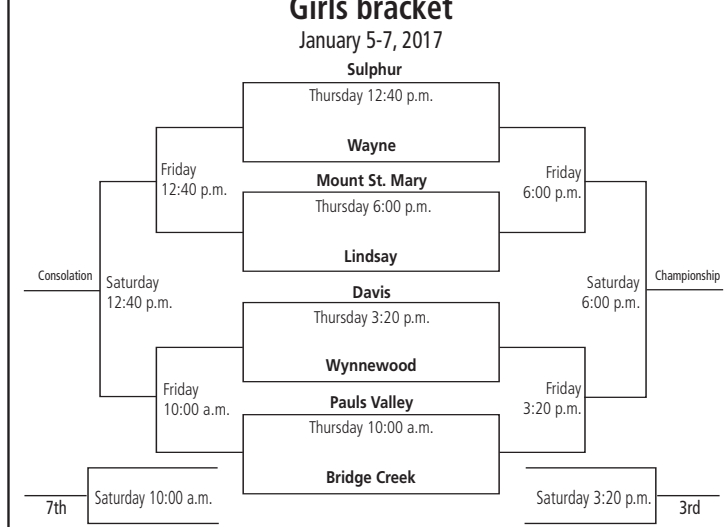
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Boys bracket
January 5-7, 2017



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Morning Worship	11:00 am
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Age Group Bible Study	5:30 pm
Evening Worship	6:30 pm
Wednesdays	
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Age Group Bible Study	6:30 pm

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Wednesday 7:00 pm



Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

In the time of Moses, and all the way up until the time of Jesus, a person could take a Nazirite vow. You could dedicate yourself completely to God—forever or for a temporary time. You would take a vow to do three things: abstain from strong food or drink, stay away from anything that is unclean, and let your hair grow without cutting it, to show that you have yourself apart for God.

We read about this vow in the book of Numbers, chapter 6. Samson was a Nazirite for life, as was Samuel and John the Baptist. This was a way of setting yourself apart for holiness. Jesus did not take this vow, nor ask his followers to take it. Jesus taught that all of his followers are expected to be holy! All of his followers are expected to be “perfect as His heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). We call this the “universal call to holiness.”

We are at the beginning of a new year. How will we become more holy in this new year? Many people in our parish have been reading the book, “Resisting Happiness” by Matthew Kelly. He begins by asking us to name our resistance to happiness. It is, in essence, our resistance to holiness.

Resistance is that sluggish feeling of not wanting to do

something that you know is good for you. It's the desire and tendency to delay something that you should be doing right now. Resistance causes us to settle for much less than what God has imagined for us. Resistance is what stands between us and happiness.

From the book: “Do you worry about things that you have no control over? Worry destroys happiness. Do you compare yourself to others in an unfriendly way? Comparison is a destroyer of happiness. Do you have a lot of self-doubt or self-loathing? These are destroyers of happiness. Do you buy things you can't afford and don't need? Debt is a destroyer of happiness and a creator of stress. Gossip, laziness, fear, negative thinking, ingratitude and jealousy—all are destroyers of happiness.”

Maybe as we begin this new year, we should identify three activities in which we feel happy and holy. Maybe you are happy when you playing with your children or grandchildren. Maybe you are happy when you are working on a project for another person as a gift. Or maybe you are happy when you are alone in prayer. Then we should identify the choices that we make that prevent us from this happiness. Perhaps it is worry, or comparison with

others, or a bad relationship, or fear, or negative thinking.

In this new year, let us do two things. First, may we let go of these things that are resistance to our happiness. Second, let us place God at the center and order our lives around Him. We do this by the practice of daily prayer. In the back of the book, we find a process for prayer that each of us should follow.

It is a simple process in which we become more aware of how well we are living in response to God's call to holiness. We should practice this process of prayer—each and every day. We will slowly overcome those things that are resistance to our happiness. The Process for Prayer sheet is available at the church office.

The priestly prayer of Moses (Numbers 6) is for each of us: “In this new year, may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let His face shine upon you. May he look kindly upon you. And may He give you peace. Happy New Year! Amen.”

Our weekly Mass schedule is Saturday at 5 p.m. (English), Sunday at 11 a.m. (English) and 1 p.m. (Spanish). For more information visit our website at ourladyofvictorypurcell.org. or call the church office at 527-3077.

Johnson Road Baptist Church

We are off to a good start in 2017 at Johnson Road. Clyde and Ann Gilman started the New Year with the announced arrival of a healthy great grandson.

Donna Brown has perfected the art of gopher trapping. The three major universities in Oklahoma, TU, OSU and OU ended the year with bowl victories.

Generous giving by our members has led us to exceeding our goal for the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions.

We begin a winter schedule with regular Sunday School and Morning Worship to be followed with the beginning of weekly Sunday dinner at the church.

Casey Fredrick and her daughter, Abigayle, blessed

the congregation with a duet. Gynean Gentry and the pastor also provided special music. The scripture texts for the Sunday sermon were “Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, Rejoice”. “In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ concerning you,” and “I press toward the mark for the prize of high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

The congregation was encouraged to prepare for a challenging and rewarding year in 2017.

“Gentlemen, start your engines,” is the starting cry of the Indianapolis 500 racing event. With the beginning of the new year, it is time for Christians to start our spiritual engines. Weaving our way through the new year, we should listen to

some wise men from the past. Theodore Roosevelt said, “Do what you can with what you have where you are.” Mark Twain said, “The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”

A good start begins with praying, serving, giving and learning.

Christians should be happy, hopeful, helpful, hungry and humble throughout the coming year.

To be successful, we must learn to enjoy the benefits of Christianity.

Sermon title for Sunday morning is “Number One Priority.”

The current Bible study on Wednesday evening is the gospel of Luke.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Worship begins at 11 a.m.

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Good week to all, and welcome to the “front porch.”

It is amazing how God's Word can say so much in such a little space. That truth came home to me yet again recently when I came to a passage in John's gospel, chapter 7, verses 37-39.

“In the last day,” the Lord says, “that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink” (v. 37).

The Lord has been in Jerusalem for several days to observe the yearly Feast of Tabernacles. The Lord, certainly, was not one to waste an opportunity. In fact, He times His arrival into Jerusalem just right—waiting until the middle of the week—so that He can maximize His effectiveness (7:9). (There is, by the way, a great lesson for evangelism in that for us.)

But it is now the last day of the feast—that is, this is the “last” chance for some! Today is the last time many of those present will have the opportunity to respond to the Lord's teaching. This may be the last “invitation” they would ever receive to turn their lives over to the Lord.

One thing that strikes me as we glance at this picture is that if even one in that crowd can be touched by the Lord's message, that will be enough. We know, as we look at verse 40, that more than one takes notice—whether they follow Him then or not, we do not know, but they take notice. Still, only one would have been enough. It reminds

me that any time we share the gospel—sometimes in word, sometimes in kindness—we never know who that gospel may affect. People really do watch every step you take.

In addition to Jesus' seizing every opportunity, we learn something else invaluable from this great John 7 scene: The Lord has a great passion for His message. Notice that He doesn't whisper it in a corner somewhere. No, he “stands and cries” out the great message (v. 37). His message is the greatest the world has ever heard, and He cries it out passionately.

I have always felt that—outside teaching truth—perhaps the best attribute for a teacher or preacher of God's Word is his passion. Should a man want to preach, he had best be a man of great passion, with a “fire burning in his bones.” (Time does not allow us, today, to talk about Jeremiah, Elijah, and the Apostle Paul, but you understand that sermon well,

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