



County officers meet

Swearing in held for commissioners

McClain County Commissioners toured the McClain County Jail Tuesday after their first meeting of 2023.

That's according to Oklahoma Law for the first meeting of a new year.

The board normally meets on Monday, but due to the New Year's Day holiday the meeting was moved to Tuesday.

Also Tuesday, District 1 Commissioner Glen Murray, District 3 Commissioner Terry Daniels and Assessor Kendal Sacchieri were all sworn in.

Associate District Judge Charles Gray was also scheduled to be sworn in but he missed due to illness.

Veteran District 2 Commissioner Wilson Lyles remains as chairman of the three-member board.

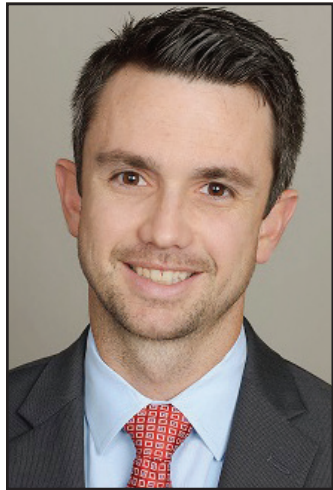


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Ground breaking

After last Wednesday's ground breaking in Goldsby a new First National Bank & Trust Co., will soon be under construction. When completed it will be the 12th location of FNBT (rendition above). From left are builder and entrepreneur Scott Adkins, SVP Lender Brad Duvall, home designer, builder and FNBT Director Tina Adkins, Goldsby Mayor Glenn Berglan, Principal Architect Walter Henry, Board Chairman Pat Brooks, President and CEO John Gorton, EVP and Chief Financial Officer Kyle Abrahams, SWH Construction Operations Manager Justin Robertson, Town Administrator Adam Vossen, VP Lender Jamie Beard and Construction Administrator Danny Choate. The FDIC bank joins a variety of commercial and retail developments underway in Goldsby.

5 questions with Cody Barton



Cody Barton

Editor's note: Answering The Purcell Register's five questions this week is Farmers Insurance Agent Cody Barton.

Q: What's the most rewarding part of your job?

A: When someone experiences a significant claim such as a tornado, house fire or major car accident, one of the first phone calls they make is to their insurance agent.

On what could be the worst day of their lives, I get to be the one that tells them "We've prepared for this, and everything is going to be okay." I can't think of anything more rewarding than that!

Q: What is something

you do in your job that would surprise people?

A: Whenever possible, I like to go do my own home inspections for new policies. On occasion we need to get on a roof to check the shingles. When it's 103 degrees in August and someone sees you walking on top of a house in a full suit and tie, you get some strange looks.

Q: What are your interests in civic volunteer work?

A: I think as a business owner it's important to give back to your community any time you can. Our agency has been right here in Purcell since 1987. To say we have been blessed by the support of this community would be an understatement. Whenever we are presented with an opportunity to give something back, we want to do it. Being involved in local civic organizations such as Rotary and Lion's Club are a great avenue for us to do that.

Q: What is something most people don't know about you?

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Deadline near for absentee requests

To vote in school board election



Voters in McClain County who want absentee ballots mailed to them for the February 14 Board of Education Primary and Special Election should apply now.

That's the word from Election Board Secretary Karen Haley.

Absentee ballots are available to any registered voter, provided they are eligible to vote in the election requested. No excuse is needed to vote by absentee ballot.

The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is 5 p.m. January 30. Voters can submit a request using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp.

Request forms are also available at oklahoma.gov/elections and at the election board office located at 121 N. 2nd Ave. in Purcell.

Haley reminds voters to allow time for an absentee ballot to be received, completed, and returned by mail to the election board.

"With some exceptions, all absentee ballots must be notarized before being returned. Voters should give themselves plenty of time to make sure all steps have been followed and that the ballot is returned correctly in order to be counted," Haley said.

Voters exempt from having an absentee ballot affidavit notarized include those who are physically incapacitated and those who care for physically incapacitated individuals who cannot be left alone. Those voters must have their absentee ballot affidavit witnessed by two people.

Military personnel and residents living overseas, along with their spouses and dependents are also eligible for certain allowances. Military personnel should contact Voting Service Officers in

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An Interesting Neighbor

Everyone has a story

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

When it comes to law enforcement, there's really not much McClain County Sheriff Landy Offolter hasn't seen or experienced.

Offolter, who is serving in his second year as sheriff, was McClain County's Undersheriff for the three years prior to that.

After earning a degree in education from USAO he was hired as a police officer at Purcell. After a year he went to work as a deputy for then McClain County Sheriff Don Smith for almost a year before being accepted into the 37th Oklahoma Highway Patrol Academy.

Offolter said he was visiting with a friend who was a Chickasha Police Officer.

"I went to Chickasha PD at first and then over to Grady County," Offolter reflected on putting in his applications. "I then went to Purcell and was interviewed by police chief Melvin Lynn. The interview lasted about 30 minutes and he said 'when can you start'."

In the meantime Offolter and his wife, Genise, tied the knot in 1978.

The veteran Oklahoma law man served a six-year stint as a Trooper in Grady County before getting promoted to governor security. He worked three years for then Governor George Nigh and three more years for Henry Bellmon.

"We actually had to teach Nigh how to drive when he left office," Offolter joked. "There were a lot of interesting things in that assignment."

Offolter retired from the OHP after a 37 year career with the patrol.

As a college student, Offolter started officiating high school football and basket-

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Sheriff Landy Offolter





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Turning on the juice

A Purcell electric crew restores power near Van Buren and 7th streets Thursday, December 22. A powerful cold front blew through Central Oklahoma, bringing arctic temperatures and gusty winds, with lows in the single digits.



NEWS from the City of Purcell

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

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

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

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

Voter registration deadline approaches

Friday, January 20, is the last day to apply for voter registration in order to be eligible to vote in the Feb. 14, 2023 Board of Education Primary and Special Election, according to McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley.

Haley said that persons who are United States Citizens, residents of Oklahoma, and at least 17-1/2 years old are eligible to apply for voter registration. However, you must be at least 18 years old to vote.

Applications must be received by the County Election Board or postmarked no later than midnight, Jan. 20, 2023. Applications postmarked after that time will be accepted, but will not be processed until after the February 14 Election. Applications may also be submitted to any motor vehicle agency that is also an official voter registration agency by the submission deadline.

Applicants will be notified in writing when their application has been processed. Approved voters will receive a Voter Identification Card in the mail. Some may receive a letter that explains the reason or reasons the application was not approved.

Haley said those who do not receive a response within 30 days of submitting their application should contact the County Election Board office immediately.

The McClain County Election Board reminds voters that applications must be approved by the County Election Board Secretary in order to vote.

Registered voters who have moved to McClain County from a different county or state will need to complete a new Voter Registration Application in order to be eligible for elections in McClain County. If you have moved within the county and need to update

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7 Day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd						
Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
54° 40°	64° 41°	51° 32°	50° 34°	52° 38°	53° 35°	57° 45°
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

Temperatures steady in 50s

Temperatures warmed up nicely heading into 2023, but those temperatures will begin to cool off slightly heading into the week ahead as we remain dry over the next seven days. On Thursday, temperatures will

approach the mid-50s under sunny skies, before warming up into the mid-60s by Friday with a mix of sun and clouds. Temperatures cool down Saturday and again on Sunday in the lower 50s under mostly

sunny skies. Temperatures will remain steady in the lower 50s on Monday and Tuesday, before warming back up into the upper 50s by the middle part of next week under partly cloudy conditions.

Year marks significant progress for Chickasaw people

As the year ends, the Chickasaw Nation has fulfilled and will continue its mission — to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people — through the launch of several innovative programs and services. The year was also filled with significant milestones and achievements accomplished through service.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby celebrated this progress as he delivered his October 1 State of the Nation address in the newly constructed Aiitafama' Ishto (Large Meeting Place), which is situated near the historic Chickasaw National Capitol in Tishomingo.

Built as the home for the Chickasaw Annual Meeting, the facility first opened its doors October 1, symbolic of the tremendous growth and progress of the Chickasaw Nation during the past three decades.

The new 50,000-square-foot facility seats 2,400 and will be utilized to host meetings, conferences and gatherings for the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival returned to an in-person event this year after a two-year transition to virtual programming due to the pandemic. More than 11,450 Chickasaws and community members from 31 states visited Saturday, October 1, to attend the Chickasaw Annual

Meeting and Festival, and to enjoy events, including the Southeastern Arts Show and Market (SEASAM).

The weeklong festivities also featured significant events such as the Chickasaw Princess Pageant in Ada, Cultural Evening in Sulphur and an array of activities for all ages.

The Artesian Arts Festival returned to downtown Sulphur in June for an in-person event following a two-year hiatus. An estimated 5,000 art enthusiasts attended the ninth annual event to experience the colorful and diverse art of more than 50 Chickasaw artists.

Construction continues on many economic development projects throughout the Chickasaw Nation, including an expansion at WinStar World Casino and Resort, Thackerville, a resort at Lake Texoma, near Kingston, and a hotel at Lake Murray, Ardmore.

Another significant project, the OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark, Oklahoma City, began to take shape this year. A ground breaking ceremony was conducted in late October.

Situated near the First Americans Museum, the resort will feature an 11-story, 404-room hotel and a 5-acre outdoor adventure lagoon. The resort also will include a family entertainment center, a large indoor waterpark, conference center space, spa and golf simulator, multiple retail outlets and dining options.

"OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark has been designed

to complement the First Americans Museum's focus on cultural experience as well as connect visitors to other entertainment experiences along this established and vibrant part of the Oklahoma River," Governor Anoatubby said.

These economic development projects will help generate revenue for the future and fund vital programs and services, which enhance the lives of Chickasaw people.

Youth

Strides to better serve Chickasaw youth were taken, as ground was broken for a new Chickasaw Youth Club in Ardmore May 2. Also located in Tishomingo and Sulphur, the youth clubs host educational after-school and summer activities for Chickasaw students.

"The youth clubs provide access to health and nutrition, career development and life skills, art, sports and fitness, and Chickasaw history and culture, and this new youth club building will allow us to expand this valuable program to the Ardmore area," Governor Anoatubby said at the groundbreaking.

Summer 2022 saw the return of in-person Chickasaw Nation summer camps, clinics and academies, which hosted 1,600 students this year.

Six thousand Chickasaw students earned more than \$28 million in higher education grants and scholarships last year, and

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NEWS In Brief

Auxiliary Luncheon

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 301 wishes all a Happy New Year.

Our popular bean luncheon is back and will be Tuesday, January 10, starting at 11 a.m. Donations are used for Unit programs. We appreciate the community support.

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

VFW Meeting

Lexington-Purcell Post 12103 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, at 104 E. Broadway in Lexington.

The group also meets for coffee and conversation on Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to approximately noon.

All veterans are invited to attend.

Wayne Little League Sign-Ups

Sign-ups for Wayne Little League Baseball and Softball are scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, from 5:30-7 p.m., Saturday, January 14, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., and Sunday, January 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Sign-ups will be held at the Wayne Church of Christ Fellowship Building at 302 W. Henderson.

Any interested parents/guardians of ages can come to one of the sign-ups and a member of the Wayne Youth Athletic Association Board will be able to assist you in the sign-up process and answer any questions you may have. You may also reach out to wayneoklittleleague@gmail.com for further information or on Facebook at Wayne OK Little League.

Tax Statements

McClain County Treasurer Teresa Jones reminds property owners in the county that 2022 tax statements were 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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Old city pool

The foundation of the very old Purcell City Swimming Pool is still visible at the corner of Juneau and South Second Avenue in the southern part of Purcell. Two pools later, the City of Purcell is currently without a public pool.

American Legion Oratorical Contest

The American Legion District 5B Oratorical contest will be held at the First Baptist Church in Lexington on Saturday, January 7, starting at 10 a.m.

The oratorical is a high school speech contest on the U.S. Constitution.

The students present a prepared speech on an aspect of the constitution they choose and a assigned topic speech on an article selected the day of the contest.

It is a unique opportunity to see our youth discuss our constitution and most attendees agree they learn something they did not know. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The two top contestants of this contest will progress to the Department (state) contest in February and, hopefully, on

to the National contest.

Winners at the National level compete for over \$203,000 in scholarships with \$25,000, \$22,500, and \$20,000 going to the top three winners.

Smaller awards are presented as contestants proceed to the finals. The scholarships are good for any school within the United States.

The five contestants in the District contest are from Elmore City, Lindsay, Moore, and Norman. It is an excellent program and opportunity for scholarships that is often overlooked.

Local students, parents and school officials are encouraged to attend and consider participating next year.

Contact the local American Legion Post at (405) 823-9051 or email at okpost301@gmail.com for more information.

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Deadline:

your address, you may make changes online using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp or complete a Voter Registration Application.

Voter Registration Applications can be downloaded from the State Election Board website at oklahoma.gov/elections. You may also complete a form at your County Election Board. Most post offices, tag agencies and public libraries have applications available upon request.

The McClain County Election Board is located at 121 N. 2nd Ave. and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For questions, contact the Election Board at 405-527-3121 or mcclaincounty@elections.ok.gov.

OMRF receives \$469,000 grant to study hearing loss

An Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientist hopes a new, two-year grant will help him pinpoint the genetic variants that can cause age-related hearing loss.

Scientist Gaurav Varshney, Ph.D., will receive \$469,000 from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, a part of the National Institutes of Health.

Varshney's lab studies human disease through zebrafish. More than 80 percent of human genes known to be associated with disease have a counterpart gene in the paperclip-sized fish.

In the U.S., hearing loss affects one in eight people ages 12 and older, according to the NIH. The numbers rise as we age, with one in three experiencing hearing loss among those 65 to 74 years old.

Genetic causes account for up

to half of all hearing loss cases, Varshney said. Scientists have narrowed the possible responsible genetic variants to about 100 mutations through genome-wide association studies.

One such U.K. study, published in 2019, analyzed the DNA of 250,000 people between 40 and 69 years old with diagnosed and self-reported hearing loss. That study identified 44 regions within the DNA where one or more genetic mutations could cause hearing loss.

Humans and zebrafish share 39 of those 44 regions. Those 39 areas will be the focus of Varshney's research.

"We want to pinpoint the specific genes within those 39 regions that could be responsible for hearing loss," he said. "With that information, scientists can design better

treatments for the condition."

Varshney's lab will use the gene-editing tool CRISPR/Cas9 to turn off individual genes within a given DNA region in the fish. To determine whether that missing gene results in hearing loss, his team will track fish behavior immediately after generating a startling sound. He'll then repeat this process for genes in all 39 regions.

"Dr. Varshney's research is a critical step, and it's representative of how genetic studies often work," said Patrick Gaffney, M.D., who chairs OMRF's Genes and Human Disease Research Program. "You narrow the list of potential mutations until one day, hopefully, you can target a specific mutation with a drug therapy. That's the direction his research is headed."

Story Time with Hody Estes at Pikes Peak

Hody Estes, a retired coach from Lindsay School, will be at the Pikes Peak School Museum in Erin Springs at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 8.

He will be sharing his memories of coaching days.

Story Time with Coach Hody Estes, will relate some history of Lindsay football and girls' basketball beginning in the 50's.

Coach Estes will also tell some of the accomplishments of the legendary Coach, Charles Heatly, and other well-known football and basketball coaches.

This special Story Time Event is sponsored by the Lindsay Community Historical Society.

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High time to honor Wilson

Is it just me or does it seem like only yesterday we were all worried about Y2K.

How can that have been almost a quarter of a century ago? A wise old guy told me when I first became a publisher that I'll find the days are long and the years are short.

Truer words were never spoken.

That was 47 years ago, 33 of which have been right here in the Heart of Oklahoma.

Not sure where the time has gone but we must be having one heck of a time.

jdm
With Purcell on the verge of hiring another high school football coach it is time or may be even past time to honor the second winningest coach in Dragon history.

The football field is appropriately named Conger Field in honor of Purcell's winningest coach, Jim Conger.

But the football stadium or

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press box could be named in honor of Mike Wilson.

Conger coached for 13 seasons and won 100 football games with a winning percentage of 72.76 percent.

Wilson led the Dragons on the field for 12 seasons and won 98 games with a winning percentage of 69.50, including a State Runners-up team in 2004.

The third winningest Purcell head coach has only 75

victories.

That is Rick Clark, who has two wins more than fourth place coach Boney Matthews.

Wilson is certainly deserving of such an honor.

jdm
New Year's Eve marked the end for another successful season for the Lights from the Heart holiday display at the Purcell City Lake.

Purcell Parks & Recreation Department Director John Blue said there is no car counter but did know 52,000 mints were handed out.

A mint was given to each occupant in vehicles as they rolled through.

The display is beautiful and enjoyed by thousands of people every year.

Thanks to the city employees who work so hard on the display and a tip of the hat to all the organizations that volunteer to welcome visitors each night.

Well done to one and all.

Four ways to boost your cyber hygiene

**By Dusty Ricks,
Manager/CEO
Rural Electric Cooperative**

In today's digital world, cyber attacks are unfortunately nothing new. Cyber criminals can attack on a multitude of levels, from large-scale attacks targeting corporations to smaller phishing attacks aimed to gain an individual's personal information.

When we hear about massive data breaches, it can feel overwhelming and lead us to think we are powerless as individuals to stop cyber criminals.

The truth is, there are several practical steps we can take to safeguard our devices and data. Here are four easy ways to boost your cyber hygiene:

1. Enable multi-factor authentication. Also known as two-step verification, multi-factor authentication adds a second step when logging into an account (to prove you

are really you), which greatly increases the security of the account.

This second step could include an extra PIN, answering an extra security question, a code received via email or a secure token. Regardless of the type of authentication, this additional step makes it twice as hard for cyber criminals to access your account.

Not every account offers multi-factor authentications, but it is becoming increasingly popular and should be utilized when available.

2. Use strong passwords and a password manager. Remember, passwords are the "keys" to your personal home online. Your passwords should always be long, unique and complex.

Create passwords using at least 12 characters, never reuse passwords for multiple accounts and use a combination of upper- and lower-case

letters, numbers and special characters. If you have a lot of accounts, consider using a password manager to store them easily and securely in one place.

3. Update software. It may seem obvious, but regularly updating software is one of the easiest ways to keep your personal information secure. Most companies provide automatic updates and will send reminders so you can easily install the update.

If you are not receiving automatic software updates, set a reminder to do so quarterly. Be aware some cyber criminals will send fake updates; these typically appear as a pop-up window when visiting a website. Use good judgement and always think before you click on any link.

4. Recognize and report

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Social Security must be saved

Congressman Tom Cole

The solvency of Social Security has reached a turning point, and millions of Americans who have paid into this program throughout their working lives are at risk of not receiving the money they deserve.

The reality of the challenge facing Social Security is that without reforms, these funds will dry up. Congress must find solutions to save this program rather than sacrifice the hard-earned retirement of working Americans.

Since 2020, the costs of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) fund, one of two trust funds that comprise Social Security, have been higher than the fund's income and will be for the foreseeable future. This is a result of the number of beneficiaries growing significantly faster than the number of workers paying into Social Security.

While OASI provided benefits to 50 million retired workers and their dependents and 6 million survivors of deceased workers in 2021, unfortunately, the fund's reserves decreased

from \$2.812 trillion in 2020 to \$2.753 trillion in 2021.

Due to the imbalance between income and costs, Social Security's Board of Trustees expects OASI's depletion by 2034, resulting in beneficiaries receiving an immediate and detrimental 23 percent cut in benefits because Social Security will only be able to pay around 77 percent of scheduled benefits.

To put that in perspective, that would be like the average beneficiary's 2023 monthly payment being reduced from \$1,827 to \$1,407, or \$420 less per month.

The topic of Social Security is certainly a sensitive issue, and reasonably so as it has to do with the livelihoods of millions of American seniors. However, lawmakers have a duty to the American people to find a solution.

We cannot afford to sweep this issue under the rug any longer. Rather than risk breaking the promise made to generations who have paid or will pay into the system, this Congress I will reintroduce legislation that would result in common-

sense solutions to save Social Security for future generations of retirees.

If enacted into law, the Bipartisan Social Security Commission Act would create an independent, bipartisan commission of 13 members from both the executive and legislative branches appointed by leaders in both parties.

Any recommendation by the commission must reach a nine out of 13 vote threshold. The commission's findings and recommendations to save Social Security would then be adopted or rejected by a vote in Congress. It is long overdue for Congress to finally have a serious and civil discussion about how we preserve and maintain this program.

Since its establishment in 1935, Social Security has been a critical tool to lift seniors out of poverty, and it is also an earned benefit that all Americans pay into and rely upon for benefits in old age.

I am committed to working with my colleagues in Congress on both sides of the aisle to ensure the program's long-term survival.

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Your Views

Those who are grieving and suffering loss

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Throughout the years, many of us watched Barbara Walters from NBC to ABC. I always tried to watch her special interviews. Often, the people she interviewed on primetime television specials were "the" high profile people at that given time.

She became the highest paid journalist of her day being the first to sign a million-dollar contract with ABC.

Regardless of what we do in life we are still confronted by difficulties that often debilitate us. Walters had survived her own personal struggles, like we all do, including four divorces.

Unfortunately, her reported battle with dementia took its toll on her health. We can all accomplish much in life. Maybe not as much as Walters or maybe even more. Regardless, there is much about life we can't do anything about other than try to deal with it and do the best we can.

At least 37 people died from the recent winter storm in Buffalo, N.Y. Families are grieving. Hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, freezing temperatures, and snow have wreaked devastation on our country in the last twelve months.

Loss of life can come from disease, weather, accidents or unconscionably by design.

We all have been horrified by the death of four college students in Moscow, Idaho. It's been beyond us how four beautiful people could be stabbed to death in their beds reportedly between 3 and 4 in the morning.

A young man who is a student at nearby Washington State University on the Pullman campus has been arrested at his parents' house in Albrightsville, Penn. Moscow police believe they now have the murderer in custody.

How anyone could commit such a heinous crime is beyond our comprehension. I'm sure

it was beyond the scope of thought for these innocent young adults.

We never know who is taking note of our lives, whereabouts and activities.

Regardless of how calm and safe your community seems you can't take anything for granted. Lock your doors. Lock your bedroom door. Keep your handgun on your lampstand and try your best to create an environment that protects you as much as possible.

With so many people sleeping in the rental house in Moscow, I'm sure these young college students felt safe. What appeared to be safe for them became an opportunity for an evil mind.

Typically, the attacker has the element of surprise on his side. It's always best to try to think ahead. Sadly, four Idaho University students were killed by someone who planned, plotted, and was patient enough to find the right moment to carry out the murders.

Accepting and dealing with what we cannot change is one thing. Preparing for life but rolling with the punches, the turns and twists is another. Being watchful, careful, and never taking anything for granted could make the difference between life and death.

Pray for these families and all the many friends and loved ones as they grieve and suffer from such devastating loss.

Visit GlennMollette.com to subscribe, learn about his books and more additional biographical. Dr. Glenn 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*, the *Spiritual Chocolate* series, *Grandpa's Store*, Minister's Guidebook insights from a fellow minister.

His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states.

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Society



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Pauls Valley Opry

Annie Reed (top) and April Davis (bottom) are just two of the powerhouse vocalists to perform at the first edition of the Pauls Valley Opry in 2023 on January 7. The show will be back at the Pauls Valley Junior High auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to Debbie Tims, John Bourquin, Quin Bennett, Matt Croslin, Blake Western, Carolyn Harrison, Joyce Pennington, David Stanton, Celeste Clary, Chardee Carpenter, Dale Richardson, Jacob Sheehy, Crew Montgomery, Dede Page, Adam Wells, Barbara Bruehl, Martin Montelongo, Leslie Ariaga, Eduardo Cruz, Carolyn Hall, Cristian Reyes, Thomas Belfiore, Barbara Gullion and Monica Perez.

Have you made your New Year's Resolutions yet?

Now that we're a few days into 2022, it's time to put them into action!

Most people make the usual resolutions to eat a healthy diet, stop smoking, exercise more and save more.

Whatever yours are, try to stick with them. I've been told that it only takes 90 days to make a change in your life!

McClain County Treasurer Teresa Jones reminds property owners in the county that 2022 tax statements were due before January 1.

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

For more information call 527-3261.

With school having resumed

after the Christmas break, drivers should be especially vigilant for pedestrians before and after school hours.

Drivers need to watch out for children walking and biking to and from school which includes those getting out of cars in school parking lots which can be particularly dangerous.

We need to pay special attention to our greatest resource, our children!

Here's a great recipe you can make in your slow cooker and come home to a delicious meal.

Easy Taco Soup

1 pound ground beef
1 small onion, chopped
4-5 cloves garlic, minced
4 cups beef or chicken broth of stock
15. oz. can of corn, drained
15 oz. can black beans, rinsed and drained
15 oz. can chili beans in chili sauce
28 oz. can crushed tomatoes
4 oz. can chopped green chiles
1 TBL chili powder
2 tsps. cumin
1 tsp. dried oregano, onion powder and garlic powder
Salt, pepper and cayenne pepper to taste

Place cooked ground beef in the bottom of the crockpot. Add in all other ingredients and stir together.

Cover with lid and cook on high 4-6 or low 8-10 hours.

Adopt small daily habits for a healthier new year

The Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) offers free resources to help Oklahomans achieve their New Year's health resolutions through small daily steps.

Whether you wish to eat more nutritiously, move more or start living tobacco free, TSET programs like the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline and Shape Your Future can help you plan — and stay encouraged — to reach your goals.

"The New Year is a great time to tackle harmful habits like tobacco use and eating unhealthy foods," said Julie Bisbee, executive director of TSET. "Taking small steps towards a healthier lifestyle can make a big difference. The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline and Shape Your Future are here to help you make those real and sustainable changes to live a healthier life."

The number one thing you can do for your health is not to use tobacco products. Quitting tobacco is no small change, but the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline is there for you every step of the way.

The Helpline offers free resources, personalized services and nonjudgmental support to make quitting tobacco a realistic goal. Call the Oklahoma

Tobacco Helpline at 1-800-QUITNOW (1-800-784-8669) or visit OKhelpline.com to explore the free resources available to Oklahomans, including free patches, gum or lozenges.

Shape Your Future provides tips and tools all Oklahomans can use to live healthier lives. ShapeYourFutureOK.com offers quick and healthy recipe ideas, meal plans, fun ways to get moving and more.

You can even take the seven-question Health Quiz to learn where you stand, and which small steps can help kick off your new health journey.

Here are a few healthy changes to consider making in 2023:

- Drink more water and less soda;
- Get a few more minutes of physical activity in your day by going on a walk;
- Add fruits and veggies to snack time;
- Cook more healthy meals at home.

Get better sleep by turning off screens an hour before bedtime

With a little help, achieving healthy goals can be easier than anticipated. For more free programs and resources to improve your health and that of your family and community, visit oklahoma.gov/tset.

Births

Lohn



Porter Ryan Lohn

Matt and Chelsea Lohn of Norman announce the birth of their son, Porter Ryan Lohn, Dec. 14, 2022.

Porter Ryan weighed eight pounds three ounces and measured 21-1/2 inches in length.

He was welcomed home by his big brother, Robinson Heath Lohn.

Grandparents are Victor and Jeannie Lohn of Purcell, Tanilo Garcia of Moore and the late Robin Garcia.

School Menus Week of January 9

WAYNE

MONDAY BREAKFAST Biscuit and gravy, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.	LUNCH Hamburger, fries, pickles, lettuce, baked beans, mixed fruit, milk.
LUNCH Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, peaches, milk.	THURSDAY BREAKFAST Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
TUESDAY BREAKFAST Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.	LUNCH Chicken casserole, chips, salsa, corn, cookie, milk.
LUNCH Fajitas, pinto beans, rice, pears, milk.	FRIDAY BREAKFAST Pop tart, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST Bagel topper, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.	LUNCH Hot dogs with chili, tots, spinach orange, milk.

PURCELL

MONDAY BREAKFAST Pancakes with syrup or cereal and toast, applesauce, juice, milk.	LUNCH Beef hot dog, french fries, cucumber slices, fruit, milk.
LUNCH Chicken spaghetti breadstick, green beans, romaine salad, peaches, milk.	THURSDAY BREAKFAST Cereal and toast, apple, juice, milk.
TUESDAY BREAKFAST Toast and scrambled eggs or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.	LUNCH Beef and cheese pocket, garden salad, baby carrots, peaches, milk.
LUNCH Frito chili pie, chili beans, apple, milk.	FRIDAY BREAKFAST Cinnamon roll or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST Biscuit and gravy or cereal	LUNCH Pepperoni pizza, baby carrots, romaine salad, applesauce, milk.

LEXINGTON

MONDAY Whole grain cereal or banana bread, raisins, fruit juice, milk.	LUNCH Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, baby carrots with ranch, raisins, milk.
LUNCH Steak fingers, potatoes and gravy, steamed carrots, apple wedges, milk.	THURSDAY BREAKFAST Whole grain cereal or breakfast bagel, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk.
TUESDAY BREAKFAST Whole grain cereal or breakfast burrito, orange smiles, fruit juice, milk.	LUNCH Baked potato with nacho cheese, breadstick, broccoli with ranch, pears, milk.
LUNCH Hot ham and cheese sandwich, baked beans, pickle spears, peaches, milk.	FRIDAY BREAKFAST Whole grain cereal or cinnamon toast crunch bar, apple wedges, fruit juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST Whole grain cereal or biscuit and jelly, egg patty, pears, fruit juice, milk.	LUNCH Hamburger, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, banana, milk.

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Dr. Steve Schultz

Dr. Schultz is at the Purcell Municipal Hospital Specialty Clinic the 2nd & 4th Friday.

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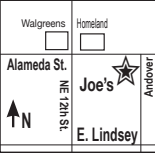
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Sports

January 5-7

- 1/5 Purcell Girls vs. Will Rogers • 4 p.m.
1/5 Purcell Boys vs. Verdigris • 8:30 p.m.
*Mother Road Classic at Verdigris
- 1/5 Lexington Boys vs Little Axe • 12:20 p.m.
1/5 Lexington Girls vs. Ringling • 11 a.m.
*Arbuckle Winter Classic
- 1/5 Washington Boys vs Konawa • 7:50 p.m.
1/5 Washington Girls vs. Star Spencer • 6:30 p.m.
*Konawa Invitational
- 1/5 Wayne Boys vs Macomb • 2:30 p.m.
1/5 Wayne Girls vs. Schulter • 1 p.m.
*Graham-Dustin Chieftain Classic

January 9 & 10

- 1/9 Wayne at OSD • 6:30 p.m.
- 1/10 Purcell at Marlow • 6:30 p.m.
- 1/10 Lexington at Bridge Creek • 6:30 p.m.
- 1/10 Washington at Lindsay • 6:30 p.m.

Loaded field at Verdigris

Dragons only 3A school in tourney filled with 4A, 5A teams

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Purcell heads to the ultra competitive Verdigris Tournament this Thursday through Saturday.

On the boys side of the bracket are three ranked 5A teams in Tahlequah, Coweta and Bishop Kelly.

Another 5A team in the field is Will Rogers with 4A teams from Tecumseh, Verdigris and Hilldale with Purcell the only 3A team in the tournament.

Purcell and the host Verdigris Cardinals close out the first day of the tournament tipping off at 8:30 p.m. to-night (Thursday).

“We will have a great opportunity to see many styles of play and types of players who we believe will help us later in the playoffs,” head coach Roger Raper said.

“We hope to compete and to get better each day,” Raper continued. “January will be a great month of very challenging basketball for our team and we look forward to seeing where we stand.”

The No. 2 ranked Dragons were 6-0 heading into Tuesday’s home game with Bridge Creek at The Reimer Center to kick off the second half of the cage season.

“We are excited to get back to a normal schedule,” Raper said. “We had a great finish to the first semester and the second semester starts off very tough.”

Toney Cooper’s No. 11 ranked girls had a 5-1 record going into the Bridge Creek contest Tuesday.

Tahlequah, Will Rogers, Bishop Kelly and Coweta are all ranked in 5A in the girls bracket of the tournament while Verdigris and Tecumseh are both ranked in 4A.

Purcell opens the tournament today (Thursday) at 4 p.m. against 5A No. 4 Will Rogers.

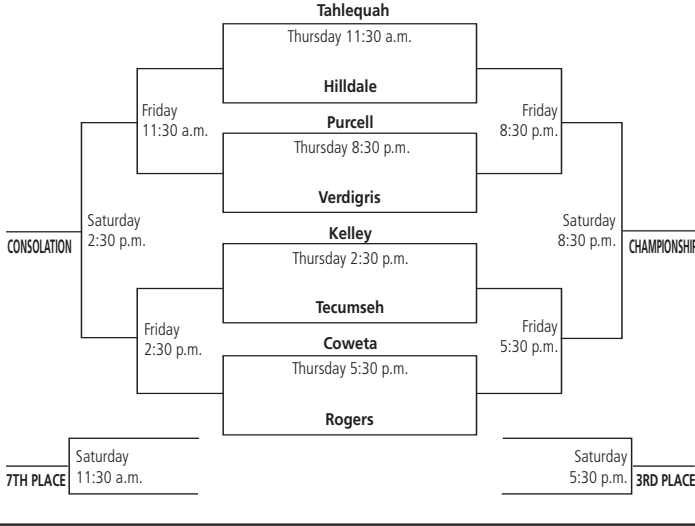
“I’m excited for the girls to participate in this tournament,” Cooper said. “It will be a great challenge for us and help us as we get ready for the second half of the season.

“Will Rogers is undefeated and currently ranked 4th in 5A,” Cooper continued. “They are athletic and aggressive so it’ll definitely be a challenge.

“The tournament field is solid. Regardless of the outcome our team will get good experiences facing such highly skilled teams. That will bode well for us as we head into the heart of our schedule,” he concluded.

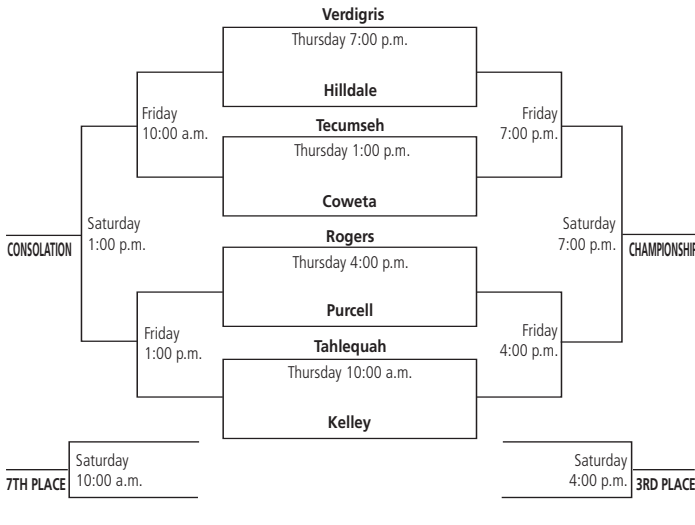
THE MOTHER ROAD CLASSIC AT VERDIGRIS

Boys bracket
January 5-7, 2023



THE MOTHER ROAD CLASSIC AT VERDIGRIS

Girls bracket
January 5-7, 2023



Sessions wins
wrestling tourney

Sophomore Coty Sessions took the top prize at the United States Junior Open Championship (USJOC) wrestling tournament December 30-31 in the 15-and-under division.

Sessions competed in the 110 pound weight class and didn’t allow a point to be scored on her by any opponent. She was also named the Outstanding Female Wrestler of the tournament.

The USJOC is a nation-wide tournament held at the State Fair Grounds in Oklahoma City.

Sessions currently attends Norman North High School but competed for Purcell high school as a freshman last year. She is the daughter of Holly and Jake Fuller.



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Champion

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Boys bracket
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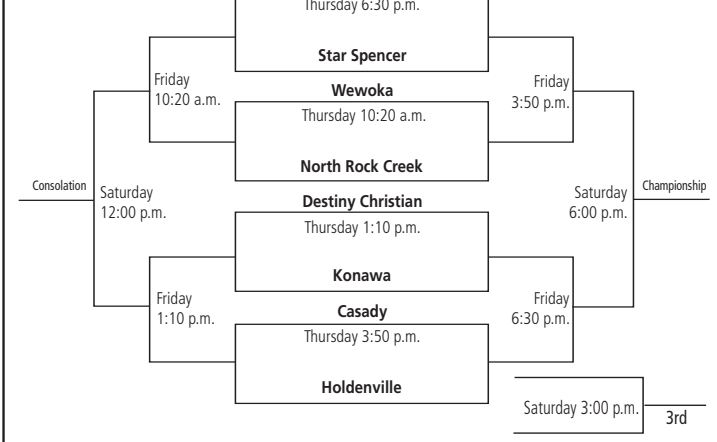
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ARBUCKLE WINTER CLASSIC

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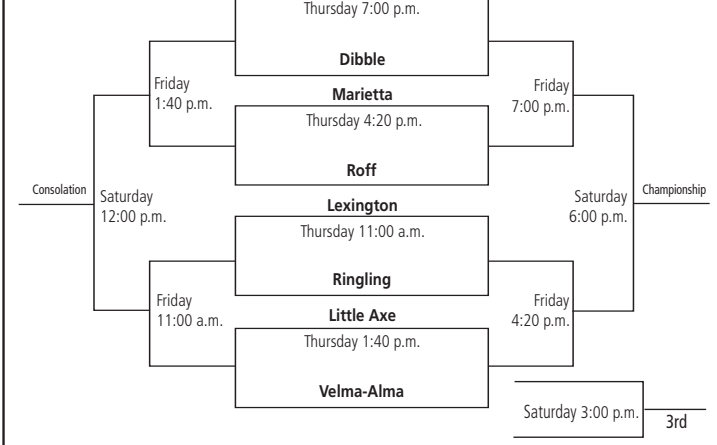
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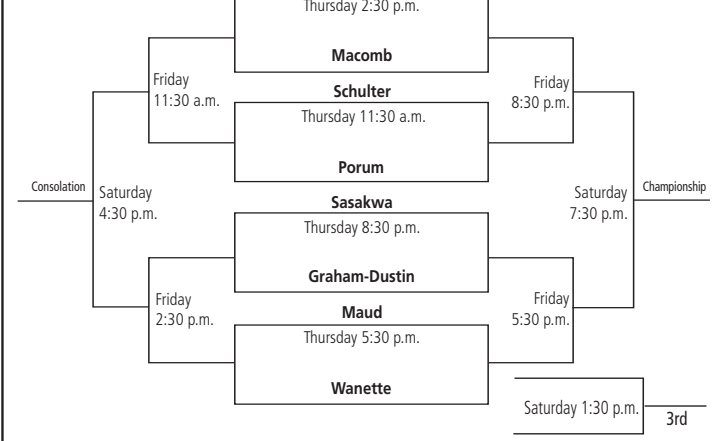
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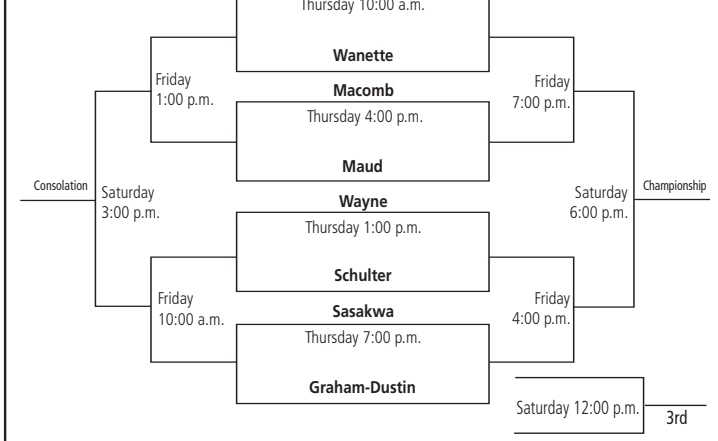
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2023 CHIEFTAIN CLASSIC

Girls bracket
January 5-7, 2023

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Daddy Daughter Winter Ball January 16

AngieSteele
Washington Correspondent

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!

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 online 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 January 5-13:
Thursday, January 5—Ham,

sweet potatoes, corn, hot rolls, cobbler.

Friday, January 6—Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, rice crispy treats.

Monday, January 9—Cook's choice.

Tuesday, January 10—Chicken strips, cheese potato casserole, carrots, rolls, cherry crisp.

Wednesday, January 11—Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, tortilla chips, salsa and queso, butterscotch pudding.

Thursday, January 12—White bean chili with chicken, cornbread, cookies.

Friday, January 13—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, biscuits, pineapple upside down cake.

Washington School Board Meeting Schedule



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Team bonding

Lady Warriors Basketball had some fun last week after practice. They enjoyed some lunch, which was followed by splatter paint. It was a great team bonding day!

All Washington School Board meetings will be held in the 4/5th Building Library at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are scheduled for January 9, February 13, March 6, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 6 and December 11.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

January 5—Classes resume; 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; varsity basketball at Konawa Tourney, TBA.

January 9—7th/8th/9th Basketball Davis, Girls away, Boys home, 5 p.m.; Board Meeting - 4/5 Library.

January 10,—JV/V Basketball at Lindsay, 4:30/6:30 p.m.

January 12—7th/8th/9th Basketball Bridge Creek, Girls home, Boys away, 5 p.m.

January 13—JV/V Basketball home vs Marlow, 4:30/6:30 p.m.

January 16—No School; Daddy Daughter dance, McAlister Gym, 6-8 p.m.

January 17—JV/V Basketball home vs Purcell, 4:30/6:30 p.m.

January 19—Varsity basketball Washington Tournament, TBA.

January 20—Varsity basketball Washington Tournament, TBA.

January 21—Varsity basketball Washington Tournament, TBA.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

When we started helping veterans and their surviving spouses I never dreamed that we would have continued this mission for so many years.

As we start out this New Year of 2023 I'm just as excited or maybe more so than when we first started helping veterans in my workshop in Goldsby.

Being able to be a part of our organization for the past 20 plus years has been one of the most enjoyable things I have ever done.

We have helped to improve the lives of tens of thousands of veterans and their families. I am blessed to say we now have staff available five days a week to assist veterans and surviving spouses with their applications for VA benefits at our Norman Oklahoma location.

For those of you who need to begin the process, we have an easy way for you to start your claim for VA benefits. Just log on to DKGVE.ORG to fill out our intake forms. As we have gone digital some of the veterans we help may never be required to visit us in person. This will also make it easier for some of the people who we help who live in other states or countries.

Last week we received VA rating decisions on 50+ veterans. Of that number there were 44 of them who received disability ratings from 10 to 90 percent for their service-connected disabilities. There were also eight veterans who were awarded a 100 percent disability rating. For those of you who are in receipt of VA benefits an 8.3 percent increase will be on your Jan. 1, 2023 payment. I know that our cost of living has gone up considerably more than that amount. If you would like to request an increase in your VA benefits by asking for a reevaluation of a service-connected disability that has increased in severity, come see us.

As we continue to see an increase in the number of veterans and their families who are asking for our assistance with their VA claims and questions, we are asking you to consider being a volunteer with our organization. We need people who can help at our location or who can work digitally from home. Basic computer skills are all that is needed to be a part of what we do to improve the lives of veterans and their

families. We will train you on the rest!

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 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 Friday 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

Legal Notices

No. 14-January 5-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHERIL ANN JOHNSTON, DECEASED.

Case No. PB-22-166
COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS; NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ADMISSION OF WILL TO PROBATE, PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION, AND THE PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE AND DISCHARGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY given to all persons interested in the Estate of Sheril Ann Johnston, Deceased, that on this date, Wylma Langford, who may be contacted through counsel at the address below, filed a Petition for Summary Administration in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, attaching thereto an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament ("Will") of said Deceased and naming Wylma Smith Langford as Personal Representative, praying for the probate of said Will, that Letters of Special Administration issue to Wylma Smith Langford, that Letters Testamentary, if necessary, issue to the same. Said Petition further prays that the heirs at law, devisees and legatees of said Decedent be determined; that the property of the Decedent subject to the jurisdiction of this Court be distributed; and that the Special Administrator be discharged, and for other relief as prayed for in said Petition, which Petition you may refer to for further particulars.

The names and addresses of the heirs-at-law, legatees, devisees and nominated or previously appointed Personal Representatives of the Decedent so far as known to the Petitioner are:

Heirs-at-Law, Legatees and Devisees and Individual Nominated in Will and Previously Appointed

Name	Age	Residence	Relationship to Decedent
Wylma Smith Langford	Adult	301 SW 18th St. Seminole, Texas 79360	Mother/ Legatee

The probable value of the estate of Sheril Ann Johnston, Deceased, so far as known to the Petitioner is unknown.

The above named Decedent died on the 18th day of December, 2006, at which time the address of the Decedent was 114 Jefferson Pl., Hobbs, New Mexico 88240.

Pursuant to an Order of said Court, notice is hereby given 9:30 am on March 9, 2023, in the Courtroom of the undersigned Judge, or the Judge to whom this cause is assigned on said date, in the McClain County Courthouse in the City of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, has been appointed as the time and place for hearing said Petition, proving said Will, and considering all relief prayed for in the Petition presented to the Court on said date. All persons interested may appear at said hearing.

Any person receiving this notice or any interested party may file objections to the Petition at or before the final hearing. All objections to the Petition and/or any relief requested must be made in writing, with such objection to be filed herein, with a copy being provided to the Petitioner and the attorney for the same, and if an objection is not made within the allowed time, all persons will be deemed to have waived any objection to the Petition and the relief prayed for.

If an objection is filed on or before the hearing date, on the hearing date the Court will determine whether summary proceedings are appropriate, and, if so, whether the Estate will be distributed and to whom the Estate will be distributed.

TO ALL CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE NAMED DECEDENT: All creditors having claims against the above named Decedent are required to present the same, with a description of all security interest or other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Richard Winblad at the offices of Winblad Law PLLC at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days following the filing of the Petition and Combined Notice herein, or the same will be forever barred.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2022.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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Attorney for Petitioner

No. 11-January 5-1 Time
The Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SORTPO) will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2023, to consider approving a resolution adopting the 2043 Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Plan: Moving People and goods. The draft Plan can be found <https://sortpo.org/regional-transportation-plan-public-review/>

If you are unable to attend the meeting at 804 W. Main Street, Duncan Oklahoma, or 420 Sooner Drive, Burns Flat, Oklahoma please submit comments no later than January 25, 2023, to:
Julie Sanders
Director of Transportation
SORTPO
PO Box 569, Building 420
Sooner Drive
Burns Flat, OK. 73624
580-562-5010

julie@swoda.org
Official notification of Public Meetings, Public Hearings, and Public Review and Comment periods will also be posted on the SORTPO, Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments (ASCOG) and South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA) website and may be provided for posting at the following locations and other locations identified by SORTPO staff to encourage minority and other underserved populations to participate in the process:

- The Administrative Offices of each local member jurisdiction
- Departments of Human Services
- Libraries
- Newspapers (Appendix C)
- Ethnic and minority gathering places (see paragraph under Civil Rights)

No. 12-January 5-1 Time
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The McClain County Board of Commissioners will be receiving sealed bids until 4:00 p.m., on January 20, 2023 with the opening of bids on January 23, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. The bid will be for Rental of Uniforms for McClain County Employees to be delivered to (3) different locations.
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Pam Beller
County Clerk



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Melinda Myers
For The Purcell Register

Fight the post-holiday blues with a bit of indoor gardening. Keeping your houseplants healthy and looking their best with a bit of grooming this winter is sure to lift your spirits.

Clip off any dead leaves as they appear. Use a sharp snips or bypass pruner to make a clean cut that looks tidy and closes up quickly. An occasional brown leaf is not usually a problem but if browning continues, it might be time to take action. Evaluate the growing conditions and make needed adjustments.

Brown leaves are often caused by low humidity which is common in many homes during winter. Boost the humidity in your home by grouping plants together.

As one plant loses moisture through its leaves through transpiration the neighboring plants benefit.

Add pebbles or marbles to

the saucer or trays beneath the plants. Allow excess water to collect in the pebbles below the pot. As the water evaporates it increases the humidity right around the plant.

Move plants that require moist soil and high humidity into a terrarium. They are attractive living decorations and make caring for high-maintenance plants easier.

Over and under-watering can also result in brown leaves, leaf edges, and tips. Water thoroughly when needed. Base frequency on the plants you are growing, room temperature and humidity.

Tropical plants need more consistently moist soil while cacti and succulents like it drier. With lower light conditions in many homes, plants grow slower and may need less frequent watering in winter. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer which can lead to root rot.

Stop fertilizing indoor plants in winter unless they are actively growing. Applying fertilizer that plants don't need can cause root damage, leading to leaf discoloration.

Trim off brown tips that are common on spider plants, dracaenas, Ti plants, and prayer plants sensitive to the chlorine and fluoride in water. Avoid the problem by using chemical-free water.

Wipe dust off the leaves with a damp cloth. Use a cos-

Please see **Plants**, page 16A



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No. 16-January 5-2 Times
 In The District Court
 of McClain County
 State Of Oklahoma
 In the Matter of the Estate of
 Larry Wayne Cantrell
 deceased person.

Case No. PB-2022-125
 Notice of Hearing -
 Final Account & Petition
 for Distribution

Carla Cantrell, Personal Representative, filed in this Court a Final Account & Petition for Distribution seeking to distribute the property of the Estate to the parties entitled thereto.

Be it noticed that the Final Account & Petition for Distribution is set for hearing at 9:30 A.M. on the 2nd day of February 2023 in the Courtroom of the Honorable Judge Charles Gray, or the assigned judge, in the McClain County Courthouse in the City of Purcell, Oklahoma, when and where any persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest the same. Said Order and Notice of Hearing, et al. shall be given by mailing a copy to all of the required parties in the manner provided by law.

Dated this 22nd day of December 2023.

Rachael Dewberry, OBA 19478
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 2425 Wilcox Drive
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 Attorney for the Personal Representative

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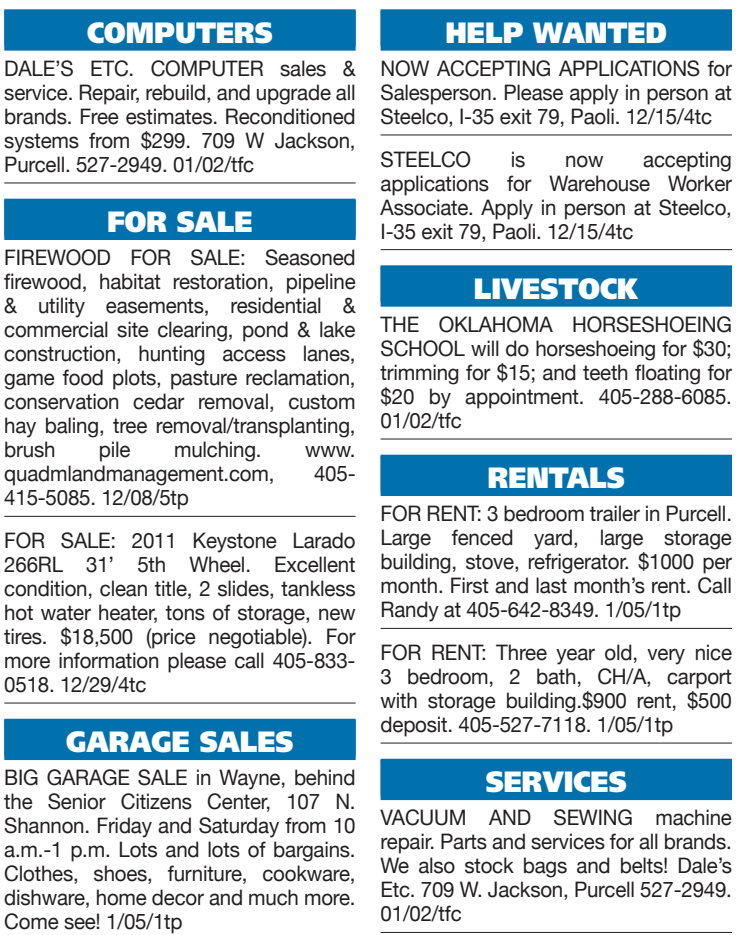
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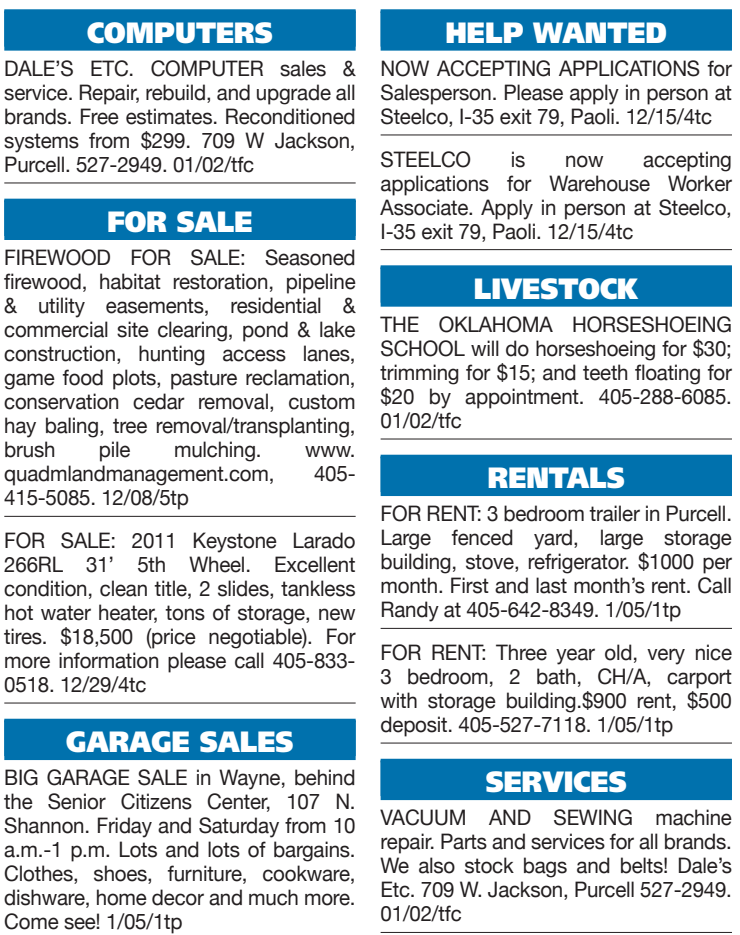
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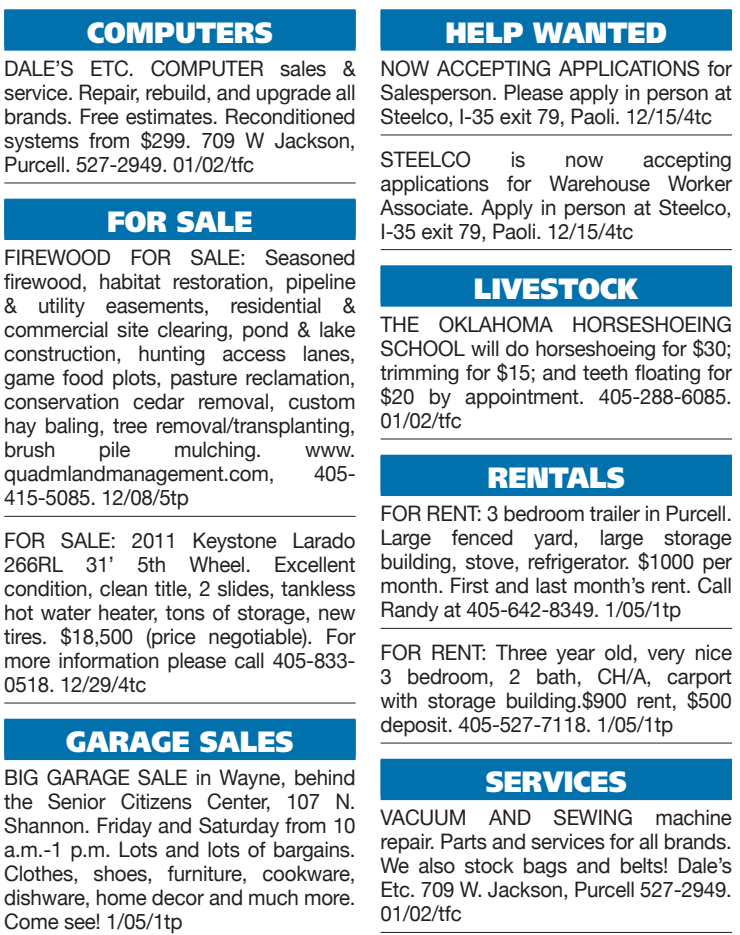
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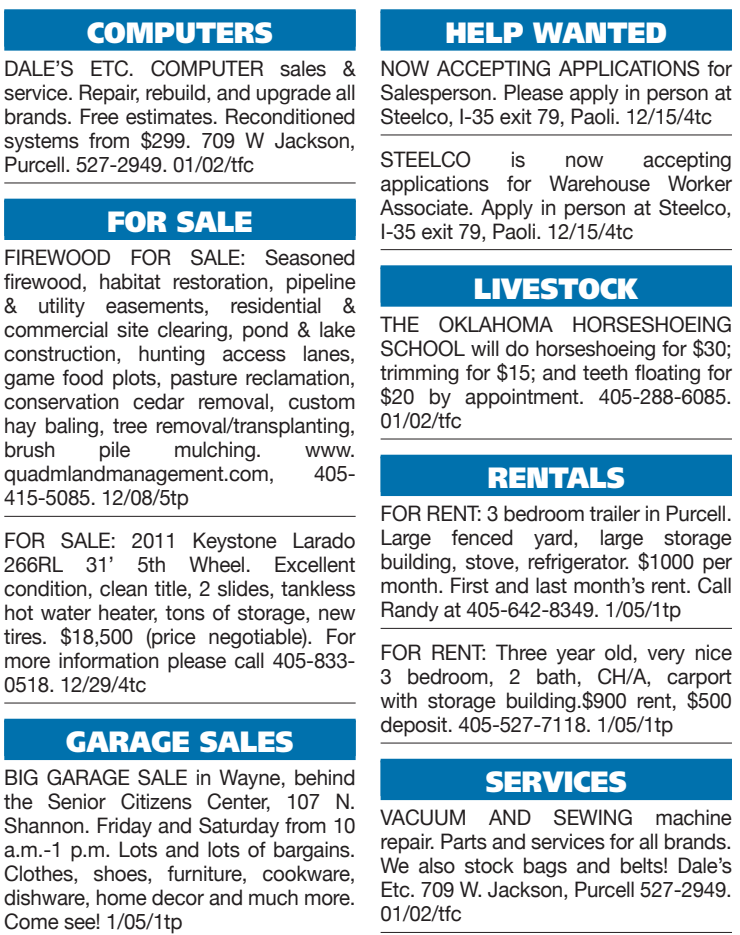
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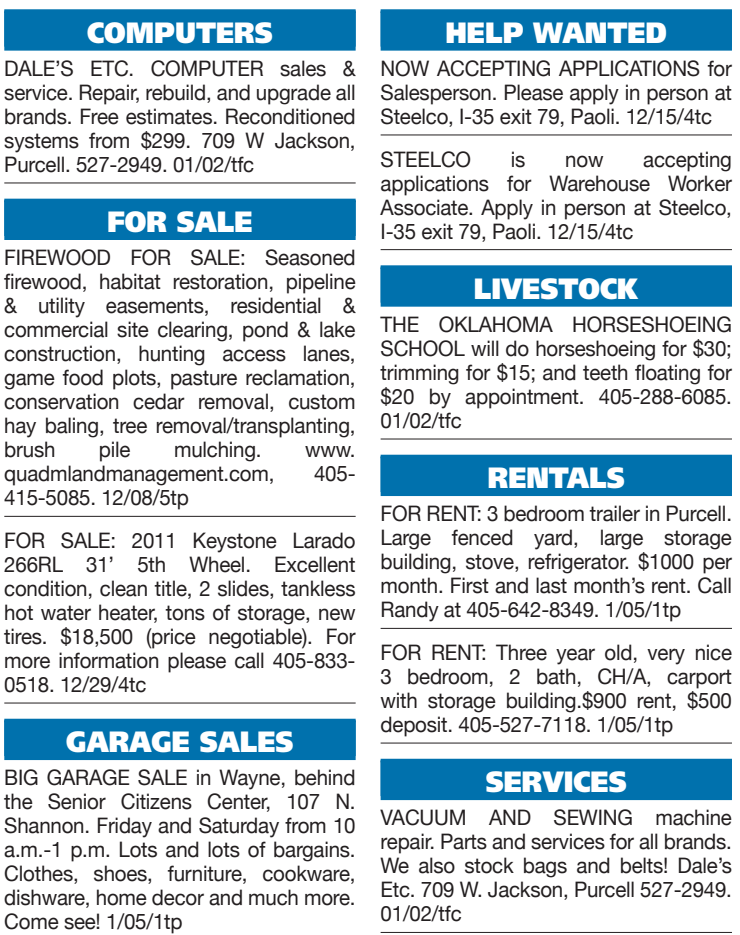
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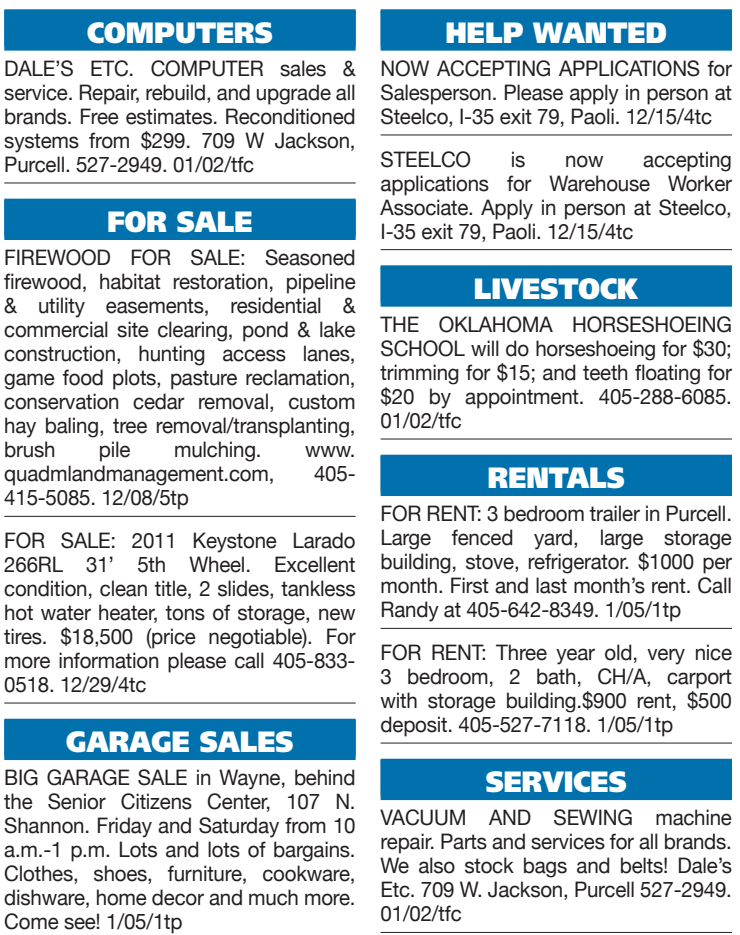
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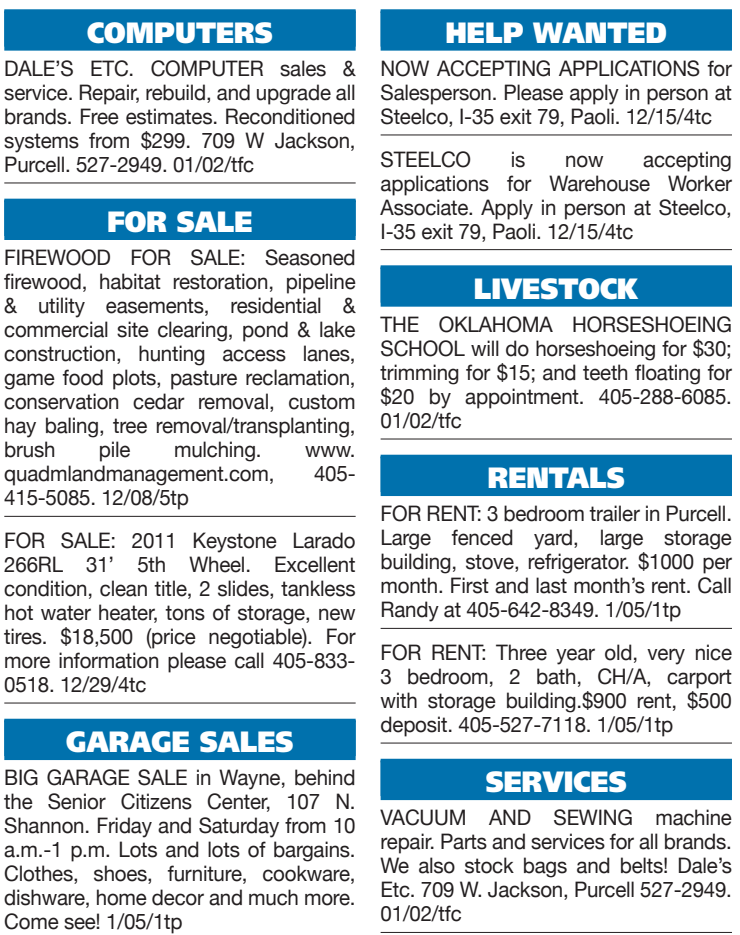
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No. 1095-December 29-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY,
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES MARCH
CHRISTENSEN,
DECEASED

CASE NO. PB-22-162
COMBINED NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS; NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ADMISSION OF WILL TO PROBATE, PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION, HEARING ON THE FINAL ACCOUNT, AND THE PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE AND DISCHARGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY given to all persons interested in the Estate of Charles March Christensen, Deceased, that on this date, Carrielu Byram Christensen, whose residence is 2507 Schulle Avenue, Austin, Texas 78703, filed a Petition for Summary Administration in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, attaching thereto an instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament ("Will") of said Deceased, praying for the probate of said Will; that Letters of Special Administration issue to Carrielu Byram Christensen; and that Letters Testamentary, if necessary, issue to the same individual, the Personal Representative named in said Will. Said Petition further prays that the heirs at law, devisees and legatees of said Decedent be determined; that the Final Account be approved; the property of the Decedent subject to the jurisdiction of this Court be distributed; and that the Special Administrator/Personal Representative be discharged, and for other relief as prayed for in said Petition, which Petition you may refer to for further particulars.

TO ALL CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE NAMED DECEDENT: All creditors having claims against the above named Decedent are required to present the same, with a description of all security interest or other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Carrielu Byram Christensen (Special Administrator) at The Law Office of M. Todd Estes, P.C., 600 E. Taylor Street - Suite 4007, Sherman, Texas 75090, attorney for Carrielu Byram Christensen, no more than thirty (30) days following the filing of the Petition and the Combined Notice, or the same will be forever barred.

The above named Decedent died on December 16, 2019, at which time the residence address of the Decedent was 2507 Schulle Avenue, Austin, Texas 78703.

The total value of the Decedent's Estate as set forth in the Petition is approximately \$4,052,000.00.

The names and addresses of the heirs at law and devisees are as follows:

Carrielu Byram Christensen 2507 Schulle Avenue Austin, Texas 78703	Spouse
Charles March Christensen, Jr. P. O. Box 565 Ballinger, Texas 76821	Son
Carriline Christensen Bergquist 5305 Painted Shield Dr. Austin, Texas 78735	Daughter
Carrielu Byram Christensen, Trustee of The Charles March Christensen Family Trust 2507 Schulle Avenue Austin, Texas 78703	

Pursuant to an Order of said Court, notice is hereby given that the 9th day of March, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom of the undersigned Judge, or the Judge to whom this cause is assigned on said date, in the McClain County Courthouse in the City of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, has been appointed as the time and place for hearing said Petition, proving said Will, and considering all relief prayed for in the Petition presented to the Court on said date. All persons interested may appear at said hearing.

The person receiving the notice or any interested party may file objections to the Petition at any time before the final hearing and shall send a copy of the objections to the Petitioner and the attorney for the Petitioner, or that person will be deemed to have waived any objections to the Petition.

If an objection is filed prior to the final hearing, on the hearing date the Court will determine whether the Will attached to the Petition shall be admitted to probate, whether summary proceedings are appropriate, and, if so, whether the Estate will be distributed and to whom the Estate will be distributed.

DATED this 22 day of December, 2022.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

The Law Office of M. Todd Estes, P.C.
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No. 4-January 5-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
ANGEL LUNA JR.,
Petitioner,
v.
DESTA KAY NOEAR,
Respondent.

No. FP-2022-30
PETITION FOR PATERNITY
COMES NOW, the Petitioner,
ANGEL LUNA JR by and through
his attorney of record, STEPHANIE
K. FRYAR of WORDEN LAW FIRM,
for his cause of action states as
follows:

1. The Petitioner, ANGEL LUNA JR, is the father and the Respondent DESTA KAY NOEAR, is the mother of the following children born to them out of wedlock, to wit (hereinafter referred to as "the minor children"):

A.K.L. born in 2/2013
I.L. born in 1/2014
S.M.L. born in 10/2015

2. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this action pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act ("UCCJEA"), Parental Kidnaping Prevention Act ("PKPA") and the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act ("UIFSA"), and 10 O.S. §89(c). Oklahoma is the "home state" of the parties' minor children. Further, it is in the best interest of the parties' minor children that this Court assume custody, visitation and support jurisdiction under said acts because the children and parents have significant connections with this state and there is substantial evidence concerning the children's present and future care, protection, training and personal relationships. No other state has child custody, visitation and/or support jurisdiction. Each such category of jurisdiction shall be exercised herein.

3. Venue is proper with this Court. The Petitioner is a resident of McClain County and has been a resident for the last thirty (30) days preceding the filing of this Petition.

4. The Petitioner has not participated as a party, witness or in any other capacity, in other

litigation concerning the custody of the children in this state or any other state. The Petitioner has no knowledge of any custody proceeding concerning the children in any court. Neither Oklahoma's Indian Child Welfare Act, 10 O.S. §40.1 et seq., nor the federal Indian Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. §1901 et seq., apply to this proceeding.

5. Further, this Court has the sole and exclusive jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act ("UCCJEA") for the following reasons:

6. The children have resided with the Petitioner since birth. They have resided solely with Petitioner since May of 2019.

7. It is in the best interests of the mental, physical, and moral welfare of the minor children that custody be awarded to the Petitioner. The Petitioner is fit and proper to have custody.

8. The Respondent should not be awarded visitation at this time. She has not had any visitation with the minor children since January of 2020. Further, if the Respondent requests visitation she should be ordered to take a 10 panel nail bed drug examination due to her history of using illegal drugs.

9. Child Support should be paid by the Respondent according to the Child Support Guidelines 43 O.S. 118 and 119.

10. All costs and attorney fees herein should be assessed against the Respondent.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner prays this Court determine the paternity of this child, establish child support per the Oklahoma Child Support Guidelines, place custody and set right of visitation to the non-custodial parent, allow for the recovery of her attorney's fees and costs expended in this action, and grant such other and further relief which this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Stephanie K. Fryar
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No. 9-January 5-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
ELEUTERIA RESENDIZ DE OLGUIN, JOSUE ALBERTO OLGUIN RESENDIZ, THOMAS JODY SPARLIN, BETTY JO KLASSEN, JIMMIE LOU SPARLIN, TRUSTEE OF THE JIMMIE L. SPARLIN REVOCABLE TRUST, ALMA LOUISE COLLINS, and HOLLIE JANEL SPARLIN, Plaintiffs,

vs.
ARTHUR DAVID SPARLIN, Deceased, SUE SPARLIN, Deceased, and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of ARTHUR DAVID SPARLIN, Deceased, and SUE SPARLIN, Deceased, Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2022-201
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Arthur David Sparlin, Deceased, Sue Sparlin, Deceased, and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Arthur David Sparlin, Deceased, and Sue Sparlin, Deceased

The above-named Defendants will take notice that in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in the above-styled and numbered case, an action has been filed by Eleuteria Resendiz de Olguin, Josue Alberto Olguin Resendiz, Thomas Jody Sparlin, Betty Jo Klassen, Jimmie Lou Sparlin, Trustee of the Jimmie L. Sparlin Revocable Trust, Alma

No. 6-January 5-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARDIN DAVIS BARRETT, Deceased.

Case No. PB-22-165
COMBINED NOTICE
TO CREDITORS AND
NOTICE OF HEARING

To: All persons interest in the Estate of Hardin Davis Barrett, Deceased,

You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of December, 2022, the Petitioner, Elizabeth Hearn, filed in the District Court of McClain County a Petition for Summary Administration, Appointment of Special Administrator, and Admission of Will to Probate.

The Petitioner has alleged that Hardin Davis Barrett, Deceased, 2834 County Road 221, Collinsville, AL, 35961, died testate on May 7, 2021, domiciled in and residing in Alabama. Filed contemporaneously with the Petition is an exemplified copy of the Last Will and Testament of the Decedent. Petitioner has asked this Court to admit the Will to probate and for other summary proceedings in this estate pursuant to 58 O.S. 245, et seq.

The names, addresses of the administrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, legatees

Louise Collins and Hollie Janel Sparlin, to quiet any right, title, or interest in and to the real property described hereinbelow which you have or may claim to have, and you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiffs on file in said cause on or before February 23, 2023 or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that the Plaintiffs Eleuteria Resendiz de Olguin and Josue Alberto Olguin Resendiz are the owners of, and that said Plaintiffs are the actual owners of the surface of the following described real property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

All of Block 200 of the Townsite of Purcell, according to the recorded plat thereof, EXCEPT that portion of Lots 1 and 8, in Block 200 deeded to the Oklahoma Central Railway Company filed in Book 9 at Page 271;

and that the Plaintiffs Thomas Jody Sparlin, Betty Jo Klassen, Jimmie Lou Sparlin, Trustee of the Jimmie L. Sparlin Revocable Trust, Alma Louise Collins and Hollie Janel Sparlin, are the owners of, and that said Plaintiffs are the actual owners of the surface of the following described real property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

The West 100 feet of Lots Six (6) and Seven (7), in Block Ninety-five (95), CITY OF PURCELL, according to the Government Survey thereof, less and except the following two tracts: a strip, piece or parcel of land lying in part of Lot 7, Block 95 of the Original

and devisees of Decedent at the time of her death, so far as known to the Petitioner are:

Elizabeth Hearn, c/o Blevins and Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

Bruce Edward Barrett, c/o Blevins and Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK, 73080

Michael Keith Barrett, c/o Blevins and Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

Mary Ellen Hammerle, c/o Blevins and Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

Robin Jordan, c/o Blevins and Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

Hardin Davis Barrett, Jr., c/o Blevins and Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

The value of the Estate of Hardin Davis Barrett is less than \$200,000.00.

In an Order for Combined Notice entered on the 29th day of December, 2022, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and Admission of

Town of Purcell, according to the recorded plat thereof, said parcel of land being described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the SW/corner of said Lot 7; thence N 03°06'36" E along the West line of said Lot 7 a distance of 94.00 feet; thence S 85°34'19" E a distance of 100.03 feet; thence S 03°06'36" W a distance of 91.32 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 7; thence N 87°06'24" W along said South line a distance of 100.00 feet to said point of beginning, containing 0.05 acres, being 2032 square feet, more or less of new right-of-way, the remaining area included in the above description being 0.17 acres, 7234 square feet, of right-of-way occupied by present highway, together with all abutter's rights, including all rights to access from the remaining portion of the Grantor's land onto U.S. Highway Number 77 to be, or which has been, constructed on this property, all bearings contained in this description are based on the Oklahoma State Plane Coordinate System and are not astronomical bearings. AND a strip, piece or parcel of land lying in the West 100 feet of Lot 7, Block 95, in the Original Townsite of Purcell, in McClain County, Oklahoma. Said parcel of land being further described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the SW corner of said Lot 7, thence East along the South line of said Lot 7 a distance of 100 feet, thence due North a distance of 68.3 feet, thence S 72°29' W a distance of 107.1 feet to a point on the West line of said Lot 7, thence South

Will to Probate, the final accounting, and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, and distribution.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having claims against Hardin Davis Barrett, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Elizabeth Hearn, Special Administrator, at the law offices of Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Special Administrator, on or before the following presentment date: January 31, 2023 or the same will be forever barred.

Notice is also hereby given that a hearing will be held on the March 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the McClain County Courthouse, in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, before Judge Charles Gray. At the hearing the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and Admission of Will to Probate and the final account and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, and distribution of the Petitioner. The final account and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees will be filed herein on

along said West line a distance of 30.1 feet to point of beginning;

free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances of the Defendants, Arthur David Sparlin, Deceased, Sue Sparlin, Deceased, and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Arthur David Sparlin, Deceased, and Sue Sparlin, Deceased, have no right, title, interest, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, or assessment in or to the said hereinabove described real property, and a Decree quieting and confirming the Plaintiff's respective title and possession thereto as set out above, against said Defendants and their unknown successors, and forever barring and enjoining the Defendants and their unknown successors from any and all right, title, estate, interest or equity of redemption in and to the said lands and premises, or any part thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 30th day of December 2022.

(Seal)

McClain County Court Clerk
By: /s/ Karen Weltme
Deputy Court Clerk

APPROVED:
/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731
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Attorney for Plaintiffs

or before the February 7, 2023.

You are hereby advised that you must file objections to the Petition for Summary Administration and the final account and petition for determination of heirs and distribution at any time before the date of the final hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner in care of his attorney, James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections. If you have no objections, you need not appear at the hearing or make any filings with the Court.

If an objection is filed before the final hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether the Will filed contemporaneously with the Petition shall be admitted to probate and whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estate will be distributed and to whom the estate will be distributed.

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
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No. 5-January 5-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: A.K.L., I.L., and S.M.L, MINOR CHILDREN.

FA-2022-16
PETITION FOR
STEP-PARENT ADOPTION

COMES NOW the Petitioner, ANGEL LUNA, JR. and TRINITY CLEVINGER-LUNA, by and through their attorney of record, Stephanie K. Fryar of WORDEN LAW FIRM, for their Petition for Step-Parent Adoption of the aforesaid minor children by the Petitioner, TRINITY CLEVINGER-LUNA and respectfully represent and show the Court as follows:

1. The Petitioner, ANGEL LUNA JR. is the biological father of the minor children and TRINITY CLEVINGER-LUNA is the step-mother of the children.

2. The Petitioners were married on August 28, 2020 and they reside in McClain County, State of Oklahoma, and are actual residents, in good faith, of McClain County, State of Oklahoma.

3. The Petitioner, TRINITY CLEVINGER-LUNA desires to adopt Ava Kay Luna born on 2/8/13; Isai Luna born on 1/3/14; and Selina Marie Luna born on 10/28/15.

4. Petitioner Angel Luna Jr. is the minor children's biological father.

5. Desta Kay Noear is the minor children's biological mother.

6. The Petitioners and minor children have not been in contact with the biological mother for the last 12 out of the 14 months prior to the filing of this Petition. The minor children have resided with the Petitioner step-mother since May 2020.

7. The Petitioners and the minor children have resided together in the following locations:

a. McClain County, Oklahoma.

8. Jurisdiction is proper in Oklahoma and venue is proper in McClain County for the following reasons:

a. State of Oklahoma, is now

and has been for more than six (6) months next preceding the filing of this Petition herein both the petitioners' and the minor children's exclusive home State pursuant to 43 O.S. § 551-201(A);

b. Venue is proper in this McClain County District Court where the Petitioners and minor children reside, and this Court can best decide the matter of custody in the best interests of the minor children.

9. It is in the best interests and welfare of the minor children that this Court assume immediate and exclusive jurisdiction of this matter for reason that the minor children, being the subject matter of this action, and the Petitioners have strong ties and significant connections with this County and State; and, that the minor children named herein and the Petitioners are physically present in this County and State, and there is available, in this County and State, significant and substantial evidence concerning the minor children's past, present and future care, protection, training and personal relationships.

The Petitioners have jointly shared responsibility of the minor children since May 2020. The Petitioner step-mother has a meaningful and emotional relationship with the minor children.

12. The Petitioner step-mother considers herself to be the minor children's mother.

13. No other living person, since the child's birth, has had physical custody or claims to have had custody or visitation rights with respect to the child therefore, it would be in the best interest of the children that an Interlocutory Decree be waived.

14. A home study is not required pursuant to 10 O.S. 7505-5.1 (B). The children have resided with the Petitioners together since May 2020.

15. Moreover, the waiver of the home study requirement is in the best interest of the children, and the Petitioners, who have been living as a family for at least one (1) year.

16. Said children do not own nor possess any real or personal property.

17. The Petitioners have no record of conviction of a felony or conviction or adjudication in juvenile court for child abuse or neglect or domestic violence, and there is no record of a protective order or orders issued against the stepparent.

18. The Petitioners are not subject to the registration requirements of the Oklahoma Sex Offenders Registration Act, nor are the Petitioners subject to a similar registration requirement in another state.

19. It is the belief of the Petitioners, on this date of filing, that the child is not Indian children, as defined by the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act.

20. 25 U.S.C.A. 1901, et seq., (Indian Child Welfare Act of 1979); and 10 O.S. 40 et seq. (Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act), are not applicable in this case.

21. Previous to this Petition, the Petitioners have never made any other petition for adoption nor filed any petitions for adoption in any state or country or court.

22. The Petitioners request this Court for consideration of the Decree of the Court allowing the adoption of the above named minor children, do hereby agree to support, maintain, and educate the minor children during their minority, and agree to treat said minor children, in all respects, as their own lawful children should be treated.

23. The Petitioners further state that they desire to adopt said child as their own, and to have the legal relationship of parent and children established between themselves and the children.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners pray the Court determines the children are a proper subject for adoption and that the Petitioner step-mother is suitable and a proper person as an adoptive parent; the Interlocutory Decree be waived; that the home studies

be waived and that the Court enter a final Decree of Adoption.

DATED this 2 day of December, 2022.

/s/ Stephanie K. Fryar
Stephanie K. Fryar,
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

SS

COUNTY OF MCCLAIN
I, ANGEL LUNA, JR., Petitioner, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, states: I am the Petitioner above named. I have read all of the terms of the foregoing Petition for Adoption and know the contents thereof, and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct according to my knowledge, information and belief.

/s/ Angel Luna Jr.
ANGEL LUNA, JR, Petitioner
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 2022 by ANGEL LUNA, JR.

/s/ Dayse Vieczas
NOTARY PUBLIC
(Seal)

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

SS

COUNTY OF MCCLAIN
I, TRINITY CLEVINGER-LUNA, Petitioner, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, states: I am the Petitioner above named. I have read all of the terms of the foregoing Petition for Adoption and know the contents thereof, and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct according to my knowledge, information and belief.

/s/ Trinity Clevenger-Luna
TRINITY CLEVINGER-LUNA,
Petitioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 2022, by TRINITY CLEVINGER-LUNA.

/s/ Dayse Vieczas
NOTARY PUBLIC
(Seal)

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's &
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
L I F E
sunday 10:30AM
www.christianlifeok.com



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.
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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
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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

SUNRAY BAPTIST CHURCH

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.



Green Avenue Church of Christ

Happy New Year!
Our studies in 1 Timothy are moving right along and we are learning or being reminded of some very important things. However, this coming week we will be taking our monthly break to examine some of the songs we sing, and then we'll be back to examining the Bible text on the January 11.

We are still checking out the Proverbs on the subject of "The Work Ethic" in our Sunday Bible studies. The Proverbs have quite a bit to say about labor and laziness, which is a very informative study on a

much-needed topic in today's society. You are welcome to come join us for this or any of our Bible studies or services.

Sunday morning, being the first day of a new year, Keith Shackleford presented a sermon on two of the prayers of David (1 Chron. 17 and 29). Both of these outstanding prayers highlighted many of the wonderful attributes of God and brought into focus David's humility and submission to the will of God. Keith thought it appropriate to begin our new year with a clear impression of Whom it is that we serve.

The evening sermon on Sunday was a word study of the NKJV uses of the word "Smooth." There are four distinct concepts to which this word is applied: 1) smooth skin 2) smooth stones, 3) smooth paths, and 4) smooth things (notably words of deceit).

We invite you to meet with us for Bible study at 7 p.m. Wednesday night and 9:45 a.m. Sunday and our worship services on Sundays are 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Bible correspondence courses are available, call 405-527-4052.

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

How big is God? 'To try to tell our lips can only start'

Songwriter Stuart Hamblen wrote a great, classic song in 1959. Ah, just thinking back to that time, I have to shake my head at how young we were back then. As Mr. Twain would say, "younger than I am now, younger than I'll ever be again." But it was a good year, I know. For one, it was the year I turned three. (Life is pretty simple, isn't it, when you're three!); and it was the year Mr. Hamblen penned the words to "How Big is God!"

In the resounding chorus of the song, he exclaims the sentiment we all want to carry with us through this new year and beyond: "How big is God! How big and wide his vast domain! To try to tell these lips can only start. He's big enough to rule His mighty universe, yet small enough to live within my heart."

I have been listening to a number of great artists sing this song for a few years now.

There's Tennessee Ernie Ford, Gene Macdonald, and, probably most popularly, Big John Hall, former bass singer for the Blackwood Brothers. I am sure he was singing with the Blackwoods in 1959 when they first recorded the song.

You'll note that all three of those vocalists are strong bass leads, men equipped with God-given voices that shake the rafters and send the message so far up they almost seem to pierce the very stars of heaven. I think you can sense how big God is about as well when you hear these men sing that great theme as you can at any other time.

With the theme in mind, I was blessed to stand before a large crowd in Oklahoma City just before New Year's day of 2023 and try to tell the story in just a few words. It is the annual meeting we have written about before where an old eloquent brother known simply

as 'Lynwood' would emcee the meeting back when the boys of my generation were just starting out in life. That older preaching brother has long been gone, but the meeting is still going strong.

In that setting, you are allotted about 15 to 20 minutes, because you'll be sharing the stage with three other good men. In this case, I shared with one of my oldest friends, Doug Edwards, from Little Rock and his two sons. It was an honor to stand alongside the Edwards men.

To stand in front of hundreds of people and to be tasked with, or to 'task yourself' with, addressing 'How big is God' in under twenty minutes is an unwieldy task. But I thought I would follow the pattern of the "TED Talks," the well-known public speaking venue where

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Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

On January 8, 2023, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany is a Christian holiday primarily commemorating the Magi's visit to the baby Jesus and the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

Eastern traditions, which usually call the holiday Theophany, focus on Jesus' baptism, seen as the manifestation of Christ as both fully human and fully divine. Western traditions focus on the Magi's visit, seen as the first manifestation of Christ as savior of Gentiles as well as Jews. Epiphany is among the church's oldest and most important feasts.

Even though the song "We Three Kings," is about the

Magi, they were not kings. They were probably astrologers. They charted the stars and attached religious significance to their movements. It is believed they came from the east, perhaps Persia (modern day Iran).

And while most nativity scenes include the three wise men, they did not arrive at the stable where Jesus was born. They found Jesus in a house and logically a trip from Persia to Bethlehem would have taken some time. One can really get hung up on their profession, where did they come from, what date did they arrive, etc.

Instead, let's focus differently. The Magi were not Jewish, yet they believed something extremely important was hap-

pening where "that bright star was." They were not like the shepherds who were told by an angel what was happening. Instead, they tried to discern what was causing this astrological oddity.

When they found Jesus, they prostrated themselves and did him homage. Remember these Magi were wealthy. Yet they lay flat or at full length, face down on the ground, as in token of humility, submission, or adoration. Do you know any rich people who would fall on their face for a child! And the gifts – wow.

Perhaps all this can be interpreted this way. God sent an

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Lexington United Methodist Church

Our next regular Food Give Away will be Saturday, January 21, from 12 to 4 p.m.

Beginning next week (January 10) we return to "ordinary time" in the church year. The Christian year (the "circle of life") is structured around the central seasons of Christmas and Easter. Each of these is preceded by a season of preparation, followed by Ordinary Time.

The term 'ordinary' in our common use typically refers to something being plain, unimpressive, or unexciting. For that reason, many people hear 'Ordinary Time' and they im-

mediately think of the season where nothing is going on. But that understanding doesn't reflect the true meaning of the season.

Ordinary, in this context, comes from the Latin term ordinalis, meaning 'numbered' or 'ruled'. This title simply refers to the ongoing and rhythmical nature of the season. Just like everyday life, there is a rhythm to the days and the weeks. We have holidays and special occasions that we look forward to that change the pace. But those special occasions aren't the whole picture. There is more to

the life of Christ than what we celebrate in the other liturgical seasons.

Technically, Ordinary Time has two parts, but it remains one season. The first period of Ordinary Time, called the Season after Epiphany, begins on Epiphany Day (the Twelfth Day of Christmas or Three Kings' Day) and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent). The central theme of this season is the calling of disciples and the early ministry of Jesus.

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speakers have no more than 18 minutes. Eighteen minutes is the limit, not a second more.

Clearly, whatever your topic, when you give a TED-talk you have to have it concise, tight, and action-packed; yet it cannot be fast, either. The TED-talk format reminds you that listeners can only absorb about 150 words per minute. That means you have about 2,700 words to lay out your theme and try to bring it to a powerful conclusion.

I could not help but announce in the beginning that I was doomed to failure even before taking one step into the assignment. How can you tell how big God is in less than 3,000 words? As Mr. Hamblen said back in 1959, “to try to tell these lips can only start”!

I appreciate the TED-talk format and the concise time limit. I followed it and, as best I can tell, I spoke for about eighteen minutes. But I can say now as I look back that if I could have spoken to noon that morning, I could not have scratched the surface of how big our God is. Or if we had reconvened after lunch and I was given the podium again; and I had spoken until the fading shades of those orange-and-gray colors melted away together from the western

Oklahoma horizon, we would only have been able to give an opening statement, at best.

Even if we had spoken all night long and all day New Year’s eve, even until the sounding of the midnight trumpet that rings in a new year – even then we would only have just begun to tell the story as it needs to be told.

I have been thinking on this: Perhaps, if the good Lord wills and we have the strength and clarity of mind and a heavy dose of inspiration, we will do our best to spend the year of 2023 proclaiming and examining just how great and how big our God is.

Then, if we can come in good health to this place in a year as we embark on a new year, the year 2024, we will have gone from a concise eighteen minutes to a full three-hundred and sixty-five days proclaiming as best we could God’s greatness and ‘bigness.’

Stuart Hamblen had it right back in 1959, and his simple but powerful conclusion will speak to us even the more in a year from now, if we should live to see it: To try to tell some things -- well, our feeble lips can only start.

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incredible gift to the people on earth, his son. Without understanding the meaning of the events, people who were poor and people who were rich came to see this child. God’s greatest gift, Jesus, was given man’s greatest gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We are also recipients of God’s greatest gift, Jesus. We should give to God our personal greatest gifts. Studying God’s word and worshipping him are a good start. Then we need to spend our time and talent in ways that show those around us that the great gift we have,

Jesus, can also be theirs.

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.

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It is symbolized by using green paraments and vestments and represents the nature of the season. Green stands for growth and maturation. It is the color of new life and hope. The second part of Ordinary Time begins the Monday after Pentecost and runs until the First Sunday of Advent. This part is typically about twice the length of the first.

Here’s a few ways you can make this liturgical season special:

1. Examine your habits. A great new habit to start is reading a daily devotional.
2. Focus on Abundance and Gratitude. Try starting each day by thanking God for five ordinary, everyday things. Start a gratitude journal.
3. Act out Your Faith. Donate clothing you don’t wear or other items you don’t use. Volunteer to feed the hungry and homeless. Rake a neighbor’s leaves.
4. Read something with Moral Value. Reading the Bible is great, but there are other writings that have spiritual value. Many people may have written about God, faith, and the meaning of life. Try “*The Shack*” by William P Young, or “*In His Steps*” by Charles Sheldon. (This is the book that the phrase “What Would Jesus Do?” comes from.)
5. Create individual or family rituals. Keep the Sabbath (Saturday, Sunday, or your day off) as a special day. Sabbath means a day of rest. Going to worship at a church is a good thing to do, but we can connect with God at any time, on any day. Make your own traditions.

Read, listen to music, or sing/ make music together.

Ordinary time is a time of conversion, maturation, and quiet growth. It comprises the longest period of time on the liturgical calendar. This is when the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus’ teachings and miracles while on this earth. Use your imagination to reflect on the daily life of Jesus. Imagine Jesus doing the simple things we do as humans: Eating, walking, joking with his friends. Praying.

Ordinary Time is only ordinary if we think of it that way. If we consider these weeks not as long, boring stretches between the good stuff, but as a time to try new things and refocus our energies on our spiritual growth, Ordinary Time can become one of our favorite—and most rewarding—times of year.

United in Christ’s love, we seek justice for all. We are a distinct and diverse community of Christians who come together as one church united in Spirit to love all, welcome all, and seek justice for all. Believe us when we say that we are the community’s church. You are God’s children, no matter who you are—you are our family! 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.

No. 15-January 5-1 Time
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF SAM F. RAMEY, A/K/A SAM
RAMEY, DECEASED
Case No. PB-2022-167
NOTICE OF HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the estate of Sam F. Ramey, a/k/a Sam Ramey, that there was filed with this Court a Petition for Probate of Will, Appointment of Personal Representative, and Determination of Heirs, Legatees, and Devisees,

No. 13-January 5-1 Time
Board of McClain County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, 12/28/2022 at 8:16 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 Pam Beller 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 meeting on 12/19/2022, Glen Murray seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

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

CLAIMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AS FOLLOWS:

CBRI—9, Frankfurt Short Bruza, 5000.00, Service.

Em Mgmt-ST—57, Roth, Sandra M., 250.00, Contract Labor; 58, WW Tire, 210.50, Tires & Tubes/ Service & Supplies.

Extension-ST—79, Amazon, 91.66, Supplies; 80, OSU Co-operative Extension, 10666.66, Payroll.

General—879, OSU CTP, 125.00, Registration; 880, Purcell Register, 250.95, Minutes; 881, Quill, 832.40, Supplies; 882, Hammon, Bill, 339.75, Travel; 883, OSU CTP, 40.00, Registration; 884, Scott, Cindy S., 185.10, Travel; 885, Norman Stamp And Seal, 177.00, Renewal; 886, Visa, 416.00, Service; 887, Windstream, 171.17, Service; 888, Windstream, 238.84, Service; 889, Cintas, 257.83, Supplies; 890, Sharp, Amy, 128.08, Travel; 891, Davison Fuels & Oil, 2521.09, Fuel.

Health—136, Oklahoma State Dept Of Health, 35058.03, Payroll; 137, US Bank Equipment Finance, 674.80, Service.

No. 1-January 5-1 Time
Board of McClain County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, 12/19/2022 at 8:17 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 Pam Beller 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 meeting on 12/12/2022, 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:

ARPA 2021—99, Ed Robins Cabinet Shop, 1000.05, Counter; 100, Floyd & Driver, 10720.36, Legal Services; 101, John Vance Chevrolet, 95698.00, Vehicles.

Eco Dev-ST—4, Lyon Security. Com, 10483.81, Security Cameras.

Emergency Mgmt—7, Lyon Security.Com, 2448.41, Camera System.

Em Mgmt-ST—53, Amazon, 159.63, Supplies; 54, Public Service Co Of Oklahoma, 54.21, Service; 55, Robbins Ace Of Purcell, 33.94, Supplies; 56, Fuelman Of Oklahoma, 124.56, Fuel.

Extension-ST—76, CashSaver, 191.01, Supplies; 77, OSU Co-operative Extension, 1632.94, Payroll; 78, Windstream, 251.29, Service.

Fair Main-ST—40, McClain County Extension Center, 287.44, Service; 41, Office Depot, 361.12, Supplies.

General—769, Midcon Data Service, 22.00, Service; 770, Oklahoma Natural Gas, 225.21, Service; 771, Purcell Public Works, 15467.68, Service; 772, Purcell Public Works, 480.65, Service; 773, Purcell Register, 129.45, Publication; 774, Windstream, 527.27, Service; 775, Windstream, 262.98, Service; 776, Davison Fuels & Oil, 2679.24, Fuel; 777, Communityworks, Pottawatomie County, 2091.50, Detention Services.

Health—124, AT&T Mobility, 50.71, Service; 125, Pioneer Telephone, 492.26, Service; 126, Public Service Co Of Oklahoma, 277.92, Service; 127, Stericycle, 93.45, Service; 128, Windstream, 642.55, Service.

Highway—856, Bruckners, 207.54, Parts; 857, Circuit Engineering District #4, 5529.00, Signs; 858, Dolese Bros, 5998.88, Chips & Rock; 859, Edwards Canvas, 371.00, Supplies; 860, Haskell Lemon Construction, 13808.89, Asphalt; 861, James Supply And Rental, 1122.00, Service; 862,

by the Petitioner, Jordan Volino, as Attorney-in-Fact for LRM IV, LLC, that Letters of Administration be issued to the Petitioner, appointing him as personal representative of the Decedent’s estate, to serve without bond, admit the Decedent’s apparent Last Will and Testament to probate, determine the heirs, devisees, and legatees of the decedent, and that an order be entered authorizing the Petitioner and/or his attorneys to obtain a certified copy of the Decedent’s certificate of death from the Vital Records Department, and a certified copy of the Decedent’s Last

Highway—940, Unifirst, 465.86, Service; 941, Welch State Bank, 2443.85, Lease Purchase; 942, Security National Bank, 1189.18, Lease Purchase; 943, Security National Bank, 1149.03, Lease Purchase; 944, Okla Dept Of Transportation, 1655.36, Lease Purchase; 945, Welch State Bank, 2443.85, Lease Purchase; 946, The Stock Exchange Bank, 1188.14, Lease Purchase; 947, The Stock Exchange Bank, 1467.75, Lease Purchase; 948, Armstrong Bank, 872.00, Lease Purchase; 949, Prosperity Bank, 1598.25, Lease Purchase; 950, Welch State Bank, 2443.85, Lease Purchase; 951, Welch State Bank, 2443.85, Lease Purchase; 952, SNB Bank, 836.70, Lease Purchase; 953, Security National Bank, 931.45, Lease Purchase; 954, Okla Dept Of Transportation, 980.95, Lease Purchase; 955, Security State Bank, 996.11, Lease Purchase; 956, Okla Dept Of Transportation, 1454.26, Lease Purchase; 957, Okla Dept Of Transportation, 1450.12, Lease Purchase; 958, Welch State Bank, 2215.98, Lease Purchase; 959, Okla Dept Of Transportation, 1439.58, Lease Purchase; 960, Okla Dept Of Transportation, 1233.25, Lease Purchase; 961, Amazon, 93.57, Supplies; 962, Cintas, 272.39, Service; 963, Countyline Upholstery II, 600.00, Service; 964, Dub Ross, 4239.40, Tin horns; 965, McClain County District 2, 938.79, Fuel 966, NAPA Auto & Truck Parts, 451.00, Supplies; 967, OG&E, 39.85, Utilities 968, D&H United Fueling Solutions, 472.12, Service; 969, Mid Continent Truck Sales, 1237.59, Parts; 970, Sheehy Signs, 164.00, Plaques; 971, Warren CAT, 18300.46, Rental; 972, Classic Paper, 129.24, Supplies; 973, Lehigh Hanson, 3692.90, Chips & Rock; 974, Dolese Bros, 4501.35, Chips & Rock; 975, Ama-

James Supply And Rental, 6.60, Supplies; 863, Lindsay Auto And Truck Supply, 167.08, Parts & Supplies; 864, J&K Auto Parts, 828.85, Parts; 865, Lehigh Hanson, 3898.95, Chips & Rock 866, Haskell Lemon Construction, 1936.73, Type B; 867, OLG Of Lexington, 929.48, Propane; 868, Pioneer Telephone, 237.17, Service; 869, United Engines, 187.05, Supplies; 870, Amazon, 159.99, Supplies; 871, CashSaver, 77.44, Supplies; 872, Logan County Asphalt, 1811.12, Proline; 873, Oklahoma Natural Gas, 420.80, Service; 874, Postmaster, 170.00, Rent; 875, Purcell Public Works, 399.68, Service; 876, Robbins Ace Of Purcell, 54.55, Supplies; 877, Windstream, 78.71, Service; 878, Victor’s Electric Motor Service, 5000.00, Truck.

ML Fee—22, Ed Robins Cabinet Shop, 3600.00, Glass Partition; 23, Midcon Data Service, 100.00, Service; 24, Midcon Data Service, 44.00, Service.

Mtg Cert—21, Windstream, 162.17, Service.

Rental of County Property - Expo—92, Oklahoma Natural Gas, 460.14, Service; 93, Oklahoma Natural Gas, 619.29, Service; 94, Purcell Public Works, 1587.37, Service; 95, Purcell Public Works, 1210.53, Service; 96, Reveal 4-N-1, 282.74, Parts; 97, Sheehy Signs, 72.00, Signs.

Rural Fire-ST—118, Battlegrounds, 690.00, Service; 119, Municipal Emergency Services, 5740.43, Forestry Monitor; 120, OG&E, 157.75, Service; 121, AT&T Mobility, 199.44, Service; 122, Stolz Telecom, 7950.00, Radio Equipment.

Sheriff Service Fee—143, MTM Recognition, 65.00, Badge; 144, AT&T Mobility, 1105.06, Service.

SR Cit-ST—198, Ben E Keith, 2321.89, Supplies; 199, Ben E Keith, 2094.53, Supplies; 200, Classic Paper, 319.31, Supplies; 201, CashSaver, 64.90, Supplies; 202, CashSaver, 492.93, Supplies; 203, Spencers, 777.14, Supplies; 204, Tankersley Food Service, 609.09, Supplies; 205, Pioneer Telephone, 101.16, Service.

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

No transfers were requested.

Wilson Lyles moved, Terry Daniel seconded to approve the following Road Crossing Permit: Bluefin Water Solutions, LLC., starting in Section 15, T7NR2W and ending in Section 21, T7NR2W in District Two. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve of The Oaks Plat in District Two, Terry Daniel seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

THE PURCELL REGISTER, Thursday, January 5, 2023-13A
Will and Testament from Contra Costa County Superior Court.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to an Order of this Court, the 26th day of January, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., is the day and time that the Petition will be heard before the Honorable Charles Gray, Judge of the District Court, McClain County, Oklahoma, 121 North 2nd Street, Suite 225, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080, and all persons interested may appear and contest the same.
Witness, the undersigned, Judge of the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma,

z on, 163.85, Supplies; 976, Warren CAT, 59.09, Supplies; 977, Wayne Public Works, 99.25, Service.
ML Fee—25, Optimum, 171.64, Service.

Preservation—14, Mid West Printing, 49591.94, Service.
Rental of County Property - Expo—102, James Supply And Rental, 205.39, Supplies.

Sheriff Service Fee—163, Of-folter, Landy D., 430.94, Travel.
SR Cit-ST—211, Briggs, Rebecca, 500.00, Contract Labor; 212, Dibble Senior Citizens, 2130.00, Payroll; 213, Oklahoma Electric Co-Op, 192.00, Service; 214, Oklahoma Electric Co-Op, 266.00, Service; 215, Pioneer Telephone, 90.47, Service; 216, Richey Insurance Agency, 13.00, Insurance Premium; 217, Son, Autumn N., 866.25, Contract Labor; 218, Town Of Byars, 525.00, Service; 219, Windstream, 258.78, Service; 220, Classic Paper, 75.59, Supplies.

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 the following Transfer of Appropriations: General: \$15,000.00 from 0001-1-1700-1110 to 0001-1-1700-1130. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.
Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to approve the following Cash Fund Estimate of Needs and Request of Appropriations: Assr Rev Fee, CBRI, Emergency Mgmt, Highway, Jail, ML Fee, Mtg Cert, Preservation, Rental of County Property, Reward, Sheriff Commissary, Sheriff Service Fee, Eco Dev-ST, Em Mgmt-ST, Extension-ST, Fair Main-ST, General Govt-ST, Rural Fire-ST, Sheriff-ST, and Sr Cit-ST. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved to table any action concerning the donation of funds to the Sheriff’s Office to the 12/28/2022 meeting if received, Glen Murray seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.
Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to approve of Jason Kilmer and Earl Jenkins as Receiving Officers for the Goldsby Fire Department. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.
Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to approve of ARPA Expenditure Document for Metro Sign Corporation for digital signs at the McClain County Public Safety Center and at the Expo Center for \$118,410.00. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.
Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to approve of ARPA Expenditure Document for Confidence Ford of Norman for \$53,553.00 for (1) new vehicle for McClain County District Three. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.
Wilson Lyles moved, Glen Murray seconded to table any action concerning ARPA Expenditure Document for Washington Senior Citizens to the 12/28/2022 meeting. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.
Wilson Lyles moved, Terry Daniel seconded to approve of Invoice #18206 from Frankfurt Short Bruza for \$5,000.00 for professional services through December 9, 2022 for Ladd Road Resurfacing in District Two, payable through CBRI funds. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.
Terry Daniel moved to table any action concerning invoice for Frankfurt Short Bruza for the Expo Center Restrooms to a later date, Glen Murray seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Only Bidders:
SWH Construction was awarded Chip/Seal Services. 4C Dozer Service, LLC. was awarded Crushed Concrete. Dub Ross Co., Inc. was awarded Corrugated Steel Pipe Arch 2-2/3x1/2” and 3x1 Corrugation-Spiral & Aluminized.

this 30 day of December, 2022.
/s/ Charles N. Gray
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
/s/ Tiffany K. Peterson
Tiffany K. Peterson, OBA No. 31186
Munson & McMillin
A professional corporation
247 North Broadway
Suite 103
Edmond, Oklahoma 73034
Telephone: (405) 513-7707
tpterson@munsonmcmillin.com
Attorney for Petitioner

No road crossing permits were requested.

Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to approve of Jana Rolin and Braden Prewitt as Receiving Officers for District One. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved to approve of Resolution No. 30-2022-2023 to accept a monetary donation of \$3,000.00 to McClain County Sheriff’s Office from Rory Jett for \$2,000.00 to purchase bullet proof vests and \$1,000.00 to the DARE Program, Glen Murray seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved to approve of Resolution No. 31-2022-2023 to accept a monetary donation of \$250.00 from Road to Recovery Foundation, Inc., and Resolution No. 32-2022-2023 to accept a monetary donation of \$500.00 from Heisman Homes, LLC., both donations going to McClain County Drug Court for the Drug Court Participant Christmas Party, Glen Murray seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray seconded to approve of Resolution No. 33-2022-2023 to set the filing period beginning 1/9/2023 and ending 1/13, 2023 for Office One Directors of Fair Association Board, should there be a need of election it will be held on 2/2/2023. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

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

Low Bids:
Ergon Asphalt was awarded Asphalt Emulsion, other bidders were Vance Brothers Inc., Wright Asphalt Products Co., and Coastal Energy Corp.

The Railroad Yard, Inc. was awarded Bridge Decking and New & Used Channel Iron & Angle Iron, other bidder was Sunbelt Equipment & Supply, Inc.

4C Dozer Service, LLC. was awarded Concrete Crushing due to mobilization prices, other bidder was Wrights Diverse Const.

The Railroad Yard, Inc. was awarded Corrugated Polypropylene Pipe, other bidders were Core & Main LP and Dub Ross Co., Inc. Warren CAT was awarded Grader Blades, other bidder was Dub Ross Co., Inc.

Due to availability, high quality, able to provide all materials, and/ or location:

Logan County Asphalt Co. was awarded All Weather Asphalt Patching Material, other bidders were Pavers, Inc., and T&C Asphalt Materials.

Haskell Lemon Group, LLC and Trinitas Materials, LLC. were awarded Hot Mix/Hot Laid Asphalt, other bidders were Overland Materials & Manufacturing Inc., Paving Material, Inc., Paving Materials of Southern Oklahoma, LLC., and Pavers, Inc.

SWH Construction, LLC. and First Water Contracting were awarded Asphalt Laid In Place, other bidder was Haskell Lemon Group, LLC.

The Railroad Yard, Inc. and Sunbelt Equipment & Supply, Inc. were awarded New & Used Steel Pipe, New & Used I-WF Beams and H-Beams, and Interlocking Sheet Piling, no other bidders.

L.A. Jacobson, Inc. and Dolese Bros. Co. were awarded Concrete, no other bidders.

Dub Ross Co., Inc. was awarded Corrugated HDPE Pipe High-Density Polyethylene, and Corrugated High Density

Polyethylene Tin horns, other bidders were Core & Main LP and The Railroad Yard, Inc.

Hanson Aggregates and P&K Stone LLC. were awarded Rhyolite Chips & Rock, no other bidders.
Dolese Bros Co. (Davis) was awarded Limestone Chips & Rock, other bidders were Ada Aggregates, Martin Marietta (Washita), and Martin Marietta (Davis).

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

MCCLAIN COUNTY BOARD
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Attest:
Pam Beller
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Obituaries

Dorothy Anderson

Funeral services for Dorothy Anderson, 80, of Purcell will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 5, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mrs. Anderson passed away Friday, December 30, 2022.

Dorothy Jo Mantooth was born July 30, 1942 in Purcell, the fourth of five daughters born to John Russell Mantooth and Etta Roberta Mantooth. Dorothy was raised in Purcell and attended school there, graduating with the Dragon Class of 1960.

Dorothy worked for Western Electric for a short time, and as a receptionist for C.L. Boyd in Oklahoma City. Her sister Sharon introduced her to a young man from Wayne named Lloyd Wayne Anderson. They were the perfect couple and the rest as they say, is history. Dorothy and Lloyd were married on July 7, 1967 in Oklahoma City. By 1970, they had settled in Purcell where they raised their children, son Paul and daughters, Tekla and Shana.

Dorothy worked tirelessly as a homemaker, caring and providing for their every need. She stayed active in her community by volunteering in 4-H, the Booster Club, and the Junior Miss Pageant. She volunteered at Purcell Hospital whenever needed, and was coordinator for the Hospital Auxiliary for more than 42 years. She was a member of the Purcell PO, the Redbud Club and Petal Pushers.

Whatever activities her children were involved in, Dorothy made it a point to be involved. And when she became a grandmother, she followed her grandchildren in various activities, drama and sports, and she was their biggest fan.

Dorothy was very crafty, and enjoyed painting, and especially porcelain China. She was a member of the World Organization of China Painters (WOCF), held several state offices including President, worked as a demonstrator and a teacher, and judged for many years at the State Fair. She was a woman of great faith and longtime member of the 9th & Pierce Church of Christ. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her son, Paul Russell Anderson; her parents, Russell and Roberta Mantooth and two sisters, Betty Ozmert and Sharon Anderson.

Dorothy is survived by her loving husband Lloyd Anderson of the home; daughters, Tekla Dawn Anderson-O'Connell of Purcell and Shana DeAnn Glasgow and husband, Todd, of Stillwater; two sisters, Rose McCurdy of Purcell and Connie Wells of Purcell; six grandchildren, Taylor Moffat and husband, Jacob, Morgan Stringer and husband, Brayden, Gentry Anderson, Haden Russell Glasgow, Max Glasgow and Maggie Glasgow; two great-great grandchildren, Nora Moffat and Anderson Stringer; several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittlefuneralhome.com.

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Kenneth “Ken” Howard Baker

Kenneth “Ken” Howard Baker was born February 5, 1945, in Pipestone, Minnesota, to Buster Baker and Mae (Rollefson) Baker. He passed away on December 23, 2022.

He served in the United States National Guard for four years and on October 29, 1983, Ken married the love of his life, Judy Beth Yarbrough and they had two sons: Dusty Baker and Mitchell Minnix.



He was a field supervisor for A&A Trucks out of Lindsay, Okla., and loved every moment of it. He was close to his employer, his employees, and called most of his customers “friends”.

Ken enjoyed OU football, playing guitar, spending his summers by the pool, hunting, and having friend ‘get togethers’. We love him and we are going to miss him terribly.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Judy of Norman, Okla.; sons, Dusty Baker of Norman, Okla., and Mitch Minnix of Colorado Springs, Colo.; granddaughter, Ira Wade of Fort Collins, Colo.; grandson, Gibson Minnix of Colorado Springs, Colo.; brother, Harvey Baker and his wife, Koyla, of Des Moines, Iowa; sisters, Joyce Kramer of Elkton, S.D., and Jean Landsman of Brookings, S.D.; and a host of family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 7, 2023 at Immanuel Baptist Church, 1777 E. Robinson St, Norman, Okla.

Flowers may be delivered to Tribute Memorial Care or donations can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at stjude.org in honor of Kenneth Howard Baker.

Robby Gene Hobson

Funeral services for Robby Gene Hobson, 53, of Noble will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 6, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at the Lexington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Hobson died Dec. 31, 2022.

He was born Dec. 29, 1969 in Purcell, the oldest of three sons of Jerry Hobson and Lillie “Faye” Riggle Henderson.

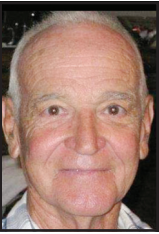
Survivors include his son, Cole Hobson of Lexington; his parents, Jerry Hobson of Lexington and Faye Henderson of Noble; his brothers, Ronnie Hobson and Pat Hobson and wife, Cindy, all of Byars, J.D. Henderson and wife, Donna, of Lexington and Joey Henderson of Purcell; his sister, Tracy Loftin of Atoka; and two grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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James Howard Murphy

Graveside services for James Howard Murphy, 88, of Norman will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 6, 2023 at the Noble IOOF Cemetery. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. Murphy passed away January 1, 2023. James Howard was born April 17, 1934 in Cleveland County. He was the second of four children born to “Harve” and Helen (Jackson) Murphy.

James Howard grew up in the Goldsby and Washington area. James Howard graduated with the Washington Warrior class of 1952.

On October 30, 1952, he married the love of his life, Floy Mae Hyde. Together the couple raised four children; Linda, Cindy, Gary and Steve.

James Howard worked for the lumberyard through the day and if it was winter, he worked for Sinclair Service Station at night. If it was summer, he would leave the lumberyard and head straight to the hay patch. Later in life, he started his own business doing construction cleanup.

He was known as “James” on Floy’s side of the family and “Uncle Howard” on his side of the family and “Murf” to his son-in-law and most of his friends. But it didn’t matter what name you knew him by, if you knew him you knew, he loved helping people no matter the task. He found great enjoyment sharing stories about different times people would get stuck in mud or the snow and how he helped get them out.

He would make doll houses with porch, windows and flooring for nieces and would always make the time that they spent at the couple’s house special by taking them to A & W for “baby burgers” and picking up donuts for breakfast. James Howard worked from sunup to sundown nearly everyday of his life. In fact, some might say he was a workaholic and at 88 years old he could still work circles around most people half his age. He saw the value in hard work and never shied from a task no matter how difficult the work.

At the age of 58, James Howard was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis but not even that could slow him down. At the age of 85, he was found working on his roof and even pulling weeds in his yard with a hand rake. He cherished time spent squirrel and rabbit hunting with his kids and going fishing. He was loved so much and will be missed dearly.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Floy Mae Murphy; his parents, Harve and Helen Murphy; his brother, Alvin Murphy; and his sister, Eulene Melton.

He is survived by his two daughters, Linda Murphy of Lexington and Cindy and husband, Danny, of Norman; his two sons, Gary Murphy of Norman and Steven and wife, Deanna, of Norman; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; his sister, Loretta Ketner of Norman; his brother-in-law, Dalton Melton of Perry and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittlefuneralhome.com.

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Johnny Alvin Terrell

Funeral services for Johnny Alvin Terrell, 86, of Lexington were held Jan. 4, 2023 at Union Hill Baptist Church in Purcell. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Terrell died Dec. 30, 2022 surrounded by his family.

He was born Jan. 26, 1936 in Walters, Okla., the third and only son of five children of John Mascot Terrell and Nancy Rachel (Lucas) Terrell.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Terrell of the home; his son, Johnny Terrell of Norman; his daughters, Cathy Scribner and husband, Brian, of Healdton, Debbie Pace of Lexington and Karen Haley and husband, Timothy, of Purcell; his sisters, Jo Straily of Prescott, Ariz., and Edith Thornton and husband, Charlie, of Lamesa, Texas; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

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John William Banta

A Celebration of Life Service for John William Banta, 66, of Norman was held Jan. 4, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Banta died Dec. 31, 2022.

He was born April 2, 1956 in Shawnee, Okla., the second of five children born to Marlan Clinton Banta and Mary Ruth (Day) Banta.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of the home; daughters, Jana Weddle and husband, David, of McAlester, Madison Banta of Pawhuska and Kennedy McCall and husband, Jake, of Skiatook; brother, Coy Banta and wife, Tedi, of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Marla McCamey and husband, Mike, of Sapulpa and Tempest Sullivan and husband, Ron, of Sapulpa and three grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Pete Woods

Funeral services for Pete Woods, 86, of Maysville were held Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mr. Woods passed away December 29, 2022, surrounded by his family.

Clarence Carl Woods was born January 14, 1936 in Purcell, Okla., the youngest of four children born to Carl Ezra Woods and Ida Viola (Harper) Woods. He was raised in the Purcell/Wayne area, and attended Wayne Schools, graduating with the Bulldog Class of 1954. He took some classes at Rose State, but after a few months chose to pursue Nancy, the love of his life. Later that same year, on September 12, Pete married his sweetheart at the Woods family homestead.

Pete took great pride in providing for his family and at times, worked two jobs. After two short years of marriage, they welcomed their first child, David. Pete worked as a rough neck in the oil field for several years before starting his career at Tinker Air Force Base. Pete worked a little more than 12 years at Tinker before he retired. By this time, Pete and Nancy had welcomed three daughters, Diane, Darla and Deniece.

Pete started his own company, Woods Pumping Service, and worked side by side with Nancy for nearly 20 years. His heart was always with his family on the farm. He was a country boy and an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing, noodling, coon hunting and trapping. Pete always looked forward to the annual family trips to deer camp. He cherished Nancy, their children and grandchildren. He was a man of great faith and longtime member of the Unity Missionary Baptist Church. He will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Ida Woods and his siblings, Robert Woods, Betty Kerr and Jim Woods.

Pete is survived by his wife of 68 years, Nancy; children, David Woods and wife, Amy, of Wayne, Diane Bray and husband, Michael, of Maysville, Darla Skillman and husband, Jon, of Bluff Dale, Texas, and Deniece Hawkins and husband, Travis, of Wayne; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

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Program on restoration, architecture of Capitol

Learn more about the restoration and architectural design of the Oklahoma State Capitol from Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) Executive Director Trait Thompson during a discussion on Saturday, January 7, from 1–2 p.m.

Before becoming executive director of the OHS, Thompson was the project manager of the capitol restoration project. Thompson will lead the discussion and share his insights on the restoration work.

He will talk about his specialized knowledge of the history of the Oklahoma State Capitol and how this monumental restoration project was achieved.

This discussion will take place in the Clark and Kay Musser Learning Lab on the first floor of the Oklahoma History Center. It is free with paid admission to the Oklahoma History Center.

The Oklahoma History Center is located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr. in Oklahoma City. It is open to the public Monday through

Saturday from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Call 405-522-0765 or visit www.okhistory.org/history-center/visitor for admission costs and group rates.

The Oklahoma History Center is a division of the Oklahoma Historical Society and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, National Archives and is an accredited member of the American Alliance of Museums.

The mission of the Oklahoma Historical Society is to collect, preserve and share the history and culture of the state of Oklahoma and its people. Founded in 1893 by members of the Territorial Press Association, the OHS maintains museums, historic sites and affiliates across the state.

Through its research archives, exhibits, educational programs and publications the OHS chronicles the rich history of Oklahoma.

For more information about the OHS, please visit www.okhistory.org.

Save the date for the 10th annual Artesian Arts Festival

Mark your calendar for the 10th annual Artesian Arts Festival set for Saturday, April 22, at the Artesian Plaza.

The Artesian Arts Festival features music, dance and cuisine, and celebrates First American art and artists. A diverse array of visual art, including paintings, basketry, jewelry, sculpture, metalworking, beadwork, textiles and pottery is offered.

The 2023 festival is open to all federally recognized First American artists.

The festival also features a wide variety of tribal dance

demonstrations, musical entertainment and food vendors.

Open to the public at no charge, the Artesian Arts Festival welcomed more than 5,000 art patrons to downtown Sulphur this year.

The Artesian Arts Festival takes place at the Artesian Plaza, adjacent to the Artesian Hotel and Spa, 1001 W. First Street, Sulphur.

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520 visit ArtesianArtsFestival.com or email ArtistInfo@Chickasaw.net.

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Neighbor:

ball games to earn money.

“I kinda’ worked my way through college doing that,” he said. “A friend of mine told me they needed help and we would make pretty good money.”

Offolter said the first basketball game he and a fellow rookie refereed together was at Broxton.

“We were both brand new but they kept hiring us back,” Landy said with a chuckle.

The pay for calling both the girls and boys games was \$17.50.

“Now it’s \$130-\$150,” the sheriff said.

He called high school football games for 42 years but only officiated at basketball games for 20 years.

When he started, a high school football game paid \$20.

“I only did basketball for 20 years because I couldn’t keep up with the kids,” Offolter said.

“If we would have had three officials back then I might have stayed a little longer.

“Back then the girls played six on six and the boys used to come down the court and set up plays and play zone defense.

“Now it’s up and down the court which is probably a lot more entertaining for the fans,” he said.

Offolter said he received a low income grant that paid for his books and tuition the first year at Chickasha.

Having never used his teaching degree, Offolter said 25 of his 37 years on the patrol was spent in weights and measures where troopers measure trucks, check for weights and inspect the trucks.

“They have a big area to cover,” he confirmed.

Offolter said the most challenging part of serving on the patrol was having to break bad news to family members after

a fatality accident.

“It’s hard dealing with victims’ families, breaking bad news to them,” he confirmed.

In all his years in law enforcement, Offolter said he has had to draw his gun down on a person before but he never had to pull the trigger.

“I investigated a couple of vehicular manslaughter accidents when there was a drunk driver involved,” he said.

He once was involved in a manhunt out near Elk City when a fellow trooper was shot and killed.

“I had just dropped the governor off at the Mansion when the call came out,” Offolter recalled. “I was in that unmarked car. We caught the guy pretty quickly.”

The Dennis and Lancaster shoot-out in Caddo occurred the year before Offolter went to the OHP Academy when three troopers were killed.

“We initially heard that Don Hewett was one of the troopers that was shot and killed,” he said. “That really got us.”

He and Hewett have stayed close all these years and five years ago when the undersheriff position opened up, Hewett came a calling.

“It was nothing for us to visit,” Offolter said. “I’d come to his office or we’d have coffee. One day after I’d been retired for a couple of years Don called me.

“What are you doing,” came the question from Hewett.

“I told him I was out on the back side of my place working on a tractor,” Offolter said.

“I’ll be there in 20 minutes,” Hewett said on the phone.

So Landy went back to their house on their 80 acres east of Dibble and told Genise. He didn’t say why he was coming.

“Maybe he’s coming to ar-

rest me,” Offolter quipped to his wife.

“When he pulled up into the driveway he said, ‘get in’.

“That’s when I thought maybe he *was* coming to arrest me. He told me the position was open and that he needed me. I told him if he had to know today the answer is no because I’m enjoying retirement.”

Hewett told him to take his time.

So the Offolters talked it over and prayed about it and decided maybe this is a door the Lord wanted them to walk through.

The rest is history and five years are in the rearview mirror.

“I like this job,” he said matter of factly. “It’s totally different from the OHP. Don left it in good shape. And he laid a good foundation with the rest of the courthouse employees. We’re all like one big family.

The Offolters have three children Kris, Lanae and Jason, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The sheriff’s department has 28 deputies counting undersheriff James Goins.

Funding comes from the county sales tax to the tune of about \$100,000, almost \$2.5 million from the county and additional monies from serving papers and the like.

“The county funds 10 deputies and eight jailers,” Offolter said. “The sales tax is a big part of it. Without that we’d be pretty slim.”

The Offolters spread their utility money around living on their acreage five miles from Dibble and five miles from Washington.

“I get my water from Purcell; my mail in Blanchard with a Dibble home phone and I live in the Washington fire district. I lay claim to everybody,” he laughed.

Plants:

metic brush to clean the fuzzy leaves of plants like African violets. Keeping your plants clean and well-groomed also helps reduce insect and disease problems.

Further protect plants from pests with Summit Sticky Traps (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com). Just place one or two in the pot with the sticky side exposed. The yellow attracts fungus gnats, aphids, thrips, leaf miners, and other harmful pests feeding on your plants.

The sticky surface traps the insects causing them to die without the use of pesticides. Replace the trap once it is covered with insects or every three months.

Boost indoor plant resilience by providing the right amount of light. Move plants to a sunnier window or add artificial lights as needed. Then give plants a quarter turn every time you water. This promotes more balanced growth by exposing all parts

of the plant to the light source.

Taking time to tend to your plants improves their health and beauty while elevating your mood and helping fight stress.

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.



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Blank canvas

McCurdy Park still has room for other amenities and the city wants the public’s input. A meeting will be scheduled for citizens to voice their preference in the near future. Read **The Purcell Register** for updates on the meeting date.

Barton:

A: Probably something that most people don’t know about me is I’m a pretty good handy man. There isn’t much that I can’t figure out how to build or fix. The one exception to this would be anything automotive. When it comes to working on

cars, I can barely change my own oil.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: I’ve got two boys at home: ages three and four, so free time isn’t something I have a lot of these days.

Vote:

their units for absentee application forms.

Residents living overseas may obtain absentee voting applications from any United States military installation or United States Embassy or Consulate.

Military personnel and overseas citizens who are already registered voters in

Oklahoma may apply for absentee ballots using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp.

Those who need to complete a new Voter Registration Application should apply through the Federal Voting Assistance Program at FVAP.gov.

All completed absentee ballots must be in the hands of the

election board no later than 7 p.m. on election day.

The McClain County Election Board is located at 121 N. 2nd Ave and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For questions, please contact the election board at 405)-527-3121 or mcclaincounty@elections.ok.gov.



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