



State Champions

The 2022 Washington Warriors finished off a perfect 15-0 season with a 17-14 victory Saturday over Millwood at Chad Richison Stadium in Edmond on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma.



Defense, 4th quarter offensive heroics pave way to title

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

For three out of the last four seasons Washington's football team has been a bridesmaid and not the bride. But not this year.

The 26-year drought since the 1996 State Championship over Turpin was snapped like a twig last Saturday at UCO's Richison Stadium with a thrilling 17-14 fourth quarter comeback victory over perennial power Millwood.

They did it with defense limiting the Falcons, who were averaging 49 points a game, to 54 yards rushing and 110 yards passing. All season long the defense has been our most consistent group," head coach Brad

Beller said. "That defensive line of Hayden Milner, Naithen Spaulding, Nathan Rainey and Caleb Bruce dominated. "And I'm proud of our defensive secondary as well. They had their best game led

by Jaxon Hendrix. He had the game of his life," Beller said of the senior safety. "It's great that he can ride off into the sunset playing the best game

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On edge

Purcell Police arrested Joshua A. Blunt, 36, of Foster, Okla. Wednesday afternoon on charges including driving under the influence after he rolled an F-250 pickup at the intersection of Carl Stokes Rd. and SH 74. Blunt was also charged with carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol.

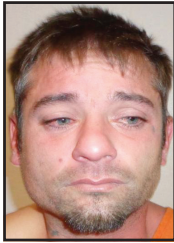
Belligerent suspect sprayed

After rollover accident on SH 74

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Purcell Police were forced to use pepper spray to subdue a belligerent suspect after a rollover accident on Carl Stokes Road and SH 74 December 7.

Police were called to the scene where a white F-250 pickup crashed, overturning 1/2 times and striking a mail box owned by Dawn Howard at 23405 SH 74 just before



Blunt

identified as Joshua A. Blunt, 36, of Foster, OK.

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1 p.m. that Wednesday afternoon.

A male was seen running from the truck. Police found the subject, later identified as Joshua A. Blunt, 36, of Foster, OK.

December tornado takes home

No one injured but many structures damaged or destroyed in Wayne



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Devastation

The Wayne home of Tim and Missi Lynn was destroyed by a December tornado as it tore through McClain County about 5:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. The National Weather Service believes the tornado was an EF2. No injuries were reported with the storm. There is a GoFundMe account set up for the Lynns called "Tim and Missi Lynn and their two children."

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A reported EF2 tornado ripped through parts of Wayne early Tuesday morn-

ing, destroying at least one house and knocking out power to the entire town. The twister touched down around 5:30 a.m. just east of the main body of Wayne

when a line of thunderstorms bruised their way through Central Oklahoma. The destructive winds demolished the home of Tim and Missi Lynn at 15300

Nicholas Drive. They had taken shelter along with their two children

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Sheriff's staff burns illegal grow operation

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Alert law enforcement work turned a routine warrant execution into the busting of an illegal marijuana grow operation in a facility in Blanchard December 7.

McClain County Deputies were assigned to execute a Forcible Entry and Detainer Writ of Assistance. While at the address on SH 76 deputies noticed the plants and came back with

a search warrant. They confiscated over 1,800 marijuana plants all at various stages of development.

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Filing closes

Races for office have developed in Wayne, Dibble and Washington for school board positions. In Wayne, Matt Murray and

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The Big Man

Santa himself made an appearance at the annual Heart of Oklahoma Christmas Parade last Thursday night on Main Street in Purcell.

ASCOG REAP grant told

When it comes to infrastructure for rural communities, counties, and unincorporated areas it all comes down to dollars and cents and that funding is available.

This has been a record year for the Association of South Central Oklahoma Government (ASCOG). They received a record breaking \$2,590,909.09 in Rural Economic Action Plan REAP funds to distribute which is up from \$1,504,191 in 2021.

This year ASCOG received 67 applications totaling \$3,039,937.43. ASCOG was able to award 57 ASCOG REAP grants totaling \$2,590,909.09. The grant awards range from \$30,000 to \$136,363.63. McClain County recipients were:

Byars- \$136,363.63 – water project

Goldsby - \$45,000 - new water well construction

McClain County District 1 - \$45,000 streets

McClain County District 2 - \$45,000 streets

McClain County District 3 - \$45,000 streets

Washington - Town Hall repairs - \$45,000

The REAP grants awarded will be used to fund many different projects from engineering, water/wastewater repairs, street repair, storm sirens, repairs/upgrades to community facilities and public safety projects.

This funding is crucial to rural Oklahoma communities, counties and unincorporated areas. For many these funds are used for engineering to get out from under a consent

order or used as match for an additional funding source such as Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Water Resources Board or Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

In other cases, it may just be a need that they just simply don't have the funding for. For many rural Oklahoma communities with a limited revenue stream, they just don't have the resources to keep up with the skyrocketing infrastructure costs. We need to continually demonstrate to our Governor and legislators that these dollars are vital to rural Oklahoma and although the REAP program remains on precarious footing it is only through the efforts of the legislature that this vital program still exists.











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Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
						
45° 29°	44° 28°	46° 30°	50° 37°	48° 33°	42° 28°	31° 16°
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy

After waking up to strong, severe thunderstorms earlier this week, we are looking at a quieter pattern heading into the weekend. Temperatures will continue to cool into the middle 40s under sunny skies with a few passing clouds. Sunday

will be the warmer day of the weekend, with afternoon highs approaching 50 degrees under mostly sunny skies. Temperatures will begin cooling down into the 40s going into the early part of next week as clouds begin to build in across the area.

Temperatures will continue to drop throughout next week, dropping well below average for afternoon highs in the low-30s, with overnight lows in the teens.

– Hunter Brittingham

Board has routine meeting Monday

Purcell's Board of Education had a routine meeting Monday night voting approval on several agenda items that are required by law.

Among those include a review of the district's return to learn plan and the district's transfer capacity related to board policy FE. There were no changes.

The board approved formation of an account for the junior high academic team and approved district counselors to put together a mental health plan.

Jeremy Tucker resigned as transportation director and fifth grade teacher Robin Lanten told the board she and her husband are moving to Indiana.

PPWA meets in special meeting

Purcell's Public Works Authority and City Council met in a special called meeting Monday in the city's community room.

The board approved the outlet construction contract for the retention pond at the new hospital and approved the Main StreetScape project to go out for bid.

City officials said the original bid for the project came in over the amount of funding budgeted for the project.

Members of the Main StreetScape Committee were present at the meeting and gave input.

A short term rental ordinance will be presented to the city council at its January meeting.



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Bell ringer

McClain County Sheriff Landy Offolter rang the bell for the Salvation Army at Walmart in Purcell last week in a continuation of a holiday tradition.

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Tuesday, December 20 & Wednesday, December 21

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NEWS In Brief

Community Coffee

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce December Community Coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, December 15, hosted by Medstar Business Solutions. The coffee will be held at the Medstar office, 227 W. Main St., in Purcell. This is a great opportunity to connect with local business and community leaders.

Lights from the Heart

Purcell's Lights From the Heart at Chandler Park will be open nightly until Saturday, December 31, from 5:30-10 p.m. nightly.

Visit the light display for a photo with Santa on Saturday, December 17, from 5:30-10 p.m. Over two miles of lights are available to drive through. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

Tax Statements

McClain County Treasurer Teresa Jones reminds property owners in the county that 2022 tax statements have been mailed. Full or half payments are due before January 1. The treasurer's office can email tax statements if it is requested. Property owners can also print out their tax statements by going online to tmconsulting.us.com.

For more information call 527-3261.

Senior Dance at Purcell

A Senior Dance is held every Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Purcell Multi-Purpose Center. Admission is \$7 per person and a live band playing country and western music is on hand. Everyone is welcome to come and join the fun. For more information call Clayton Lee at 405-901-3197.

Museum News

The McClain County Museum and Historical Society has undergone some changes and the museum is now open for tours. To schedule a tour contact Jerry Hayes at 405-812-8379.



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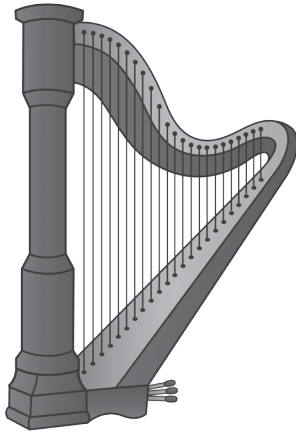
50-50 winner

Emily Montgomery receiving her check from the Purcell Public School Foundation 50-50 drawing from Foundation trustee Kerry Wilhoit. The fund-raiser benefitted the Foundation to the tune of over \$4,000 to be used for teacher grants this spring.

Byars man hurt in one-car crash

A Byars man is in the OU Medical Center in critical condition after a one-vehicle accident Monday afternoon. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Carl D. Ozment, 61, of Byars was driving his 2002 Chevrolet Silverado northbound on US 177 when the vehicle departed the roadway just after 5 p.m. Investigating OHP Trooper Tim Brinson said the vehicle was going too fast on the rain soaked roadway. Ozment was admitted with head and trunk injuries. Brinson said Ozment was not wearing a seat belt.

A Harp for Christmas



Sunday, December 18
8:15 AM & 10:15 AM

*Presented by
Celebration Choir*

*Directed by
Angela Lind*

*Special Guest
Jill Justice, Harpist*

Lexington First Baptist Church
900 East Broadway



Waugh told **The Register** the tubs of newspapers were discovered on the floor of the Oklahoma City postal center two days after they were delivered to OKC Wednesday evening. Washington's newspapers were delivered to their post office Friday and postmaster Jo Ogden made sure box holders and subscribers on rural routes got their papers as soon as possible. Waugh told the newspaper that the service is "unacceptable."

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Taking it all in
Joyce and Pat Sheehy were among the hundreds who watched last Thursday night's Christmas Parade in downtown Purcell.

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Wednesday, Dec 28th - Approx 10 A.M.

TRACTORS '93 JD 4960, FWA, C&A, 15 Spd. PS, Trpl Hyd., 3 Pt, PTO, 710/70R38, 18.4R26 Frmts, Frnt Wts., 2,455 Hrs.; '92 JD 4960, FWA, C&A, 15 Spd, PS, Trpl Hyd., 3 Pt w/QH, PTO, 20.8R38 Duals, 18.4R26 Frmts, Hrs. Unkn.; '92 JD 4455, FWA, C&A, 15 Spd, PS, Dual Hyd., 3 Pt, 540/1000 PTO, 16.9R26 Frmts, Frnt Wts. W/ Koyker 645 Ldr., 4 Spike Hay Fork, No Bucket, Joystick, 752 Hrs.; '90 JD 4455, FWA, C&A, 15 Spd, PS, Trpl Hyd., 3 Pt, 540/1000 PTO, 650/65R42, 600/65R28 Frmts w/JD 740 Classic Self Level Ldr. & 4 Spike Hay Fork, Hrs. Unkn.; '84 JD 4850, FWA, C&A, 15 Spd. PS, Trpl Hyd., 3 Pt, 1000 PTO, 20.8R42, 18.4R26 Frmts, 10K Hrs.; '84 JD 4650, FWA, C&A, 15 Spd. PS, Trpl Hyd., 3 Pt, PTO, 480/80R42 Duals, 18.4R26 Frmts, 7K Hrs.; '84 JD 4250, FWA, C&A, 15 Spd. PS, Dual Hyd., 3 Pt, 540/1000 PTO, 520/85R38, 16.9-26 TR135 Frmts, Hrs. Unkn.; '83 JD 4850, FWA, C&A, 15 Spd. PS, Trpl Hyd., 3 Pt, PTO, 20.8R38 Duals, 380/85R30 Frmts, 3K Hrs.; '83 JD 4650, FWA, C&A, 15 Spd, PS, Dual Hyd., 3 Pt, PTO, 18.4R42, 14.9R30 Frmts, Frnt Wts., 8K Hrs.; A-C D15, Series LI, 3 Pt, PTO, 14.9-26, 4 Cyl., Gas "Does Not Run"**TRUCKS** '00 Mack Day Cab Semi, Mdl. RB688S, Mack E9-350 Eng. (Needs OH), 9 Spd. Eaton, SR, TS, 11R 24.5 Steel Whls., 571K Mi. & 17K Hrs.; '96 Ford Aero Max L 9000 Self Load Debris Truck, Cum. Mil, 310 HP, 15 Spd., 260" WB, TS w/Air Tag Axles, 11R22.5 On Steel, 25" X 96" X 72" Steel B&H, Fassi F230SE Hyd. Knuckle Boom w/Debrt Claw, 269K Mi./9K Hrs.; '95 Volvo Self Load Debris Truck, Cat 3306, 8 Spd., w/Dble Low, TS w/Air Tag Axle, w/ 96" X 24" X 96" Steel B&H, w/IMT Hyd. Crane, 16000 Series, 35' Boom; '94 Ford L 9000 Self Load Debris Truck, Cum. L-10 300 HP, TS w/ Air Tag Axle, 11R 22.5 On Steel W/25" X 96" X 72", Steel B&H, Prentice Telstik-33 Hyd. Knuckle Boom w/Debrt Claw, 302K Mi./9K Hrs.; '94 Ford Feed/Comm. Truck, TS, AR, 11R 24.5, Cum., L10-280 Eng., 9 Spd., 20' Alum Box, 72" Sides, Conveyor, Convertible 5 Comp., 117K Mi.; '74 Chevy C60, C&C, 5/2 Spd., PTO, 366 V8, Gas, 10.00-20, Tag Axle; '75 Chevy C65, 366 Gas, 5/2 Spd., Tag Axle, 9.00-20, Hyd. Splitter Valve, Westfield Drill Fill Auger, 22" Steel B&H, 48" Sides, 64K Mi.; '65 Chevy C-60, 327 Gas, 4/2 Spd., 16" Steel B&H, 30" Sides, 39K Mi.**TRAILERS** '02 Benson Alum. End Dump, 34' X 96", 82" Sides, SR, 11R24.5, All Alum., R/O Tarp, Steel Frame, Full Frame; '99 Innovatike 50' X 96" X 101" Sides, 285/75R24.5, All Alum Whls., Walking Floor, R/O Tarp, Needs Jacks; '96 Fontaine Nu Van 48' X 96" Curtain Side Trl., TA, SR, 295/75R22.5, Wood Floor; '96 Nu Van Curtain Side FB Trl., TA, SR, 295/75R22.5, Alum. Floor; '96 Utility 48' X 102" Curtain Side FB Trl., TA, SR, 295/75R22.5, Wood Floor; 48' X 102" Curtain Side FB Trl., TA, SR, 295/75R22.5, Alum. Flooring; '95 Aztec 48' X 102" Curtain Side Trl., TA, SR, 295/75R22.5, Alum. Floor; Adams Fert. Tender, 5th Whl, TA, SR, Side Discharge, Self-Cont. Cummins 4B-3.9L-C Dsl. Eng., R/O Tarp (Needs Replaced); '09 Ranch King 32' X 100" FB Trl., GN, Dual TA, Toolbox; GN FB Trl., 30' X 102" +5' DT, Dual TA, Toolbox; DJ FB GN Trl., 35' X 102", Dual TA, Toolbox, Aftermarket Torque Tube; DJ FB Trl., 27' X 102" +5' DT, GN, Dual TA, Trpl Ramps, Torque Tube, Toolbox; DJ FB Trl., 27' X 102" +5' DT, Dual TA, Toolbox, Torque Tube; Shopbuilt 20' X 84" Utility Trl., GN, TA, 14" Sides, 8 Hole Rim**HAY & TILLAGE** Vermeer BPX 9000 Bale Processor, 1000 PTO; Vermeer Topgun Hay Processor, 1000 PTO; Vermeer BPX 9000 Bale Processor; Highline Topgun Bale Processor, 1000 PTO; Haybuster 2800 Bale Processor; Haybuster 2650 Bale Processor, 1000 PTO; Teagle Tomahawk 8080 Bale Processor; Teagle Tomahawk 5050 Silage/Straw Bale Processor, 1000 PTO, 5K Hrs.; 3-Haybuster 107 No Till Drill, 10", w/Fert., DD, 7" Spacing, Grass Attach.; Agco Tye 2010 Stubble Drill, No Till, DD, 7 1/2" Spacing, Grass Attach., PT, Mdl. 124-457K; 3-Adams SS Fert. Spreaders, Torsion/TA, Dual Spreader, Ground Drive; Krause 4900 24' Dble Offset Disc, DF, 20" Frnt Blades, 20" Rear Blades; Krause 4900 24' Dble Offset Disc, DF, 20" Frnt Blades, 21" Rear Blades; Krause 24' Dble Offset Disc, DF, 21" Blades; Case IH 22" Tand. Disc, DF, Mdl. 496, 18" Blades; Krause 4900 20' Dble Offset Disc, DF, 20" Frnt Blades, 18" Rear Blades**VEHICLES & RECREATION** '15 Chevy 3500 HD, Crew Cab, 4X4, 6.0L Gas, Auto, Dually, CM 92" X 94" FB w/Toolbox, Show 176K Mi.; '15 Chevy 3500, 6.6L, Duramax Dsl., 4 Door, 4X4, Auto, Frnt End Bumper Replacement, CM 9' Steel Bed, Shows 186K Mi.; '15 Chevy 3500 HD, Crew Cab, 4X4, 6.0L Gas, Auto, Shows 144K Mi.; '15 Chevy 3500 HD, Crew Cab, 4X4, 6.0L Gas, Auto, Shows 184K Mi.; '14 GMC Denali 1500, 5.3L Gas, Auto, 4X4, Fender Flares, Westin Nerf Bars, Pro Comp Whls., Toyo 35X12.50R20LT, UC Hard Top Cover, Bed Liner, Dual Exhaust, Shows 121K Mi.; '05 F350 King Ranch, 6.0L Pwrstroke, Dsl, Auto, 4X4, Leather, Steps, Shows 185K Mi.; '10 Chevy 2500 HD, Ext. Cab, 4X4, 6.0 Gas, Auto, CNG, Shows 140K Mi.; '10 Chevy 2500 HD, 271, 4X4, 6.0L Gas, Auto, Ext. Cab, CNG, Shows 155K Mi.; '06 Ford F350 XL, 6.0L Pwrstroke, Dsl, Auto, 4X4, Dually, 4 Door, Steel FB, L Shape Fuel Tank, w/12 Volt Pump, Shows 186K Mi.; '66 Ford, 100 Pickup, Twin I Beam, 2WD, 351 Gas, Auto, CD Player, 45 Gal. Alum Fuel Tank In Bed, Shows 70K, Mi.; '64 Lincoln Continental Car, Suicide Doors, Convertible (Electric), 440 V8, Gas, Shows 62K Original Mi.; '01 GMC 2500, 8.1L Gas, 4X4, Auto, 4 Dr, Shows Mi. 212K; '99 Jeep Cherokee, 4 Dr, Leather, 6 Cyl., **Needs Eng.** Mi. Unkn.; '87 Ford Bus, Auto Det. V8-8.2 Dsl., (1998 Mdl.) Shows 173K Mi.; '16 Polaris 900 H.O., Camo, 4X4, Enclosed Cab, ADC, Heater, Frnt Winch, Light Bar, Shows 1K Mi. & 288 Hrs.; '16 Polaris 900 H.O., Camo, 4X4, Frnt Winch, Shows 6K Mi. & 814 Hrs.; JD RSX Gator 850I900, 4X4, Light Bar, Shows 2K Mi. & 356 Hrs.**INDUSTRIAL** Traverse Lift F-644 Telehandler, Dsl., w/ 7' Bucket & 4 Spear Hay Spike**Hrs. Unkn., Hyd. Issues**; '14 Volvo Mct 135C Skidsteer, 18" Tracks, Quick Connect, Aux Hyd., Shows 640 Hrs.; Volvo Mct 135C Skid Steer, 18" Tracks, "Needs Eng. OH" Eng. Was Dusted* Quick Connect, Aux Hyd.; Clark C4-80 Forklift, 6 Cyl., Gas, Shows 1K Hrs.; SN:CY-40-2078969; Reading Classic II 3203 Service Bed, Auto Crane; Schulte Giant 2500 Rock Picker, 62" Box, 3 1/2" Spacing, Hyd. Drive, 16.5L 16.1; Schulte Giant 2500 Rock Picker, 62" Box, 13 1/2" Spacing, Hyd. Drive, 16.5L 16.1; Schulte Giant 2500 Rock Picker, 62" Box, 3 1/2" Spacing, Hyd. Drive, 16.5L 16.1; Schulte Rock Windower SRW800, 7, 3 Pt; Schulte Rock Rake Md-10 B, 540 PTO, PT; Schulte Rock Rake Pwd 10, PTO PT; Proctor 14" Land Leveler, Dual Whls.; Garfield 1600 RS Blade, 16', 6 Way, Rear Steer, Fold Down Wings; Oshoule HB-7 88" Rock Bucket, 3" Spacing, JD Ldr. Brackets; Oshoule HB-7 85" Rock Bucket, 3" Spacing, JD Ldr. Brackets; Oshoule BB-7 81" Rock Bucket, 3 1/2" Spacing, JD Brackets; Brillion Deep Ripper, 4 Shank, Mdl. 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Your support helps the teachers and students in Purcell Public Schools.

Please see **Mulready**, page 5A.

Celine Dion, Kirstie Alley, Christmas, good news and bad

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Award winning actress Kirstie Alley was diagnosed with cancer shortly before her untimely death at the young age of 71.

Grammy award winning Celine Dion has recently been diagnosed with a neurological disease called Stiff Person Syndrome. The disease attacks about one in a million and is a very debilitating disease. She is 54 years old.

Disease, death and bad news can attack anyone at any age and none of us are immune.

Good news came to Britney Griner who spent 10 months in a Russian prison for allegedly having hashish oil in her suitcase at a Moscow airport. She was recently released and is now back in the United States.

The Bad news is that arms dealer Victor Bout who smuggled millions of weapons to the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa was released from prison in exchange for Griner's release.

Paul Whelan, a former United States Marine, received bad news in that he is still being held in a Russian prison accused of spying.

Russia is apparently holding onto him for another deal with the United States. It's tragic that he wasn't released with Griner.

Please stay out of Russia, North Korea, Iran and China. There are other places to avoid as well but there are plenty of nice places to visit.

My deceased wife was 37 when she received the bad news that she had multiple sclerosis. The diagnosis was very bad news and Karen died one day at a time for 12 years.

The last four years of her life she could do nothing. She required 24-hour care. She became a person trapped inside a body. She died at the age of 49. The toll that such a disease took on our family and my young sons was severe.

Such an illness changes the lives of the entire family. Everyone to some extent is involved in the caregiving and are changed by the emotional drain of sickness and death. However, no one suffers as much as the person struggling with the disease.

Such life struggles play havoc with holidays such as Christmas. Our family never had a normal Christmas for at least 12 years. However, it became our new normal.

Jesus is good news at Christmas. He was bad news to King Herod of Judea. Herod was a mental illness case who ordered the death of all male babies two years old and under in the vicinity of Bethlehem.

He hoped to eliminate Jesus because wise men from the East had come to worship him.

We must pray for the families of Kirstie Alley, Celine Dion and Paul Whelan and many others. These families are suffering. Fame and fortune never provide a way of escaping bad news and the results of bad news.

We should also pray for one another and rejoice with any good news that comes each other's way.

We are all sojourners in this life. The message of Christmas is a Savior is born, Christ the Lord, peace on earth and good will toward all.

May good news find its way to you this season of the year and may we all with God's grace be there for each other when the news is not so good.

Hear Dr. Mollette each weekday at 8:56 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and 4:26 p.m. EST on XM radio 131.

Contact him at GMollette@aol.com. Learn more at www.glennmollette.com. Like his facebook page at www.facebook.com/glennmollette.

Dr. Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of 13 books including *Uncommon Sense*.

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Mulready:

items worth more than your policy's deductible.

Here are some tips to help keep those porch pirates from stealing your holiday packages and what to do when your package is stolen:

Ways to Protect Yourself

- Consider Shipping Insurance: Most postal services, courier companies and shipping companies sell shipping insurance. Unfortunately, not all insurers will insure all goods. However, if you're ordering high-value items online, you may purchase shipping insurance to ensure delivery.

- Give Specific Instructions: Instead of having deliveries left unsecured at your front door, you can instruct drivers to leave a package at a back door, with a building superintendent, in a coded lockbox or with neighbors.

You can also have deliveries on hold and request a specific

delivery time. Most, but not all, of these services are free.

- Install a Security Camera or Camera Doorbell: Security cameras or video doorbells can also come in handy. The mere presence of these cameras or smart doorbells may be enough to ward off potential package thieves.

Even if it doesn't, you'll at least have evidence for a police report. Bonus: installing these cameras may qualify you for a homeowners insurance discount.

- Sign Up for Tracking Notifications: Most carriers offer package tracking services and text or email alerts to let you know when a delivery will be made so that you can adjust your schedule accordingly. Sign up for text or email notifications to check your delivery status.

What To Do If Your Package is Stolen

- Contact the Seller: File a claim with the seller and ask for a replacement.

- Contact the Shipping Company: File a claim with the postal service that shipped your package. FedEx, UPS, USPS, DHL and Amazon have a claim-filing system to help you track down your package.

- Check Your Credit Card: Many credit cards have purchase protection that covers lost or stolen items. Make sure you use a credit card to purchase the item.

- File an Insurance Claim: Your homeowners or renters insurance may cover mail theft. Keep in mind—this may only be helpful if the item is worth more than your deductible.

For more information, please contact the Oklahoma Insurance Department at 1-800-522-0071 or visit our website at www.oid.ok.gov.

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Garvin:

policy relating to municipal and county government, and the laws governing the functions of state agencies.

I'll also continue serving on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services as well as on the Retirement and Insurance and Rules Committees.

My new assignments will

include the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and the Tourism and Wildlife Committee.

Finally, with session starting in less than two months, work has begun on drafting legislation. I've already filed a few bills, including Senate Bill 1 on school carryover funds. This is an effort to untie schools' hands

when it comes to their general fund carryover.

If you have any questions or concerns on legislative matters, please write to Senator Jessica Garvin, State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Room 237, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105, email me at Jessica.Garvin@oksenate.gov or call (405) 521-5522.



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No entry

A hole in 3rd Street from an August 29 gas line rupture is roped off at the Main Street alley.

OSU EXTENSION *News*

Birds bring enjoyment to winter landscape

Trisha Gedon
Extension Educator

Gardeners who enjoy seeing the brightly colored flowers and shrubs in the landscape during the warm summer months have the added benefit of observing birds as these feathered friends eat berries, insects and nectar.

Now that cold weather has arrived, birds may be sparse in the landscape.

Gardeners can continue enjoying birdwatching by providing food, water and shelter to attract more birds, said David Hillock, Oklahoma State University Extension consumer horticulturist.

"Birds in the landscape can bring a lot of enjoyment for the whole family. Always keep the birds in mind when planning your landscape," he said. "Food and water are readily available throughout the spring and summer, but it can be slim pickings for birds in the winter months."

During the winter, birds'

natural food supply is dead or dormant, so it's important for homeowners to provide high-calorie, high-fat foods that will help keep birds well-fed throughout the season. Suet, peanuts, sunflower seeds, peanut butter and Nyjer (thistle) are all good options.

"Be sure to match the feeder and the seed to the type of birds you want to attract. Smaller birds such as chickadee, tufted titmouse and finch prefer the tube feeders while larger birds including cardinals and blue jays prefer hopper or platform feeders," he said. "Some birds like the morning dove eat seed from the ground."

Don't limit the food offerings to seed and suet. Fruit feeders are a great way to provide needed energy for birds. Load them with wedges of oranges, apples or sliced bananas.

Water is important for birds because they not only drink it, but also clean their feathers

with it. Clean feathers insulate much better against the cold than dirty feathers. A birdbath adds visual interest to the landscape and provides a watering hole for the birds.

"In addition to food and water, birds also need shelter from the harsh elements and predators. Something as simple as a pile of broken branches, prunings or other plant material can provide needed shelter," Hillock said. "Bird houses and bird roost boxes are good options for protection, too, especially when placed out of the northern wind. Gardeners can help by providing nesting materials such as yarn, scraps of cloth or even dryer lint for the birds to use as insulation."

Watching birds in the landscape can be an educational opportunity for the whole family. Check out a bird book from the library and see how many different species can be found in the neighborhood.

Marketplace Health Insurance open enrollment now underway

Open enrollment for the Healthcare Marketplace is the time of year Oklahomans can find out how much their advanced premium tax credit (APTC) will be and whether that is enough to make coverage for their family truly affordable.

"Bah, humbug," you say, thinking insurance coverage is never truly affordable unless you have it through your job. But, if you take a look at 2023 prices you may change your mind.

Congress' three-year extension of the American Rescue Plan Act and passage of the Inflation Reduction Act have lowered some premiums in Oklahoma to zero dollars per month.

Oklahoma families of four earning \$82,000 per year or less can enroll in complete health coverage through the federal Marketplace without paying a penny. If the family lives in rural Oklahoma, the allowable annual maximum income for zero premium coverage goes up to \$101,000, also available through the Marketplace.

A quick call to an Oklahoma health Navigator, a federally-certified non-profit employee who is trained to make it easier for consumers to work through the Marketplace, can help consumers know their options. In a 30-minute phone call, a Navigator can provide a tax credit estimate based on income and number of people in tax the household.

To request help from a certified Navigator, Oklahomans can call the statewide Navigator line at 1-833-465-7526 (833-4-OKPLAN). In addition, an Oklahoma Marketplace website, myOKplan.org, has been created to provide an overview, key points and next steps for enrollment.

The Navigator Program at Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma (LASO) is funded by a federal grant from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and as a result of the grant, LASO has organized a group of more than 50 professionals from nonprofit organizations across the state to operate as Navigators, providing unbiased assistance to Oklahomans who ask for help understanding the general concepts in health insurance as well as the particular issues that may concern a family, such as whether their doctor is included or if a prescription medicine is covered.

For the past several years, LASO, the statewide law firm for low-income Oklahomans, has received the statewide Navigator grant to help Oklahomans. Navigators are not insurance agents but are strictly regulated by CMS and the Oklahoma Insurance Department.

Navigator services are free and payment or gifts are not allowed.

Seven private companies offer Marketplace coverage for

2023 in Oklahoma--Ambetter of Oklahoma, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma (BCBSOK), Community Care Oklahoma (CCOK), Friday Health Plans, Medica Insurance Co., Oscar Health and United Health Care (UHC). Together they offer more than 100 different plans, allowing consumers to choose their own doctors, hospitals, premiums and deductibles.

All Marketplace plans cover essential health benefits including doctors; hospitals; emergency rooms, outpatient care, chronic disease management; preventive and wellness care; pregnancy, maternity and newborn care; prescription drugs; labwork; as well as behavioral health and substance abuse. Pre-existing conditions are covered.

BCBSOK and Medica offer statewide plans while the other carriers' plans will be available in selected counties in Oklahoma. As soon as an application is completed, consumers receive an online estimate of their tax credit, allowing them to review policies available in their areas, view the monthly premium before the tax credit is deducted and compute the premium amount after the tax savings.

This year's open enrollment period lasts until January 15. However, for a new policy to become effective January 1, enrollment must be completed by January 15.



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Three Amigos

Matt Smith, Ted Cox and Mike Tolle had a good time during the Christmas Parade telling some funny stories.

Society



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Pauls Valley Opry

Mary Alice Koehn will be one of the performers at the next Pauls Valley Opry show on January 7. The show will be back at the Pauls Valley Junior High auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m.

House Page Program opens applications

The Oklahoma House of Representatives High School Page Program is now accepting applications for the First Regular Session of the 59th Legislature, announced Rep. Brian Hill, R-Mustang.

Every year, hundreds of students from across the state have the opportunity to take part in the House High School Page Program at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City.

Through the program, students have a chance to view the legislative process up close and gain experience working in state government.

Pages are assigned for one week, Monday through Thursday, during the legislative session, which constitutionally runs from the first Monday in February through the last Friday in May.

Students serving as a Page work in the House Chamber during daily session, assist

representatives and House staff with tasks and take part in the House Page Mock Legislature on the floor of the House Chamber.

Hotel accommodations and chaperones are provided for all students.

House Pages are transported to and from the Capitol daily and are closely supervised at all times.

“I look forward to working with the intelligent, motivated Oklahoma students who will serve as pages this session,” Hill said. “This front row seat to state government is a deeply engaging learning process that leaves students inspired to become more involved in their communities.”

Interested high school juniors and seniors may visit <https://okhouse.gov/Pages/Index.aspx> to submit an application or contact their state representative for more information.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy seventh birthday to my great-niece, Everleigh Rusler.

Everleigh celebrates her birthday today, Thursday, December 15.

Happy birthdays also go out to Lynn Bayless, Todd Rollins, James Maynard, Jack Hutchens, Rhett Lanten, Josh Jacks, Amber Barrett, Bill Cole, Max Richardson, Juan Garanzuay, Brandi Steiner, Bryan Ibarra, Raquel Z. Suarez, Carlos Estrada, Claudia Estrada, Eva Ocampo, Branden Fisher, Alejandro Montelongo and Mike Zuech.

The Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting last Thursday in Purcell was fantastic.

With the loss of the parade for a couple of years due to COVID, it was so good to have a jam-packed parade back this year.

Thanks to everyone who made it such an enjoyable evening!

Purcell's Lights From the Heart at Chandler Park will be open nightly until Saturday, December 31, from 5:30-10 p.m. nightly.

Visit the light display for a photo with Santa on December 17 from 5:30-10 p.m.

Over two miles of lights are available to drive through.

Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

McClain County Treasurer Teresa Jones reminds prop-

erty owners in the county that 2021 tax statements have been mailed.

Full or half payments are due before January 1.

The treasurer's office also now has the ability to email tax statements.

Property owners can also print out their tax statements by going online to tmconsulting.us.com.

For more information call 527-3261.

This is such a great recipe to have on hand for get togethers. It comes from my mother-in-law Carolyn Montgomery of Norman.

Copper Pennies

2 lbs. carrots, peeled, sliced and cooked until barely tender, drain. (Pretty small slices, not big)

1 small green pepper, thinly sliced

1 medium onion, thinly sliced

Dressing

10.5 oz. can tomato soup

1/2 cup oil

3/4 cup cider vinegar

1 cup sugar

1 tsp. prepared mustard (powder)

1 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

Blend all the dressing ingredients together and pour over cooked carrots. Let marinate.

Put in refrigerator with cover and turn over after about two days and then again.

Will keep in the refrigerator for 2 weeks.

It will keep mixed up if you keep turning it over.



Avery Wren and Luke Edelman



Purcell High School Students of the Month

Avery Wren and Luke Edelman have been named December Students of the Month at Purcell High School.

Avery Wren is the daughter of Kevin and Angie Wren. She is active in cheer, STUCO, National Honor Society and SAAC.

Avery's favorite class is internship.

After graduation she plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and major in nursing.

Luke Edelman is the son of Kraig and Kristi Edelman. He is active in STUCO, football and powerlifting.

Luke's favorite class is wild-life management.

After graduation he plans to pursue a degree in chiropractics.

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Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

The Center Christmas Party is this Friday, December 16! Potluck with party right after. There may be a surprise or two! A rousing game of Dirty Santa will be played with lots of oohs and aahs and a steal or two! Good food, lots of laughs and fellowship will abound! All seniors are invited to attend the celebration. Everyone gets to eat and play the game, regardless of whether you contribute a food dish or Santa gift. We all want you to be here! Looking forward to seeing everyone Friday!

The Senior Center Garage Sale is open this Thursday, December 15, for last minute needs or gifts! The hours are from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. We have received some new items and still have some Christmas things at great prices! The sale will be closed on Friday, December 16. We appreciate everyone who donates items and shops with us. The funds raised are used for our seniors and help the center tremendously. Your donated treasures and cash donations are always appreciated. If you have a need or are looking for a particular item, please call Val at 405-527-5070 and we will plan a time for you to come.

Our center is available to rent on Saturdays for parties, meetings and/or gatherings. For information or to make a reservation, please call Val at 405-527-5070. We do book in advance, so the sooner you make a reservation, the better chance you have for an open Saturday.

Delta Nutrition provides meals Monday through Friday beginning at 11:30 a.m. They also deliver in-home meals. Any questions you have about obtaining meal service or dining here at the Center, can be answered by the kitchen at 405-527-9462. This number is also the one to call when you let them know what days you will be here to dine.

It is becoming more important to remember to make your reservation for meals. That can be done weekly or daily, whatever works for you. The rising cost of food and supplies is making it more essential every day for Delta Nutrition to have a count of the meals. Please let them know you will be here or if you won't. They always want to have plenty of food for all who would like to join us. Thank you for being understanding of their policies. Menu for December 19-23:

Monday—Meat and cheese sandwich, tomato soup, fruit, cookies.

Tuesday—Baked chicken, broccoli and rice casserole, tomatoes, bread, gelatin.

Wednesday—Polish sausage, green beans, carrots, macaroni and cheese, krispy treat.

Thursday—Participant's choice.

Friday—Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, bread, sweet potato pie.

One milk per person is served with every meal.

We appreciate everyone who continues to donate and support the senior center. Your donations continue to make a big difference in the lives of our seniors and the operation of our center.

Newsmakers

UCO announces graduates

The University of Central Oklahoma will celebrate the achievements of approximately 987 graduates during the Fall 2022 Commencement Ceremonies December 16-17, in Central's Hamilton Field House.

Undergraduate students set to graduate include **Ashton Robert Lippel**, AAS, Contemporary Music Production, and **Kelli Diane Wenthold**, BS, General Studies, both of Lexington; **Zachary Mason**, BA, Mass Communication - Professional Media, and **Adam Jefferson Wells**, BS, Accounting, both of Purcell; and **Conner Brant Kirtley**, BSED, Physical Education/Health, of Washington.

Graduate student is **Lyndsie Annette Stremlow**, MA, Addictions Counseling.

Findley to receive degree

Amber Annette Findley of Lexington will receive her degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University this week.

On Friday, December 16, master's degrees will be conferred at 6 p.m., while on Saturday, December 17, baccalaureate degrees will be awarded at 9 a.m.

Both ceremonies will be held in Bloomer Sullivan Arena. Fifty-percent of the graduates are first generation college graduates, and the class represents 40 states and 17 countries.

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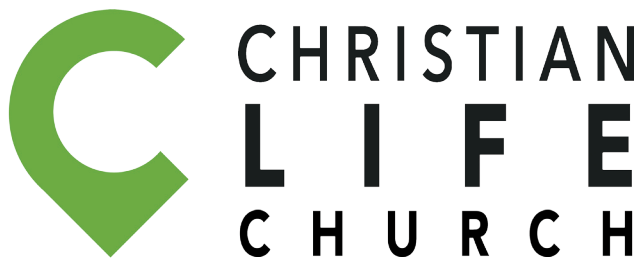
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Out for a steal

Even the Grinch was on hand for the Christmas Parade in downtown Purcell last Thursday night.



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Law enforcement

Cops on patrol at the North Pole keep bad guys from raiding Santa’s workshop and keep the toys safe.

Keep holiday greens looking their best

Melinda Myers
For The Purcell Register

Wreaths, door swags, garlands, and containers filled with evergreens have long been part of winter celebrations and displays. Keep them fresh and looking their best throughout the holidays with minimal effort.

Fresh greenery with pliable branches and firmly attached needles will last the longest. Check for good color and an aroma you prefer. Consider buying extra greenery and storing it in the garage or another cool location. Use these to replace any indoor greenery that is starting to brown.

Recut the bottom of the stems with a sharp bypass pruner. Totally submerge the greenery in a tub of room-temperature water overnight to help rehydrate the needles. Gently crush the cut end

to allow it to better absorb moisture.

Remove the cuttings from the water and once dry, seal in the moisture by spraying the greens with an anti-transpirant, often called anti-desiccant. These products seal in moisture, reducing drying due to

warm, dry air indoors and drying winds and sunlight outside.

Follow label directions for application tips and dilution rates based on what you are treating. Avoid using these on juniper berries, cedar and blue spruce.

The waxy coating that

makes these look blue can be damaged by these products. Apply anti-desiccant products outdoors during the day, as light is needed to activate some of these chemicals. Allow the treated greens to dry for three to four hours before moving them inside.

Display indoor greenery in cool locations out of direct sunlight. This reduces moisture loss and extends the life of your garland, wreaths, and arrangements.

Keep greenery away from heat sources that speed drying, decorative lights that generate heat, and flames from candles. Check the greens every few days and replace dry, brittle, and brown cuttings with fresh greens.

Outdoor greenery lasts much longer when temperatures are cooler than indoors. Further extend their longevity by placing them in more sheltered

locations, out of direct sunlight and wind where they suffer less drying.

Avoid hanging wreaths and swags in front of windows in direct sunlight where the reflected light can burn the foliage. Use an anti-transpirant on outdoor greenery to help reduce moisture loss and extend your enjoyment.

Keep outdoor planters of greens looking their best throughout the winter. Keep the soil moist until it freezes when displaying spruce tips, cut holiday trees, and evergreen stems in outdoor containers. If and when the ground freezes, you can stop watering.

A bit of effort goes a long way in extending the beauty of holiday greenery.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening*. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated “Melinda’s Garden Moment” TV and radio program.

Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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Wiped away

A suspected EF2 tornado destroyed a shop and the home of Tim and Missi Lynn in Wayne Tuesday about 5:30 a.m. Trees were snapped at the base and the roof of the family home was lifted off the structure.

OSU Extension *News*

Creative feed strategies for wintering cows are helpful but costly

Gail Ellis
Agricultural Communications

With hay in short supply, producers are trying to avoid cattle herd liquidation by feeding their cattle alternative feedstuffs. Paul Beck, Oklahoma State University Extension specialist in beef nutrition, said there are several ways concentrate feed can be used to meet a cow’s nutrient requirements. Although these other feed resources are available, all feed costs are high and will require additional labor

and management for a winter feeding program. Producers can use these strategies with concentrate feed:

- Limit feeding hay by unrolling or distributing hay in measured amounts to meet daily needs, then providing concentrate feed to supplement for deficient nutrients.
- Provide a total mixed ration of hay and concentrate mixed at an amount that only supports the required nutrients.
- Provide free-choice hay and

feed a lower-energy supplement in an amount that will reduce hay intake. Beck said in all scenarios, it is best to feed cows their supplement and hay at the same time each day. Reducing hay amounts and limiting the time cattle have access to hay will result in very low hay waste, as well as daily feeding processed hay in a total mixed ration. Feeding free-choice hay with high supplement levels will result in high levels of hay waste and sorting.

“Concentrate feeding levels required to reduce hay intake will need to be over 0.7 to one percent of body weight of dry matter or more, so a 1200-pound cow will need to be fed up to 13 to 14 pounds of feed a day,” Beck said. “This can be fairly low in energy to meet the cow’s requirements.”

The OSU Extension Rancher’s Thursday Lunchtime Series this month addresses supplementation with concentrate feed and other challenges related to hay shortages. Learn more about limiting hay access with supplements in this recent session from Harold Stephens, county Extension director and agriculture educator in Atoka County.

Producers can also request assistance from OSU Extension educators in evaluating their current feeding practices through a feeder calibration clinic, featured on OSU Extension’s agriculture television show, “SUNUP.”

For more information, contact Dana Zook, OSU Extension west district area livestock specialist, at 580-237-7677 or dana.zook@okstate.edu.

Chickasaw warriors drive off Spanish Conquistadors during “First Encounter”

Life would never be the same for the Chickasaw people after the winter of 1540 when they faced their first European power. Represented by Spanish conquistador Hernando de Soto, who had a thirst for gold, initial impressions with the Spanish would not go well. Chickasaw warriors were forced to drive off the Spaniards from the Chickasaw Homeland. The historic Homeland of the Chickasaw is comprised of parts of present-day north Mississippi, northwest Alabama, southwest Kentucky and west Tennessee. It is filled with an abundance of game and valuable natural resources. When De Soto and his band of conquistadors encountered the Chickasaw, they found a prospering people.

The Chickasaw had complex trade and communication routes. Major waterways and the Natchez Trace provided easy means of travel. The Chickasaw took advantage of these natural trade routes, including the Mississippi, Tennessee, Ohio and Tombigbee Rivers.

These routes connected Southeastern First American tribes and provided a natural passageway for De Soto to use to make contact with First Americans. The two groups eventually met on the upper waters of the Tombigbee River. Spanish explorers were initially pelted with arrows as they tried to cross the river. Chickasaw warriors held the Spanish on the opposite bank of Chickasaw territory, finally relenting after several days.

When hundreds of Spaniards entered the Chickasaw Home-

land, they settled for the winter in a Chickasaw village that was not being used. They brought with them horses and pigs, the Chickasaws’ first introduction to these animals. The livestock would have a profound influence on the future of Chickasaw culture. Uneasy contact took place between the Chickasaw and Spaniards. The Chickasaw provided food, supplies and gifts to the Spaniards in an effort to keep peace. However, De Soto and his group were not kind to Chickasaw people.

While De Soto found a thriving, complex society, the European perspective of First Americans was much different. The Spanish believed they could do as they pleased to Indigenous people.

In early March 1541, De Soto prepared to leave Chickasaw territory, demanding the Chickasaw supply him with hundreds of people as porters. Tired of the Spanish demands, the Chickasaw decided to force the conquistadors to leave.

In a pre-dawn surprise attack, Chickasaw warriors burned De Soto’s encampment to the ground. It was a Chickasaw custom to strike enemies hard and fast, allowing only for the loss of a few warriors. The Spanish were routed. According to Spanish chroniclers, more than a dozen conquistadors were killed and almost all were wounded in some manner. With such a lopsided victory, the Chickasaw withdrew with their military objectives complete. The Spanish expressed surprise that they were not all killed.

After the battle, the Span-

iards regrouped. The Spanish had many wounded, and they spent time dressing wounds, reforging weapons and regathering strength to continue their journey out of the Chickasaw Homeland. When he felt ready, De Soto began his search for gold anew. However, the battle with the Chickasaw changed the focus from “exploring and conquering” to one of mere survival for his group.

A little more than a year after leaving the Chickasaw, De Soto would die from complications of fever. His men sank his body in the Mississippi River to hide his death. The Spanish built rafts and floated down the Mississippi River to the Gulf Coast, and skirted the coast until they reached Spanish territory in Veracruz, Mexico. According to the Spanish, more than half of the force they began with had died.

The battle with De Soto solidified the reputation of Chickasaw warriors as being fierce. For nearly 150 years, few Europeans traveled to Chickasaw territory. Writings of the time period compare Chickasaw warriors to “Spartans of the Lower Mississippi Valley,” associating them with the deeds and actions of the ancient warriors of Sparta, Greece.

The encounter with De Soto and the Spanish was adapted into the Chickasaw Nation Productions documentary film, “First Encounter.” The film recounts the actions taken by those daring Chickasaw warriors during their first contact

Please see **Encounter**, page 11A

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First encounter

The Chickasaw first encountered the conquistador Hernando de Soto in 1540. Uneasy contact took place between the Chickasaw and Spanish. Chickasaw leaders decided the Spanish must leave the Chickasaw Homeland. The experience was adapted into the “First Encounter” documentary film. For more information about “First Encounter” or other exciting Chickasaw Heritage Series or feature films, visit ChickasawFilms.com.

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with Europeans.

The documentary highlights the encounters, struggles and perseverance of the Chickasaw people throughout Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto's attempted conquest.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby noted the documentary is a production of the Chickasaw Heritage Series, which presents important historical events from a Chickasaw perspective.

"Hernando de Soto is a significant figure in the history of North America. While his story has been told from various points of view, we believe our perspective adds significant context to the historical narrative," Governor Anoatubby said.

"First Encounter" was judged Best Short Documentary at the Trail Dance Film Festival in 2015. The American Indian Film Festival awarded it as an "Official Selection." The late Ed Hermann, a veteran of the silver screen and television, narrates the film.

"First Encounter" is available to purchase on DVD. The DVD special features include the official film trailer and behind-the-scenes extras. These include "The Sounds of First Encounter," "Props and Costumes," "The Making of a Scene" and "Construction of Chicasa."

"First Encounter," along with other Chickasaw Nation Productions titles, can be purchased at the Chickasaw Market, 105 W. Main, and the Chickasaw Press, 1020 N. Mississippi Ave., both in Ada, Oklahoma. They can also be purchased online at ChickasawPress.com.

Other documentaries produced by the Chickasaw Nation include "Bearer of the Morning" and "Pearl Carter Scott: On Top of the World."

In addition to the "First Encounter" documentary, educational curriculum is available at no charge to download for elementary and secondary classrooms. These can be found at ChickasawFilms.com/Education. This curriculum can be used to supplement the educational impact of the documentary.

"The Chickasaw Nation produces feature films, documentaries and school curriculum to tell the story of how

Chickasaws have impacted events in world history. Being able to talk about events from the Chickasaw point of view using film is powerful," Philip Sullivan, director of video production at the Chickasaw Nation, said. "Teachers are using the supplemental curriculum that we offer."

Chickasaw historians, researchers, archaeologists, tribal elders and educators contributed to the writing process of the documentaries and teaching plans of the curriculum. Each film focuses on a specific event or individual throughout the Chickasaw Nation's history. Corresponding curriculum is complete with tailored reading material, discussion questions, student activities, quizzes and references for convenience.

"It's great that the Chickasaw Nation is creating curriculum," said Bernadette Ward of Tulsa's Will Rogers College High and Junior High School, during a 2019 conference introducing Chickasaw curriculum. "Having lived in Oklahoma, and surrounded by so many different (First American) nations, it's important that people know about them. Students need to know where and how this state was created and where we came from. We are surrounded by great cultures; we have to hear from them."

About Chickasaw Nation Productions

Chickasaw Nation Productions was established in 2009 as a result of Governor Anoatubby's vision to utilize film production to preserve the stories of the Chickasaw people.

The goal of Chickasaw Nation Productions is to educate audiences by producing feature films and documentaries with accurate, positive portrayals of Chickasaw people, history and culture.

Each film illustrates how Chickasaw culture played an important role in the lives of the individuals and events portrayed in the films, and how those individuals and events influenced the world around them.

For more information about "First Encounter" or other exciting Chickasaw Heritage Series or feature films, visit ChickasawFilms.com.



Bill Bruegan • The Purcell Register

Riding high

Was it a Star Wars x wing or a farm implement? Either way it made the night festive at the Heart of Oklahoma Christmas parade in downtown Purcell last Thursday.

114 executions and counting: An Oklahoma priest's quest to uphold the 'Dignity of Life'

Whitney Bryen Oklahoma Watch

Bryan Brooks was a teenager, just like them.

In the summer of 1978, Brooks was on break from Putnam City West High School, working with his father at the family's mechanic shop.

They were working at a steakhouse 14 miles from Brooks' school. One Sunday in July, an armed man looking for money marched the four teens — David Lindsey, David Salsman, Terri Horst and Anthony Tew — and two coworkers into the restaurant's freezer and executed them one by one.

When Brooks became Fr. Bryan Brooks, another Catholic priest invited him to a vigil in McAlester to be held as the state exacted retribution on the killer of six Sirloin Stockade employees and three others.

Brooks still remembers how a large crowd outside of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary hugged and cheered at 12:30 a.m. on July 1, 1995, when the condemned drew his final breath.

Brooks stood near the crowd, head bowed, quietly praying for Roger Dale Stafford.

"Have mercy on your son who is about to return to you. May this our prayer made in faith assist him, relieve his struggle in body and spirit, forgive all his sins, and strengthen him with your loving embrace."

Brooks, the pastor at the Church of Saint of Benedict in Broken Arrow, has returned to the state penitentiary to recite that prayer 113 times — each representing a man or woman executed by the state of Oklahoma.

Penciled into a wrinkled leather calendar on Brooks' desk are another 22 executions the state has planned in the next two years.

He refuses to allow those deaths to go unnoticed. Brooks was in McAlester again at 10:24 a.m. Thursday when fewer than a dozen people gathered outside the prison as the state killed Richard Fairchild by lethal injection. Fairchild was sentenced to die for beating his girlfriend's 3-year-old son to death.

Brooks said his faith, his training and his mentor taught him that all lives are sacred, even those who have taken the lives of others.

"The executions are carried out in a way that undermines the dignity of life," Brooks said. "What's being done is more of an act of vengeance than an act of justice and that's

counter to the gospel of life and as a priest, I'm called to be a witness to that."

Where I'm Supposed To Be
Sometimes the 60-year-old priest paces and prays alone in front of a barricade on North West Street as the condemned takes his last breaths in the execution chamber. On rare occasions, he's surrounded by crowds of activists striving to make their voices heard, some for and others against the death penalty.

Usually, he's joined by a parishioner or two and a couple



members of the clergy while nearby one or two opponents of the death penalty hold up a five-foot "thou shalt not kill" banner and provide updates through a livestream video.

Brooks sat in the witness room with only a pane of glass between him and the condemned four times as the state carried out capital punishment, a sentence sought by prosecutors and handed down by judge or jury.

Each time the state takes an inmate's life, Brooks drives two hours to the southeastern Oklahoma prison known as Big Mac. In 27 years, he has missed one execution — to be with his dying father.

Seminary teachers taught him to do challenging things, things others refuse to do. That lesson was reinforced by his mentor's example.

Fr. Donald Brooks, no relation, became the state penitentiary chaplain in the 1960s and helped negotiate an end to the 1973 McAlester prison riot that left three inmates dead, more than 20 people injured and 24 buildings destroyed. Donald Brooks was trusted by prisoners and guards, and became known in Catholic and criminal justice circles for the prayer vigils he organized every time an inmate was put to death.

When his mentor fell ill and could no longer travel to McAlester, Fr. Bryan Brooks took over.

"I really don't like doing this. God knows there are a lot of other things to do, to plan,"

Brooks said. "But this is just where I'm supposed to be and I know that without a doubt."

As that crowd celebrated Stafford's death in 1995, Brooks said his personal calling became clear: Give everyone a chance to repent, to ask for forgiveness and salvation — no matter what they've done.

"These lives are taken by violence and we're gonna take another person's life by violence and that's as serious as it gets," Brooks said.

Forgetting the Words to the 'Our Father'

He remembers his second trip to McAlester for Robert Brecheen's execution on August 11, 1995. He prayed as an ambulance transported Brecheen to the hospital after the condemned tried to commit suicide by overdosing on medication he had been hoarding. Doctors saved a life the state took hours later as retribution for shooting an Ardmore woman in the head as he robbed her home.

Brooks remembers sitting in the front row of the witness room for the first time, watching George K. Wallace being strapped to the execution table. Brooks was so nervous as the doctor injected life-ending drugs into Wallace on August 10, 2000, that he couldn't remember the "Our Father," one of the most well-known and frequently recited prayers in the New Testament.

He remembers Mark Fowler's death better than most. Fowler was the nephew of a priest he knew from seminary. Brooks sat next to Fowler's father in the gallery on Jan. 23, 2001, as they watched his son die for his role in a triple homicide at an Edmond grocery store. Fowler admitted to the robbery but denied killing anyone.

He remembers Jay Neill as the last execution he would witness. As he watched Neill die on Dec. 12, 2002, for murdering four people during a Geronimo bank robbery, Brooks knew the physical, emotional and spiritual toll of these killings had become too much.

"I didn't exactly make it known that I didn't want to do that but I haven't been asked again since," he said.

He remembers Clayton Lockett as the inmate whose death called into question the state's execution protocols. As Brooks prayed outside, Lockett writhed and clenched his teeth in pain on the execution table after the doctor administered an unapproved drug.

Brooks paid close attention to the news that followed. An

investigation into the state's execution procedure and legal challenges that created a de facto moratorium. From February 2015 to September 2021, Brooks avoided McAlester. No death-row inmates' lives were taken by the state.

Brooks took up gardening and oversaw the building of the adoration chapel at St. Benedict.

In that small chapel on the church's south end, Brooks has prayed each morning since October 28, 2021, when the state resumed executions by taking the life of John Grant for killing a prison worker in the kitchen of the Dick Conner Correctional Facility in Hominy.

When he is not in McAlester, Brooks leads daily and Sunday mass, visits sick parishioners, counsels engaged couples and hears confessions of the 1,250 families parish. He oversees church staff, preaches at funerals, guides and supports the priests of eastern Oklahoma as the vicar of priests and serves on numerous Catholic boards and committees. He stacks and puts away chairs after church events and unclogs toilets.

Brooks has presided over funerals of murder victims and comforted their grief-stricken families.

On his lengthy to-do list is research for upcoming executions. He sends emails to hundreds of priests, deacons, seminary students and others who have expressed interest,

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Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between December 1-7, 2022.

Traffic
Robert R. Wyngarden II, no insurance.
Elijah R. Partain, speeding, 85/75.
Jesus Garcia, unsafe lane change.
Holden B. Miller, speeding, 80/70.
Jennifer L. Barnes, speeding, 75/65.
Rebecca E. Wartell, speeding, 80/70.
Micah J. Holden, speeding, 85/75.
Edgar R. Miller, 85/75.
Joy N. Conn, speeding, 85/75.
Conley C. Wills, speeding, 86/65.
Joseph L. Arensdorf, fail to devote attention resulting in collision.

Misdemeanors
Concepcion Garcia-Lopez, public intoxication.
Rene Minjarez-Silva, driving while impaired.
Richard J. Saumur, DUI - aggravated.
Blaine R. Bassler, possession of CDS.
Donald B. Bone, public intoxication.
Adam C. Helm, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.
Anglisa Baker, neglecting or refusing to compel child to attend school.
Anglisa Baker, neglecting or refusing to compel child to attend school.
Marlon M. Antonelli, neglecting or refusing to compel child to attend school.

Brandi Antonelli, neglecting or refusing to compel child to attend school.
Travis L. Martin, obstructing an officer.

Felonies
Christopher R. Sanders, larceny of automobile/aircraft/other motor vehicle.
Christopher S. McGilvray, possession of firearm after former felony conviction.
Juan D. Dominguez, burglary, third degree.
Luis M. W. Medina, burglary, third degree.
Rodney W. Lyle, assault and battery or assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.
David A. Zimmerman, unauthorized use of a vehicle.
Alan M. Ranjbar, acquire proceeds from drug activity.
David B. Baxter, possession of stolen vehicle.
Javier M. Medina, burglary, third degree.
Ronald S. Yeakley Jr., bringing contraband into jail/penal institution.
Blake S. Huxley, possession of stolen vehicle.

Small Claims
Erhardt Group LLC vs. Barbara Johnson, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
Erhardt Group LLC vs. Amber Blaisdelland, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
Beverly Conner vs. Joseph Ward, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.
27693 Hershal Smith Rd, LLC vs.

Arturo Caballero, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Civil
First Fidelity Bank N.A. vs. Jerry D. Owen, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Blanchard Building Ctr Inc. vs. Randy Johnson, civil action \$10,000 or less.
Progressive County Mutual Ins vs. Jody Mooreland, civil action \$10,000 or more.
Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Jeffrey S. Spangler, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed
Curtis E. Gonzales, 28, and Taylor P. O. Mattauch-Nyberg, 26, both of Washington.
Julian R. Hogg, 35, and Ilodia L. Gutierrez, 44, both of Purcell.
Jacob L. McSorley, 24, and Shayle M. Madden, 25, both of Washington.
Daniel E. Cavnar, 47, of Purcell and Audrey Vorster, 52, of Norman.
Matthew W. Mason, 45, of Goldsby and Joi I. Kern, 42, of Purcell.
Billy D. Zerbel, 61, and Kassie L. Scott, 36, both of Purcell.
Roy L. Wise, 32, and Devon T. W. Ganster, 28, both of Newcastle.

Divorces Granted
Amber N. Carlton vs. Brandon G. Carlton.
Ashley D. Hosek vs. Larry J. Hosek.
Brandy M. Vande Lune vs. Bruce A. Vande Lune.
Jennifer A. Camp vs. Nicholas G. Camp.
Cheryl D. Rhodes vs. William C. Rhodes.

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Dignity:



• Whitney Bryen/Oklahoma Watch

Extending prayers

Fr. Bryan Brooks prays outside of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester on October 20 as the state executed Benjamin Cole for murdering his 9-month-old daughter. Brooks has prayed at the prison during 114 executions in the past 27 years.

including detailed summaries of the crime, names and ages of the victims, updates on appeals and commutation hearings and the date and time for the vigil.

‘Bring Christ’ To the Victims’ Pain

On October 20, when the state executed Benjamin Cole for murdering his 9-month-old daughter, Brooks greeted

prison guards stationed at the barricade, familiar protestors and news reporters as he took his spot on the street in front of the prison.

Brooks prayed for the victims and their families. For the corrections officers and the doctor administering the life-ending drugs. And for the inmate before and after death.

“All powerful and merciful God, we commend to you Benjamin Cole, your servant. In your mercy and love, blot out the sins he has committed through human weakness. In this world, he has died. Let him live with you forever.”

This prayer reserved for after death is on page 19 of a stapled booklet of prayers, verses and hymns that Brooks provides to anyone who wants to join in. The pages are kept in shiny, navy blue folders creased and worn from years of use.

Inside, above the pockets, are rows of labels that serve as reminders to those in prayer and a register of the dead — those avenged by capital punishment and those who are victims of it.

Victim: Rhonda Kay Timmons. To be executed: Robert “Randy” Clayton.

Victim: Earnestine Jones. To be executed: Eddie Trice.

Victim: Gloria Leathers. To be Executed: Wanda Jean Allen.

There are at least a dozen stickers inside each folder, not all of them the same.

Among the pages is the Catholic church’s opposition to capital punishment. The teaching is read aloud during execution vigils. Brooks occasionally includes it in his sermons. Once while serving a parish in Okmulgee, a parishioner stood up at the end of mass and sternly pronounced that he

knew a victim whose killer had been executed.

“I had just stepped on a landmine because I was not thinking there are people in the pews here every Sunday that have been touched by violence,” Brooks said. “And you’ve got to be bringing Christ to that pain as much as you are going to the prison.”

His parishioners have included a district attorney and a judge who had sentenced people to death.

“In talking with them I realized, okay, let’s bring some humility to this,” Brooks said. “Let’s kind of throttle back a little bit.”

Though his language has softened, Brooks’ message is unchanged. So is Oklahoma’s support for the death penalty.

‘The Long Game’

Two-thirds of voters approved a 2016 state question protecting capital punishment in the Oklahoma constitution.

A 2021 survey found that 64 percent of Oklahomans favor the death penalty.

Brooks knows that promoting abolition puts him in the minority. He’s reminded every time an inmate loses an appeal or the Pardon and Parole Board denies commutation.

He’s reminded every time the state kills on his behalf.

Brooks finds encouragement in the small but significant changes he’s seen since Stafford’s execution.

Pope Francis’ hardened stance against capital punishment. Publicity over cases like Julius Jones and Richard Glossip highlighting flaws in the criminal justice system. Conversations with parishioners who have experienced a change of heart.

“I have seen things change. Just because there are not 200 people out here doesn’t mean that people have not been moved to rethink, why are we doing this?” Brooks said. “We have long ways to go, but Jesus plays the long game.”

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Oklahoma Watch, at oklahomawatch.org, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization that covers public-policy issues facing the state.

The Purcell Register Obituaries

Leslie Cornelious Gibson

Leslie Cornelious Gibson died December 11, 2022, in Lexington, at the age of 60 years 8 months 24 days. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at the Wadley’s Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Lexington Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley’s Funeral Service. Online condolences may be made at www.wadleysfuneralservice.com.
Leslie was born March 18, 1962, in Idabel, Oklahoma to Lester C. and Betty (Dunn) Gibson. He was raised in Idabel until his teenage years, when the family relocated to Oklahoma City.

Leslie was baptized into the General Assembly and Church of the First Born on September 5, 1973, by his beloved grandfather, James Dunn.

He married Cathy Carol Edwards on June 19, 1982, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and recently celebrated their 40th anniversary. Leslie worked as a mill worker for many years, but his true passion was his garden. He was very good at growing vegetables and flowers, and was known to pray over his garden, and enjoyed sharing his harvest with his friends and family.

Leslie loved all things Clint Eastwood, as well as recording deer and other animals in his yard. God was first in his heart and life, and he enjoyed reading and studying his Bible. He loved his family, but his grandchildren were his pride and joy.

Leslie is preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Betty Gibson; his grandparents, James and Mandy Dunn; and his two brothers, David Gibson and Danny Gibson.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy Gibson of Lexington; his son, Christopher Gibson of Lexington; his daughter, Summer Holman and husband, Matthew, of Oklahoma City; his grandsons, Anthony Holman and Zach Holman; his sister, Janice Dunn of Idabel; and numerous other relatives and friends.

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Mary K. Skipper

Funeral services for Mary K. Skipper, 79, of Purcell will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, December 16, 2022 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mrs. Skipper passed away Sunday, December 11, 2022.
Mary Katherine Castle was born April 3, 1943 in Williamson, West Virginia, the oldest child of Ralph Castle Sr. and Mary Marie (Lester) Castle. She was raised in Stone, Kentucky graduating with Belfry High School Class of 1961.

By chance, she met a young Texas cowboy at a Halloween party. His name was Lloyd Skipper, and this was the beginning of their life together. By 1967, they had settled near Washington where they raised their family.

Mary graduated from Central State University with a Bachelors of Business Degree in Accounting. She worked as a money manager for various places throughout the years, including Oklahoma Department of Corrections as well as handling day to day business in the family trucking business.

Mary was a hard worker and a generous spirit, a woman of great faith and a member of Grace Chapel in Lexington. She cherished her family, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Jake Bryen; husband, Lloyd Skipper; her parents, Ralph Sr. and Mary Castle and a brother, Ples McClellan Castle.

Mary is survived by her children, brothers who she raised as her own, David Edward Castle and Ralph Castle Jr. and wife, Regina (Gina); daughter, Lucy (Amy) Bryen and husband, Jim, and son, James David Skipper and wife, Pam; sister, Linda Gail Petruzz; grandchildren, Jeffery Scott Castle, Paul David, Katrina Dawn Castle, Tricia (Wilson) Sartori, James Lawrence Bryen, Joseph E. Bryen, Trevor J. Skipper, Jimi Len (Bryen) Kale, Jacob Devin Bryen, Tanner Ross Skipper, Travis Newt Skipper, Amelia Faith Skipper, Tucker Isaiah Lloyd Skipper and Tristen Adriano (AJ) Skipper; several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittlefuneralhome@gmail.com.

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Elder Michael Franklin Hughes

Funeral services for Elder Michael Franklin Hughes, 71, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 15, 2022 at the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in Purcell. The funeral service will be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend at Watch Purcell PC Service Online - Purcell Primitive Baptist Church and on the church’s Facebook site. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Elder Hughes died Dec. 10, 2022 at his home.
He was born May 5, 1951 in Rule, Texas, the son of Fae and Fred Hughes.

Survivors include his son, William Hughes and wife, Andrea Haken-Hughes; his daughter, Rachael Zintgraff and husband, Paul Zintgraff; his sister-in-law, Emma Jean Newman and one granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to either Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church or Harmony Plains Singing School, and can be mailed to Paula Brown, 3112 Tayport Street, Norman, Oklahoma, 73072.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Rex Leslie Howard Jr.

Private family funeral services will be held for Rex Leslie Howard Jr. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Howard died peacefully Dec. 11, 2022 at his home.
He was the oldest of three children born to Rex Sr. and Darrell Wayne (Russell) Howard.

Survivors include his sister, Sondra Schultz and husband, Ronnie, of Purcell; his brother, Toby Howard of Purcell; his nieces, Kaysea Knoles and husband, Frank, of Norman, Brittani Southwell and husband, Hunter, of Chickasha, Breanna Schultz and fiancé, Aiden Akerman, of Lexington, Brea Schultz and significant other, Shawn Rolen, of Ada, and Haylee Howard and significant other, Nick Castellano, of Ravia.

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Ira Richard Perry

Graveside services for Ira Richard Perry, 61, of Wayne were held December 12, 2022 at the Hopping Cemetery in Wayne under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Perry died unexpectedly Dec. 6, 2022.
Ira was born Nov. 4, 1961 in Purcell, the baby of five children born to Jessie Blalock Perry and Lenora Lenita (Stevenson) Perry.
Survivors include his brother, Wilfred “Hank” Perry of Lexington and sister, Evelyn Marie Fore of Lawton.
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Grow:

Deputies seized the illegal plants and released several workers pending further investigation.

Officials confirmed this is the second time an illegal grow facility has been shut down at the same facility.

The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics, Dibble Police Department and McClain County District 3 Commissioners Office assisted with the operation.

Sheriff Landy Offolter said he is committed to holding persons accountable for operating outside the confines of the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Act and is thankful for partner-

ships with state and local law enforcement agencies.

“I am thankful for the dedicated group of Deputies, both full-time and Reserves, who serve McClain County,” Offolter said.

“Their continued efforts to seek out bad actors within the communities in which many of the Deputies live have no doubt created a safer environment for everyone.

“I will continue to support the efforts of my Deputies and commend each of them for their follow-through in these types of investigations,” the sheriff concluded.



• Photo provided

Sifting through

McClain County Sheriff Deputies going through the illegal marijuana growing facility in Blanchard last week where over 1,800 illegal plants were confiscated.

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Tornado:

in the basement of their home.

Missi was on the phone with her sister, Justina Reaves, when the tornado struck their house.

Justina and Jared Reaves live almost right next door to the south. They did not report any damage.

Also, a house right next door to the Lynn residence did not sustain any damage at all.

At least three other structures in the area were damaged and roofs across a large portion of town had shingle damage, according to McClain County Sheriff Landy Offolter.

“Fortunately, there were no injuries reported,” Offolter said.

The American Red Cross set up for business operations at the First Baptist Church. Offolter said a generator was brought in so they could operate since there was no electricity in town.

Power was restored between 6:40-7:40 p.m. Tuesday depending on what part of town your home is located.

The storm dumped 1.2” of rain in Purcell. That coupled with the .8” that fell December 7 hikes the yearly total in Purcell to 38.32”. Dibble got 2”.

Comparatively, Oklahoma City has received 25.69”. The normal for this time of year is 36.52”.

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Election:

Dan Shephard will square off in April.

Likewise, Anthony Tony Brennan and Paul Moore will vye for the Washington School Board seat.

Steve Long and Veronica Rivera both filed for the Dibble School Board seat.

Doyle Greteman is unop-

posed for the Mid-America board position.

Mary Webb is running unopposed for the Purcell School Board.

The school board elections will be held April 4.

Graham Fishburn is running unopposed for his seat on the Purcell City Council.



Greg Gaston • double g images

Cheering on champions

The Washington High School cheer team was all smiles before the Warriors’ championship game against Millwood Saturday. Washington defeated Millwood 17-14.

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Rollover:

Officers on the scene said they could smell the scent of alcohol coming from the suspect and in the cab of the pickup.

A Glock 23 pistol was found inside the vehicle with a bullet in the chamber and two magazines in the cab.

Officers Kyle Mobley and Jeremy Pittman were originally dispatched to the scene but were soon joined by officers Josh Van Oort, Cassie Lewis and Captain James Bolling due to the situation.

A background check determined Blunt had a felony conviction on his record so possessing a firearm was just another charge he was facing in addition to DUI.

After Blunt was transported

to the police station and placed in the holding cell, he was yelling profanities and not following commands when he ultimately had to be pepper sprayed to be subdued.

Wadley’s and Purcell Firefighters were called to the scene where they attempted to flush his eyes. Ultimately Blunt had to go through the decontamination shower at Purcell Municipal Hospital before being placed in the McClain County Detention Center.

The vehicle Blunt was driving belonged to Bruce Sloan Tires where he had been doing some work.

Blunt is facing numerous charges in McClain County District Court, including driv-

ing a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident involving damage, driving

with a license cancelled or suspended or revoked and carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol.

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Putting up points

Washington sophomore Mayson Thomas (13) kicks a 25-yard field goal in the Warriors' 17-14 State championship win over Millwood Saturday. Tatum Wilk (12) was the holder. Thomas was also good on two point after attempts.

Lady Bulldogs win
Consolation

Behind Jordynn Debaets' 32 points,
Wayne beats Geary 61-49

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Lady Bulldogs, behind Jordynn Debaets' 32 points, got a 61-49 win over a "scrappy" Geary team on Saturday to nab the Consolation championship.



Kaylee
Madden



Kaleb
Madden

Madden, who had 45 points through three tournament games, was named to the All-Tournament team. The Lady Bulldogs started their tournament with a 54-46 loss to Ninnekah.

"We missed too many opportunities and that was our downfall. They hit everything they threw up and we had no answer for that," Burnett said. Madden and Brazell were in double figures in the Ninnekah loss. Madden had 20 while Brazell had 11. After the loss, Wayne got a 43-17 win over Fletcher. "We played good defense against Fletcher. I'm proud of our girls for holding them to just two second-half points," Burnett said.

Seven Lady Bulldogs scored in the win led by Madden's 13. Debaets added eight, Addison Keeler had seven and Brazell had six.

Putnam Heights

Last Tuesday, Wayne got a lopsided 51-18 win over Putnam Heights. Brazell led the team with 16 points. "Faith has been getting quality minutes for us. She's leading the team in rebounds and averaging double figures." Along with Brazell, Madden, Debaets and Madi Sharp are also averaging double

Please see **Wayne**, page 4B

Winter storm warning

Purcell owns Madill Winter Classic with two champions

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell took the Madill Winter Classic basketball tournament by storm crowning champions in both the boys and girls brackets. Coach Toney Cooper's Dragons trailed Sulphur 30-26 heading into the fourth quarter of the tournament opener.

I'm extremely proud of our girls. From start to finish, we got better with each opportunity.

Toney Cooper
Head Coach

The Dragons stormed back to out-score Sulphur 17-6 in the final quarter thanks in large part to canning 10 of 15 free throw attempts. Junior Jenna Avery nailed a trey in the final period. Senior KK Eck went 4-6 at the line in that quarter and had a pair of buckets from beyond the arc in the contest. She finished with 10 points.

Fellow senior Lauren Holmes led the Dragons in scoring with a dozen. That fourth quarter spring boarded Purcell to a 61-8 semifinal blowout over Marietta and a 71-53 beat down of Dickson. Sophomore Kenna Esparza erupted for seven three-pointers in the Dickson victory to lead all scorers with 23 points. She finished with 38 points in the tournament and was named the tourney's MVP. Sophomore Ella Resendiz added 24 in the three day event followed by fellow sophomore Tinley Winters with 22. "We wanted to finish this tournament off the way we started with strong defense," Cooper said. "Along with solid defense we were able to knock down shots." Kenna Esparza lead the way scoring wise. Joining her in double digits scoring were Tinley Winters, Haven Buchanan and Ella Resendiz. It was a great

night offensively and defensively for our team. Perfect way to cap off an impressive performance by our girls in this tournament." "I'm extremely proud of our girls," Cooper said. "From start to finish we got better with each opportunity. "In the Sulphur game we started sluggish, but held them below 10 points in the second half to pull away. Both KK Eck and Lauren Holmes were instrumental in that win, they led us

offensively and provided key stops defensively down the stretch to close out that game." The coach reported Holmes pulled down double digit rebounds giving the Dragons many extra possessions. "Jenna Avery and Hannah Whitaker provided a much needed spark off the bench," the coach said.

Please see **Dragons**, page 3B



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Champions

Purcell won the girls bracket of the Madill Winter Classic basketball tournament last weekend in southern Oklahoma defeating Sulphur, Marietta and Dickson.



• Photo provided

Madill champions

Purcell won the boys bracket of the Madill Winter Classic basketball tournament last weekend in southern Oklahoma defeating Sulphur, Madill and Mount St. Mary.

Warrior girls first at Latta

Boys are runners up

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington girls basketball team won the Latta basketball tournament last Saturday. They defeated Crowder (57-22), Lindsay (65-44) and Comanche (60-45) to claim the title. Head coach Kale Simon likes the effort his team played with in the tournament. "The thing that is making us successful right now is our aggression as a team," he said. "The girls are creating chances for themselves with the ball while willing to make the extra pass and the right play. They're sharing the ball and playing as a unit on both ends." Washington got out to a quick lead against Crowder and led 20-6 after the first quarter. They only allowed two points in the second quarter and four in the third on the way to a 35-point victory. "We set a tone on defense and it allowed us to be successful," Simon said. Rielyn Scheffe led all scorers with 18 points. Preslee Johnson scored 16 and Kelby Beller had 14 to join Scheffe in double figures. **Lindsay**

They again started off fast in the semi-finals against Lindsay, blowing the game open with a 20-5 opening quarter. They kept a commanding lead throughout the game and came away with the 21-point win. Washington was very balanced offensively with five girls in double figures.

The girls are creating chances for themselves with the ball while willing to make the extra pass and the right play.

— Kale Simon,
head coach

Kyndall Wells and Johnson led the team with 13 points each. Breanna Lindert scored 12, Scheffe had 11 and Beller had 10 points. "We're in attack mode," Simon said. "Our mind set is good and it has allowed us to be successful." **Comanche** Washington's hot start philosophy worked so well the first two games they

figured it must be a winning recipe. Their 20-8 first quarter was just that and they closed out the Indians with a 15 point win to secure the tournament championship. "I was really proud of them," Simon said. Scheffe had the hot hand offensively with 23 points, followed by Beller (12) and Lindert (10). It was a solid start to the season, which now stands at 5-0. Despite the strong start, the coach said they have more to work on as the season progresses. "We're working daily on creating good habit—championship habits," Simon said. "I want them doing the right thing within our system and we're working to do that all the time." **Boys** Coach Trevor Smith's boys defeated Kiowa (67-37) and Latta (44-41) before falling to Lindsay (55-36) in the finals. "The day of the finals was a weird day with us going to the football (championship) game and then immediately left straight for Latta," Smith said. "Lindsay is a really good team and I'm not taking any-

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Thursday, December 15

*Lexington Girls vs. Crooked Oak • 4 p.m.
*Lexington Boys vs. Santa Fe South • 2:30 p.m.

*Wynnewood Savage Invitational

Wayne vs. Earlsboro • 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 16

Purcell @ Davis • 6:30 p.m.



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Game winner

Washington sophomore Nate Roberts (9) catches the game-clinching touchdown from quarterback Major Cantrell during the Warriors' 17-14 State championship win over Millwood on Saturday afternoon.

From page 1A

Champs:

of his career.

“Jaxon and our other safety Cole Beller and our two corners Tanner Olson and Marlon Moore had their hands full with some D1 receivers out there.”

Coming into the year only Hendrix had starting experience in the defensive backfield.

“For us to break in three guys to come in on the biggest stage was pretty impressive,” the coach said.

The defense kept the game close but Washington found itself trailing 14-7.

Enter kicker Mayson Thomas, who booted a 25-yard field goal bringing the Warriors closer to the Falcons.

“We had only tried three field goals all year,” Beller said. “He made two of them including the one he’ll always be remembered for Saturday. That gave us the ability to take the lead. It was a crucial time with 11 minutes left when it looked very bleak if we were going to come back and win.”

The Warriors rode their offensive horse in running back Cole Scott for the entire game offensively.

Scott, who rushed the ball 34 times for 118 yards and a touchdown, “has been the engine behind our offense the last couple of years,” Beller said.

Scott, who scored the War-

riors first touchdown on a two yard plunge in the first quarter, had some gaps caused by the offensive line but his hard running was noted by the head coach.

“He did a great job of running hard and earned every yard he made,” Beller said.

Beller said junior quarterback Major Cantrell, “had a very solid game.”

Cantrell had five carries for 50 yards and tossed the game-winning eight yard touchdown pass to tight end Nate Roberts in the back of the end zone.”

Cantrell was 14 of 29 passing for 125 yards and the game-winner.

“He just stood in there and made an unbelievable pass and Nate made a great catch. Two guys who don’t get a lot of the attention are Cage Morris and Cooper Alexander,” the coach said.

“They each had five receptions and helped us get into scoring position on both of our touchdown drives,” Beller noted.

The monkey off their backs.

“It was actually a gorilla,” Beller said with a chuckle. “We’d been so close for 26 years. You could definitely feel the energy from the crowd. I can’t thank the Warrior Nation

enough for all the waiting and laboring and also understanding that this group has worked so hard for so long to get to their goal. We appreciate the fans for being there.”

Chad Richison Stadium was definitely weighted in favor of the Warriors. The fans rocked the stadium when the Warriors accepted the Gold Ball.

Beller acknowledged his senior class of Jaxon Hendrix, Cole Scott, Hayden Milner, Brayden Arthur, Caleb Bruce, Nathan Rainey, Wyatt McCauley, Jeffrey Osburn and Kaedon Hutchinson.

They were 53-4 during their career and made three State

Championship appearances. They finished 29-0 at home and were undefeated in district play.

“For them to finish it off the way they did is something special,” Beller said.

The Warriors, who started the season as pre-season No. 1 went wire-to-wire, running the table to a perfect 15-0 season.

This year’s senior class was never ranked out of the top 5 in the state and put a cherry on top with this year’s State Championship.

Beller, who closed out his 13th season as head coach of the Warriors, is 135-35 at Washington.

12/8	
Purcell 43	
Sulphur 36	

Purcell	9	11	6	17—43
Sulphur	13	14	3	6—36

Player	Points
Lauren Holmes	12
KK Eck	10
Ella Resendiz	5
Hannah Whitaker	5
Jenna Avery	4
Hadleigh Harp	3
Tinley Winters	2

12/9	
Purcell 61	
Marietta 8	

Purcell	8	18	10	25—61
Marietta	0	1	6	1—8

Player	Points
Kenna Esparza	15
Jenna Avery	9
Tinley Winters	9
Hadleigh Harp	7
Ella Resendiz	6
KK Eck	4
Haven Buchanan	4
Lauren Holmes	3
Hannah Whitaker	2
Genesis Canales	2

12/10	
Purcell 71	
Dickson 53	

Purcell	24	14	16	17—71
Dickson	11	13	7	20—53

Player	Points
Kenna Esparza	23
Ella Resendiz	13
Tinley Winters	11
Haven Buchanan	10
Lauren Holmes	5
Hannah Whitaker	5
KK Eck	2
Hadleigh Harp	2
Jenna Avery	1

12/8	
Purcell 65	
Sulphur 42	

Purcell	14	24	11	16—65
Sulphur	6	1	9	16—42

Player	Points
Malachi Evans	28
Kobe Freeman	9
Kylen DeFreeze	8
Lincoln Eubank	6
Brayden Tharp	6
Hayden Ice	6
Kash Guthmueller	2

12/9	
Purcell 43	
Madill 37	

Purcell	15	12	5	11—43
Madill	9	7	8	13—37

Player	Points
Kobe Freeman	18
Malachi Evans	9
Lincoln Eubank	8
Hayden Ice	3
Brayden Tharp	3
Brody Galyean	2

12/10	
Purcell 48	
Saint Mary 35	

Purcell	7	11	14	16—48
Saint Mary	8	10	11	6—35

Player	Points
Hayden Ice	14
Kobe Freeman	12
Malachi Evans	9
Brody Galyean	6
Lincoln Eubank	5
Kylen DeFreeze	2

From page 1B

Dragons:

“Riding the defensive momentum to close out the Sulphur game, our girls put on one of the best defensive performances I have ever seen. Holding them to one point in the first half and only allowing seven the rest of the game. Kenna Esparza found her groove offensively, and Jenna Avery followed up her game one performance with another solid outing in this game. She made big plays on both ends of the floor,” Cooper said.

Roger Raper’s Dragons breezed past Sulphur 65-42 in the tournament opener fueled by senior Malachi Evans’ 28 points. He busted six treys in the contest and Purcell was 7-8 at the charity stripe as a team.

The Dragons burst to a 38-7 lead at halftime holding Sulphur to one point in the second quarter.

Purcell got off to a fast start in the semifinals leading the host Wildcats by a margin of 27-16 at halftime before post-

ing a 43-37 verdict to move to the finals.

Sophomore Kobe Freeman led the Dragon offense with 18 points. He finished the three day run with 39 points behind Evans who poured in 46 in the three-day tournament.

In the Madill victory, Purcell was 20-27 as a team from the line.

In the finals Saturday night, the Dragons were solid in a 48-35 victory over Mount St. Mary. The game was knotted at 18-all when the two teams went to the halftime locker room but Purcell pulled away in the second half, out-scoring the Rockets 30-17. The tenacious Dragon defense held St. Mary to six fourth quarter points.

Freeman was named the tournament’s MVP while Evans was tabbed to the All-Tournament team.

Senior Hayden Ice scored 10 of his team-high 14 points in the second half. Freeman, who had a pair of buckets from

downtown, was also in double figures with a dozen.

“It was an incredible week for our team,” Raper said. “We are improving each time out and that’s what I am looking at more than anything.

“We were down three players going into the tournament due to injury. That was a concern for sure, but our guys stepped up and carried the load,” the coach said.

“Brody Galyean and Malachi Evans were huge on the defensive end all weekend. Both had very tough assignments and I couldn’t have asked for better

performances.

“Lincoln Eubank and Hayden Ice are starting to get back into rhythm and Kylen DeFreeze made his debut this weekend,” Raper said. “Brayden Tharp was very solid on both ends of the court .”

The No. 2 ranked Dragons have key conference road games this week at Pauls Valley on Tuesday and at Davis on Friday to close out the pre-holiday portion of the schedule.

“We need to continue playing solid defense as our offense continues to gel and improve,” Raper concluded.

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Consolation champs

The Wayne Lady Bulldogs beat Geary 61-49 in the Consolation Championship of the Binger-Oney tournament to take home some hardware. Junior Jordynnn Debaets led the Lady Bulldogs with 32 points in the win. Senior Kaylee Madden was named to the All-Tournament team. Pictured are, in front, from left, Ashlyn Kirkland, Jordynnn Debaets and Brysten Shephard. In back, from left, are head coach Bill Burnett, Morgan Cross, Alyssa Hobson, Faith Brazell, Kaylee Madden, Madi Sharp, Karsen Adams and Mallory Sharp. In the back row are Chance Sharp and Jake Brazell.

From page 1B

Wayne:

figures for Wayne.

The Lady Bulldogs have a 5-3 record and will play Class B Earlsboro tonight (Thursday).

Boys

The Wayne Bulldogs kicked off the Binger-Oney tournament with a 62-42 win over Geary.

“We came out shooting well and we played defense as good as we could for two and a half quarters,” head coach Jackson Embry said.

Senior Kaleb Madden and sophomore Jaxon Dill were in double figures in the win. Madden singed the nets for 28 while Dill added 16.

Junior Wyatt Webster and senior Taylen Bryant got in a little foul trouble, but that gave some of the younger guys on the team to pick up some good in-game minutes.

“Ashton (Norton) and Kyler (Cantrell) got more minutes and more confidence going into the break,” Embry said.

That win set up a game with Mountain View-Gotebo, a tough Class B opponent. The Bulldogs fell to the Tigers 40-34 in double overtime.

“We just didn’t shoot well, but we played some good defense. They were beat out in the semis last year and they brought back the majority of their roster.”

According to Embry, Dill and Madden were both well below their average.

“Our shots weren’t falling. But, that was the most complete game we’ve played defensively,” Embry said.

Madden had 10 points in the loss and Webster added seven. Taylen Bryant had six.

The Bulldogs’ dropped their final game of the tournament, a 56-48 loss to Union City.

“We played well the first three quarters ... we were able to break their trap and we were hitting shots.”

The Bulldogs, down 13-9

after the first quarter, put togher a 15-2 run to tie it up 26-26 at halftime.

They added 15 in the third to hold a three point, 41-38 lead. But, the Tigers went to a 1-2-2 press and shut down the Bulldogs.

“When they changed their press they shut us down. We looked like an inexperienced team,” Embry said.

Union City outscored Wayne 18-7 in the final stanza to get the win.

“Our last eight out of nine quarters have been really good for us. We’ve played good basketball. But when you play ranked opponents they make you pay for your mistakes and missing free throws.”

Embry made special mention of junior Bradey Vanschuyver.

“Bradey has really stepped up his role on defense. He’s tenacious and has worked hard to improve his defense.”

Madden, who scored 52 points through three tournament games, was named to the All-Tournament team.

Putnam Heights

Last Tuesday, Wayne put together a 20-point, 76-56 win over Putnam Heights Academy.

“We shot well last week. Taylen had a good game and Kaleb was in double digits and had eight rebounds and six assists. “Jaxon had a career-high 21 points. I was glad to see our scoring spread around,” Embry said.

The Panthers jumped out to a 21-16 lead after one quarter of play, but Wayne’s defense shut them down for the next three quarters.

The Bulldogs are 4-4 on the season and will host Earlsboro tonight (Thursday).

“We’ve beat ourselves in several of these game. I feel like if we can play defense like we have over the last week, we’ll be dangerous when we get to the playoffs,” Embry said.

12/6

Wayne 76

Putnam Heights 56

Putnam Heights..	21	11	13	11	—56
Wayne	16	19	19	22	—76

Player	Points
Jaxon Dill	21
Taylen Bryant	19
Kaleb Madden	13
Wyatt Webster	10
Ty Kemp	6
Ashton Norton	4
Bradey Vanschuyver	2
Denton Woods	2

12/8

Wayne 62

Geary 42

Wayne	16	14	17	15	—62
Geary	10	5	9	18	—42

Player	Points
Kaleb Madden	28
Jaxon Dill	16
Bradey Vanschuyver	6
Wyatt Webster	4
Cameron Davis	3
Colton Sweetman	3
Ashton Norton	2

12/9

MVG 40

Wayne 34 2OT

MVG	7	12	4	6	4	7	—40
Wayne	8	5	12	4	4	1	—34

Player	Points
Kaleb Madden	10
Wyatt Webster	7
Taylen Bryant	6
Jaxon Dill	4
Bradey Vanschuyver	4
Ashton Norton	2
Kyler Cantrell	1

12/10

Union City 56

Wayne 48

Union City	13	13	12	18	—56
Wayne	9	17	15	7	—48

Player	Points
Jaxon Dill	14
Kaleb Madden	14
Taylen Bryant	9
Wyatt Webster	9
Bradey Vanschuyver	2

12/6

Wayne 51

Putnam Heights 18

Putnam Heights	6	5	5	2	—18
Wayne	22	14	7	8	—51

Player	Points
Faith Brazell	16
Kaylee Madden	9
Jordynnn Debaets	7
Madi Sharp	7
Addison Keeler	4
Ashlyn Kirkland	4
Brysten Shephard	2
Ava Stottlemyre	2

12/8

Ninnekah 54

Wayne 46

Ninnekah	12	15	14	13	—54
Wayne	14	12	5	15	—46

Player	Points
Kaylee Madden	20
Faith Brazell	11
Jordynnn Debaets	6
Brysten Shephard	4
Madi Sharp	3
Addison Keeler	2

12/9

Wayne 43

Fletcher 17

Wayne	15	10	12	6	—43
Fletcher	5	6	6	0	—17

Player	Points
Kaylee Madden	13
Jordynnn Debaets	8
Addison Keeler	7
Faith Brazell	6
Alyssa Hobson	4
Brysten Shephard	3
Ashlyn Kirkland	2

12/10

Wayne 61

Geary 49

Wayne	13	17	16	15	—61
Geary	15	13	10	11	—49

Player	Points
Jordynnn Debaets	32
Kaylee Madden	12
Faith Brazell	7
Alyssa Hobson	4
Brysten Shephard	4
Ashlyn Kirkland	2

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NOTICE OF HEARING MOTION
TO CONFIRM SHERIFF’S SALE

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Location: Blanchard, Oklahoma
Located: A tract of land in East
Half of the Southwest Quarter of
the Northeast Quarter (E/2, SE/4,
NE/4) of Section Nineteen (19),
Township Eight North (T8N), Range
Four West (R4W) of the I.M., Mc-
Clain County, Oklahoma.

Estimated total cost: \$2,250,000
Grant number: 21AH4005860,
Amount: \$2,250,000

FINDING OF NO
SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
The Chickasaw Nation has
determined that the project will
have no significant impact on the
human environment. Therefore, an
Environmental Impact Statement
under the National Environmental
Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not re-
quired. An Environmental Review
Record (ERR) that documents the
environmental determinations for
this project is on file at Chickasaw
Nation’s Environmental Services
1629 N Broadway Ada, OK 74820
where the ERR may be examined
or copied weekdays 8 a.m. to 5

p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency
may submit written comments on
the ERR to the Chickasaw Nation
Environmental Services or email
Phillip.cravatt@chickasaw.net. All
comments received by January
1, 2023 will be considered by the
Chickasaw Nation prior to autho-
rizing submission of a request for
release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Chickasaw Nation certifies
to HUD that Bill Anoatubby in his
capacity as the Governor of the
Chickasaw Nation consents to ac-
cept the jurisdiction of the Federal
Courts if an action is brought to en-
force responsibilities in relation to
the environmental review process
and that these responsibilities
have been satisfied. HUD’s ap-
proval of the certification satisfies
its responsibilities under NEPA and
related laws and authorities and
allows Chickasaw Nation to use
Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its
release of fund and the Chickasaw
Nation certification for a period
of fifteen days. Objections may
be submitted to HUD on one of
the following bases: (a) the certi-
fication was not executed by the
Certifying Officer of the Chickasaw
Nation; (b) the Chickasaw Nation
has omitted a step or failed to make
a decision or finding required by
HUD regulations at 24 CFR part
58; (c) the grant recipient or other
participants in the development
process have committed funds,
incurred costs or undertaken
activities not authorized by 24
CFR Part 58 before approval of
a release of funds by HUD; or (d)
another Federal agency acting
pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has
submitted a written finding that the
project is unsatisfactory from the
standpoint of environmental qual-
ity. Objections must be prepared
and submitted in accordance with
the required procedures (24 CFR
Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be
addressed to submitted to the HUD
designated email address:
SPONAP_EnvironmentalCom-
ments@hud.gov. Potential objec-
tors should contact HUD to verify
the actual last day of the objection
period.

Bill Anoatubby,
Governor of the Chickasaw
Nation

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Warriors:

thing away from them.”

Hayden Hicks and Cash Andrews led the Warriors over the weekend and were both named to the all-tournament team.

Hicks averaged 15.7 points over the three games and Andrews averaged nine.

Latta

The Warriors’ three-point win over Class 2A No. 9 Latta was not as close as the final appeared.

“We had a 10-point lead going in to the fourth quarter but they were hitting shots late.

“Overall I was pleased with the tournament,” Smith said. “You always want to win at least two games in a tournament.”

Washington is 3-3 this season.

12/8 Boys

Washington 67

Kiowa 37

12/8 Girls

Washington 57

Crowder 22

Washington	20	23	14	0	—57
Crowder	6	2	4	10	—22

Player	Points
Rielyn Scheffe	18
Preslee Johnson	16
Kelby Beller	14
Kyndall Wells	6
Emmersyn Massey	2
Addy Lanham	1

12/9 Boys

Washington 44

Latta 41

12/9 Girls

Washington 65

Lindsay 44

Washington	20	22	20	3	—65
Lindsay	5	16	7	16	—44

Player	Points
Kyndall Wells	13
Preslee Johnson	13
Breanna Lindert	12
Rielyn Scheffe	11
Kelby Beller	10
Jayden Taylor	5
Addy Lanham	3

12/10 Boys

Lindsay 55

Washington 36

12/10 Girls

Washington 60

Comanche 45

Washington	20	9	21	8	—60
Comanche	8	7	15	16	—45

Player	Points
Rielyn Scheffe	23
Kelby Beller	12
Breanna Lindert	10
Preslee Johnson	9
Kyndall Wells	5
Addy Lanham	2

Kulbeth awarded prestigious Broyles Award

AngieSteele
Washington Correspondent

Coach Jeff Kulbeth, Washington’s Defensive Coordinator, has been announced as a recipient of the Broyles Award.

This award honors the top high school assistant football coaches in every participating state, recognizing their excellence and leadership. The award was voted on by members of the Oklahoma Football Coaches Association

Established in 1996, Broyles Award was created to honor Coach Frank Broyles’ legacy of developing great assistants as head coach at Arkansas.

Recipients were honored on December 5 at the 2022 High School Broyles Award Honoree Dinner in Little Rock, Ark.

Coach K has been a Washington Warrior since 2006; he is also the head coach of the baseball program.

Washington Public Schools congratulates Coach K, and is proud of him for receiving the well-deserved award!

Daddy Daughter Winter Ball

Save the Date! The Washington Daddy Daughter Winter Ball will be held on Monday, January 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the McAlister Gym.

Ticket information coming soon!

Washington Christmas Parade

The Second Annual Washington Masonic Lodge #406 Christmas Parade was a huge success!

Last Saturday, December 10, Santa was on hand at the lodge for Santa Pictures. The community enjoyed chuck-wagon stew, BBQ and a parade complete with the celebration of the Warrior Football State Champions leading the way! Way to go Washington!

Warrior Way 5k

The Warrior Way 5k is back! March 25, 2023 will mark the date of the first run since COVID.

The Warrior Way 5k team is looking for recipients for this year’s run. Please private message your ideas to Warrior Way 5k on Facebook and follow the page.

Also if you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor/donor, pm us!

Share with your friends!

Washington AWOL

This year’s “AWOL:” (A Week of Love) event will be held in March 2023. This event will be filled with fundraising activities during the entire week. All proceeds will benefit someone connected to our community who has experienced a significant life-changing event or illness and needs financial assistance.

The Washington community nominates the recipient for “AWOL.” Anyone in the community can nominate a person who fits the AWOL criteria. Available applications must be submitted by January 5, 2023. Please fill out an on-line application located on the school website.

Washington Senior Center

Menus may change at the discretion of the cook.

All meals are served with beverage, dessert and salad bar.

Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday.

Cost per meal: \$3 suggested donation for 60 years old and above and those disabled; \$6 for 59 years and below.

Friday Music Jams start at 10 a.m. until? Anyone is welcome to sit in and sing or play an instrument.

Menu for December 15-30: Thursday, December 15—

White bean chili with chicken, cornbread, cookies.

Friday, December 16—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, biscuits, pineapple upside down cake.



• Photo by Holli Brewer

Ready to play

Washington Warriors captains line up ready to meet the Millwood Falcons in the Class 2A Championship Game at UCO on December 10.



• Photo provided

Boyles Award winner

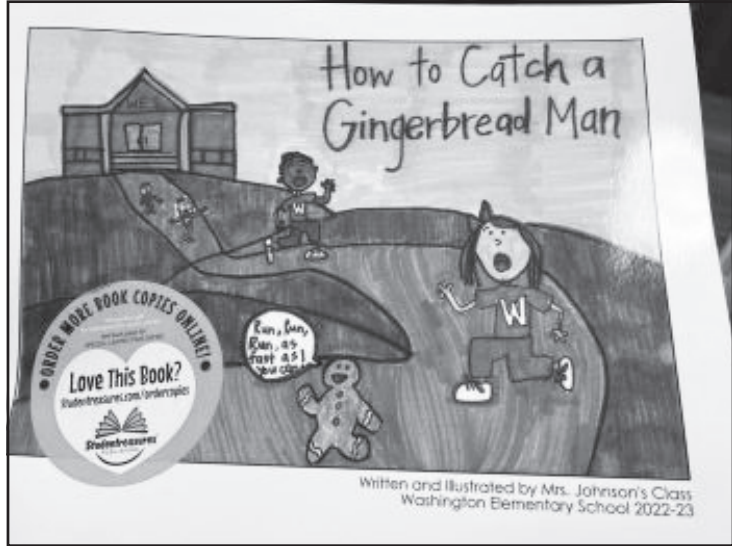
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• Photos by Vickie Rousey

Leadership Class project

The Washington Middle School Leadership class made gift baskets for community elderly homebound residents and delivered them in person last week.



• Photo provided

Second grade authors

Washington Elementary School second grade students recently wrote and illustrated their own book and submitted it for publishing with Student Treasures Publishing Company. The students completed the writing process by planning, drafting, evaluating, editing and publishing. Students were excited to see their final product in print. Congratulations to our young authors!

Monday, December 19—Taco soup, tortilla chips, fruit cocktail cake.

Tuesday, December 20—Spaghetti with meatballs, green beans, garlic bread, harvest bars.

Wednesday, December 21—Smoked sausage, baked beans, corn casserole, Jell-O.

Thursday, December 22—Chicken and noodles, peas and carrots, strawberry shortcake.

Friday, December 23—Christmas dinner turkey, ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, pie.

Monday, December 26—Closed.

Tuesday, December 27—King Ranch Chicken, Mexican corn, tortilla chips, peanut butter chews.

Wednesday, December 28—Beans, rice, spinach, cornbread, peach crisp.

Thursday, December 29—Chicken tetrazzini, broccoli, garlic bread, no-bake cookies.

Friday, December 30—Steak fritters, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, pudding.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

December 15—7th/8th/9th Basketball Pauls Valley, girls home, boys away, 5 p.m.

December 16—Girls basketball scrimmage, TBA; First Grade Christmas Program.

December 19—Middle-High School Talent Show WEC.

December 20—Girls basketball scrimmage, TBA.

December 29—HS Boys Basketball scrimmage, Anadarko, home, TBA; girls basketball scrimmage at Am-Po, 12 p.m.

December 30 Jr High Girls Scrimmage @ Blanchard

December 31—Boys Basketball scrimmage at Dickson, 10 a.m.

January 5—7th/8th/9th Basketball, Lexington, Girls away, Boys home, 5 p.m.

January 6—Varsity Basketball at Konawa Tourney, TBA; JV boys basketball, Rush Springs Tournament.

January 7—JV boys basketball, Rush Springs Tournament.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

Today in this United States of America, less than one percent of our population has ever served in the military. To my way of thinking there has never been so few who are serving so many.

My hat goes off to the men and women who are currently serving in the military or are now a fellow veteran. The veterans who we are assisting with their applications for VA benefits are heroes to all of our volunteers. Our goal is to help every veteran and their family to receive the VA benefits they are eligible for.

Over the years the most common disability that most veterans suffer from is hearing loss and tinnitus. In the near future, the VA is probably going to stop approving veteran claims for service-connection of sleep apnea, hearing loss and tinnitus.

One of the biggest changes in veterans benefits soon is the changes that will occur as the PACT ACT and CARES ACT go in to effect. One of the biggest changes increases the number of veterans who will be added to the presumptive exposure to Agent Orange.

We urge anyone who served at Guam, Thailand, Johnson Island to visit us about possible VA benefits. Also, any surviving spouses whose veteran may have been exposed to Agent Orange should contact us also. For any veterans who were previously denied for a disability presumptive to Agent Orange exposure you may now be eligible based on these new programs.

Each of you reading this column are invited to become a part of what we do as a volunteer with our organization. Since we were able to set up a digital program our volunteers have the option to work from home or to come into our Veterans Foundation at 1233 West Lindsay in Norman.

Shop at <https://smile.amazon.com> every time you use Amazon for purchases! Choose Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation as your SMILE recipient and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchases to us! All you have to do is log into SMILE each time you shop! We appreciate you for helping us serve veterans and their families!

We are a 501c-3 non-profit organization and there is never

No. 1059-December 8-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of JACKIE LEE TRUAX, Deceased. Case No. PB-2022-98 NOTICE FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND FINAL DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the estate of Jackie Lee Truax, Deceased, that on the 23rd day of November 2022, Linda Truax Ellis, Personal Representative, filed in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, a Petition for Final Determination of Heirs, and Final Decree of Distribution. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the 22nd day of December, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., of that day, has been appointed as the time for hearing the Petition before the Honorable

No. 1071-December 15-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARDITH LAVERA STINNETT, DECEASED. Case No. PB-22-146 NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO THE CREDITORS OF ARDITH LAVERA STINNETT, DECEASED: All creditors having claims against the above-named Decedent are required to present the same, with a description of all security interest and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative at the offices of FRANKENBERG

No. 1077-December 15-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFERSON C. WEBB, also known as J.C. WEBB, Deceased. Case No. PB-2021-29 NOTICE OF HEARING RETURN OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Jenna Mazzucca, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of Jefferson C. Webb a/k/a J.C. Webb, Deceased, has returned and presented for confirmation, and filed in said Court her Return of Sale of the following described real property of said Decedent: An undivided 1/3 interest in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 SW/4 SE/4) of Section Twenty-Eight (28), Township Six (6) North, Range Four (4) West, McClain County, Oklahoma. SURFACE ONLY and

An undivided 1/3 interest in the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SE/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-Three (33), Township Six (6) North, Range Four (4) West, McClain County,

a charge for the services we provide to veterans and their families. We do accept financial contributions to be used to support veterans and this organization.

We also accept donations of wheelchairs and other types of handicap equipment that can be given to other veterans or their families. Other items that we accept are cars, trucks, motorcycles, or items that can be given to veterans or sold to raise funds.

We are open to active clients Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

To donate to our Foundation, you can do so online at dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org or mail a check to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, 1233 West Lindsay, Norman, OK, 73069. You can contact us on our website or by calling 405-550-8806.

Dale K. Graham,
Accredited Claims Agent
Dale K. Graham
Veterans Foundation
Washington Correspondent Contact Information

I would love to share your personal or community news with our readers.

My contact information is angiesteele73@gmail.com or 405-413-2471 if you have any news to share, story ideas, or if you have someone you would like to see a feature article about. Send me birthday, anniversary, or personal news you would like to share with our community.

Angie Steele

Charles Gray, Judge of the District Court of McClain County, at the McClain County Courthouse, in Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why said heirs should not be determined, and Estate distributed to the heirs thereof.

DATED this 1 day of December, 2022.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
Judge of the District Court
Prepared by:
SELF LEGAL GROUP, PLLC
/s/ Brion B. Hitt
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Oklahoma City, OK 73139
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brion@selflegalgroup.com
Attorney for Petitioner

LAW FIRM, attorneys for said Personal Representative, at the address shown below on or before the following presentment date, to-wit: the 10th day of February, 2023, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2022.

/s/ Lorri Jo McCoy
LORRI JO MCCOY
Personal Representative
DON FRANKENBERG, 3095
FRANKENBERG LAW FIRM
502 S. MAIN
LINDSAY, OKLAHOMA 73052
Telephone: (405) 756-2000
Facsimile: (405) 756-4316
dfrankenberg@aol.com
Attorney for Personal Representative

Oklahoma. SURFACE ONLY to Oklahoma Land Buyers, LLC, for the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-Three and 33/100 Dollars (\$23,333.33);

That on the 29th day of December, 2022 at 9:30 o'clock a.m., in the Courtroom of Judge Charles Gray, District Court of McClain County, City of Purcell, State of Oklahoma, has been fixed for the hearing upon said returns at which time any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions in writing to said Return and contest the same, and are hereby referred to said Return for further particulars.

Dated this 12th day of December 2022.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731
Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC
138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565
Purcell, Oklahoma 73080
Phone: 405-527-7575
Fax: 405-527-7574
Attorney for Personal Representative

Religion

Church Directory

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

405 W. Grant, Purcell
Rev. Bill Crawford
405-820-8184
Sunday
Worship: **10:45 a.m.**
Wednesday
Adult Studies: **7 p.m.**



Emmanuel BAPTIST CHURCH

Purcell, OK
2705 N. 9th • 527-2535
Mike Bailey, Pastor
Sunday services Wednesday services
9 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Bible Study
10 am Worship 6:30 pm Awana &
6 pm Evening worship Youth
www.ebcpurcell.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LEXINGTON

Connecting People With God and One Another
Children's Activities - Youth Activities
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School 9:15
Morning Worship 8:15 • 10:15
Rusty Canoy
Pastor **527-6758**
900 E. BROADWAY • LEXINGTON

newlife TABERNACLE

715 W. Harrison, Purcell
Sunday Morning - 10 a.m.
Revival Service - 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Mark A. Stacy
Office Ph. 405.527.3045

Westside Church of Christ

401 W. Broadway
Lexington
Sunday Morning 10:30 am
Sunday Evening 3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:30 pm

CALVARY Holiness Church

Pastor David Bittle
403 N. 4th, Purcell
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night
Independent Pentecostal
Holiness Church

Johnson Road Baptist Church

4 mi. N. of Purcell on I-35
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
11:00 a.m.
405-818-8848



CHRISTIAN
LIFE
sunday 10:30AM
www.christianlifeok.com

Lighthouse Worship Center

Rev. Jeff Pierce
405.442.0155
2726 N. 9th, Purcell
Sunday Morning - 10:30 am
Sunday Evening - 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm
www.lighthousechurch.tv

Memorial Assembly of God

7th & Monroe, Purcell
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 6:30 p.m.
We Invite You to Worship With Us.
527-2769



LANDMARK
CHURCH
Pastor: Justin Blankenship
1106 W. Grant • Purcell
527-3342
Sunday Worship 9:15 & 10:55 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church Purcell

Growing In Grace
4th & Main 405-527-3327
www.purcellfbc.org
Come worship with us!
Sundays 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Activities for all ages & child
care provided for all services!

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

CORNER OF THIRD & JEFFERSON
Saturday - 5 pm (English)
Sunday - 11 am (English)
1 pm (Español)
Daily Mass
Tues. & Fri. 9 am • Wed. Noon • Thurs. 7 pm (Español)
Parish Office/Oficina: 527-3077
Priest House/Padre Juan Pedro: 527-4242

GRACE CHAPEL

GCLEX.ORG
118 W. Broadway/Hwy 39 Downtown
Post Office Box 1028
Lexington, OK 73051
Sunday - 10:00am/6:30pm
Wednesday - 7:00pm
Pastor Charles Barton
527-5726

You Are Always Welcome At
7th & Monroe St.

Church of Christ

Purcell, OK
Sunday 10:30 & 1:30
Wednesday Evening 6:30

Goldsby Church

153 W. Center Road
Goldsby, OK 73093
288-2514
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Susan Whitley
211 N. 2nd, Purcell
527-2256 Office

9th & Pierce Church of Christ

1207 North 9th
Purcell, OK 73080
405-527-3176
Sunday Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Class 7 p.m.
Search Ministries Sunday 7:30 a.m. Channel 34
www.searchtv.org



2223 N. 9th, Purcell, OK 73080
Pastor John Wylie
527-6808
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship: 5:00 p.m.



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Christmas elves at work

The elves at Purcell's First Baptist Church helped load items donated by church members for McClain County Operation Christmas.

Green Avenue Church of Christ

We had a good song study last Wednesday night, covering four more songs in our books. This coming Wednesday we look forward to being back in 1 Timothy for our Bible study. Come join us!

Our Sunday morning Bible study took a brief break from assessing the issues of the day and studied Isaiah 1 and Malachi 1. Although these prophecies are about 400 years apart from each other, both texts are about the same subject (worship and offerings) but with different problems facing them at the time.

In Isaiah's prophecy they offered God exactly what He required but with a sin-sick

heart. In Malachi's prophecy they not only had poor attitudes, but they didn't even offer God anything that was acceptable. We applied the principles learned to how we should offer acceptable worship today.

Sunday morning the sermon took themes from the hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!" by Duffield and Webb. Keith Shackelford gathered similarities from Joshua's conquest of Canaan for the focal points of most of the discussion points of the song, how that Joshua led them from one victory to the next, often against great odds of military might.

Keith noted that the first victory was the Lord's at Jericho.

When we got to the song-verse which says "the arm of flesh will fail you," he pointed to the story of Ai where (through sin and overconfidence) Israel was at first humiliated. The sermon wrapped up with all the armies of the Lord returning successfully home after their campaigns. This is really the aim of God's soldiers: to be victorious and enter into the eternal kingdom forever.

The evening sermon was entitled "The Mighty Ships of God" and it began with a reading of Psalm 107:23-31 about sailors going out to sea and how

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

December 18, 2022 is the fourth Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second

Coming. The Gospel reading is Matthew 1:18-24. Mary was betrothed to Joseph. It was the custom at that time that a couple would be betrothed, an engagement which could only

be terminated by divorce. During the time before the wedding, normally about one year, the couple did not live together.

Joseph was an upright man and did not want to disgrace Mary when he learned she was pregnant. He planned to divorce her informally. Then, while sleeping, an angel of the Lord came to Joseph. The angel told Joseph that the child in Mary's womb was conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Joseph awoke, he took Mary into his home as the angel had told him.

Through the centuries, there have been a wide range of consequences for conceiving a child out of wedlock. At the time of Jesus' conception, a man was permitted to have his bride or bride-to-be stoned to death if he learned that the baby was not his.

Even in the 1960's, a girl who became pregnant out of wedlock was commonly whisked off to an aunt so no one would know of the disgrace. Even now, a woman becoming pregnant by someone other than her spouse frequently results in divorce.

Joseph was greatly troubled, to say the least, when he learned Mary had conceived a child. Yet, his faith was strong and when the angel of the Lord came to him in a dream, he accepted God's message and stood by Mary.

Obedience to God should be our goal. We will not face the monumental decision Joseph faced. However, we need to re-

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A Prayer For You At Christmas

May this holy season renew your faith and deliver an abundance of blessings and glad tidings to you and your family. We thank you all for bringing us so much joy this past year.

Saturday, December 24

Mass at 6 PM English • Mass at 10 PM in English
Carols at 11:30 PM in Spanish • Mass at Midnight in Spanish

Sunday, December 25

Mass at 9 AM English

Browse us at: olvpurcell.org for information.

Call us at 527-3077 for information.

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Visit us at Twitter: [@ourlady_purcell](https://twitter.com/ourlady_purcell)



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

307 W. Jefferson
Purcell
527-3077



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Christmas gifts galore

Indian Territory Roundup Club had a very successful barrel race this past Sunday. They had over 100 riders. Each contestant gave a toy as part of their entry fee. The event had riders from not only Oklahoma but the surrounding states. Myah Padilla, the 2022 Indian Territory Princess, displays the trailer full of toys that will go to the McClain County Operation Christmas.



• Photo provided

Checking their list

McClain County Operation Christmas volunteers check their lists while organizing for the yearly event.



• Photo provided

Operation Christmas volunteers

Volunteers were in full force organizing presents for McClain County Operation Christmas.



• Photo provided

Wayne students volunteers

Wayne High School Student Council members worked hard all day Monday at the McClain County Operation Christmas headquarters.

Lexington United Methodist Church

Our next regular Food Give Away will be this Saturday, December 17, from 12 to 4 p.m. This will be the Saturday before Christmas weekend. Our new Food Bank Director is Clint Sanders. Please welcome him when you pick up your food for Christmas.

Our Christmas program presented by a quartet of students from the School of Music from the University of Oklahoma was wonderful. These young women sang a selection of Christmas songs and inspired all who were present.

Our preparation for Christmas continues with the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We will be lighting the third purple candle, known as the Love or Adoration candle. It also represents peace and is called the “Angel’s Candle.”

The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace—he came to bring people close to God and to each other again. The readings for the fourth Sunday relate to the annunciation of Christ’s birth, and the Magnificat, or Song of Mary, may be featured. John 3 is another such reading. A section of that chapter is as follows:

John 3:16-19, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.”

To switch gears, this Sunday is also the beginning of Hanukkah, which begins at sundown on Sunday, December 18 this year and ends at sundown on Monday, December 26. Our Jewish brothers and sisters will celebrate this eight-day

festival of rededication, also known as the Festival of Lights, by lighting the candle holder known as a menorah, or alternatively, a hannukiah.

The story of Hanukkah is in the book of Maccabees and tells of the miraculous victory of the Jewish freedom fighters over the Greek occupiers in the year 139 BCE. After recapturing the Holy Temple in Jerusalem (which had been converted into a place of idol worship by the Greeks), the Jews searched for pure oil with which to re-light the Temple menorah.

They found just enough oil to burn for only one day, but miraculously, the menorah burned for eight days until more oil could be brought. This miracle is attributed to God and the faith the Jews had in God. The word hanukkah means dedication.

On each of the eight nights of Hanukkah (alternatively: Chanukah), Jewish people light special nine-branched candelabras (menorahs), lighting another candle each night until on the eighth night, eight flames are burning brightly, plus the helper candle in the middle.

The lighting takes place at home, in a doorway or near a window and is performed after brief blessings are recited. In our times, communal menorah lightings are often held in public squares, sharing the Hanukkah message of the triumph of light over darkness and the freedom to worship God.

As part of the celebration of Hanukkah and the commemoration of the miracle of the oil, oily foods are eaten. Since the Middle Ages, jam-filled doughnuts have been a favorite food. Potato pancakes, known as latkes, are also a classic. It is also customary to eat dairy, which recalls how the brave Jews served cheese and wine to a Greek general before defeating him.

A meal might start with matzoh ball soup, followed by

traditional brisket and a stack of potato latkes, sometimes with applesauce. If you prefer, a roasted chicken can be served instead of the brisket.

Other Hanukkah customs include playing with a four-sided spinning top called a dreidel and exchanging a small gift on each night of the festival. Good hostess gifts include chocolate, gourmet applesauce, candles, books, or board games.

Eating gelt (gold foil covered chocolate coins) while playing dreidel is also a custom, as is wearing items of blue and white. The colors of blue and white hold a great symbolic significance to Jewish people. Often Mary, the mother of Jesus, is shown wearing blue and white, even in the Christian tradition.

The traditional greeting for the Jewish holiday in English is “Happy Hanukkah!” Other ways include “Happy Holiday!” and “Happy Festival of Lights!”

The last night of Hanukkah has this blessing: “Blessed are you, Our God, Ruler of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in their days at this season.”

All those who worship God can be children of the Light instead of staying in darkness. And so, we close with prayer: Dear God, your faithfulness has been great, leading us to this day of anticipation and celebrations. May the glorious light of your steadfast love shine brightly in us and through us, that all may give you praise and glory. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. In the Savior’s name we pray, Amen.

We worship at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday, followed by coffee, tea, and fellowship. Sunday school starts at approximately 11 a.m. Our address is 631 East Ash, just west of Lexington High School. For more information, please call the church at (405) 527-3506 to leave a message, or contact Pastor David Cook directly at (405) 406-6174.

Sunray Baptist Church

James Kyzer sang “Mary Did You Know?” for the morning special.

Brother John spoke from Isaiah 9:6-7 for his sermon. When we celebrate Christmas, we celebrate the coming of the rightful king.

Jesus was born a king. His kingdom will be ever growing and have no end. The kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom that will become a physical kingdom, ushered in at the second coming of Christ. Every time one gets saved the kingdom expands. He has come and He will come.

Jesus is both a conquering

and peaceful king.

We had our annual Holiday Meal following worship. A big number stayed for good fellowship and food. Brother John gave a devotion following lunch and there was no evening service.

The devotion was from Philippians 2:1-11. In these verses, we see “the cradle, cross and the crown.” We see the humility of Christ through His incarnation and crucifixion. He came in flesh and as a burden-bearing servant. Christ humbled Himself because of us. He is the object of all worship.

This coming Sunday, December 18, we will have our Children’s Christmas Program during the morning service. At 5 p.m. we will gather for our annual Candlelighting Service. This will be followed by a desert fellowship.

We will celebrate Christmas on December 25 with a morning worship at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday school or evening service that day.

Join us for Sunday school, worship and all activities at Sunray Baptist Church. We are located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell. For additional information call 405-527-6808.

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Green Ave.:

they quickly became aware of the power of the ocean and the need of God to keep them safe. The idea for the ships of God sprang from this text as well as our nations recent remembrance of Pearl Harbor.

However, instead of studying Psalm 107 we were told

that the fleet we would focus on would be words that ended with “ship.” We examined six terms: authorship, workmanship, fellowship, sonship, citizenship and worship. We were informed that next week we would study six more terms like these.

From page 6B

OLV:

mind ourselves that obedience gives us a bedrock of faith not enjoyed by people who “don’t let anyone tell me what to do.”

We celebrate the love of Jesus at Our Lady of Victory parish all year long. Our Lady

of Victory parish is located at 307 West Jefferson. The office has relocated to 501 N. 4th in Purcell and is open weekday mornings. You can call the office at 405-527-3077. Weekend mass services

are Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday,

11 a.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. (Spanish). Daily masses are Tuesday, 9 a.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon; Thursday, 7 p.m. (Spanish), and Friday, 9 a.m. Peace be with you.

Legal Publications

No. 1074-December 15-1 Time Board of McClain County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, 12/5/2022 at 8:15 a.m. in Room 111 of the McClain County Courthouse. Chairman Wilson Lyles called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. County Clerk Deputy Rebekah Couch called the roll and those present were: Chairman Wilson Lyles, Vice Chairman Terry Daniel, and Member Glen Murray.

Terry Daniel moved to approve the minutes of the 11/28/2022 meeting, Glen Murray seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved to approve the following maintenance and operation claims, seconded by Glen Murray. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

CLAIMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AS FOLLOWS:
Em Mgmt-ST—45, ImageNet Consulting, 1956.96, Service; 46, Roth, Sandra M., 250.00, Contract Labor.

General—720, Cintas, 133.25, Supplies; 721, OklaDeptOfPublic Safety-OLETS, 145.00, Service; 722, Purcell Register, 27.20, Bid Publication; 723, Purcell Register, 184.50, Minutes; 724, Residence Inn, 196.00, Lodging; 725, Windstream, 236.62, Service; 726, Windstream, 158.76, Service; 727, Windstream, 169.75, Service; 728, Windstream, 116.31, Service; 729, Erhardt, Trevor L., 81.25, Meals & Mileage; 730, Green Country Valuation, 5058.00, Service; 731, Auto Zone, 205.91, Parts & Supplies; 732, City Of Purcell, 19963.65, Dispatch Service; 733, CashSaver, 49.65, Supplies; 734, Davison Fuels & Oil, 2680.07, Fuel; 735, Elliotts Automotive, 120.00, Parts & Service; 736, Express Services, 1044.00, Contract Labor; 737, Amazon, 145.94, Supplies; 738, Robbins Ace Of Purcell, 123.86, Supplies; 739, Rockys Professional Plumbing, 320.00, Service; 740, WW Tire, 35.00, Tires & Tubes/Service & Supplies; 741, Turn Key Health Clinics, 14127.40, Medical Administrative Services. Health—113, Amazon, 3343.62, Shredder; 114, Oklahoma Copier Solutions, 102.50, Service.

Highway—781, Dolese Bros, 6670.12, Chips & Rock; 782, Dolese Bros, 4936.48, Chips & Rock; 783, Ergon Asphalt And Emulsions, 35.00, Demurrage Charge; 784, Horinek Auto Body, 350.00, Labor; 785, Kirby Smith Machinery, 6575.78, Parts & Labor; 786, Welch State Bank, 2443.85, Lease Purchase; 787, Security National Bank, 1189.18, Lease Purchase; 788, Security National Bank, 1149.03, Lease Purchase; 789, Okla Dept Of Transportation, 1655.36, Lease Purchase; 790, Welch State Bank, 2443.85, Lease Purchase; 791, The Stock Exchange Bank, 1188.14, Lease Purchase; 792, The Stock Exchange Bank, 1467.75, Lease Purchase; 793, Armstrong Bank, 872.00, Lease Purchase; 794, Prosperity Bank, 1598.25, Lease Purchase; 795, Welch State Bank, 2443.85, Lease Purchase; 796, Welch State Bank, 2443.85, Lease Purchase; 797, SNB Bank, 836.70, Lease Purchase; 798, Security National Bank, 931.45, Lease Purchase; 799, Okla Dept Of Transportation, 980.95, Lease Purchase; 800, Security State Bank, 996.11, Lease Purchase; 801, Okla Dept Of Transportation, 1454.26, Lease Purchase; 802, Okla Dept Of Transportation, 1450.12, Lease Purchase; 803, Welch State Bank, 2215.98, Lease Purchase; 804, Okla Dept Of Transportation, 1439.58, Lease Purchase; 805, Okla Dept Of Transportation, 1233.25, Lease Purchase; 806, Purcell Register, 165.50, Business Cards; 807, Robbins Ace Of Purcell, 33.96, Supplies; 808, TH Rogers Lumber, 19.80, Supplies; 809, Unifirst, 441.47, Service; 810, Wayne Public Works, 92.50, Service; 811, WW Tire, 540.00, Tires & Supplies; 812, Oklahoma Electric Co-Op, 461.00, Service.

ML Fee—21, Optimum, 171.64, Service.
Mtg Cert—20, Optimum, 181.59, Service.
Preservation—10, KellPro, 313.00, Supplies.
Rental of County Property - Expo—84, Express Services, 603.00, Contract Labor; 85, J&K Auto Parts, 73.75, Parts & Supplies; 86, McClain County District 2, 497.90, Fuel; 87, Robbins Ace Of Purcell, 48.97, Supplies; 88, Windstream, 152.25, Service.

Rural Fire-ST—96, Creed, Matt, 750.00, Decals; 97, Sids, 533.42, Fuel & Supplies.
Sheriff Commissary—24, Charm Tex, 365.60, Supplies; 25, Sysco, 4582.17, Supplies.
Sheriff Service Fee—128, DJ Trailers And Welding, 1200.00, Service; 129, Bennetts Decal & Label, 150.15, Supplies; 130, OMG National, 297.22, Supplies; 131, ImageNet Consulting, 293.44, Service; 132, WW Tire, 644.76, Service & Supplies; 133, Simpson, Anthony C., 88.62, Travel.
SRCit-ST—173, OG&E, 325.29, Service; 174, Roger Vaughn Construction, 12818.00, Service; 175, Amazon, 247.57, Supplies;

176, Briggs, Rebecca, 500.00, Contract Labor; 177, Cable Meat And Food, 717.52, Supplies; 178, McClain County Farm Bureau, 45.00, Dues; 179, Oklahoma Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance, 506.00, Insurance Premium; 180, OG&E, 212.96, Service; 181, Richey Insurance Agency, 436.00, Insurance Premium; 182, Son, Autumn N., 783.75, Contract Labor. 183, Town Of Byars, 525.00, Service. 184, Windstream, 245.07, Service; 185, Windstream, 241.66, Service.

Terry Daniel moved to approve Blanket Purchase Orders as on file in the County Clerk's office, seconded by Glen Murray. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to approve of the following Transfers of Appropriations: Rural Fire-ST, \$30,000.00 from 1321-2-8204-2005 to 1321-2-8204-4110; and Emergency Mgmt, \$20,000.00, from 1212-2-2700-2005 to 1212-2-2700-4110. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

No road crossing permits were requested.

Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to approve the following Resolutions to Dispose of Equipment:

Sheriff: B-331.64, 2015 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV, serial #1FM5K8AR2FGB62154, \$29,584.00, acquired on 06/02/2015 from Bob Howard Downtown Ford, OKC, OK, sold to Purple Wave Auction for \$3,500.00; B-331.85, 2005 Ford Expedition, serial #1FM-FU16555LB08736, \$9,250.00, acquired on 8/27/2018 from Kansas Highway Patrol, Topeka, KS, donated to Wayne Fire Department; B-331.96, 2017 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV, serial #1FM-5K8AR0HGA94875, \$24,250.00, acquired on 01/09/2019 from Kansas Highway Patrol, Topeka, KS, sold to Purple Wave Auction for \$2,100.00; B-331.114, 2008 Dodge Charger, serial #2B3LA-43H08H197795, donated from Spencer Police Department, Spencer, OK, sold to Purple Wave Auction for \$2,400.00; B-331.113, 2013 Ford F150, serial #1FTFX1ET8DFC06359, acquired 02/28/2018, donated from Henkels & McCoy, Norman, OK, sold to Purple Wave for \$5,700.00. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to award ARPA Funds to the Town of Goldsby, McClain County for water and sewer infrastructure projects, specifically for a water main and sewer lines in the commercial main street district, in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000). Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to award ARPA Funds to the Town of Washington, McClain County for water and sewer infrastructure projects, specifically for hydraulic analysis, mapping, SSES, and sewer line replacement, in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$365,000). Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to award ARPA Funds to the Town of Wayne, McClain County for water and sewer infrastructure projects, specifically for refurbishing the west water tower, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to award ARPA Funds to the Town of Wayne, McClain County for water and sewer infrastructure projects, specifically for relocating water main, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000). Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to accept a monetary donation of \$75,000.00 from the Chickasaw Nation to the Donation Fund. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.
Glen Murray moved, Terry Daniel seconded to approve of ODOT Claim Form 324a for Goldsby Water Authority, on Ladd Road for Project No. STP-244D(084) CI, JP No. 33482 in District One. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Steve Kelly and Kelsy Pollock with Seed Corp presented to the BOCC grant opportunities for the county entities. No action was taken.

Todd Crowl with FSB discussed with the BOCC the McClain County Expo Restrooms status. No action was taken.

With no further business Terry Daniel moved to adjourn, Glen Murray seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

McCLAIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Glen Murray, Chairman
Wilson Lyles, Vice Chairman
Terry Daniel, Member

Attest:
Pam Beller
County Clerk

No. 1075-December 15-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: Gregory Martin Roller, Petitioner, and Petronela Roller, s/p/a Petronela Ciobanu, Respondent.

No. FD-2022-199 SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE State of Oklahoma To: Petronela Roller, s/p/a Petronela Ciobanu. TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by Petition in McClain County, Case No. FD-2022-199 styled Gregory Martin Roller, Petitioner vs. Petronela Roller, s/p/a Petronela Ciobanu, Respondent. The action alleges that the Plaintiff is entitled to an Annulment of the

No. 1058-December 8-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of JACKIE LEE TRUAX, Deceased. Case No. PB-2022-98 ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND FINAL DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION

Now on the 23rd day of November, 2022, Linda Truax Ellis, Personal Representative, filed in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, a Petition for Final Determination of Heirs, and Final Decree of Distribution.

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition be, and hereby is, set for hearing on the 22nd day of December, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., and that no-

No. 1072-December 15-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF ROBERT H. FITZGERALD, Deceased, And, JOSEPHINE F. MARTINO, Deceased, And, LOUIS CHARLES MURRAY, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2022-158 ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

NOW on this 8th day of December, 2022, Thomas J. Murray petitioned this Court for appointment as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert H. Fitzgerald, deceased, Estate of Josephine F. Martino, deceased, and Estate of Louis Charles Murray, deceased ("Decedents"), and prayed that this Court determine the identity of the heirs-at-law, devisees and legatees of Decedents, waive inventory, all accountings and further notice, permit heirs-at-law, devisees and legatees to receive

No. 1043-December 1-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA PRO ACCESS RENTALS, LLC, Plaintiff, v. KENDRIX PEST CONTROL, LLC; KERRY KENDRIX & KAY WARNER, Defendant.

Case No. CS-22-51 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Kendrix Pest Control, LLC, Kerry Kendrix & Kay Warner you are hereby noticed that you have been sued by Pro Access Rentals, LLC and you must answer Plaintiff's Petition on or before February 3,

No. 1060-December 8-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA Mid America Mortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Steven Holt, et al., Defendants

Case No. CJ-2022-127 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Defendants: Choctaw Home Finance Corporation, Sally Holt, Steven Holt,

Notice is given that on January 10th, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. at the McClain County Court-house, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell, for cash, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4) OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, I.M., CITY OF PURCELL, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, AND KNOWN AS LOTS 7 & 8 IN BLOCK 5 OF SCHWARTZ SUNSET HEIGHTS ADDITION, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SW/CORNER OF SAID LOT 7; THENCE N 15 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 01 SECONDS W, A DISTANCE OF 122.69 FEET; THENCE N 07 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 29 SECONDS E, A DISTANCE OF 168.39 FEET; THENCE S 07 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 13 SECONDS E, A DISTANCE OF 150.13 FEET; THENCE S 82 DEGREES

Marriage between the parties. You are notified that you must answer the Petition filed by the Petitioner on or before the 15th day of February, 2023, or the allegations contained in the Petition will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in the Petition. Given under my hand and seal this 8 day of December, 2022. KRISTEL GRAY, Court Clerk McClain County, Oklahoma By: /s/ Kristel Gray (Seal) Approved: By: /s/ Micah G. Ayache Micah G. Ayache, OBA #22391 PO Box 546 - 120 N. Willow Pauls Valley, OK 73075 Telephone: 405-238-5000 Fx (405) 238-5002 Email: micah@ayachepc.com

tice thereof be given by mail to all heirs-at-law of the decedent, and if the name or address of any heir is unknown, by publication in a legal newspaper published in McClain County, all according to law. Dated this 01 day of December, 2022.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE Judge of the District Court Prepared by: SELF LEGAL GROUP, PLLC /s/ Brion B. Hitt Brion B. Hitt, #19120 1224 Southwest 104th Street, Suite A Oklahoma City, OK 73139 (405) 378-2000 Telephone (405) 378-2059 Facsimile brion@selflegallgroup.com Attorney for Petitioner

required notices by facsimile or email, and appoint Thomas J. Murray as Personal Representative of the Estates and issue Letters Testamentary to Thomas J. Murray, to serve without bond.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petition be and is set for hearing on the 5th day of January, 2023, in the McClain County Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma, Courtroom Number 225, at 9:30 a.m.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice thereof be given by mailing a copy of this Order and Notice for Hearing on Petition to the heir(s)-at-law, devisee(s) and legatee(s) of Decedents and by publication as required by law.

/s/ Charles Gray, Associate District Judge Judge of the District Court

By: DEPUTY COURT CLERK Prepared by: Jena L. Williams, OBA No. 32452 Dane H. Miller, OBA No. 33975 Fellers Snider Blankenship Bailey & Tippens, P.C. 100 N. Broadway, Suite 1700 Oklahoma City, OK 73102 (405) 232-0621 Attorneys for Personal Representative

2023 or a money judgment in the sum of \$4,657.98 plus interest will be rendered accordingly. Dated this day November 21, 2022.

By: /s/ Scheryl Flores Deputy Court Clerk For McClain District Court Clerk (seal)

APPROVED BY: /s/ Greg A. Metzger Greg A. Metzger, OBA #11432 METZER & AUSTIN, P.L.L.C. 1 South Broadway, Suite 100 Edmond, OK 73034 (405) 330-2226 (405) 330-2234 (FAX) ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

58 MINUTES 27 SECONDS W, A DISTANCE OF 64.95 FEET; THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 526.24 FEET, FOR A DISTANCE OF 81.20 FEET (CHORD BEARING S 78 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 06 SECONDS W AND CHORD DISTANCE OF 81.11 FEET) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

subject to unpaid taxes, assessments, advancements by Plaintiff for taxes, insurance premiums, expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, if any, and prior security interests in fixtures, if any, said property having been appraised at \$235,000.00. Sale will be made pursuant to order of sale issued in accordance with District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma.

Pursuant to judgment, Plaintiff reserves the right to recall the Special Execution and Order of Sale and to cancel this scheduled sale orally or in writing at any time prior to sale without notice or leave of Court. In the absence of Plaintiff's representative at the sale, the subject property will not be sold on the date set forth above.

Sheriff of McClain County State of Oklahoma By: /s/ Landy Offolter Sheriff

Joseph H. Rogers, III, OBA #21541 Bryan P. Cardwell, OBA #33440 609 S. Kelly Avenue, Suite A-2 Edmond, OK 73003 Telephone: (405) 285-8100 Fax: (405) 285-8951 Email: okfc@bonialpc.com

No. 1070-December 8-2 Times ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The City of Purcell/Purcell PWA will receive separate sealed bids for Hospital Retention Pond Improvements. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 230 W. Main St., Purcell, OK 73080, until 11:00 am, on Thursday, December 29, 2022. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at City Hall.

Project to include constructing a 5'x10' RCB, a reinforced concrete overflow structure, reinforced concrete flume, and appurtenances.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 11:00 am, at Purcell City Hall, located at 230 W. Main St., Purcell, OK.

All work shall be performed, and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., and on file in the office of the City Clerk, located at City Hall.

The Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:

1. City Hall 230 W. Main St. Purcell, OK 73080 (405) 527-6561

A complete set of Plans and Specifications, to prospective bidders, may be obtained from Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc. upon receipt of non-refundable fee of \$50.00. An electronic set of Plans and Specifications is available at no cost and may be obtained by emailing a request to planroom.gsa@gmail.com.

Each bidder shall accompany his original bid, with a certified or Cashier's Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of his ability to perform the contract bid upon, and that he will enter into a written contract with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials

No. 1069-December 8-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

In the matter of the estate of Phillip Terry Emerick,

deceased. Case No. PB-2022-148 Alias Notice to Creditors and Notice of Hearing on Petition for Summary Administration STATE OF OKLAHOMA, TO: All persons interested in the estate and all creditors of Phillip Terry Emerick, deceased

1. On November 18th, 2022, Gregory Law Emerick filed his Petition for Summary Administration of the estate of Phillip Terry Emerick, deceased.

2. Phillip Terry Emerick died in Columbus, Indiana on September 26, 2022, at the age of 77. He was a resident of 4981 W. Quincy Court, Columbus, Bartholomew County, Indiana 47203. He left a Will dated July 17, 2007. The Will left the entire estate to Glenda Law Emerick.

3. The names and current addresses of the Petitioner, Special Administrator, heirs and devisees of Phillip Terry Emerick, deceased, are:

Glenda Law Emerick Traditions of Columbus 4300 W. Goeller Blvd. Apt. 305 Columbus, IN 47201 Gregory Law Emerick 9675 E. Katey Dr. Columbus, IN 47203 Brian Law Emerick 160 Stonepark Blvd. Apt. 2303 Pike Road, AL 36064 4. The property of the decedent within Oklahoma consists of oil and gas interests as shown in the

No. 1056-December 8-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA CHICKASAW COMMUNITY BANK F/K/A BANK2, Plaintiff, v. HUNTER MARTINA/K/A HUNTER E. MARTIN; GARRY MARTIN A/K/A GARRY A. MARTIN; AND JOHN DOE, OCCUPANT Defendant(s).

Case No. CJ-2022-195 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA, TO: Hunter Martin a/k/a Hunter E. Martin and Garry Martin a/k/a Garry A. Martin, if living or if dead, and to said Defendant(s)' unknown successors, if any.

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued by Chickasaw Community Bank F/K/A Bank2, in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, and that you must answer the Petition on or before February 11th, 2023, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you awarding Plaintiff a first lien upon the following described real estate, situated in McClain County, State of Oklahoma, to-wit:

LOT THREE (3) BLOCK THREE (3), CHRISTIAN ADDITION NO. 1

in accordance with said plans and specifications and furnish the required bonds within seven (7) days after the acceptance of his bid.

The deposit will be retained by the Owner as, and for, liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of the Contract and required bonds.

Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a sworn statement in writing that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express or implied, with any other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids, the limiting of the bids or bidders, the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.

A Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and the bidder shall state in the proposal the name and address of the Surety or Sureties who will sign this bond in case the contract is awarded to him. The Maintenance Bond required will guarantee the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by the Owner.

All bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the Bid Opening will be returned.

Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

Petition. The Oklahoma properties have a probable value of less than \$200,000.00.

5. The Petition will be heard before the Honorable Judge Charles Gray in the McClain County Courthouse, 121 N. 2nd Street, Purcell, Oklahoma, 73080, on January 12, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

6. The person receiving this notice and any interested party must file any objections to the Petition before the hearing with the District Court Clerk of McClain County Courthouse, 121 N. 2nd Street, Purcell, Oklahoma, 73080, and send a copy to the Petitioner's attorney, or that person will be deemed to have waived any objections to the Petition.

7. If an objection is filed before the hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estates will be distributed and to whom the estates will be distributed.

8. The claim of any creditor not shown in the Petition will be barred unless the claim is presented to the Petitioner at the office of their attorneys: Hampton and Milligan, PLLC, 2900 W. Lindsey St., Suite 141, Norman, OK 73072, on or before the following presentment date: January 6, 2023.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2022.

/s/ Charles N. Gray JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Slate W. Olmstead, OBA #33990 Daniel A. Milligan, OBA #12411 Hampton and Milligan, PLLC 2900 W. Lindsey St., Suite 141 Norman, OK 73072 (405) 235-5620 Attorneys for Petitioner

ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PURCELL, MCCLAIN COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 938 Louise Terrace, Purcell, OK 73080 for the sum of \$130,901.90, with interest from February 1, 2021, at 5 percent per annum, together with a reasonable attorney's fee, \$850.00 for abstracting, advances for taxes, insurance and property preservation, and the costs of this action, and ordering said property sold to satisfy said judgment, and forever barring you and all persons claiming by, through or under you from ever setting up or asserting any right, title, equity or interest in and to said real estate adverse to the right and title of the purchaser at said foreclosure sale, and for such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

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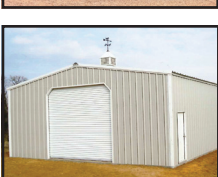


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