



Happy Thanksgiving

# Turkeys, steak & cell phones

## What third graders would take back in time to 1620

**Jeanne Grimes**  
**The Purcell Register**

Imagine if you will, a time machine and a mission. If you could go back in time to the year 1620 as the Pilgrims prepared to sit down and dine with Native Americans, what would you bring to that first Thanksgiving potluck?

That's what **The Purcell Register** asked of eight Lexington Elementary School third graders on Friday. Some of their answers may surprise you.

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Clay Campbell



Kaylin Vazquez



Cale Garver



Ryleigh Webb



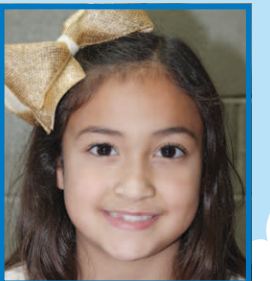
Colby Haynes



Nixie Rodgers



Trey Chavez



Lexie Torres



## Fiery fatality

### Semi driver killed when rig burns

**Jeanne Grimes**  
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A semi tractor-trailer driver who died in a fiery pre-dawn wreck on Interstate-35 north of Ladd Road on November 17 remained unidentified as of **The Purcell Register's** press time.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported the deadly collision occurred around 5 a.m. when the 18-wheeler struck a smaller truck from behind.

That vehicle had no working lights to the rear, according to

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### Burned out

**The driver** of this 18 wheeler was killed Thursday morning after an accident on I-35 near Goldsby. The identity of the driver is not known at this time. According to the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol, the vehicle the semi struck did not have working rear lights at the time of the accident.

## Lights & parade

### It's that time of year again

Two popular holiday traditions for Purcell and surrounding towns will be back this year.

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### Purcell school board Office #2

The filing period for the Office 2 seat on the Purcell Public School District

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## It's getting dry

### Rainfall about half of last year's total

If you think it's a little bit dry you are correct.

By Thanksgiving last year Purcell had received 62.77" of rain.

This year, only 33.03" has

been recorded. The normal year-to-date is 34.14".

One note, 2015 was the

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### Scott family

**Sen. Paul Scott** was joined on the Senate Floor by his wife, Susan, and children Braden, Brooklyn and Britton November 16 for his swearing in ceremony.

# Scott takes oath, begins first Senate term

Paul Scott is now officially on the job as State Senator for District 43.

The Duncan Republican was sworn in during a ceremony at the Capitol November 16 as friends, family and other supporters looked on from the Senate gallery.

"I am tremendously humbled and grateful to the citizens of District 43 for entrusting me to be their voice in the Senate," Scott said. "I'm committed to defending conservative values, growing our local and state economy, creating more jobs, especially in rural Oklahoma, strengthening our schools and improving healthcare in Oklahoma. Even though we're going to be facing another tough revenue year, it's imperative that we work to protect education, public health and other vital state services."

Scott has worked in the healthcare industry for 28 years and owns Sooner Mobile X-ray, a small business employing 15 people that provides mobile x-ray, EKG, and ultrasound services at nursing homes,

assisted living centers, home health and hospice agencies, private physicians' offices, and jails around the state.

"I'm looking forward to bringing my years of experience as a small business owner — making payrolls, meeting budgets and dealing with government regulation — to the Senate," said Scott.

"I believe this is the type of experience we need more of at the state Capitol to spur economic growth that our state and local economy desperately needs."

Paul and his wife of 27 years, Susan, have three kids, Braden, Brooklyn and Britton. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Duncan and have taught Sunday school and worked with youth in their church for more than 10 years. He serves as Chairman of Deacons and has undertaken mission work overseas on several occasions to help with medical services, rehabilitate homes, and to teach business management.

Susan, who comes from a

long line of educators, has taught middle school for Duncan Public Schools as well as at a center for students with severe emotional needs.

Senate President Pro Tempore Designate Mike Schulz said he was looking forward to working with Scott in the 2017 session.

"Senator Scott will be a strong voice on behalf of District 43 in the State Senate. His experience will be a valuable asset to our caucus as we work to build a stronger and more prosperous Oklahoma," said Schulz, R-Altus.

Scott is a member of the Board of Directors for the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma, the NRA, Leading Age Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Association of Healthcare Providers, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, and the Duncan and Chickasha Chambers of Commerce. He is also a past member of the Duncan Public Schools Foundation Board.

7 day forecast from [@PurcellRegister](#) [@OUNewsCrowd](#)

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
64° 40° Sunny	59° 39° Sunny	60° 43° Prty Cloudy	62° 42° Mstly Sunny	65° 35° 20% T-Storms	45° 35° 20% Rain	51° 35° Sunny

# Mostly sunny and mid-60s

This week will be mostly sunny until rain chances return on Tuesday. Tuesday we have the chance to see severe weather mainly in eastern Oklahoma. Highs will be in the 60s then drop into the mid 40s on Tuesday. Happy Thanksgiving.

— Ashley Pratt

## NOVEMBER USE TAX REPORT

CITY	RATE	2016	2015	DIFFERENCE
Blanchard	.04	\$26,706.00	\$18,454.11	+\$8,251.89
Byars	.04	\$340.18	\$212.10	+\$128.08
Cole	.04	\$85.24	\$1,845.00	-\$1,759.76
Dibble	.05	\$7,661.32	\$1,636.28	+\$6,025.04
Goldsby	.035	\$1,849.56	\$2,487.99	-\$638.43
Lexington	.04	\$9,330.21	\$6,794.71	+\$2,535.50
Lindsay	.04	\$9,674.35	\$7,085.62	+\$2,588.73
Newcastle	.04	\$15,664.06	\$21,031.53	-\$5,367.47
Noble	.04	\$4,804.61	\$5,455.03	-\$650.42
Norman	.04	\$310,526.23	\$250,743.08	+\$59,783.15
Paoli	.03	\$297.25	\$391.84	-\$94.59
Pauls Valley	.045	\$26,551.38	\$39,246.07	-\$12,694.69
Purcell	.04	\$15,247.53	\$22,434.35	-\$7,186.82
Slaughterville	.02	\$69,806.88	\$502.32	+\$69,304.56
Wanette	.035	\$421.12	\$660.75	-\$239.63
Washington	.04	\$1,574.46	\$3,833.23	-\$2,258.77
Wayne	.035	\$883.45	\$750.06	+\$133.39
McClain County	.005	\$9,431.07	\$13,393.84	-\$3,962.77

### Explanation of use tax:

(This is in addition to the sales tax reported monthly.) Every state with a sales tax has a companion tax for outside the state. In Oklahoma, that tax is called "use tax."

Those having purchased items for use in Oklahoma from retailers who do not collect Oklahoma sales tax, the buyer owes the state use tax on those items.

The use tax in the state was first enacted in 1937.

# Blanchard teen killed

## Deadly collision with dump truck

A Blanchard teen is dead after a collision between the Volkswagen Jetta he was driving and a dump truck.

Gabriel Alvarado, 15, died at OU Medical Center where he'd been admitted just hours earlier in critical condition following the accident.

According to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Alvarado was

southbound on Tyler Road and attempted to turn south onto State Highway 76. Alvarado failed to yield at the stop sign and pulled into the path of the northbound dump truck driven by Johnny McKinney, 63, of Oklahoma City.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts.

Alvarado was pinned in the

wreckage for an unknown length of time before being freed by the Blanchard Fire Department using a Hurst tool. McKinney wasn't injured.

A trooper investigating the wreck was assisted at the scene by Blanchard police, McClain County Sheriff's Department, McClain County EMS and the Blanchard Fire Department.



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### Line excavation

**Rod Smith** operates a Bobcat to excavate the water main on the southeast corner of Main Street and 7th Avenue. Smith and water department superintendent Steve Mayer, left, also removed the existing 1930s-era fire hydrant from the northeast corner of the intersection.

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## NEWS In Brief

### Museum News

The McClain County Museum and Historical Society will be open Tuesday, November 22, and Wednesday, November 23, from 1-4 p.m.

The museum will be closed on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25.

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

### Basketball Fundraiser

The Lexington Basketball Boosters are hosting their Second Annual Bulldog Basketball 10K Giveaway.

Tickets are \$100 each and the first 50 donors receive two tickets to a predetermined OKC Thunder game just for entering.

The drawing, to be held December 19, will be for one of five \$1,000 prizes, and one \$5,000 grand prize.

For more information please contact Lexington High School, or you may email Coach Matt Lohn at [mlohn@lexington.k12.ok.us](mailto:mlohn@lexington.k12.ok.us).

### Cops, Kids

### Christmas Shopping

Purcell Fraternal Order of Police will be holding the 9th Annual Cops & Kids Christmas Shopping Program December 10.

The program pairs local school-age children with Purcell Police officers to go Christmas shopping at Walmart.

Guidelines for eligibility include: children must live in the city limits of Purcell;

the recommended age for participation is five-12; and previous participants should not apply.

Applications are available at the Purcell Police Department and must be turned in by November 30.

For more information about applying or making a donation, contact Sgt. Heather Kaluzny at 527-4691.

### Foundation Fundraiser

The Purcell Public School Foundation will be selling fundraiser tickets to benefit the foundation.

Tickets are \$100 and there will be five \$1,000 prizes and one \$5,000 prize awarded.

Tickets can be purchased from any foundation member or by contacting Kerry Wilhoit at McClain Bank or John D. Montgomery at **The Purcell Register**.

### 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, Fridays at 7 p.m. for Basic Text and Saturdays at 7p.m. for It Works.

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

For more information call Sarah W. at (405) 816-9233 or Cody C. at (405) 468-1732.



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### New hydrant

Purcell's water department took advantage of last week's unseasonably warm weather to install this new fire hydrant at West Main Street and 7th Avenue. The new hydrant ties into a large water main and replaces a 1930s hydrant that was on a 4-inch line. Workers are Rod Smith, left, and James Pedigo.

## OSU EXTENSION News

### Bucks finding themselves in rut

**Sean Hubbard**  
Communications Specialist

Don't tell Walt Disney, but it is no accident deer hunting season is in the fall in Oklahoma. "Bambi got it wrong. (In the movie) the deer were courting in the spring. They actually do

this in the fall," said Dwayne Elmore, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist. "When the does come into estrous, the bucks only have one thing on their mind."

It is the urge to breed that leads to more productive hunting during November.

"Bucks will take more risks, get in fights with rivals and do riskier things, such as expose themselves during daylight hours," said Elmore. "It's generally easier to kill bucks, especially mature bucks, during the rut."

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation will have a pretty good idea of how the harvest will go after the first weekend of the season. Due to the mandatory check stations, the ODWC keeps track of the

total number of deer checked during the season.

"The biggest harvest is always on the opening weekend of the deer gun season," Elmore said. "However, the

weather can have an impact. This time of year, we could get anything."

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**Sue,**  
After 50 years of marriage, I would like to join the multitude of friends and former students to give you a sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU for what you have done to improve our lives.  
—Mike

## Celebration of Lights kicks off Nov. 26

Dazzling holiday lights will be illuminated with the help of Santa during the Celebration of Lights beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, November 26, at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Dozens of displays featuring traditional Christmas themes

and Chickasaw greetings are included in the impressive light display.

The drive-thru display will be open to the public at no charge every evening from 6-9 p.m. beginning Saturday, November 26, through Saturday,

December 31.

For more information, visit [www.chickasawculturalcenter.com](http://www.chickasawculturalcenter.com) or call (580) 622-7130.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur.

## Gobbledy Gook winners

Announced by Advertising Manager Vickie Foraker

**Purcell Register** Advertising Manager Vickie Foraker has announced the winners of last week's Gobbledy Gooks contest to win turkeys and pizzas.

Participating merchants and the winners include Lauren Brick at Van's Pig Stands, Sandra Bunch at Fired Up Nutrition, Becky Hamm at Valir Health, Ellen Sutton at Lex-

ington Nursing Home, Cheryl King at Purcell Automotive and Jim Watson at Varsity Quick Stop.

Also, Sherry Treagesser at C&C Auto Repair, Nona Selment at Insurance Professionals, Tiffany Easter at Rodney's Pizza Place, Louise Rowland at The Main Vapor, Kristin Dempsey at Just-In-Time, Judy Ann Moore at Walmart and Robin Skinner at **The Purcell Register**.

And, Mary Constant at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce, Trudy Frederick at TH Rogers, Ashley at Patriot Ford, Edel Mal family at Pink Willow Salon and Don Driskell at Wade Higgins.

Also, Larry Stidham at Jim Herndon D.D.S., Angie Arnold at Mazzio's Italian Eatery, Pat Sharp at Jo's Famous Pizza, Kim Gibson at Turner Drug and Colliar Goud at Tyler's Furniture.

## Lanes closed

Southbound I-35 at Johnson Road

Southbound lanes of Interstate 35 were closed north of Purcell early Monday while the Oklahoma Highway Patrol worked an accident south of Johnson Road.

The closure began at 3:27 a.m. and the lanes were re-opened 74 minutes later at 4:41 a.m.

Additional details on the collision which caused the lane closure were unavailable at press time for **The Purcell Register**.

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## You never know

As parents of small children you never know when and how a disaster might strike.

Such was the case at John Denny and Emily's house late Sunday evening.

A seemingly benign birthday gift of a Christmas ornament was in the hands of now three-year-old Lane.

When she dropped the ornament it shattered but exposed not one but two slots for lithium batteries.

The little button batteries have been ingested by little ones across the country and can cause great harm to their esophagus or stomach lining.

A search of the affected area turned up one of the batteries.

But the other one was no where to be seen.

Furniture was moved.

John Denny said he spent an hour on his belly looking under things while enlisting a flashlight as his main helper.

Still, no other lithium battery could be found.

Repeated inquires to Lane if she put it in her mouth or swallowed it was a big negatory.

### Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

She stuck by her story and as it turned out she was telling the truth.

After calls to her doctors and the poison control center in Atlanta it was determined there was no choice but to take Lane to the emergency room for X-rays.

Driving to the ER was no bargain for Emily with her broken right ankle.

But she and Lane made it and were in the long process of checking in, filling out paper work and waiting for the doctor.

In the meantime, John Denny

called his mom and filled her in on what was going on.

She volunteered to drive to their house and help in the search for the missing battery.

The thoughts were going through everyone's mind if it's never found what about Gus their pug snatching it up or when Thomas starts crawling, maybe he would come across it.

I decided it was stupid for me to stay at our house so I drove up to their house to lend my hunting expertise.

By the way, I can never find anything but I figured moral support was in order.

When I got there the living room looked like a tornado had come through.

Still no battery in sight.

Finally a fire truck was moved far away from the point of impact and there the battery sat.

It looked bigger than Dallas! John Denny immediately called Emily to stop the X-ray process.

The call was in time but not before about three hours of extreme consternation.

## NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

### A time to be grateful

#### Congressman Tom Cole

The past few weeks have brought profound and monumental change to the United States. While America remains a deeply divided country from a political standpoint, we all have many blessings to reflect upon—individually and collectively. I know my family and I do. Thanksgiving is a treasured time to gather with family and friends and to celebrate this time-honored American tradition.

Although the story of Thanksgiving that most Americans allude to involves the first colonists and Native Americans, the designation of celebrating this day as a federal holiday came over a century later.

This national holiday received its first federal recognition from George Washington in 1789, as a day for Americans to show gratitude for the era of a new nation. Other presidents such as John Adams and James Madison also participated in proclaiming a "day of thanks."

Thanksgiving did not become an official holiday until President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed it in 1863. President Lincoln was faced with a nation burdened by war, and designated Thanksgiving to be a day to pray for those suffering from war and to "heal the wounds of the nation."

This Thanksgiving, we would be wise to emulate his admonishment and reflect on the blessings that we have as citizens of the United States of America.

This Thanksgiving, I'll be reflecting on the hope for a unified America and a nation that is on its way to greater prosperity. In the coming months we will take steps to make health care more affordable and accessible to all Americans.

Many onerous federal regulations on businesses will be eliminated, so that our economy can grow and more Americans can get back to work. And our tax system will be reformed in a way that will treat individuals and small busi-

nesses in a simpler and more equitable way.

With many challenges facing our nation, I believe Congress is ready to roll up our shirt sleeves and get to work in January with a new President and a fresh outlook.

I realize there are number of our fellow citizens who are disappointed in the results of the election, and having been on the other side of victory myself a few times, I understand and can sympathize with their disappointment.

But I would urge everyone to take time this Thanksgiving season to reflect on the bountiful blessings we enjoy as Americans. We are a free and prosperous people with God given rights that are enshrined in our Constitution. We are blessed with abundant resources.

And, despite our political disagreements, we remain one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.

For this, we all have reason to give thanks.

## Superintendent's News

by Jason Midkiff



## Giving thanks and having persistence

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It starts the season of giving.

Some fun facts about Thanksgiving. Did you know that over 280 million turkeys will be sold? That's over 7 billion pounds of meat. For the first time since 1888, Hanukkah starts and Thanksgiving will be on the same day. In 1953 Swanson underestimated by 26 tons the amount of turkeys they would need. To make up for the shortage, they started slicing them and putting sides with them and

freezing them. The first TV dinner was created!

What about how Thanksgiving became a holiday? You have Sara Josepha Hale to thank for that. For 20 years and five presidents, Sarah pestered her way to getting the National Holiday. She wrote letters consistently and also published editorials. Finally with Abraham Lincoln in office she was able to sway him to create the holiday. She convinced him that it would be a great way to help bring the country together after the Civil War.

So on October 3, 1863 Abraham Lincoln declared Thanks-

giving a national holiday on the fourth Thursday of every November. Her persistence had finally paid off.

So how can we apply Sara Josepha Hale's persistence in our lives? At Purcell schools we use it every day, at every building, with every student. It was Benjamin Franklin that said energy and persistence alter all things. If you looked at all the things we are required to teach each student through all the years they attend schools, it would be overwhelming. But

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## Our Views

### Things to ponder

Let Thanksgiving Day, 2016, be a time to remember that the best things in life are not things.

Life is a song; love is the music.

Family is a gift that lasts forever.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said that beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.

I like to quote Goethe, who said, "By nothing do men show their character more than by the things they laugh at."

How about the man who said he used to run a doughnut shop, but he got tired of the hole business?

And did you hear about the woman who wanted to plant a garden, but she couldn't find any seed for the bacon?

Also, why is the alphabet in that order? Is it because of the song?

I remember the teenage boy who once asked, "Can I marry your daughter?"

I asked, "Which one?"

### Potpourri



Joan Parker

He promptly replied, "I don't care - whichever one will have me."

I like to watch sports on TV. I guess my favorites to watch are baseball, football, basketball, volleyball, tennis and golf, in that order.

There are only five sports that I don't enjoy, and I don't waste my time watching them.

They are soccer, hockey, car races, boxing and wrestling.

I may watch a little TV on Thanksgiving, but I won't forget to express my gratitude to God for all good things.

## Your Views

### Disappointing election

#### Dear Editor,

I am so disappointed with this years election. The same Republicans that caused the 1.3 billion shortfall were reelected by landslides. In last weeks paper, the story "A Redder and Greener, Legislature faces steep challenges. The reporter said there was concern because the voters blamed the legislators for the man made 1.3 billion shortfall, as well as they should have.

Oklahoma leads cuts in school funding for the last three years, OK policy.org, OK Legislature Makes the Poor Poorer, by giving tax breaks to oil and gas companies while inflicting pain on the most vulnerable citizens. NYtimes.com, also. When oil boom goes bust, Oklahoma helped drillers and squeezed schools, Reuters.com.

He ends the article saying, "this year the public frustration didn't rise to a level where voters wanted widespread change in the Legislature." Every incumbent on the ballot won. We pass a penny sales tax in Purcell to keep our hospital open. Yet, the big businesses that got millions in tax cuts, get to keep it all.

I think this is why the penny sales tax for education, being pushed by OU President Boren didn't pass. It would have put Norman in the highest tax bracket of any other city. Why should the small guy voters, have to pay more, while the Republican cronies are making sure the oil/gas big businesses continue to make record profits.

Also, Gov. Fallin made sure they didn't have to worry, because it is in the OK Constitution. Just like she wanted SQ 777, Right to Farm/Harm in the OK Constitution. To change any new item in the constitution would mean getting 130,000 signatures on a petition and getting enough votes in the legislature to put it on a ballot, so people could vote on it. That would never happen, because all the elected officials get campaign money from these big corporations.

These are the same Republicans that voted against equal pay for equal work, veterans benefits, reduction in student loan interests, etc. The Republican platform is online and it includes increasing the retirement age from 65 to 67, privatize Medicare, tap into Social Security and create more private prisons. These are just a few items in the platform.

They are already saying more big cuts are coming, and asking state agencies to see where they can "cut" services, yet again. However, the one percent are getting richer by the minute, on the backs of the common folks, like me.

# What Trump's presidency could mean for Oklahoma

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Oklahoma Watch

The full impact of Donald Trump's presidency in Oklahoma won't become clear for some time, but its implications already loom large in the areas of health, energy, taxes and infrastructure spending.

Policy analysts and political observers interviewed by *Oklahoma Watch* since Tuesday's election said Trump's plans, if enacted by Congress, could produce a tectonic shift felt from one end of the state to the other.

Here is an initial assessment of how Oklahoma might fare under Donald Trump's presidency in several key policy arenas.

## Health

Perhaps the biggest domestic issue in the presidential race was the future of the Affordable Care Act, the 2010 law that expanded Medicaid for poor people in most states and set up a subsidized health insurance market for middle-income Americans.

Trump has vowed to repeal it, something conventional Republicans have been itching to do, too. Details remain hazy, though, about what they intend to put in its place or what will happen to the 16 million Americans who have obtained health insurance coverage since the ACA took effect. In a report published Friday, Trump said he now might try to amend rather than repeal the law.

In Oklahoma, about 130,000 low-income and middle-income people are now covered by private health plans sold through the ACA policy exchange.

The effects on them depend on how much of a rollback a Trump administration is willing and able to accomplish.

"How much it actually takes away from the benefits people now have is the question," said Gene Perry, policy director of the Oklahoma Policy Institute in Tulsa.

Oklahoma Hospital Association President Craig Jones said health care officials across the country had been unable to determine the details of Trump's health care agenda.

"With his election and now a full Republican Congress, major changes in the Affordable Care Act are very likely in the offing," Jones said.

One possibility mentioned is a shift toward Medicaid block grants that give states more discretion in their use of federal funds to provide insurance to the poor.

"In Oklahoma we haven't expanded Medicaid, so we're not going to be kicking people off the program," Perry said. "But there are other changes they could do that would basically give states total flexibility to shrink their Medicaid populations, change the benefit structure, change requirements."

Oklahoma is one of 19 states that have rejected the federal government's offer to pay most of the cost of expanding Medicaid for their citizens.

Instead of trying to persuade the governor and Legislature to expand traditional Medicaid, some health care advocates have been promoting the idea of a subsidized private-market insurance program that would still qualify for federal funding. Arkansas already operates a similar program.

That campaign could be stalled by Trump's election, advocates said. With the future of the ACA in its present form now in doubt, state officials are likely to be wary of embarking on a new program that would depend on future federal funding.

"It does seem as though decisions on whether to adopt Medicaid expansion should be put on hold," said Dave Bond, CEO of a conservative advocacy group affiliated with the Oklahoma Council for Public

Affairs in Oklahoma City.

"What still is an obvious need, however, is Medicaid reform, particularly steering more people away from emergency room use for non-urgent medical needs," Bond said.

## Energy

Three more drilling rigs went to work in Oklahoma's oil and gas fields last week, nudging the total to 76. Yetrig count remains far below the 214 level recorded two years ago when prices began to collapse.

If Trump has his way, triple-digit rig counts might become the norm again. The President-elect's energy platform is unabashedly pro-development, particularly when it comes to petroleum.

Trump has pledged to "unleash America's \$50 trillion in



untapped shale, oil and natural gas reserves." He wants to open onshore and offshore leasing on federal lands, and "reduce and eliminate all barriers to responsible energy production."

Doing so, he said, could increase petroleum industry employment by 400,000 people across the country.

That kind of language is music to the ears of Oklahoma oil and gas producers, who feared the worst if Hillary Clinton had been able to carry out her campaign pledge to try to cut billions of dollars in "wasteful" oil and gas tax subsidies.

"It offers Oklahoma oil and gas producers a reprieve," said Cody Bannister, vice president of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association. "Every year since President Obama was elected he's called for increased taxes on the oil and natural gas industry. When Congress wouldn't follow through, he moved to the regulatory agencies, and we saw an onslaught of new regulations aimed at the industry."

One person's music can be another's warning siren. State environmentalists and clean-energy advocates said they feared that Trump's energy policy would exacerbate problems associated with oilfield fracking and wastewater disposal, and undo years of progress in curbing emissions from coal-fired electric plants.

Trump is an "anti-regulation, pro-fossil-fuel, climate-change denier," according to Sierra Club Oklahoma Chapter Director Johnson Bridgwater.

"All of this will combine to have a tremendously negative impact on the environmental health of Oklahoma, the United States and the world," Bridgwater said.

Trump's energy policy is expected to lighten the existing regulatory burden on fossil-fuel producers, actions he can take in some cases without needing congressional approval.

It appears possible Trump will be advised in those efforts by a prominent Oklahoma oilman, Continental Resources CEO Harold Hamm. Trump consulted with Hamm on energy issues during the campaign. Hamm has been mentioned as a possible candidate for energy secretary, although he sent a post-election email to employees saying he planned to stay put in Oklahoma.

Trump's campaign statements don't explicitly endorse the

practice of hydraulic fracturing, in which fluids are pumped into well bores to increase the flow of oil and gas, or the injection of wastewater into deep wells. Wastewater disposal in particular has been linked to Oklahoma's increased earthquake activity.

But his call for robust "shale energy" production appears to convey an implicit acceptance of those practices.

The Sierra Club's Bridgwater said Hamm's ties to Trump signaled the probable direction of future policy.

"Harold Hamm is one of the people who helped create this fracking movement," he said. "If you have a president stating they would use somebody like Hamm to run their energy policy ... there is a strong likelihood that the environment is going to suffer."

## Taxes and Spending

If the president-elect persuades Congress to enact all of his policy proposals, Oklahomans will share in what amounts to a substantial economic stimulus program, Republican-style.

Trump's economic agenda includes broad reductions in individual tax rates, featuring big benefits for wealthy taxpayers but extending down through lower tax brackets as well. Businesses would receive a big cut in corporate income taxes: The current 35-percent tax rate would be chopped to 15 percent.

According to an analysis by the Tax Foundation in Washington, D.C., people in the bottom 20 percent of taxpayers would see their federal taxes cut \$97 a year under Trump's plan. People in the top 10 percent would gain \$12,326 to \$18,945, in the top 1 percent, \$86,355 to \$135,460. The foundation said it could not provide a single estimate for high-income households because of ambiguities in the Trump platform.

Trump also wants to repeal what's left of the federal estate tax, which mainly affects higher-income Americans.

On the spending side of the stimulus equation, Trump has endorsed a big package of bond-financed infrastructure investments totaling as much as \$1 trillion over time. That would be even more than Obama's \$840 billion stimulus program.

"We are going to fix our inner cities and rebuild our highways, bridges, tunnels, airports, schools, hospitals," Trump declared in his election victory speech. "We're going to rebuild our infrastructure. ... And we will put millions of our people to work as we rebuild it."

A burst of new spending on infrastructure would be welcomed in Oklahoma, where unemployment is rising because of the rapid downsizing of the oil and gas industry. Lower business taxes would provide additional benefits to companies whose profits have been squeezed by the oil-sector contraction.

"That could be an enormous boon to business spending, which has really been negatively affected over the last several years by Obama policies," said Oklahoma Senate Finance Committee Chairman Mike Mazzei, R-Tulsa.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Vice President John Collison said a significant increase in infrastructure investment could have a big impact on Oklahoma's agricultural producers.

"Infrastructure is our biggest deal - that and rules and regs," Collison said. "All of our grains ship to Catoosa and down the Arkansas River, the Kerr-McClellan Navigation System. That needs to be deepened. We need to get bigger tonnage in there. We've got to get better roads."

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Two days earlier, it was assumed by just about everyone in Lennox Valley that attention would turn on Friday morning from the mayor's race to the upcoming county fair.

However, as word swiftly spread across the Valley Juliet Stoughton was holding a rally on the town square at 6 p.m., folks wondered just what her campaign strategy was going to be.

Shortly after their early morning meeting with Iris Long at the Hoffbrau, Sarah Hyden-Smith and Juliet could be seen rushing to the Hometown News office. Soon after, they were seen leaving just as quickly, carrying leaflets.

The leaflet, printed with black ink on green paper, included large bold letters spelling, "ATTENTION, JULIET STOUGHTON SUPPORTERS!" across the top. Below were the words, "Rally at 6:00 p.m. on the town square." In smaller letters near the bottom of the page was the admonition, "Please spread the word! Tell your friends and family members!"

No one was surprised by the primary topic of conversation on "Renderings with Raymond" that Friday afternoon. Before discussing Juliet's rally, however, there were a few other matters to cover.

Both Earl Goodman and Marvin Walsh were on hand. One caller after another praised their heroism and patriotism for having been arrested in defense of their fearless leader, Raymond Cooper. Both described their precarious evening at the mercy of Chief Dibble. Having been locked in a cold, damp jail cell, they each described fearing they would not live to see the light of day.

"Dibble is a puppet of the liberal media!" Walsh shouted into the microphone.

"He is obviously on the payroll of Juliet Stoughton and her minions," countered Goodman, not sure what a minion really was. "And besides, from my cell I saw him make at least two long-distance calls. I could only assume he was calling his superiors in Washington for instructions."

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# She really thinks she has a chance?

Cooper: "That woman is living in a dream world."

At Caroline's Beauty Salon, patrons sat patiently as Raymond and his crew could be heard ganging up on local officials. Friday was the busiest day of the week as customers prepared to look their best for Sunday services.

"I'm starting to think I never should have voted for that Raymond Cooper," declared Diane Norris as she listened to him ridicule his political opponents and anyone who agreed with them.

"Marvin Walsh always was a blow-hard," observed Terri Countermine.

One by one, Caroline's patrons expressed dismay at ever thinking Raymond Cooper would make a good mayor. It was like they had been hanging onto Cooper's words by a delicate thread which was becoming more frayed.

Meanwhile, Raymond was in his glory, discussing his future regime. The corruption of the past would be gone. The reign of terror led by "Silver Tongue" Dick Bland was near its end. The totalitarian rule, beholden to federal agencies, was almost a thing of the past. Peace and prosperity were at hand, and Cooper would lead his listeners to the Promised Land.

And what about Juliet Stoughton and her 6 p.m. rally on the town square?

"It's just another attempt to make a name for herself," Cooper barked to the cheers of his studio guests.

By 5:30 p.m., the doors to most of the Valley's shops were locked. Caroline, cleaning up her shop, could see a crowd, mostly women, gathering on the square. Soon, however, Caroline noticed a few men arriving, obviously to see what this mischief-maker had up her sleeve.

At 6:05, more than half the Valley was assembled in front of the steps to the town hall. A hush came over the crowd as Juliet walked to the top step and addressed the audience.

"Citizens of Lennox Valley," she began. "Thank you for taking the time to be here this afternoon."

"Anything for our next mayor!" came a shout from the back of the crowd.

This brought more shouts and applause from those gathered before Juliet continued, "I have a plan, and I think it might work."

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## Midkiff:

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and the parents chip away with persistence and energy till one day we get to come together and give thanks that they graduated.

So on this day of thanks, I want to say thank you parents. Thanks for reading to your children, Thanks for coming to PTO meetings. Thanks for donating and buying another pie, or attending a Turkey Trot. Thanks for your energy and persistence!

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## Election:

In conclusion I want to ask the voters, when will your "frustration" rise to a level of "widespread change in the legislature." You need to hurry, because some towns have gone to a four day school week and have as many as 45 in a kindergarten!

Respectfully,  
Mary Brannon-Former  
Registered Republican

# Better postal performance

South by bipartisan Senators and Representatives

With the 114th Congress in its final sprint to adjournment, more than 75 senators and representatives issued bicameral letters this month calling on their leadership to strengthen the requirements for timely mail delivery before passing a reform bill intended to keep the US Postal Service solvent.

The Postal Reform Act of 2016, HR 5714, awaits action on the House floor in Congress's lame duck session, allowing only a matter of days for the Senate to also take it up. Failure to pass the bill, according to supporters, is likely to lead to more cuts in mail service in 2017 as the U.S. Postal Service confronts a continued rise in costs and decline in First-Class Mail volume. The National Newspaper Association supports the bill, provided it is amended to improve mail service.

Addressed to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader Harry Reid and others in the Senate and to House Speaker Paul Ryan and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and others in the House, the letter expressed particular concern that recent cost cutting by USPS had disproportionately affected rural areas. The writers said:

"From mail processing plant consolidations, to reductions in post office hours, to the complete elimination of the overnight service standard, rural America has been hit especially hard in recent years

by degradations in mail service. While the current service standard for First-Class Mail is 2-3 days, the actual delivery of mail can take far longer than this standard. This is unacceptable for postal customers in rural America and across the country and it simply does not meet the requirement for universal quality of service by which the Postal Service is bound.

"While we are encouraged by the postal reform legislation Chairman (Jason) Chafetz and Ranking Member (Elijah) Cummings reported out of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to improve the Postal Service's financial condition, we are deeply concerned by the lack of service improvements and protection provisions in the bill. For any comprehensive postal reform bill to have a chance of passing this Congress, it needs to truly address the key problem facing customers across the country, which is the need for better service performance."

The lead authors were Sens. Heidi Heitkamp, D-ND, and Jerry Moran, R-KS, and Reps. David McKinley, R-WV, and Marcy Kaptur, D-OH.

HR 5714 proposes to reform the way postal retirees claim medical benefits, integrating Medicare into the package for about 75,000 employees who contribute to the plan but do not take the benefits. It also contains numerous other

reforms intended to stabilize USPS finances. The Congressional Budget Office recently projected that the bill would save about \$2.2 billion for the federal unified budget, much of which comes from implementing a 2.1 percent postage increase in 2017.

NNA President Matthew Paxton IV, publisher of the News-Gazette in Lexington, VA, said the bipartisan coalition demonstrated how critical the mail is for much of the country, particularly America's small towns.

"When the Postal Service began shuttering mail processing operations in smaller cities and moving mail great distances to sort in big cities, it failed to recognize the multiple problems that would result. While its delivery statistics for the nation have improved in recent months, we who watch rural mail delivery closely believe the data do not reflect the actual experience in the areas we serve in the community newspaper industry," he said.

Among the provisions requested by NNA is a requirement for USPS to separate measurement of on-time delivery in rural areas from its quarterly performance reports.

"Like the population, the mail has migrated to urban areas. But it is more important in the rural areas where broadband is weaker and the

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# Veteran's Corner SH 9

## Veterans Day Activities

Lane, his brother Ty and their dad Clifford Loveless brought homemade cookies to Veterans Corner for Veterans Day. The children are home schooled and are part of the Tri City Home Educators (TCHE) cooperative. The veterans said the cookies were delicious and the boys were proud to share them. It's always a delight to see parents like Clifford who make a concerted effort to teach their children the importance of Veterans Day and what it means to live in a free country. Thank you Lane and Ty for visiting Veterans Corner.

The volunteers at Veterans Corner were very busy on

Veterans Day. Alfred Hollis and Bob Staples visited several assisted living centers and presented certificates and pins to over seventy World War II veterans. These small tokens of appreciation were well received by the veterans and many had a big smile on their face as they were honored in front of their peers.

Keith Riggins and Alfred Hollis spent several hours at Fort Thunder Harley-Davidson in Moore where they provided information about Veterans Corner. Each year Fort Thunder holds a Veteran's Day ceremony and presentation. They invite everyone to visit and meet veterans who ride motorcycles

with groups such as the Patriot Riders.

Several volunteers set up at Bass Pro Shops in Oklahoma City to raise funds and awareness of Veterans Corner. Many veterans enjoy hunting and fishing. A lifetime hunting and fishing license is typically \$775, but veterans with up a rated disability up to 59 percent can purchase the same license for \$200. Veterans with a 60 percent or higher disability can purchase the license for \$25. This is just one way Oklahoma loves and cares for the 337,000 veterans who live here. The Veterans Corner team was glad to meet and greet many veterans who were at the store that day

to tell them "Happy Veterans Day" and help them to learn more about the benefits available to them.

The Veterans Corner team gathered at Hollywood Corner in Norman to enjoy the hospitality of the owners as they paid tribute to veterans and their families. Volunteers met with veterans and helped them start the claims process. Toby Keith with Veterans Corner volunteer Fred Zacher also stopped by and sang his song 'American Soldier' for about 200 veterans and their families. Afterward, he met and visited with many of



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Art Sipes and U.S. Senator James Lankford

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# Society



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## Home tour

The home of Eric and Monica Brown, 21282 State Highway 59 in Maysville, is one of the featured stops on the Okeyha Mothers Club Holiday Home Tour set for December 4.

## Okeyha Mothers Club Holiday Home Tour set for December 4

The annual Okeyha Mothers Club Holiday Home Tour is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, from 2 to 4 p.m.

This year's tour will include four Heart of Oklahoma area homes.

Holiday Home Tour patrons will have the opportunity to view the homes of Modesto and Morgan Resendiz, Jeremy and Erin Klein, Eric and Monica Brown and Michael and Leanne Vanderburg.

The home of of Eric and Monica Brown will be featured in this issue of **The Purcell Register**.

The Browns home is located at 21282 State Highway 59 in Maysville.

"Our home is a custom build," Mrs. Brown said. "We have lived here for almost three years."

"I adore the wrap around porch and the master bath," she continued.

Mrs. Brown wants visitors

to her home to take note of the 37 windows that showcase the property.

The home is a traditional style home with an open concept.

"The color scheme of our home is designed with grays, blacks and whites," she concluded.

A Country Kitchen will be stocked with home-baked goods available for sale. It will be located at the home of Modesto and Morgan Resendiz, 6564 S.E. 36th Ave., in Purcell.

The Holiday Home Tour is a yearly fundraiser for the Okeyha Mothers Club. The club uses funds raised to support community projects and give a scholarship to a graduating senior.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 from any Okeyha Mothers Club member or at Purcell Vision Clinic or may be purchased at the door for \$12.



## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy Thanksgiving! Hope you are able to enjoy some time with family and friends this holiday.

The **Register** offices will be closed both Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, for the holiday.

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A special happy birthday to Suzanne Harris.

Suzanne celebrates her big birthday Tuesday, November 29.

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Happy birthday to Colbe Mengers, Charlene Ewing, Richey Fink, Walker Wilder, Joette Berry, Mary Jo Russell, Alton Drago, Jennifer Breshears, Addison Porter, Cindy Baker-Charlton, Kimberly Fulks, Claudine Ewing, David Sparlin, Blake Davis, Don McQuerrey, Jerry Maynard, Clay Dawson, Keith Smith, Kylie Tolle, Tyler Cummings, Michelle Farley, Phillip Pedlow, Eddie Harrison, Savannah J. Ibarra, Sandra Cervantes, Jose Espinoza, Bill Gabrish and Susan Johnson.

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The 28th Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting "Christmas Magic—Miracle on Main Street" will be held Thursday, December 1, on Main Street in Purcell.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the parade to start at 6 p.m.

To register your parade entry, contact the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce with any questions at 527-3093.

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It's a holiday evening of decorating, eating and family fun as the Purcell Public Library presents a Gingerbread House Decorating Party, at 6 p.m. Friday, December 2, at the library, 919 N. 9th St.

Participants of all ages are invited to decorate a gingerbread house using supplies provided by the library.

As a special bonus during the program, the Purcell Intermediate School choir will visit to sing a variety of holiday songs. There also will be hot chocolate and cookies for participants.

Registration is not required to attend, and supplies will be provided while they last.

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

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Preschool and Toddler Story Time will be held Tuesday, November 29, 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.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell](http://www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell).

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McClain County 4-H and Choice Realty are teaming up for the second annual "Coats for Warmth" children's winter coat drive.

Organizers are seeking gently used children's coats of all sizes.

They will be collected November 11 through December 10.

The coats will be donated to the Operation Christmas program to benefit McClain County residents.

Drop off locations in this part of the county are the McClain County OSU Extension Office and the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce in Purcell, the Washington Elementary School, the Wayne Elementary School and the Dibble Library.

For more information contact Paula Irwin at (405) 229-7571 or Alex Cox at (405) 527-2174.

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The Purcell Public School Foundation will be selling fundraiser tickets to benefit the foundation.

Tickets are \$100 and there will be five \$1,000 prizes and one \$5,000 prize awarded.

Tickets can be purchased from any foundation member or by contacting Kerry Wilhoit at McClain Bank or John D. Montgomery at **The Purcell Register**.

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Here's a good recipe to use for your leftover turkey.

### Roasted Turkey Enchilada Bake

2 cups chopped leftover roasted turkey  
16 oz. jar Taco Bell® Thick & Chunky Medium Salsa  
15 oz. can black beans, rinsed  
1 cup frozen corn  
1-1/2 Tbsp. chili powder  
4 flour tortillas (8 inch)  
3/4 cup sour cream  
1-1/2 cups Kraft Mexican Style Shredded Four Cheese with a Touch of Philadelphia  
Heat oven to 400°.  
Combine first five ingredients.

Place two tortillas, in single layer, on bottom of 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray; top with layers of half each of the turkey mixture, sour cream and cheese. Repeat layers; cover.

Bake 40 minutes or until casserole is heated through and cheese is melted, uncovering after 30 minutes.



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## Golden Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Larry and Joyce Cornforth invite friends to join in celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, at Union Hill Baptist Church. Larry Cornforth and Joyce Henry were married on Dec. 24, 1966 at the Methodist Church in Lindsay.

## Stealey HCE

Stealey HCE met Nov. 14, 2016 in the McClain County Farm & Home Community Center with President Phyllis Horn officiating.

The date for the October meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, since the regular date is a holiday.

Members present were Bonita Brakefield, Peggy Christian, Phyllis Horn, Norma Howard, Jo Kelley, Ruth Kelley, Velma Little, Nancy Richardson, Charm Kelley and Teresa Little.

Flag salute was given in honor of our military men and women followed by reading what the OHCE Emblem means. Devotional thought was given by Norma Howard titled "Have a Mind Set." (Psalm 51:10)

Norma Howard read the minutes for the October meeting and the treasurer's report was given by Velma Little. Both were approved.

The lesson was presented by Phyllis Horn on decorating with Mason jars. Phyllis and Peggy Christian brought several jars they had decorated for candle and light holders and lawn ornaments.

Peggy Christian reminded members Operation Christmas is December 12-16 and encouraged everyone to participate. Stealey HCE Workday is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, from 9-11 a.m.

Members were reminded the "Coats for Warmth" project is November 11-December 10. McClain County 4-H is teaming up for the second children's winter coat drive. These coats will be given out during Operation Christmas and will benefit McClain County residents. For more information call Paula Irwin at 229-7571 or Alex Cox at 527-2174.

Recycling forms were turned in for the month to Norma Howard. Stealey HCE is continuing to collect used postage stamps for our wounded veterans.

Members were reminded to turn in record books for Year 2016 and should be in by December meeting.

Officers for the 2017 club year were elected. They include Phyllis Horn, president; Peggy Christian, vice president; Norma Howard, secretary; Nancy Richardson, treasurer; Jan Lenard, inspirational leader, and Bonita Brakefield, historian.

Stealey HCE Christmas Dinner will be held December 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Jo's Pizza in Purcell.

Dates to Remember:

The lesson for January, 2017 is "OHCE Leadership - Take It to the Next Level" taught by Brenda Hill, Rose Ann Jackson and Carol Donner, all from Cleveland County. It will be at 1:30 a.m. in the OSU Extension Classroom.

Anyone interested in attending one of our meetings is invited to join us on the second Monday of each month at the McClain Co. Farm & Home Community Building. For more information contact the McClain County Extension Office at 527-2437.

## Christmas Crafts for all at the library

The Purcell Public Library adds to the holiday season with a come-and-go morning and afternoon of Christmas Crafts, running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, December 3, in the Meeting Room of the library, 919 N. Ninth St.

There will be themed and age-appropriate crafts by age, for children 11 and under, teens 12 to 17 and adults 18 and up, as well as hot cocoa and cookies for all.

Registration is not required in advance to participate. For more information, visit the library, call 527-5546 or go online to [www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell](http://www.pioneerlibrarysystem.org/purcell).



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# Veteran's:

the veterans in attendance. The Veterans Corner team enjoyed the event and was appreciative to Hollywood Corner for their generosity.

## JSOTS Training

Most of the volunteers attended JSOTS training last week to learn more about the claims process and various VA requirements. The Muskogee VA team was very helpful and encouraging during the training. Senator James Lankford stopped by to bring everyone up-to-date concerning legislation affecting veterans and the military. Overall, the event was informative and the Veterans Corner team will be even more prepared to assist veterans needing assistance with the VA disability claims process.

## 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 7 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.



# NEWS

from the  
City of Purcell

## Bulk Trash

Bulk trash is picked up the fourth Monday of each month. Bulk trash shall not be set out for pick up more than three (3) days prior to that pick-up date. Violators will be asked to remove the trash and or be issued a citation for violation. Reminder: Trash dumpsters in the back of businesses are not for the public to dump their personal trash. Business owners pay for the trash service and would appreciate the public using their own polycart for their personal trash.

# Chickasaw Council Holiday Dinner

The Purcell Chickasaw Community Council will host its annual Holiday Dinner Friday, December 2, at 6 p.m. at the Chickasaw Area Office, 1801 S. Green Avenue, in Purcell. The Council will be providing the meat, mashed potatoes and gravy, bread and drinks for the dinner. All those planning to attend are asked to bring a

vegetable dish, salad or dessert. The Annual Fundraiser Auction will be held that night also. All interested Native Americans are invited and encouraged to attend. Come and join in the fun and fellowship! For more information regarding the event, call Carolee Maxwell at 527-7676 or Angie Wallace at 615-8863.



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## Reduce those fines!

Give canned food items at Purcell Public Library for the 2016 McClain County Operation Christmas and the library will reduce any fines you may owe on overdue books. That's the deal struck by librarian Peggy Cook, center, with Operation Christmas volunteers Peggy Christian, left, and Peggy Howard, right. The library is a drop-off point for the canned food, as well as donated toys and other gifts. Other drop-off sites are The Purcell Register, Walgreens and Wayne Family Dollar. Christian has put out a call for volunteer elves to help sort the donations and fill food baskets December 12-15 at the Multi-Purpose Building on Chandler Road.



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Lane Ty and Clifford Loveless

# OU Symphony Orchestra Concert set for December 1

The University of Oklahoma School of Music presents the OU Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, December 1, at 8 p.m. in Sharp Concert Hall.

The concert, part of the Sutton Concert Series, will feature Brahms' Tragic Overture, Schubert's Symphony No. 1, Sibelius' Death of Melisande and Bartok's Miraculous Mandarin Suite. Jonathan Shames and HyunKyung Jang will conduct the concert.

"We love the music on this program," said Dr. Shames. "Everyone is enthralled by the incredible color and excitement of the Bartok and the beauty of the Sibelius. The Brahms is full of romantic passion, and the find of the program is the Schubert, a symphony he wrote at the age of sixteen, brimming over with ideas and creativity." Shames added, "We hope many people from the community will join us to enjoy these amazing works."

All Sutton Series performances are in OU's Catlett

Music Center, 500 W. Boyd, in your OU Arts District!

Tickets for Sutton Series events are \$9 for adults and \$5 for students, faculty, staff and senior adults; \$10 at the door.

For tickets and up-to-date information call the Fine Arts Box Office at (405) 325-4101.

Please visit music.ou.edu for a full calendar of events and performances at the School of Music. For accommodations, please call the box office at (405) 325-4101.



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Fred Zacher and Toby Keith

# Bedlam food drive

Cleveland County 4-H member Joseph Stubbs is conducting a 4-H Bedlam Food Drive with Payne County 4-H'er Logan Drury.

This is a countywide food drive taking place in both Cleveland and Payne counties until December 1. The designated recipients this year are Food and Shelter of Norman and Mission of Hope in Stillwater.

The winning recipient will

be chosen by the winner of the Bedlam football game.

Help these young students help their community by donating canned goods and other nonperishable items. Donations may be brought to the Cleveland County Extension Office until December 1.

For more information, contact Jenni Cook, Cleveland County 4-H Educator, at 321-4774.

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### Operation Christmas donation

The McClain County C.A.R.E. Coalition donated a generous check to help McClain County Operation Christmas. Presenting the check was Bonnie Ray, Secretary of Care, to Peggy Howard and Peggy Christian, volunteers for Operation Christmas. Unwrapped toys, other gifts and canned goods may be dropped off at **The Purcell Register**, Wayne Family Dollar, Walgreens and Purcell Library. A monetary gift can be mailed to Darrel Ford, Chairman, PO Box 756, Purcell, OK 73080. Volunteers are needed to help sort toys and food and package toys December 12-15. If any strong men could come on Friday, December 16, organizers always need help carrying out packages. Call Peggy Christian at (405) 990-4001 and she will work with your schedule.

## OSU EXTENSION *News*

### Oklahoma quail continue trend of statewide population increase

**Sean Hubbard**  
Communications Specialist

A mild summer and plenty of rain in the spring and summer is the recipe for a successful quail hunting season in Oklahoma.

The statewide population of quail for the 2015-2016 season was the highest it had been in a decade, and it just got better. The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation conducted its annual roadside surveys in August and October, revealing the state's quail population has increased for the fourth consecutive breeding season.

The population is up nearly 40 percent from last year and almost 45 percent over the historical average.

"The amount of quail in the state is a good sign for hunters looking to hit the fields this weekend," said Dwayne Elmore, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist. "It's good to see the quail make such a strong comeback after struggling through the drought several years ago."

The 2016-2017 Oklahoma quail hunting season opens Nov. 12, 2016 and runs through Feb. 15, 2017.

"The numbers we have this fall are as high as Oklahoma

has seen for at least 10 years," Elmore said. "The ODWC surveys found more than eight birds per 20 miles along the routes, which is up from 5.9 birds just last year."

Since 1990, the ODWC has surveyed for quail by driving 20-mile survey routes to cover a total of 3,340 miles in August and October

The state is divided into

regions, for survey purposes, which showed a significantly higher density of birds in the western two regions of the state.

"While the numbers are way up for the western half of the state, hunters throughout Oklahoma should experience more favorable success than in years past assuming there is adequate habitat," Elmore said.



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### 4-H Shooting Sports team

Team members Michael Bird, Brooke Bollinger and Beth Bollinger competed in the Oklahoma Senior 4-H Outdoor Archery National Qualifier Contest. They are shown with their coach Leon Wilson.

### McClain County 4-H Shooting Sports compete at contest

The Oklahoma Senior 4-H Outdoor Archery National Qualifier Contest was held November 5. The team for McClain County 4-H Shooting Sports included Michael Bird from Goldsby and Brooke Bollinger and Beth Bollinger from Blanchard. They are coached by Leon Wilson and Brad Elliott.

Michael Bird placed sixth in the Senior Compound Bow Field competition and third in the FITA competition and first in the 3-D competition. Brooke Bollinger placed 12th in Field, seventh in FITA and

fifth in 3-E. Beth Bollinger placed 21st in Field, 10th in FITA and 18th in 3-D.

Overall the team was first in the state with a combined score of 1899 points.

Overall Michael Bird placed third in the state earning him a spot on the Oklahoma National Archery team, with Brooke Bollinger as a second alternate.

Michael will represent McClain County while training with other members throughout the state to compete at the 2017 National Shooting Competition next summer.

## Cops & Kids

### Shopping program on track in Purcell

The 9th annual Cops & Kids Christmas Shopping Program that pairs local school-age children with Purcell police officers for a shopping trip to Walmart will be December 10.

Locally it is a project of the Purcell Fraternal Order of Police.

Across the nation, FOP organizations have sponsored 215 shopping trips since 2008.

Heather Kaluzny, Cops & Kids project coordinator in Purcell, said participating youngsters get to ride to Walmart in a patrol car and spend time with an officer while selecting their purchases.

Once they are done shopping, volunteers help them wrap their gifts.

In addition, all of the children receive new backpacks and several books through Cindy Millsap and Tommy Totebag.

First Christian Church members make breakfast for the children and their families that morning.

"This year we hope to take 25-30 kids shopping," Kaluzny said.

Applications are available at the Purcell Police Department and must be turned in no later than November 30.

Children must live inside the Purcell city limits. Recommended ages are 5 to 12 years.

Kaluzny said previous participants should not apply.

For more information on applying or to make a donation, contact Kaluzny at 527-4691.



Jackson Milner and Rebekah Hall

### Purcell High School Students of the Month

Jackson Milner and Rebekah Hall have been named November Students of the Month at Purcell High School.

Jackson Milner is the son of Clay and Tracy Milner. He is involved in varsity basketball, National Honor Society and student council.

His honors include three year Letter "P" Award and three year Superintendent's Honor Roll.

Jackson's favorite class is calculus with Michael O'Neal.

After graduation he plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to pursue an engineering degree.

Rebekah Hall is the daughter of Mike and Joanna Hall. She is involved in basketball, choir, student council, National Honor Society, Key Club, track, FCA and Code Red.

Her honors include All District and All State Choir, two year Letter "P" Award, National Honor Society vice president, student council officer, Key Club officer, Code Red officer, FCA offices and Student of the Month.

Rebekah's favorite classes are AP English Literature and Composition.

After graduation she plans to attend Oklahoma State University and get a Master's in Psychology. She wants to become either a sports psychologist or a forensic psychologist.

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### Bucks:

Deer gun season opened November 19 and the weather conditions are looking better with cooler temperatures in the forecast.

"Your ideal hunting weather

is crisp, cold, dry and low wind," Elmore said. "Warm weather makes it more stressful for deer to move and they often limit activity to the cooler times of the day."

## ON BLACK FRIDAY



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### Horseman's:

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- More than 65 percent of horses in Oklahoma are involved in showing and recreation, which includes rodeo and non-show horses. Right at 35 percent of horses in Oklahoma are involved in racing. These figures include all breeds.

- 4.6 million people are involved nationally in the horse industry in some way.

- This means that one out of every 63 Americans is involved with horses.

- Direct economic effect on U.S. is \$39 billion annually.

- Indirect U.S. economic impact is \$102 billion when the multiplier effect of spending by industry suppliers and employees is taken into account.

- The industry provides 460,000 full time jobs, 45,070 of which are in Oklahoma. This includes both direct and indirect jobs numbers. Spending by suppliers and employees in Oklahoma generates additional jobs for a total employment impact of 112,675 jobs.

- The equine industry's economic impact on Oklahoma ranks third

# Let's talk turkey at the coffee shop with its own gobble

By Jona Kay Squires

There used to be certain places that people would congregate, share coffee and swap stories. With Thanksgiving on the horizon it's a time of year to reflect and think about our blessings.

As a kid I thought it was a treat to go with my dad to the local coffee shop and have breakfast while listening to everyone's banter. If you would have told me that nearly 40 years later we would share stories, pictures, quotes and rants on a small device held in our hand, I would have been one of the thousands of consumers who wouldn't have believed it.

This blessing can be some people's curse as we see communication changing and yet it's revolutionized how we shop or conduct business.

Yes, today the coffee shop arena is social media and with over 1.71 billion active users on Facebook, it's where my dad tells me what is going on or who went to the hospital or who won the local high school football game.

Hard to imagine my 70-year-old dad keeping a pulse on what is happening through a tablet or phone. It's changing the way or the rate we get information and in a variety of

forms. This local coffee shop is providing us with places to buy, sell or trade as well as communicate.

Expanding business opportunities for the local entrepreneur has transformed as now you can have words, video and pictures shared about your business through social media. Although if you want to ramp it up you can boost a post or pay for advertisements.

Not to mention pin or post great ideas to share with friends or those fabulous tantalizing recipes with 60 second videos that makes you think you can bake it since you saw the video. It's a fast and unique environment with

different applications appealing to different sectors of the market.

According to Dave Chaffey with Smartinsight, in 2016 there were more than 2.3 billion social media users globally. The world's coffee shop keeps expanding and there is room for all of us to share.

So pull up a chair and join us for the next social media workshop class for training on Tuesday, November 29, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Business and Industry Building at Mid-America Technology Center.

If you want to attend please register by emailing jsquires@matech.edu or call the Mid-America Technology Center at 449-7623.



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Lexington Chapter 67 of the Order of the Eastern Star welcomed its newest members Robert and Maranda Jones of Lexington November 7. The Jones' are the parents of two sons, Jerry 14, and Jon, 10.

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## Watch:

Some policy observers see potential problems with Trump's agenda. His broad tax reductions appear likely to increase federal deficits and the national debt. That could lead to cuts in federal safety net programs such as Medicaid and food stamps.

"We suspect there are going to be some big battles up ahead to defend some of the longstanding protections that have been in place for low-income families," said David Blatt, director of the Oklahoma

Policy Institute.

Trump's promises to renegotiate key trade deals such as NAFTA might undermine his economic-growth agenda if they lead to higher tariffs that reduce the flow of goods across borders.

Former state budget director Tom Daxon, a Republican, said he supported Trump's tax-cutting proposals. But he said he worried that any benefits they produced could be washed away by punitive trade measures, undermining public

confidence in the party and its entire economic agenda.

Fred Morgan, president of the State Chamber of Oklahoma, said his group also was concerned about Trump's trade policy as well as the president-elect's proposed crackdown on undocumented immigrants.

But the Chamber sees lots of upside potential to Trump's presidency, not only substantive but also psychological.

"You can see what the stock market's been doing," Morgan said. "There's optimism

that we're going to have an economy that's not in malaise, that's it's going to be a much more dynamic economy."

More on Trump's policy proposals can be found at [www.donaldjtrump.com/issues](http://www.donaldjtrump.com/issues).

Oklahoma Watch is a non-profit, nonpartisan media organization that produces in-depth and investigative content on a range of public-policy issues facing the state. For more Oklahoma Watch content, go to [www.oklahomawatch.org](http://www.oklahomawatch.org).

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## Service:

need for delivery of products ranging from newspapers to medical supplies is still acute," Paxton said. "We believe most members of Congress understand our situation, and NNA is pleased that we can make progress without a negative impact on the federal budget. We call upon our Members of Congress to get this bill completed and onto the president's desk in December."

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## Lights:

Lights from the Heart will open at Purcell Lake on Thanksgiving evening and continue through December 31.

The drive around the lake will be lit up nightly by more than 190 animated structures.

Hours will be 5:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. However, donations will be accepted.

Then the focus will turn to

downtown on December 1.

The tree lighting ceremony on Main Street is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., followed by the annual Christmas parade at 6 p.m.

Once again, Purcell will honor the Jolly Old Elf himself as the parade marshal.

Theme of this year's parade is Christmas Miracle on Main Street.

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## Filing:

Board of Education will open December 5 and run through December 7.

The seat is presently held

by board president Dave Stanton.

Individuals who are statutorily qualified for the post may

file at the McClain County Election Board between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

From page 1A

## Rain:

wettest year in at least the last 21 years.

Rain was predicted for

Tuesday but Thanksgiving is predicted to be a pretty day with sun and highs in the mid 60s.

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## Fatality:

the OHP. The impact threw the smaller vehicle into the median where it came to rest against the cable barriers.

The semi ran off the interstate to the right, where it traveled down an embankment and caught fire.

An OHP trooper said Monday

that a positive identification of the deceased driver hasn't been possible due to the "deteriorated" condition of the body.

"We're waiting on the medical examiner to identify the victim," the trooper added.

Several emergency vehicles and numerous troopers were on the scene in the hours following

the collision.

Northbound traffic on I-35 was restricted to a single lane from 5 a.m. until 4 p.m. and at mid-day vehicles were backed up to the water tower north of Purcell.

The driver of the smaller truck was treated and released at a local hospital.

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## 1620:

"Just our history and life and how grateful I feel for them. I'd take turkey. My favorite part is basically the whole thing. I love meat. I love mashed potatoes. I don't like these because I've never had them, but I'd take them some cranberries."

– Clay Campbell, 8  
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"I would thank them for everyone coming around and getting to know each other. I would take a turkey – my favorite is the fat part of it – and butter rolls and corn and green beans. For dessert, I would take pumpkin pie and I would take them some grapes."

– Kaylin Vazquez, 9  
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"First, I would give them water, then food and I'd give them wood to make shelter and give jackets for the cold weather and clothes and tables

to eat on and warm pants for the winter. And boots for when it's cold and rainy and beds for them to sleep on. I would take them steak, ranch style beans and some pies for dessert. And turkey."

– Cale Garver, 8  
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"I would take them to Oklahoma so they can go to Thanksgiving. Because they ran out of food when sailing on the boats."

Where in Oklahoma?

"I think they would want to come to Lexington. I think they would find turkeys – Indians like to hunt – and they would find corn, gravy and probably cake. Chocolate."

– Ryleigh Webb, 8

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"Probably stuff like we have today – like some stuffing and dressing. Some drinks – water

broccoli. And maybe a blanket if it gets cold. And some hats and gloves and maybe a cell phone."

A cell phone? Really? Who do you think they would call?

"Friends. And I'd take chocolate cake, cheesecake, vanilla cake."

– Colby Haynes, 8  
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"A big, fat, juicy turkey. Well, maybe some clothes for the Indians. I'm not a fan of people prancing around in underwear-type things. And a big bowl of mashed potatoes. Like a BIG bowl. Corn. For dessert, that's cheesecake, chocolate cake, marble cake, apple pie and lemon meringue pie and lemon-lime

pie. And cranberries."

– Nixie Rodgers, 9  
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"I would take drinks like Doctor Pepper and Coke so they could try them and know what they taste like. I'd take some cookies, chocolate chip. Homemade. And crab – it is sooo good and so refreshing. And I'd take them some carrots and some broccoli and onions."

– Trey Chavez, 9  
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"Maybe some food from here. Soup – my mom has a beef soup. And maybe chicken. Some celery and some cucumbers and green beans. And potato salad. A fruit cake and strawberry/banana smoothies. Maybe some good clothing and good shoes and blankets and coats."

– Lexie Torres, 9



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## Wayne goes down at Hollis

Defensive struggle ends in 7-6 loss

**John Denny Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

Hollis defeated Wayne 7-6 Friday night, ending Wayne's 2016 football season.

It was another impressive defensive display by the gritty Bulldog D.

Hollis scored after getting good field position on a blocked Wayne punt.

"They started inside the 10 and on third down and nine threw to a kid who caught it and fought his way into the end zone from the four yard line," head coach Brandon Sharp said.

The coach said Hollis was well coached and did a good job slowing down the Wayne offense.

But he said Wayne still had their chances.

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## Warriors ousted

Come up one score short in 28-20 playoff loss

**John D. Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

In the rematch with Chisholm, Washington came up short once again, 28-20 in the second round of the State playoffs.

"We had our opportunities but between our offense and

special teams we kept giving them a short field.

Three of the four Longhorn touchdown drives were set up either by long kick returns or off turnovers by the Warrior offense.

Tyler Stuever was responsible for 14 of the Warriors'

20 points.

He scored on a 21 yard run, scored a two point conversion and returned the second half kickoff 82 yards for a touchdown.

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### Ball security

**Jace Elliott** secures the ball on a run. Hollis defeated Wayne 7-6 Friday night to end the Bulldogs' season.

### Weaving

**Garrett Wilson** looks for running room against Chisholm Friday night. The Warriors fell 28-20 to the Longhorns, ending their season.

## Dragons open cage season with Savages

Beene enters second season, Graham third

**John D. Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

Entering her third season at the helm of the Purcell Dragons, head coach Heather Graham says there is a certain level of comfort she has with the team, especially for the players realizing the coach's expectations.

"I'm having a lot of fun coaching this group," Graham said. "The kids know my expectations. They know what I expect defensively. Coach Taylor Wollenberg and I have laid the foundation. Now we're going to build on it."

Gone off last year's team are Taylor Vanbeber, Abbey Berrey, Lexie Mixon and Christina Trumbo.

Returning starters for the 2016-17 season are junior Haylee Swayze and senior Jaden Webb.

In addition to those two stalwarts, Graham said she will be counting heavily upon Savannah Ibarra, Addie Burton and Cady Wollenberg.

A heady group of freshmen including Alicia Baker, Chelsea Spain, Jaylee Winlock, Sandra Del Toro, Addie Stanton, Anoli Billy and Kyra Lehman are expected to contribute especially after Christmas when they have time to learn the speed of the game.

"We have three or four veteran kids that will be our core," Graham said. "We have to get the newbys and the freshmen up to the level of the veterans."

"They have caught on very quickly and get after it in practice. Our veterans of Addie Burton, Haylee Swayze and Jaden Webb have done a great job of leading by example to help the new and young girls."

### Purcell Basketball 2016-17

Month	Opponent	Site	Time
11/29	Tecumseh	Home	6:30
12/2	Lexington	Away	6:30
12/6	Lindsay	Home	6:30
12/8-10	Garden City Festival	Away	TBA
12/13	Marlow	Home	6:30
12/16	Pauls Valley	Away	6:30
12/20	Washington	Home	6:30
1/5-7	Byng Tourney	Away	TBA
1/13	TBA		
1/17	Lindsay	Away	6:30
1/19-21	Heart of Oklahoma	Home	TBA
1/24	Marlow	Away	6:30
1/27	Pauls Valley	Home	6:30
1/31	Washington	Away	6:30
2/3	TBA		
2/7	Blanchard	Away	6:30
2/9-11	Match Play	TBA	TBA
2/13	Lexington	Home	6:30
2/17-18	Regional	TBA	

Transfer Jaylee Winlock is coming off of surgery and Graham reports she is not at 100 percent at this time.

The team's strength will be its defense and the ability to bust out of the blocks and run in transition.

"Overall, I'm excited for the season," Graham said. "I've got two solid seniors (Burton and Webb) who have stuck with me. This will be Addie's first year to start but she has trusted the process and played a lot of junior varsity games."

"She filled in some for us in the past but now we need her to come in and contribute on the floor. Addie, Jaden and Haylee are our core so how they go is how we will go," Graham said.

"I can foresee us doing well this season if we stick together and continue to work hard."

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## Hunting Longhorn

Jay Green locks on to his target Friday night. Washington fell to Chisholm 28-20 in the second round of the State playoffs.

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## WHS:

The other Warrior touchdown came off a blocked punt that was recovered in the Chisholm end zone by senior quarterback Kylan Lanham.

"It seemed like our offense was one step forward and two steps back," head coach Brad Beller said. "We had a chance to tie the game or cut it to one possession several times but we could not convert."

A pair of Warrior seniors played gutsy performances due to injuries, Beller admitted.

Lanham had a tear in his right (throwing) shoulder so he was limited in what passes he could throw.

Senior linebacker Jay Green had a tear in his shoulder, which kept popping out during the game.

"They told him he couldn't do any more damage to it so he kept going back in," Beller said. "I'm

proud of both of those guys for such gutsy performances."

Beller said it wasn't for lack of effort in the loss.

"Our kids fought their tails off," he confirmed.

This year's senior class is special to Beller since they are the first class he's coached all the way through school ball from the sixth grade to now.

In addition to Lanham and Green, those seniors include Nick Foster, Logan Fox, Josh Banks, Marcus Shea, Hudson Horton, Kadin Pratt, James Barker, Brady Lizana, Brandon Harmon and Dillon Sanders.

"They are a very special class to me," Beller said.

And due to their hard work, Beller said they went from an okay junior high team to a great high school team.

"That's a great example of how you can develop and continue

to get better," Beller said. "I am very proud of them and have been privileged to coach them."

Even without a district title and an early exit from the playoffs, Beller called this season very successful.

Washington finished 8-4 but with a very young lineup played against nine different playoff teams in their 12 game schedule.

"And three of those teams were 3A playoff teams. That's something pretty special," he said.

With all the underclassmen that either started or played significant minutes, the future is bright for Warrior football.

"We challenged our younger kids after the game to build on the foundation that has been built the last several years.

"We will be pursuing the district title and another state championship in the future," Beller concluded.

# Lady Bulldogs tout experience

## Eight returning seniors and juniors

**Emily Montgomery**  
**The Purcell Register**

A familiar face will be leading the Wayne Lady Bulldogs' cage team this season. Josh Trent, in his third season coaching at Wayne - his first with the Lady Bulldogs, says he's excited and eager to see what this team can accomplish.

Lost to graduation off of last year's team are Alee Hunt, McKenzie Posey and Emily Terrill.

Made up of a majority of seniors and juniors, Trent expects to rely on experience and leadership throughout the season.

"I'll lean on my four senior girls. They will be solid leaders for us," said Trent.

Returning seniors include Kaylan Doshier, Paige Hunt, Gracie Dill and Peyton Spencer.

Hunt, Doshier and Dill were major point contributors for the Lady Bulldogs in the 2015-2016 campaign and Trent expects that to continue.

Spencer has had troubles with her knee and is questionable to play this season., but Trent says if she's cleared to play, she'll bring more experience to the team.

Juniors back this season are Hannah Wissinger, Jaidah Wilson, Kaylee Shea and Gracie

Sweetman.

Junior Madysen Jenks injured her foot in practice and will know in the next week or so if she's cleared to play this season.

Trent feels that some early scrimmages have gone well and could be an indicator of a good run for the Lady Bulldogs.

"Our defense is better than last year. The offense isn't quite there, but I know that with more

experience it will only continue to improve," said Trent.

Doshier, Hunt, Wissinger, Wilson, and Gracie Dill are all expected to start.

"These girls are working hard, so we'll see how we do in the games."

Trent believes that the sophomore talent is there and that those girls will be able to contribute as the season goes on.

## Wayne Basketball 2016-2017

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
11/29	Wilson	Home	6:30
12/2	ECP	Away	6:30
12/6	Davis	Away	6:30
12/8-10	Velma Alma Tourn.	Away	TBA
12/13	Minco	Home	6:30
12/15-17	Big 8 Conf. Tourn.	Home	TBA
1/3	Amber-Pocasset	Away	6:30
1/5-7	Lindsay Tourn.	Away	6:30
1/10	Dibble	Home	6:30
1/13	CCS	Home	6:30
1/14	Maysville	Home	4:30
1/24	ECP	Home	6:30
1/27	Wynnewood	Away	6:30
1/31	Konawa	Away	6:30
2/3	Stratford	Away	6:30
2/7	Lexington	Home	6:30
2/14	Rush Springs	Away	6:30
2/16-18	Districts		TBA

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## Wayne Basketball



Kaylan Doshier Sr., 1



Paige Hunt Sr., 10



Gracie Dill Sr., 12



Peyton Spencer Sr., 13



Hannah Wissinger Jr., 22



Jaidah Wilson Jr., 15



Madysen Jenks Jr., 00



Gracie Sweetman Jr., 35



Kaylee Shea Jr., 14



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## Wayne:

"We had opportunities but it seemed like every time we had a drive going we'd shoot ourselves in the foot with a chop block or holding penalty or something," Sharp said.

One missed chance was when Wayne had an uncovered receiver at the Hollis 10 yard line and checked to a hot route. Braden Smith's pass floated a little and a Hollis linebacker made a great play on the ball and intercepted it.

"It was just one of those nights," Sharp said.

"Their kids made a few more plays."

Wayne scored their lone touchdown in the fourth quarter but was doomed after a missed extra point.

"That was the game," Sharp said.

Wayne finished 9-3 on the

season that included a two-point loss to Minco and a one-point loss in the Playoffs.

Sharp said he was proud of the way his players addressed adversity as the year progressed.

"Our kids responded and played all season," he said.

"The adversity they overcame was tough but they kept bouncing back. My hat's off to coach (Brad) Lucas and the offensive staff. They revamped the offense to fit Braden after Jackson (Embry) went down."

He said they had to revamp the offense again when Jordan Womack was lost for the rest of the season in the Minco game.

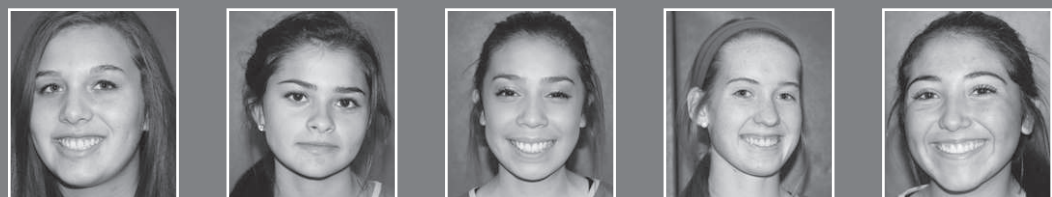
"To lose two players like that and keep fighting is a testament to the kids," Sharp said.

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Alicia Baker Fr., 1    Cady Wollenberg Jr., 3    Chelsea Spain Fr., 5    Haylee Swayze Jr., 10    Savannah Ibarra Jr., 11



Jaylee Winlock Fr., 12    Anoli Billy Fr., 13    Masheli Lewis Sr., 15    Addie Burton Sr., 21    Sandra Del Toro Fr., 22



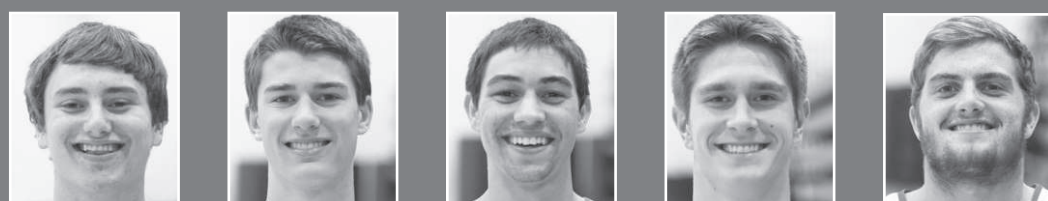
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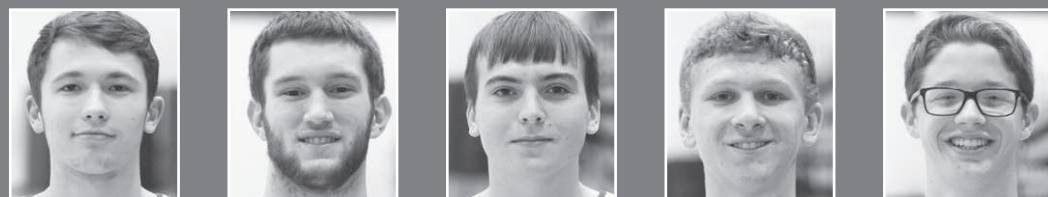
Heather Graham Head Coach    Taylor Posey Asst. Coach

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# Purcell Basketball



Jack Scrutchins 35 Sr.    Austin Nation 3 Sr.    Riley Hamilton 21 Sr.    Brady Barrett 25 Sr.    Jarrett Sweeney 13 Sr.



Kieran Embree 15 Sr.    Jackson Milner 20 Sr.    Jaron Avery 10 Sr.    Adam Wells 4 Jr.    Jake Berrey 23 So.



Garrett Galyean 10 So.    Reece Milner 14 So.    Andrew Embree 11 So.    Garrett Deo 12 So.



Nick Beene Head Coach    J.D. Bech Asst. Coach

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## Dragons:

Graham admits her schedule is daunting but moving from 4A down to 3A may pay dividends at the end of the season.

The Dragons open the season at home November 29 against Tecumseh.

Graham is 30-19 in her two seasons as head coach of the Dragons.

"We are going to challenge the girls to run other defenses. We are adapting to our personnel. They are learning to be basketball players instead of robots," Graham said.

"The girls know what to expect day in and day out. Every day we have a plan in practice to put something in and we do it and move on. In that aspect, it's a little easier," Graham concluded.

Nick Beene welcomes a talented and senior laden team back from last year's 17-9 mark.

Beene is full of anticipation with his entire starting lineup back from last year.

Adam Wells is the only junior to crack the lineup, manning the point guard slot.

Austin Nation has become the spot up shooter.

"He has been shooting lights out so far," Beene said of the pre-season scrimmages.

"Riley Hamilton will take on more of a defensive stopper for us and be driving to the bucket instead of settling for threes.

"Jack Scrutchins was our leading scorer last year. He has been playing really well with a mixture of doing stuff inside and outside," Beene reported. "He can do either one well."

Another senior Brady Barrett will man the inside post position for Purcell like he did last year.

"He is coming off a good year in football and will be our post man this year," Beene confirmed.

The sixth man will be senior Jarrett Sweeney.

"We consider him a defense stopper. He is one of the best vocal leaders we have on the team," the coach said.

"Jarrett has been working hard every day to get better at hitting wide open shots and making free throws," Beene said.

Sophomore Jake Berrey will figure into Beene's rotation as well.

"He has come a long way," Beene said. "Jake has matured

and grown. He is the best dunker I've ever coached. "He can really get up. Jake can score both inside and outside."

Senior Jackson Milner is a 6'5" post player that will come in off the bench.

"Jackson has had a good pre-season and has worked hard on his inside stuff," Beene noted. "He has really improved from last year."

Senior Kieran Embree is the back up point guard.

"He has worked hard and has stepped up his game," the coach said. "He has been giving us really consistent point guard play."

Sophomore Garrett Galyean has been working hard and Beene says he may get some early minutes if he keeps improving.

Assessing the Dragons overall, Beene said the team is a lot more athletic this year.

"We want to play tougher on defense this year and be more consistent.

"We will still be mainly a man defense but will mix in some zone as well," Beene said.

"Offensively we really don't have a glaring weakness. They have been a very good shooting team."

In fact, Beene reports one of the best shooting groups he's seen.

Another strong point Beene said of his 2016-17 edition is their ability to pass the ball around.

"We have solid inside presence in Brady, Jake, Jackson and Jack. They all give us somewhat of an inside presence.

"But one of the biggest assets is the overall unselfishness of this group and their ball movement.

"They move the ball around better than any group I've been around."

Even though the Dragons have big goals down the road they aren't concentrating on that.

Instead, they are focusing on getting a little better each day.

"We are focused on the process of improving instead of staring at the end," Beene said. "We work on detailed improvement every day."

Beene said his club needs to work on its toughness and handling pressure.

"We've got to work on that with bigger stages looming down the road."

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# Lexington opener postponed

## Bulldogs will now open at home against Purcell

**John D. Montgomery**  
The Purcell Register

Returning starters abound for Lexington both for the boys and girls as the 2016-17 season rolls around.

Originally, Lexington was to open the season at Bridge Creek November 29 but the Bobcats' new gym won't be ready until the following week.

So now, the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs will open at home with Purcell December 2. Ironically, a trip to Purcell will bookend the regular season this year.

Coach Matt Lohn, who enters his third year at the helm of the Bulldogs, returns all five starters including Oscar Resendiz, Michael Garin, Kenneth Sullivan, Caden Jones and Hunter Findley.

All are seniors and should be better with another year in Lohn's system, a year of playing and the off season.

"Overall our outlook is pretty positive," Lohn said. "I would think with another year of experience and being another year older we should be improved. Hopefully, we will come in stronger than last year."

The Bulldogs are coming off a 3-21 season a year ago.

"We're still going to have to be gritty," Lohn said. "We will need to focus on fundamentals since we are not gifted size-wise. And, we have to fix our scoring issues."

The strong point for the Bulldogs this year should be the experience.

"And, we've got to hold each other accountable," Lohn said.

Assisting Lohn this season will be Bulldog alumni Kyle Wells.

Lady Bulldogs' Head Coach David Sikes returns four of his

five starters off last year's 6-19 squad.

Back for the 2016-17 are Jacie Jones, Rachel Beason, Tiffani Hinkle and Morgan Hamm. The only senior missing due to graduation is Tyrah Smith.

Rayne Caldwell also saw playing time as a senior, Sikes said.

"Overall, I think we will be much improved on both the defensive and offensives ends of the floor," Sikes said.

"We have a good mix of experience and youth but I think our overall strength will be our press," he said.

The Lady Bulldogs will focus on the pressure defense and try to turn it into points.

"We are still struggling in

the half court offense but we are getting better," Sikes said.

Sikes said he has several underclassmen that are playing well in practice and could help the Lady Bulldogs down the line.

"We have three freshmen competing daily for playing time," the coach said.

"We will have a tough start to the season opening with Purcell. They are always tough. Then we will hopefully be making an impact in our first year in the Big 8 Conference.

"We will hopefully be competing for the top spot," Sikes said. "But Dibble is really good and is a returning State Tournament team."

The wait for the season is almost over.

## Lexington Basketball

### 2016-17

Month	Opponent	Site	Time
12/2	Purcell	Home	6:30
12/9	Bridge Creek	Away	6:30
12/13	Sulphur	Away	6:30
12/15-17	Big 8 Tournament	TBA	TBA
12/19	Davis	Home	6:30
1/5-7	Konawa Tournament	Away	TBA
1/10	Konawa	Home	6:30
1/13	Wynnewood	Home	6:30
1/14	Lindsay	Home	6:30
1/17	Lone Grove	Home	6:30
1/19-24	Little Axe Tournament	Away	TBA
1/24	Dibble	Home	6:30
1/26	Stratford	OKC	TBA
1/31	CCS	Away	6:30
2/3	ECP	Away	6:30
2/7	Wayne	Away	6:30
2/13	Purcell	Away	6:30
2/17-18	District Tournament	TBA	TBA
2/23-25	Regional Tournament	TBA	TBA
3/2-4	Area Tournament	TBA	TBA
3/9-11	State Tournament	TBA	TBA

# OSU EXTENSION News

## Many benefits to leasing private land to hunters

**Sean Hubbard**  
Communications Specialist

Leasing land for recreational hunting can provide Oklahoma landowners with a little extra cash in their pocket, labor resources for their land, perhaps a few new friends and a reduction in trespassing.

"Leasing for recreational hunting has become a major source or revenue for landowners," said Dwayne Elmore, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist. "In fact, in many areas, revenue generated for hunting leases has surpassed lease rates for more traditional agriculture

production."

While leasing land for hunting seems very simple, there are some precautions that need to be considered by landowners to have a successful lease.

It is important for a landowner to carefully screen and select good lessees to reduce liability. To do so, it is advised that landowners should visit with potential lessees.

Selecting the right lessee will help reduce liability of the landowner, as the lessee should also possess liability insurance. The lease also should have conditions for termination, a legal description of the property, rights granted

or withheld, terms of payment, effective dates, liability waivers and acknowledgements of risk, Elmore said.

An example of a draft lease agreement is available at [osufacts.okstate.edu](http://osufacts.okstate.edu) by searching NREM-5032.

Property owners should consider leasing their private land for reasons besides monetary.

"Often, services provided by the lessee are of greater value to landowners, particularly older or absentee landowners who may not be able to take care of the land as they would like to," Elmore said. "Many lessees would be willing to offer labor in exchange for access to private land."

A final consideration for landowners is the compatibility of a lease with current land management.

Management for wildlife can be very compatible with cattle and crop production, with the primary consideration of having abundant native plant communities.

"Introduced pastures are much less productive for wildlife, and will almost always yield much lower lease rates," Elmore said. "Cultivated cropland can provide good wildlife habitat, and hence, good lease rates, assuming most of the landscape is rangeland or forest."

Elmore offered one more tip. "Farmers can help diversify their farm income by maintaining wide fence rows and field corners in native range or forest," he said. "Having larger blocks of native habitat between fields also will increase the value of this land for lease hunting."

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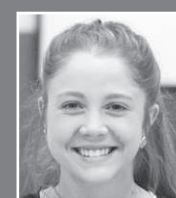
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Ciara Winterton  
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Lacey Barber  
21 Jr.



Jacie Jones  
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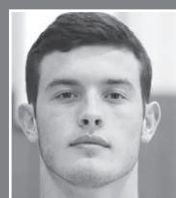
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Hunter Findley  
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Seth Comer  
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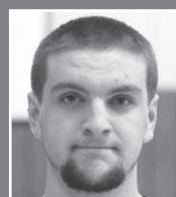
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Nick Horton  
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Andre Ibarra  
22 Sr.



Matt Lohn  
Head coach



Kyle Wells  
Asst. coach



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## Pauls Valley Opry

Ray Deviney will be performing at the Pauls Valley Opry Awards Show, Saturday, December 3. Ray is one of the finalists in the Male Vocalist category. Other guests that night will be Anne Young, Annie Weast, Becca Herrod, Dwayne Yoesting and Becca Herrod. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Pauls Valley High School auditorium.

## PV Opry Hall of Fame and Awards Show Dec 3

The Pauls Valley Opry will be hosting its annual Hall of Fame and Awards show Saturday, December 3.

The event will be held at the Pauls Valley High School Auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. and showcases some of the best talent in our area.

Finalists in the Male and Female Vocalist categories are selected strictly from votes from patrons during the year-long voting cycle. Something new this year will be the addition of Horizon Awards in both the male and female categories.

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## Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Fr. Jim Chamberlain

Fr. Jim began his homily by showing a colorful wheel of the liturgical calendar. The new Church year begins this Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent. There are four Sundays in Advent, and the color is purple. Purple is the color of royalty. This is the time of waiting for the birth of Jesus.

Ordinary Time is that time of the year when we reflect upon the ministry of Jesus – his life, his teachings, his healings. There are 33 weeks of Ordinary Time. Green is the color of this time. We follow the events in the life of Jesus. We want to follow Our Lord every step of the way – his way. We are now at the end of the season of Ordinary Time. This past Sunday was the last Sunday of the Church year – the Feast of Christ the King.

All through his life, Jesus was teaching us about the Kingdom of God. But he himself was never called a king – until the very end. However, we must start much earlier in the story – in the story of the Old Testament. The people of Israel wanted a king of their own. God did not want them to have a king. He wanted his law alone to give order and purpose to the lives of his holy people. He knew that any human king would be

fallible. They could not be a real spiritual King.

But the people insisted, and pleaded with God. So, finally, he gave them a king. Saul was the first king. But David was the greatest king. David was anointed with oil – in the same way that we anoint a little baby in Baptism – with the holy oil of chrism. (2 Sam. 5:1-3) We anoint the child, that it may become a temple of God's glory, radiant with the goodness of life that has its source in God. "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life."

But it is only at the end of his life, during his Passion, that Jesus is called a King. Pilate asks "So you are a king?" And the good thief, hanging next to Jesus on the cross, says "Remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

Throughout the entire Church year, we are trying to follow Jesus. We watch what he does. We see who his friends are. We listen to his teaching. And now, at the end of the Church year, we have a choice. We can either be like the good thief, or like the bad thief on the cross next to Jesus. (Luke 23: 35-43) The bad thief said this – "If you truly had power, you would save yourself and us. You would save us

from this pain and suffering. You would take away our own freedom to choose. You would make all things right simply out of your power. So you must not have power. So I do not believe you are a King."

But the good thief said something very different. The good thief said – "I have made bad choices in my life. I deserve to suffer for my bad choices. I acknowledge you as my King. Lead me into your kingdom."

Jesus is a different kind of king. He is not interested in political power, or of lording over human subjects. He is interested in conquering sin and death. Jesus is a real Spiritual King, because he goes before us as one who conquered sin and death. May we be like the good thief. May we acknowledge that we have fallen short of the glory of God. And thus may we follow Jesus into his heavenly Kingdom.

Our Lady of Victory is a welcoming community of faith! Please join us in prayer.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! 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.

## Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you who sit "out on the front porch" with us each week faithfully! May the Lord bless you all richly!

There's just something special about Thanksgiving. The mood seems to stick to you kind of like that turkey and dressing. It's one of those holidays that last far beyond that special Thursday every year. We seem to write about Thanksgiving all the way through the holiday season into the next year.

A Thanksgiving never comes around that I don't think about my grandfather, E.H. Miller. "Preacher Miller" was an old-time, tell-it-like-it-is, back-to-the-basics church of Christ preacher. He preached a great many sermons in his days. But one of the best sermons of his life wasn't one he preached. It was one he lived!

In the mid 60s, Preacher Miller and some friends got in a bad car accident driving home from a revival in Marietta, Georgia. Two cars were drag racing that night on the two-lane Atlanta highway, and Preacher Miller met the car in his lane when he topped a hill. "It happened so fast," he later would say, "that we didn't even have time to swerve."

I still remember the phone ringing late that night at our little house on Juniper Street.

The news wasn't good for anyone, but the four in Granddad's car were the fortunate ones.

Those riding with the preacher had numerous injuries, but Preacher Miller was hurt the worst. The impact was so great that his shoe melted to the gas pedal, and the workers had to pull his foot out of his shoe to get him and his broken hip out of the burning car.

The doctor did all he could for the preacher for several days, but one morning he walked into the LaGrange, Ga., hospital room and delivered the news: "Preacher Miller," he said, "I'm sorry, but I don't think you'll ever walk again."

The preacher didn't buy it. He said, "Doctor: you, me, and the Lord can do better than that."

And they did. In a month he was walking — and preaching — on crutches. In three months he was walking with a walker. In six he walked, period. Just with a limp.

While he was a man of great faith, he also became discouraged often during his rehabilitation. One day when

he was really feeling sorry for himself, he started wheeling through the hospital, looking around. He was surprised by what he saw.

He saw a man who was missing a limb. He saw another who couldn't get out of bed. He saw one he knew wouldn't see too many more sunrises. So he went back to his room and gave thanks.

He never took walking for granted again. From that time on, he walked stairs every day of his life, back when walking really wasn't the "in" thing.

Walking stairs, of course, isn't something you can do at home. So every day he'd go out and find one of the tallest buildings in his hometown; and there he'd walk the stairs. It was a place he attended every day in his visits anyway, and it was a place where he could go and never feel sorry for himself. He had always tried that.

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