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Let the fun begin

City Manager Dale Bunn's cutting of the ribbon at the Lights From the Heart November 22 officially kicked off the holiday parade of lights around the Purcell City Lake. Vehicles lined up right behind the chamber's ribbon cutting to start the holiday tradition here.



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40 years experience

Dr. Joe Carter really wears a white hat because he's that nice of a guy and a cutting-edge equine veterinarian with a state-of-the-art standing equine MRI machine.

Local veterinarian offers state-of-the-art diagnostics for equine athletes

Rebecca Andrews
The Purcell Register

completed veterinary school at Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Joe Carter opened Oklahoma Equine Hospital in 1988.

Carter graduated from Moore High School and

While at OSU, he easily

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Wanette family named Farm and Ranch Family of the Year

The Karges family of Wanette was recognized as Oklahoma Farm Bureau's District Eight Farm and Ranch Family of the Year at the organization's 82nd

annual meeting November 11 in Oklahoma City.

Brock and Sheila Karges

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PURSUIT, power outage FRIDAY MORNING

16-year-old on probation steals car before running from police



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Power pole mess

The remnants of power poles and electrical equipment at the corner of Huron and Canadian streets was left by OG&E and Purcell Electric Department personnel after an accident took out a couple of poles early Friday morning. Many parts of Purcell were without power for nearly two hours Friday.

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A traffic accident in the wee hours of Nov. 24 at Huron and Canadian streets resulted in an hour and 45 minute power outage in Purcell starting just before 7 a.m. Friday.

Purcell Police investigated the accident that included a pursuit with speeds

reaching 70 m.p.h. After an extended search, they located the 16-year-old driver, who had fled from the scene on foot, at 324 W. Apache.

He had a 13-year-old male with him in the vehicle when it struck a pair of utility poles on Huron. The 13-year-old was partially trapped in the vehicle for a short time. Both were treated and released at

Purcell Municipal Hospital.

Police first were alerted to the pursuit and accident at 1:46 a.m. They finally were able to apprehend the juvenile driver at 3:39 a.m. even using a drone in the search.

The McClain County

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Candidate filing begins for Board of Education

Candidate filing for the Board of Education begins Monday, December 4, for McClain County school districts.

Those who wish to file for a Board of Education office must submit a Declaration of Candidacy to the McClain County Election Board December 4, December 5 or December 6, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Candidate filing packets are

Please see **Education**, back page

Filing begins December 4 for Municipal Offices

Candidates interested in filing for municipal office in City of Purcell will file Declarations of Candidacy beginning 8 a.m. Monday, December 4.

Those who wish to file for a municipal office must submit a Declaration of Candidacy to the McClain County Election Board December 5, December

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Drive by shooting

A McClain County family returning from a Christmas light display last week was fired upon by a person in a van between Rosedale and Byars.

The van pulled up behind the car very closely and then went around it putting seven

rounds in the vehicle.

A teenager in the back seat sustained a graze but there were no serious injuries, according to Sheriff Landy Offolter.

The investigation continues.

Inside

State Semi-finals

Washington plays

Jones at Yukon

Friday at 7 p.m. Trip to finals at stake.



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Tuesday Night Ticker

High school basketball

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Strange cloud

A cloud in much the shape of a pencil was caught over Lexington about 8 a.m. Monday.

Lunch debt program aiding struggling families in state

Oklahomans for Public Education and the Oklahoma Rural Schools Coalition are proud to announce their joint founding initiative aimed at helping struggling families and school districts pay off student lunch debt.

With many school districts in Oklahoma burdened by substantial lunch debt, families find themselves unable to meet these financial obligations, leading to potential consequences such as collections at the end of the school year.

The dire situation faced by these families and school districts prompted Oklahomans

for Public Education and the Oklahoma Rural Schools Coalition to take action.

By organizing this fundraiser, they hope to alleviate the financial strain on families and prevent the need for collections.

Several school districts have already reached out to the advocacy groups for assistance. The current outstanding balances from these districts are as follows:

- Lexington Public Schools: \$4,650.00
- Vanoss Public Schools: \$9,258.00
- Hayes Elementary (Enid

PS): \$3,178.00

- Clinton Public Schools: \$20,067.00
- Stillwater Public Schools: \$37,003.00

Additional balances from other school districts will be added as they are received. The impact of this initiative has already been felt, as a local manufacturing business in Duncan generously paid off the entire balance for Duncan Public Schools upon learning about the fund-raiser.

To ensure transparency and accountability, Oklahomans for Public Education and the Oklahoma Rural Schools Coalition are working in conjunction with a 501c3 organization. This collaboration allows them to provide tax receipts for single contributions of \$250 or more, giving donors the opportunity to support this cause while also receiving a tax benefit.

The total amount that needs to be raised to eliminate the outstanding lunch debt is \$74,156. Every contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference in the lives of struggling families and the educational institutions they rely on.

To donate and support this crucial cause, please visit <http://www.okruralschools.org/school-meal-assistance>.

For media inquiries or further information, please contact Angela Clark Little or Erika Buzzard Wright Founders Oklahomans for Public Education. Oklahoma Rural Schools Coalition 405-795-3002 405-630-6538 Ok4publicEd@gmail.com Okruralschoolscoalition@gmail.com.



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Chance of rain on Thursday

Temperatures fairly seasonable

We have seen some seasonable temperatures the last few days, which will continue heading into the next seven days. Thursday, we do have a chance to see some scattered showers and thunderstorms as

temperatures hold in the upper 50s. Temperatures will cool into the upper 40s by Friday under partly cloudy skies. The upper 50s will return by Saturday and Sunday, as mostly sunny conditions can be ex-

pected for the weekend. Sunny skies return with minimal cloud cover by Monday through the middle part of next week, with afternoon highs in the lower to middle 50s.

– Hunter Brittingham

Johnson Road overlay done

Collaboration of city and county

McClain County District 2, along with the City of Purcell, recently completed a project on Johnson Road with a four inch asphalt surface.

Purcell applied for a Municipal Roads Drilling Activity Fund (MRDAF) grant and was awarded the monies to do the project. The criteria and information required was how much oil and gas activity was in the immediate area.

The legislators this past session approved \$5 million for such projects across the state.

Purcell will be applying once again this next year for the grant in hopes to be awarded for a selected location.

McClain County Commissioner Wilson Lyles said it was a joint effort with the county and city preparing the roadway and laying of the asphalt.

Total cost of the project was

\$290,000 for 1.3 miles, Lyles reported.

Commissioner Lyles said he looks forward to partnering with local communities and bringing these dollars to McClain County.

“We would also like to say a word of thanks to the local residents for their patience and understanding during the construction process,” Lyles said.



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Collaborative effort

A joint project between McClain County and the city of Purcell resulted in a four inch asphalt road resurfacing of a portion of Johnson Road.

Wilson man critically injured

I-35 southbound shut down for 1 1/2 hours at Wayne

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A one-vehicle accident Monday night closed southbound Interstate 35 for 1 1/2 hours at mile marker 85 approximately one mile southwest of Wayne.

A 2021 International semi driven by Samuel K. Lewis, 31, of Wilson ran off the road to the right, went up an embankment

striking a concrete wall of an overpass, then went airborne coming down on the other side of the overpass on its wheels at 10:45 p.m.

Lewis sustained head, arm and leg injuries and was transported by Medi-Flight to OU Medical Center where he was admitted in critical condition.

Lewis was pinned in his vehicle for approximately 22 minutes before being freed by the Wayne Fire Department.

Trooper Cory Byrne investigated for the OHP. He was assisted by Trooper Bryan Landers, the McClain County Sheriff’s Department and Wayne Firefighters.

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Foundation Fundraiser

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

Tickets are \$50 and one lucky winner will share in half of the money raised.

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

Cole Fire

Santa’s Party

The Cole Fire Auxiliary will host a Christmas Santa Party Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3, from 4 to 7 p.m.

This a great time for families and the community of Cole.

Pictures are \$5 with Santa or get a free picture with an unwrapped unopened gift.

The event will include crafts, ornament decoration, cookie decoration, hot cocoa bar and a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Christmas Parade

Mark your calendars now! The Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting will be held Thursday, December 14, on Main Street in Purcell. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the parade to start at 6 p.m.

The theme this year is “Anything Christmas in the Heartland.”

To register your parade entry, contact the Heart of

Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce with any questions at 405-527-3093.

Lights from the Heart

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

Over two miles of lights are available to drive through.

Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

Tax Statements

McClain County Treasurer Teresa Jones reminds property owners in the county that 2023 tax statements have been mailed.

Full or half payments are due before January 1.

The treasurer’s office can email tax statements if it is requested.

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

For more information call 405-527-3261.

Rural Fire Vacancy

The Lexington Rural Fire Association has a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

If a member of the Association is interested in serving, please contact Dale Haynes at haynesfarm192@gmail.com or Stella Bledsoe at ronbledsoe1@yahoo.com.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery will be held on Monday nights at Landmark Church, 1106 W. Grant, in Purcell.

Big group will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. followed by small group from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling your life.

For more information contact Niki Steadman at 405-595-1337 or Mark Rillema at 405-496-5954.

SafeCare

SafeCare, a program of Northcare, is a free, home based parenting support program with the goal of reducing stress for caregivers.

SafeCare provides education on parenting, health, safety and communication skills along with connecting families to community resources.

SafeCare services are provided to caregivers that have at least one child under the age of six and live in McClain or Cleveland counties.

For more information call 405-858-2725, email safecarereferrals@northcare.com or online at www.northcare.com.

Senior Dance at Purcell

The Ole Troubadours are back at the Purcell Senior Citizens Center, 228 N. 2nd, every Friday from 7-9 p.m.

Join your friends for fun and dancing!

Admission is \$8 per person and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Proceeds will benefit the Purcell Senior Citizens Center.

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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Postage time

McClain County Treasurer Teresa Jones, right, and assistant Juana Hernandez were busy last week putting postage on the tax statements that will soon be in the mail.

OMRF scientist awarded \$3.4 million to study, investigate immune cells

Fifty years ago, immunologists were just beginning to understand a newly discovered type of white blood cell that would come to be known as the T cell.

Decades of research have since shown these protective cells to be so crucial, we couldn’t survive without them.

Fast-forward to today, and research stands at a similar infancy with a closely related immune cell called innate lymphoid cells, or ILCs, says Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientist Xiao-Hong Sun, Ph.D.

The National Institutes of

Health recently awarded Sun a \$3.4 million grant to continue unraveling mysteries about these cells, including whether they may offer clues about the differences in immune reactions between children and adults.

“It’s far too soon to say whether we will someday discover ILCs play a role as profound as T cells,” said Sun, who holds the Lew and Myra Ward Chair in Biomedical Research at OMRF. “But I hope this research will begin to answer that question.”

Sun joined OMRF in 1999 and studied T cells until pivot-

ing her research to ILCs when scientists discovered them about a decade ago.

Initially, researchers believed ILCs originated only in bone marrow. In 2019, Sun discovered the thymus, a gland near the heart, can also produce them. The thymus trains the immune system to distinguish friendly cells from invaders. It tends to shrink and become less active as we age.

“Our previous discovery was important because it may shed light on why immune reactions

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Beware of fake shipping insurance this holiday season

The Oklahoma Insurance Department is warning consumers of unlicensed insurance providers offering “package protection” that includes stolen-item protection this holiday season.

These providers facilitate the unauthorized sale of insurance, which can cost consumers money while not providing protection for stolen items.

“When shopping online for the holidays, pay close attention to your shipping protection options and who is offering the coverage,” Insurance Commissioner Glen Mulready said. “Legitimate shipping insurance providers will be licensed companies or producers.”

Unauthorized insurance sales are illegal and happen outside the control of regulatory agencies. If these providers become insolvent or are unable to pay for consumer claims, the Oklahoma Insurance Department may not be able to intervene.

Consumers can protect themselves by checking to see if providers listed on the web

are licensed insurance entities through the Licensee Lookup tool on our website.

Be sure to follow the bulleted guidance on this page to find the company or insurance producer

offering shipping protection in Oklahoma.

Homeowners policies might

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Another expensive holiday season

Congressman Tom Cole

Last week, Americans unfortunately felt the crushing weight of inflation once again as they prepared Thanksgiving dinners for their family, friends and loved ones.

Already forced to get by on tight budgets, continued inflation is causing holiday cooking and shopping to still be a stressor on households nationwide.

While the Consumer Price Index (CPI) did ease slightly from 3.7 percent in September to 3.2 percent in October, signs still point to our economy struggling to bounce back, and consumer sentiment towards the economy making a full recovery remains low.

According to a recent LendingTree survey, 60 percent of respondents expected inflation

to impact their Thanksgiving plans, and according to a recent AP/NORC poll, nearly two-thirds of adults say their household expenses have risen over the last year.

In addition, the decline in the CPI excluded categories such as energy and food, which remained high, rising four percent year-over-year in October.

Overall inflation has also remained well above the Federal Reserve's two percent target, and to fight inflation, it has raised interest rates 11 times since March 2022 to a 22-year high.

Now, Americans are not only paying more for goods and services, but interest rates are eating away even more from their wallets when buying necessities such as homes and vehicles.

Finally, as prices stay steadily high, consumer purchasing power also remains low. Across various industries, including construction, manufacturing and education, wages are not keeping pace with inflation.

In fact, the U.S. Department of Labor recently reported that the average hourly earnings for all employees was \$11.05 in October, which represents a 3.32 percent decline from \$11.43 in January 2021. Despite the reports that wages are rising at the fastest pace in years, by that measure, U.S. workers are worse off today than two years ago.

As yet another expensive holiday season began last week and while families begin preparing to buy gifts for their own homes and loved ones, Americans certainly see that

Democrats' reckless spending has caused a severe lag in our economy's ability to bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic. And now, three years later, many Americans are still wondering what it will take for things to finally turn around.

By Republicans having the majority in the House, we are able to stop large, expensive reconciliation bills that a Democratic Congress and White House have previously pushed through on top of annual appropriations bills, and we remain committed to spending taxpayer dollars more wisely by keeping government funding to core government programs and national defense, and finally, putting policies into place to allow our economy to flourish.

Dealing with Christmas challenges

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Christmas is a joyful season but always has some challenges.

The place of Christmas is often a question. Mary and Joseph ended up in Bethlehem when Jesus was born. They had gone there to pay taxes. Paying taxes is never fun but something we have to do.

The place they ended up when Jesus was born was probably not their desired location to bear their first child but they made the most of the location.

Location trips a lot of people up on Christmas. Many have no choice. They will spend Christmas in the nursing home or jail. Many have no options. They may be too elderly or sick to travel. They may not have any place to go.

If you have options then be thankful. If you have a place to spend Christmas then this is one of your best gifts of all. Don't fight about the place where you will spend Christmas. Make the best of wherever you end up and celebrate with whoever is around.

The presents of Christmas are often stressful. Presents are expensive and often we don't know what to buy and how much to spend. You may have a lot of gifts to buy or maybe you don't have a single person for whom you will buy a gift.

If you can afford to buy gifts and want to then enjoy the opportunity. If finances are meager this year, then be honest with yourself and others and say our list and budget is very limited this year.

Don't put yourself in financial jeopardy by spending money you don't have. The greatest gift is the baby Jesus. Focusing on Him will bring more peace than a house filled with gifts.

The pageantry of Christmas often becomes work. How many lights can you string on your roof or around your shrubbery? I enjoy putting up lights on a warm day but despise taking them down in January.

Just remember what goes up must come down, eventually. Try to find a mild weather day and you won't feel like the grinch.

The pressure of Christmas gets to a lot of people. People die in December. Loneliness takes over. Stress becomes paramount. People get depressed.

Christmas should never be a time of loneliness, stress or pressure but it was a difficult

Cy Young, pitching until age 68

By Joe Guzzardi, Society for American Baseball Research member

The 2023 Cy Young Award winners for baseball's best American and National League pitchers are the New York Yankees' Gerrit Cole and the San Diego Padres' Blake Snell. Cole and Snell are dandy pitchers, but will never match Cy Young's credentials. Neither will anyone else.

Only a handful of dinosaur baseball bugs know how the Cy Young Award evolved. Fewer still know anything more about Young than, over his 21-year career, he won 511 games, more than anyone ever will.

In 1963, Sandy Koufax told a reporter that Young's record could be broken. Koufax, 27, had 93 victories, not that far behind Young's 131 at the same age. Three seasons later, Koufax was out of baseball, 346 wins behind Young.

The award's back story: since his 1951 election, then-MLB commissioner Ford Frick, a big Bob Feller fan, thought that the existing MVP voting system minimized pitchers' contributions when weighed against everyday players. Young's 1955 death at age 88 motivated Frick to move ahead, despite resistance from every baseball corner.

Ford insisted that pitchers be given their own. He persisted until 1956 when the Brooklyn Dodgers' Don Newcombe won the first Cy Young Award. Originally, the award was given to only one pitcher from both leagues, but by 1967, National and American League hurlers were selected.

Contrary to what fans' limited knowledge about the baseball icon would indicate, Young wasn't born on August 6, 1890, the first day he toed the rubber for the Cleveland Spiders. And Young didn't vanish on October 6, 1911, age 44, the day after he threw his final professional pitch for the Boston Rustlers.

Before, during and after Young's Hall of Fame, record-setting career, he lived a life marked by peaks and valleys common to the human condition.

Denton True Young, called "Dent" by friends, didn't reach the major leagues until he was 23. Until then, he farmed in Gilmore, Ohio, near Canton. During an exhibition game for the Canton team, Young struck out 13, and the **Canton Repository**, the local newspaper, noticed his blazing fastball, comparing it to a fast-arriving cyclone. From that moment on, the press and the public called



• Photos provided

Long career

Cy Young with the 1911 Cleveland Naps and still humming the pea at age 82.

Young "Cy."

His next game was a no-hitter in which Young struck out 18. Then the Cleveland Spiders came a-calling, and bought his rights with a \$300 offer. In Young's rookie year, he won 36 games and led the National League with a 1.93 ERA. Young was on the way to Cooperstown.

By the time he finally hung up his cleats, Young had racked up several all-time records. He pitched 7,356 innings, faced 29,565 batters, won 20 games 16 times, threw 25-1/3 consecutive hitless innings, 76 straight batters, and led the league in fewest walks allowed per nine innings 14 times. Young: "I aimed to make the batter hit the ball, and I threw as few pitches as possible."

As years wore on and the Depression took hold, Young entered his senior years; he struggled to make ends meet. Young had returned to farm life, but raising sheep and vegetables left him cash-short. Farming was the only life Young knew; he dropped out of school in the sixth grade.

Tragedy struck Young when, in 1933, his wife and childhood sweetheart, Roberta, died. Young, 65, childless, moved in with friends, held odd jobs and dabbled in local politics. Suddenly, however, baseball re-entered Young's life.

In September 1933, Young took the hill for the local County All-Stars against the Cleveland Indians at a state fair. Appearing in a cameo role, he struck out the side, and the Associated Press headline blared, "Cy Young Hurls as Indians Win."

More Young appearances, to fans' raucous roars, followed. Young, now 67, took to the mound again, if only for a third of an inning. During a 1934 old-timers' game at Cleveland's League

Park, Young's team, the "Has-Beens" played the "Antiques."

The **Cleveland Plain Dealer** reported that in cold and miserable weather, Young was "the old man in brilliant red socks...who warmed up by giving the ball an under-hand toss."

Young left the "Has-Beens" to join the "Hope-to-Be's," a team of 12-15-year-olds who, Young recalled, "took a hefty cut at everything I tossed to 'em, but the old arm had plenty of stuff left in it and I won a couple of games." Before long, however, the youngsters found Young's vulnerability — the bunt: "I tried to bend over to field it," Young said, "but couldn't reach it."

Astonishingly, Young wasn't done yet. At 68, he announced that he would head to Augusta, Ga., for Spring Training in anticipation of joining a barnstorming tour, advertised as a "Traveling Baseball School." Young was to earn \$250 a month in exchange for one inning pitched per game.

Prior to going South, Young said, "I'm all alone, and this may be sort of fun." But fun was hard to come by. The team traveled in broken-down buses, drew poorly, earned almost nothing and eventually folded.

Young spent his final days working at a five-and-dime store, reading his fan mail and promoting the national pastime. When "Dent" died in 1955 at age 88, Commissioner Frick's long-awaited plan to introduce the Cy Young Award was born.

Joe Guzzardi is a Society for American Baseball Research and Internet Baseball Writers Association member. Contact him at guzzjoe@yahoo.com or on X @JoeGuzzardi19.

Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



Update from the Capitol

The race is on with just days left until the bill request deadline on Friday, December 8. I'm working on several bills for the upcoming session, and I'll be sharing these with you in the coming weeks.

One of the bills I'll be filing would require the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) to develop an eight-year plan, similar to what the Oklahoma Department of Transportation has for their roads and bridges project planning.

This would help the state to have a long-term plan for continued maintenance and improvements for all state-owned properties. In our meeting earlier this month, the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency (LOFT) shared with our oversight committee that OMES needs to be more organized when it comes to planning for and paying bills, as well as being financially prepared to make infrastructure improvements, along with necessary computer, software, and other technical upgrades to keep our state agencies running efficiently and providing the best services.

Developing an eight-year plan would organize and prioritize building upgrades and improvements, as well as help the Legislature prioritize funding for future projects.

In my first term, I have made it a personal mission to draft bills that improve the lives of Oklahoma women, so when the Attorney General's Office contacted me to work with them to address the statute of limitations on rape cases, it immediately became a priority for me.

Although rape does occur against male victims, women make up the majority of rape

victims in the United States and Oklahoma; and sadly, many victims never report their situation to law enforcement.

With advances in technology and DNA testing, paired with the investment Oklahoma has made in Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner programs over the past year, I believe updating current laws to address the short, seven-year statute of limitations, will encourage more victims to report these horrific crimes.

We are fortunate to have an Attorney General in Oklahoma who has prioritized crimes against women, and I am hopeful that these changes could possibly help victims receive justice for rape cases that are past the current statute of limitations.

I'll also be refiling my legislation to improve the safety of the medical marijuana industry and better protect patients. Among other reforms, my bill would create a registry of recommending physicians and require them to have specific education about medical marijuana to be registered and also undergo continuing education to ensure they know how to properly and safely prescribe these products.

The bill would also require the OMMA to establish continuing education requirements for employees of medical marijuana businesses to ensure they are making safe recommendations to patients.

We'll discuss more of my bills in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns on legislative matters, please contact me at the Capitol by writing to Senator Jessica Garvin, State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. Room 237, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105, emailing me at Jessica.Garvin@oksenate.gov or calling (405) 521-5522.

MULREADY SAYS
GET READY

Smart savings blueprint: Trim home insurance costs before construction

By Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner Glen Mulready

Homeowners insurance premiums are rising throughout the country due to catastrophic storms, reinsurance costs and inflation, among other factors. Construction costs are also climbing, with spending on private residential construction climbing to \$872 billion in September 2023 from \$866.6 billion in August, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Given the current insurance market and high construction prices, I think now's the time to talk about lowering insurance premiums when building a new home or renovating your current one.

Before diving in, it is critically important to understand the difference between actual cash value and replacement value. Replacement value coverage pays the cost of replacing your damaged property or home, including materials and labor needed to rebuild, while actual cash value coverage pays replacement cost minus depreciation.

If parts of your house are old or in poor condition, like your roof, they might only be eligible for actual cash value. A new roof would often qualify for replacement coverage.

Regardless of if you're renovating or building, you will need to make sure your current or future policy provides adequate coverage. With that said, here are three ways you can save on your premium down the road.

Use Strong Building Materials

A big way to save on home insurance premiums is using fortified materials. Structures built with brick instead of wood will result in lower premiums. Additionally, some companies offer lower premiums to homes built with class three or four shingles and other roofing materials, which are more impact resistant.

Many companies will give a 25 percent discount if you have class four shingles. Reach out to your insurance company when renovating to see what building materials are eligible.

If you're considering building your home, research insurance companies and look for recommended materials to incorporate into your construction plans.

Make Your Home More Disaster Resistant

When building or renovating, making your home more resistant to disasters can help lower your premium. If you're renovating, this includes reinforcing your roof to protect it from hail or heavy

Society

Mother's Entwined Club Goldsby Country Christmas Home Tour

Mark your calendars for the Mother's Entwined 2023 Christmas Home Tour which is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, from 1-4 p.m.

Christmas Home Tour patrons will have the opportunity to view the homes of Jason and Judith Ross, Tom and Kelsey Orendain, Darrin and Whitney Beller and Althea's Vault.

The home highlighted this week for the Mother's Entwined 2023 Goldsby Country Christmas Home Tour is the home of Tom and Kelsey Orendain.

The Orendain home is located at 1513 Walnut Way in Goldsby.

They have lived in their home since the end of March 2023.

The home was custom built by TLP Homes.

The Orendain's describe their decorating style as tra-

sitional.

It is decorated in colors of black, white, green and the wood is light in the home.

"The tree in our game room is our family tree with ornaments from trips or ones the girls have made over the year," Mrs. Orendain said. "I would like tour patrons to be sure and take note of the decorations."

A Country Kitchen will be selling baked goods at the home of Darrin and Whitney Beller, 3012 SE 12th Ave. in Goldsby.

You can purchase your tickets for \$15 from any Mother's Entwined Club member, Savvy Parke, Goldsby Town Hall, the office of Roger Cudd, Marcum's Nursery and Althea's Vault.

All proceeds will benefit Goldsby, Washington and Purcell communities.



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Home tour

The home of Gerald and Judy Burkhardt, 23342 Hilltop Circle, in Washington is one of the featured stops on the Okeyha Mothers Club Holiday Home Tour set for Sunday, December 3, from 2-4 p.m.

Okeyha Mothers Club Holiday Home Tour set for December 3

The annual Okeyha Mothers Club Holiday Home Tour is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, from 2 to 4 p.m.

This year's tour will include four Heart of Oklahoma area homes and an upstairs living space in downtown Purcell.

Holiday Home Tour patrons will have the opportunity to view the homes of Mike and Marcia Starchman, 318 Kenna Court, in Purcell; Cory and Heather Wyatt, 24296 Eagle Road, in Purcell; Kerry and Sharie Wilhoit, 18396 Johnson Ave., in Purcell; Gerald and Judy Burkhardt, 23342 Hilltop Circle, in Washington and Inspire Wellness Clinic and Medical Spa upstairs living space, 128 West Main St., in Purcell.

The home of Gerald and Judy Burkhardt will be featured in this issue of **The Purcell Register**.

The Burkhardt home is located at 23342 Hilltop Circle in Washington.

They have lived in their home for four years.

"My husband is in construction and he completely remodeled the house before we moved in," Mrs. Burkhardt said.

"Our home is decorated in monochromatic color tones making it very versatile to switch out for the seasons adding pops of color," Mrs. Burkhardt explained.

"Christmas to me is the most wonderful time of the year. I love to decorate our home in classic traditional style for the holidays," Mrs. Burkhardt said. "Christmas traditions, family and making memories. Traditional decorations give a feeling

of warmth for the holidays."

"I decorate every room of our home for Christmas. I love seeing touches of Christmas cheer around the house," she said.

"For years I have collected the Hallmark "Gone With the Wind" ornaments and they adorn the master bedroom tree. My favorite movie of all time!" Mrs. Burkhardt said.

"I am a floral designer and I decorate over 30 homes for the Christmas season along with my amazing assistants. For the Holiday Home Tour in my flower room I will have Christmas items for sale at special tour prices just for the day," she said. "I will be serving refreshments and looking forward to meeting those who enter our home," she concluded.

A Country Kitchen will be stocked with home-baked goods available for sale at the Wilhoit home, 18396 Johnson Ave., in Purcell.

The Holiday Home Tour is a yearly fundraiser for the Okeyha Mothers Club.

The club uses funds raised to support community projects and gives a scholarship to a graduating senior.

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$20 from any Okeyha Mothers Club member, by contacting Jenny Goodspeed at 405-517-5346, Melissa Pruitt at 405-255-1463, Gisela Wolfenbarger at 405-693-0449.

Tickets may also be purchased at The Grand Canadian Theatre on Main Street on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or at the tour homes the day of the event.



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to Charlie Sherman, Tyler Cummings, Mark Suchy, Judy Taber, Julie Gentry, Heather Moring, Jeff Abernathy, Bob Atterberry, Debbie Gantz, Teresa Pollok, Yesenia Carrillo, Abigail Escobedo, Angelica Gil, Mary Ann Gralla, Abigail Ibarra, Fritz Johnson, Victoria Cleeland, Helen Harrison, Matt Frazier and Caylin Nimmo.

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

Tickets are \$50 and one lucky winner will share in half of the money raised.

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

The drawing will be held Tuesday, December 12, at the Purcell High School basketball game versus Pauls Valley at The Reimer Center.

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Tickets may be purchased at the door of any of the homes or by calling Jenny Goodspeed at 405-517-5346, Melissa Pruitt at 405-255-1463 or Gisela Wolfenbarger at 405-693-0449.

The Cole Fire Auxiliary will host a Christmas Santa Party Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3, from 4 to 7 p.m.

This a great time for families and the community of Cole.

Pictures are \$5 with Santa or get a free picture with an unwrapped unopened gift.

The event will include crafts, ornament decoration, cookie decoration, hot cocoa bar and a special visit from Santa and

Mrs. Claus.

The Wayne Fire Department is holding its 33rd annual Toy Drive.

Firefighters are currently accepting toy donations, \$10 value, or cash donations to help them meet their goal.

Toys will be given to children at the department's drive-through program December 9.

For more information contact Sarah Kennedy at 405-570-2478 or Meghan Claunch at 405-412-7848.

Mother's Entwined Home Tour is set for Sunday, December 10, from 1-4 p.m.

The homes of Tom and Kelsey Orendain, 1513 Walnut Way, Jason and Judith Ross, 1566 Walnut Way, Darrin and Whitney Beller, 3012 SE 12th Ave., all in Goldsby, and Althea's Vault, 218 N. Main Ave., will be featured.

Tickets may be purchased at any of the venues or by contacting any Mother's Entwined member.

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

Over two miles of lights are available to drive through.

Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

Mark your calendars now!

The Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting will be held Thursday, December 14, on Main Street in Purcell.

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

The theme this year is "Anything Christmas in the Heartland."

To register your parade entry, contact the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce with any questions at 405-527-3093.

McClain County Treasurer Teresa Jones reminds property owners in the county that 2023 tax statements have been mailed.

Full or half payments are due before January 1.

The treasurer's office can email tax statements if it is requested.

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

For more information call 405-527-3261.

Here's a good recipe to pop in your slow cooker and have ready at the end of the day during this busy time of the year.

Slow Cooker Mexican Taco Casserole

1 lb. ground beef
1/2 onion, chopped
1 cup of corn
1 can black beans, drained
1 can Rotel tomatoes
1/2 pkg. taco seasoning
Garlic salt to taste
2 cups cooked rice
8 ozs. shredded cheddar cheese
Brown your beef. Add onions, taco seasoning, tomatoes, beans and corn. Stir to combine and set aside.

Spray the inside of slow cooker with non-stick cooking spray. Spread the cooked rice in the bottom of the slow cooker. Sprinkle with garlic salt.

Spoon meat mixture over the rice. Top with cheddar cheese.

Cook on high for 2-3 hours or low for 4-6 hours.



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Featured Home

Mother's Entwined Club will hold its 2023 Goldsby Country Christmas Home Tour Sunday, December 10, from 1-4 p.m. The home of Tom and Kelsey Orendain, 1513 Walnut Way in Goldsby, is one of the featured homes.

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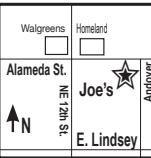
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Purcell Elementary Dragon families gave from the heart last week to their Holiday Food Drive. They had 1,279 food items donated. Food collected will go back to families in our community through the Lil’ Dragon Food Pantry and McClain County Operation Christmas. Cristian Haynes’ first grade class collected the most items and will receive popsicles!



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First birthday celebration

Nora Jane Martin, the daughter of Tanner Martin and Monica Fanning of Ardmore, celebrated her first birthday November 25. Five generations are pictured including (front, from left) great-great-grandma Margaret Allen, Nora, great-papa Mike Allen, both of Maysville, (back) Gaga Adrienne Martin of Purcell and her dad, Tanner.

Okeyha Mothers Club has meeting

The Okeyha Mothers Club met November 27 at Jo’s Famous Pizza and enjoyed fantastic food and fellowship. Members discussed the donation made to the Winter Wishes Fund at Purcell Junior High to help provide winter clothing to students in need.

The Okeyha Mothers Club Holiday Home Tour is scheduled for Sunday, December 3, from 2-4 p.m. Please make plans to enjoy all the amazing sites on the tour and purchase some tasty treats from our Country Kitchen. This is the largest fundraiser

for our group which helps us continue to be able to help meet many different needs of the community. Tickets will be available to purchase at any of the homes on the tour or are available in advance from any club member.

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Dealing:

time for Mary and Joseph. They were poor people. Bringing a child into the world in a stable would not be considered an option for most of us. Traveling was a hassle and very difficult back then. While they were overjoyed with the baby Jesus, life’s circumstances were not easy. Later, they would flee to Egypt for


the safety of their family which added to their pressure. The person of Christmas must be our focus in order to truly celebrate this season. Let’s not lose sight of the main character in the Christmas story. If we do, then we will focus on the place, presents, pageantry and pressures of Christmas. Thus, we will miss out on the

real joy that the heavenly host proclaimed to those shepherds watching their sheep. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men,” (Luke 2:14). Find books by Glenn Mollette at Amazon.com Learn more about his books, columns and music at GlennMollette.com or gmollette@aol.com.

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City of Purcell Employee of the Month

Justin Howell

Job title: Code Enforcement Supervisor/City Planner.

How long have you been employed with the City of Purcell? Almost four years.

Tell us about your family: Wife, a two-year-old daughter and a baby on the way.

What are some of your hobbies? Golfing, fishing, attending OU football games and spending time with family.

Where did you grow up? Purcell.

What is the best advice you have ever been given? “Worry about the things you can control and not about what you can’t control.”

What is a fun fact about you that many people may not know? I graduated on the President’s Honor Roll at OU.



Howell

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snow and ice and installing storm shutters to protect against strong winds. Additionally, consider modernizing your heating, plumbing and electrical systems to reduce the risk of fire and water damage. If you’re building, make sure you are using the most up-to-date materials and methods in these areas.

Install Additional Security and Warning Systems

Increased security can help lower premiums since theft or break-ins are less likely. Some lower-cost options include installing deadbolts and new smoke detectors throughout your home or construction. If you want additional help in this area, think about purchasing an advanced home security system that includes an alarm. Some insurance companies lower premiums for homes equipped with smart home technology, like security cameras, remote lighting and access controls.

Check with your insurance company to see what technology qualifies your home for discounts.

With rising costs to build and insure homes, consumers are looking for ways to save money. By thinking about your construction or renovation plans from a risk mitigation perspective, you can save money on your home insurance premiums.

Always remember that the Oklahoma Insurance Department is here to help if you have questions or need to file a complaint against your insurance company.

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differ between children and adults,” Sun said. “Childhood onset of asthma and food allergies are just two examples. This new study may help explain the underlying causes and suggest new therapeutic approaches.”

“It took a half-century of painstaking work by scientists around the world to get to our

current understanding of T cells,” said OMRF Executive Vice President & Chief Medical Officer Judith James, M.D., Ph.D. “That’s often how science works. Dr. Sun is applying similar approaches to understand ILCs in an accelerated way. I’m excited to see where her research leads.”



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Obituaries

Glenda Kay Herell

Funeral services for Glenda Kay Herell, 81, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 30, 2023 at McMahans Funeral Home, 616 S. 8th St., in Noble. Interment will be at the Lexington Cemetery under the direction of McMahans Funeral Home.



Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at McMahans Funeral Home.

Glenda Kay Herell was born to Glen and Bernice (Whitaker) Miller on October 23, 1942 at their home in Wanette, Okla. She was called home on November 25, 2023 at the age of 81 years.

Glenda made her home in Lexington, Okla., in 1970 moving from Noble. She attended school in Oilton, Texas. On April 14, 1964 she married the love of her life Jackie Don Herell. They were married for 59 years.

Glenda was employed with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for 30 years until her retirement, she began her career in the accounting department before managing the canteen.

Glenda loved to garden, every year she would raise and tend a huge garden at her home raising all sorts of veggies. She enjoyed reading a good book, spending time with family and trail riding with her family. Rodeo was a huge part of her life as she was her kids' and husband's biggest fan, traveling to all of the rodeos and playdays cheering them on and making sure they had everything they needed.

Glenda was preceded in death by her parents and brother Jerry Miller.

She is survived by her husband Jack of the home, three sons, Danny Herell and wife, Marsha, of Lexington, Jimmi Herell and wife, Rhoni, of Enid and Jason Herell and wife, Alicia, of Heavner, Okla.; one sister, Rosalee Woodley of Texas; sister-in-law, Nancy Goodpasture and husband, Martin, of Texas; seven grandchildren, Josh Herell, Kenny Herell, Colten Herell and wife, Kelsey, Logan Herell, Mackenzie Herell, Raelyn Herell and Luke Herell; two great-grandchildren, Daxten Clyde Herell and Mason Ray Hammock, along with many other relatives and friends.

Guy Porter

Guy Porter left us Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2023, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, at the age of 61 years 2 months 15 days. Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2023, at Chappel Hill Cemetery east of Lexington, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.



Guy was born September 8, 1962, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, to GP and Sammie (Ashford) Porter.

Guy grew up in Choctaw, enlisting in the United States Navy following his high school graduation. He served his country until retirement in May 2002. Guy then returned home to Choctaw, where he was employed at Tinker AFB as an aircraft mechanic.

Throughout his naval service, Guy always made time to come home and visit his mother. After each visit something would disappear from her home; she laughs when thinking about it, knowing he cherished and cared for each item he appropriated. One time it was an extra-long quilt she and Wesley had made because the Navy ones were not long enough. By the time he retired, it was a bit worn and tattered, so Guy asked his mother to fix it, which of course she happily did.

Another time it was her favorite cookbook. She looked everywhere for that cookbook, until Guy called and asked her to decipher one of her notes on a recipe he was preparing. Wesley's best memories of Guy were watching him grow, caring for their cows, working together, and Guy stopping by nearly every day after work to sit on the porch and visit with him.

One of Lori's fondest memories is of a fishing trip they took together. A fish she caught got stuck on a rock, so Guy stripped down to his underwear, jumped into the freezing water, and retrieved the fish for her. He later said it was the biggest fish of the day and he didn't want her to go home without it.

Throughout their lives, Guy and Gary were best friends who enjoyed riding motorcycles, sailing the world, and razzing each other. One memory Gary says has always stayed with him is a time when he had beaten Guy at *Monopoly*, Gary describes making a huge fuss about winning to the point Guy knocked him silly. Gary reports, with a chuckle, the look on Guy's face when he punched him was priceless.

For Ronda, Guy was always her savior, from putting worms on her fishing hooks to looking out for her throughout their childhood adventures. His acceptance and care without teasing her meant a great deal. Terry, ever the car enthusiast, remembers a sixteen-year-old Guy taking him cruising with him on Air Depot in Midwest City, in his '68 Cutlass and how "cool" hanging out with Guy made him feel. What Kathy remembers most is Guy's wicked sense of humor, impish smile, twinkling eyes, and a soft laughter.

Guy enjoyed an active life, hunting, raising cows, he loved dogs, enjoyed working his land, and so many other things. He touched every life he encountered, and he will be sorely missed. At this very moment, Guy is reclining on one of heaven's clouds, his feet crossed, his arms up and hands behind his head, watching over us with a grin.

Guy was preceded in death by his father, GP Porter; his paternal grandparents, Guy and Velta (Anderson) Porter; and his maternal grandparents, Samuel and Ethel (Sexton) Ashford.

Survivors include his mother, Sammie Moser; his stepfather, Wesley Moser; his brother, Gary Porter; his sister, Kathy Ann Saxe; his stepsister, Ronda Kay Brainard; his stepbrother, Terry Wayne Moser; his longtime romantic interest, Lori Cottrell; and numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family and friends.

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Homer Alvie Musgrave

Funeral services for Al Musgrave, 91, of Purcell will be held at 2 p.m. December 1, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Homer Alvie Musgrave was born November 4, 1932, to Levi and Mae Musgrave in rural Cleveland County, Oklahoma. He graduated from Norman High School with the Class of 1950. Al was a proud Navy Veteran.

On July 4, 1953, Al married Bobby Jean Barnard and they recently celebrated their 70th anniversary. They raised three children and chose to always stay in Oklahoma- living in Oklahoma City, Lawton, Sterling, Norman and Purcell.

He graduated from Blackwell Business College and continued learning and living his life to the fullest for all of his 91 years of age. After his retirement as general manager of Auxier Scott Supply Company in Oklahoma City, he joined Bobby in the real estate world. They opened Musgrave Real Estate in Purcell in 1982.

Al next started Musgrave Construction Company with his son Ron, and they built many homes in the Purcell area. He loved hunting, published several short stories, and considered his time spent on the farm as golden.

Al passed away on November 26, 2023. He was preceded in death by his youngest daughter, Sandra Joy and her husband, Weldon Beasley, and also four of his bossy sisters: Agnes, Aliene, Alice and Alma.

Al is survived by his wife, Bobby and two children, Jean and husband Fred Stauffer and Ron Musgrave and wife Mary. He had six grandchildren, Jake Musgrave, Katie (Brian) Manning, Lindsay (Bryan) Jackson, Shelly (Jeremy) D'Apolito, Caleb (Cassidy) Stauffer, and Josh (Naomi) Stauffer. Al enjoyed every moment spent with his eight great-grandchildren, Aliza, Lily, Michael, Caleb, Ava, Lance, Shannyn and Mason (Alysha). He is also survived by his younger brother and sister, Earl (Judy) Musgrave and Anita (Raymond) Douset. Al always enjoyed being with Bobby's family and all his nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials to The Pioneer Library System Foundation www.plsfdn.org, or by mail, 300 Norman Center Court, Norman, OK 73072.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Oleta Marie Irby

Oleta Marie Irby gracefully departed this world November 20, 2023, in Norman, Oklahoma at the age of 83 years 1 months 2 days. Graveside services were held Monday, November 27, 2023, at the Lexington Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Oleta was born October 18, 1940, in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, to John and Marie (Blevins) Thompson. She carried within her a spirit that embraced compassion and love. Raised in Lexington, she flourished and graduated from school around 1958.

As her journey unfolded, Oleta's pursuit of knowledge led her to become a Certified Medication Aide. Dedicated to serving others, she devoted herself to caring for those in need at the Veterans Center.

Above all else, Oleta cherished her family and doted on her grandchildren with boundless adoration. Her nurturing nature extended beyond blood ties as she selflessly cared for anyone who crossed her path.

Gardening brought joy to her heart as she marveled at the beauty of nature's creations. Additionally, literature captivated her mind as reading became a cherished pastime. Oleta was a remarkable soul, whose presence touched the lives of many.

Oleta was preceded in death by her grandparents; her parents, John and Marie Thompson; her brothers, Joe Thompson and George Thompson; and her sister, Genievee Shepherd.

Survivors include her son, Robert Irby; her grandchildren, Latasha and Jakob; her siblings, Hazel Henning and Sue Hopper; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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Kenneth Edward Kozik

Memorial services for Kenneth Edward Kozik, 60, were held Nov. 24, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Kozik died Nov. 20, 2023.

He was the son of Laurence and Patricia.

He is survived by his partner of five years, Sandra Shobe and his two children, Raychel and Patrick Kozik.

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Donna McClung

Memorial services for Donna McClung, 71, of Lexington will be held at a later date. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. McClung died Nov. 26, 2023.

Donna Lyn Lemons was born Oct. 28, 1952 in Ardmore, Okla., the daughter of Don Eldon and Lois Laverne "Babe" (Maples) Lemons.

Survivors include her children, Wendell McClung and wife, Patti, of Nixa, Mo., and Tammy Dobry and husband, Brian, and Jeff McClung, all of Norman; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice in Donna's memory.

Online condolences may be made at www.wilsonlittle.com.

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Tony Keith Blevins

Tony Keith Blevins died Thursday, November 23, 2023, after an extended illness, at the age of 64 years 1 month 2 days. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at the Wadley's Funeral Chapel, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.



In New Castle, Indiana, on October 21, 1959, Tony was the second of four children born to Keith and Judy (Polson) Blevins. He and his family resided in the Henry County area in Indiana throughout his youth, where

he attended Blue River Valley High School. After graduating, Tony held various mechanical-based jobs in the community.

A proud parent, he was very excited at the arrival of his first son, Keith. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Oklahoma and happily welcomed his second son, Zachariah, and a few years later, he was elated at the birth of his daughter, Shelby. Once he was fully settled in Oklahoma, he lived in and around the rural areas between Norman and Shawnee.

While his children were growing up, Tony spent his time working as a mechanical engineer at Rainbow Bakery in Oklahoma City. During that same time, he received his bachelor's in mechanical engineering from the University of Oklahoma. He was highly sought after for his engineering skills and his career took off, eventually taking him to many different countries, but he always loved Thailand the best and went back numerous times just to visit. Unfortunately, due to serious health issues, Tony had to stop working earlier than planned and retired.

Tony was known for his steadfastness, having lots of grit, being a real jokester, and an epic storyteller. He was a fierce friend and stood by the ones he loved and cared for, especially his mom and dad. Tony was always busy on his land and in his barn, no matter what area he lived in. He could usually be found messing with some sort of engine, whether it was a tractor, skid-steer, or pickup.

Tony also enjoyed camping, flea markets, collecting various firearms and antiques, fishing, his animals (especially his dog Zip), watching hilariously bad movies, and picking on his loved ones, especially the children. He loved nothing more than to be a prankster with the young ones, it was truly a love language for him.

But even with all the teasing and jesting, Tony loved the kids in his life and that was clearly evident as soon as he became a grandpa. His grandchildren were his most loved people and he showered them with time, attention, and spoiling them rotten every chance he got. In addition to all of this, it should be noted that one of his favorite pastimes was riding his bright green motorcycle while blasting "Despacito" as loud as he could, which his family lovingly referred to as his 'peacocking.'

His family also crowned him the honorary world title of "Mr. Wanette" in 2007, which he continued to hold proudly for the rest of his life. Through his entire life, he was a hilarious cut-up but also a loving and soft spirit and the world won't be the same without him.

Tony was preceded in death by his father, Roy Keith Blevins; his sister, Merri Letha Leonard; his brother, Roy "Brett" Blevins; and his aunt, Letha "EC" Blevins.

Survivors include his mother, Judy Blevins of Norman, Okla.; his sister, Robyn Goodwin and husband, Bob, of Norman, Okla.; his son, Zach Blevins and wife, Tamara, of Chickasha, Okla.; his son, Keith Lis and wife, Brandy, of Cloverdale, Ind.; his daughter, Shelby Barnes and husband, Ryan, of Lexington, Okla.; his grandchildren, Hope, Josie and Logan Barnes of Lexington, Okla., and Makayla, Adrienne and Kadence of Cloverdale, Ind.; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, who remember him as someone they could always count on.

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Garland Monroe Dickson, Jr.

Garland Monroe Dickson, Jr. died November 25, 2023, in Norman, Oklahoma, at the age of 75 years 9 months 30 days. Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, November 30, 2023, at the Hillside Cemetery, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Garland was born January 26, 1948, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, to Garland and Geneva (Plummons) Dickson. Garland Sr. was a farmer, and in the military, so the family moved all over the country, so Garland Jr. attended many schools throughout the country.

He met Barbara Trotter in 1971, they were united in marriage on January 26, 1979, and celebrated 44 years of marriage, but 52 years together. Garland worked many jobs during his life including being a carpenter, truck driver, and business owner. He and Barbara owned an upholstery company for many years. Garland enjoyed traveling, watching movies, reading, and the mountains of Colorado. He also enjoyed woodworking and would often make toys and cradles for the kids.

Above all else, Garland loved spending time with his wife and family, enjoying a good meal. Garland was selfless and would help anyone he could.

Garland was preceded in death by his father, Garland Dickson, Sr.; his mother, Geneva Dickson; his sister, Patricia Maupin; his stepdaughter, Julia Jones; and his son-in-law, Thomas McCarthy.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Dickson; his son, Clint Abner and wife, Christine; his daughter, Christina Dickson; his daughter, Lisa McCarthy; his brother, Calvin Dickson; his grandchildren, Jessica Beachy, Latasha Irby, Sara Jones, Jessica Jones and Brittany Jones; his two great-grandchildren; his brother-in-law, Raymond Trotter; his niece and nephews, Kris Maupin, Scott Maupin and Jenny Maupin; his great-niece, Bryanna Maupin; his great-great-nephew, Axle Maupin; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends

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Menus

PURCELL SCHOOL MENU
Week of December 4
MONDAY BREAKFAST

Pancake and scrambled eggs or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Grilled cheese, tomato soup, tater tots, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Breakfast burrito or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, baby carrots, side salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Biscuit and sausage gravy or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Waffle and syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage patty, seasoned potatoes, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Muffin and yogurt or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, side salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Cinnamon roll or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Sour cream chicken enchiladas, Mexican salad, chips and salsa, fruit, milk.

LEXINGTON SCHOOL MENU
Week of December 4
MONDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or biscuit and gravy, mandarin oranges, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Salisbury steak or yogurt meal, potatoes and gravy, green beans, peaches, hot roll, milk

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or breakfast sticks, banana, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken and noodles or chef salad, steamed broccoli, steamed carrots, frozen fruit cup, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or cherry frudel, pears, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Pig-in-a-blanket or sandwich, baked beans, whole kernel corn, mandarin oranges, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or yogurt and crackers, peaches, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Spaghetti with meat sauce or chef salad, vegetable medley, green salad, lime pears, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal or blueberry doughnut holes, orange smiles, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Hamburger or sandwich, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, Jell-O with fruit, milk.

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Carter:

made his decision to go into equine surgery.

“The first time I saw a horse having surgery, I said “I want to do that.”

From the early years in a small barn and his on-site family home, Dr. Carter nurtured his practice into a multi-million dollar facility that services multi-million dollar horses.

Fairly early in his career, Dr. Carter was able to provide incredible treatment for a mare within weeks of foaling.

The Purcell Register originally covered this story on March 7, 1996.

Send Special Roses broke her leg about five weeks before she was due to foal. Dr. Carter and Dr. Joe Noble of Kentucky were able to give the mare a prosthetic leg and help her deliver a healthy foal.

Dr. Carter and his team were the first to fit a prosthesis to a horse in the Sooner State.

“Progress is made in inches. If you have one percent improvement every day, in 100 days, you’ll have 100 percent improvement,” Dr. Carter explained his successes.

The various barns, treatment areas and office space at OEH are spotlessly clean.

Equine art, awards, posters, and newspaper articles cover the walls in the offices and barns.

At a facility that houses on average 80 horses at a time, there is no shortage of work to be done.

Dr. Carter credits his staff of hardworking employees with keeping things running smooth. OEH is the place for elite performance horses in the region. OEH operates with four vets on staff including two Board Certified Equine Surgeons including Dr. Carter’s daughter, Jesse. There are plans to add a fifth veterinarian soon.

“We have so many vets with varying interest and specialties,” Carter says of his clinic.

Dr. Carter says this is an advantage they have over vet clinics with only one vet.

“With four vets, we can almost always get horses in to be seen,” he said.

Having a lot of vets does not complicate things at OEH.

“We all have the same goal, which is the best outcome for the horse.”

OEH has several studs standing for clients. No Mans Whiskey is a 2014 buckskin stallion. He is a 2022 Run for a Million Qualifier. “Fritos” has nearly \$100,000 in reining earnings.

Stray Cat is another stallion worth mentioning. He is a 2009 sorrel stud. His lifetime race earnings exceed \$55,000. Stray Cat’s owner is a Grammy Award winning country music star.

The country music star has several of his mares under the watchful eye of Dr. Carter as well.

Along with the elite reproductive services offered at OEH, the team also has Oklahoma’s only standing MRI for horses.

There is a lot of risk involved in fully sedating horses. Dr. Carter’s standing MRI requires minimal sedation which means less risk to the horse.

“The main thing it is used for is foot and hoof issues including joints, ligaments and tendons,” said the long-time horse veterinarian.

Dr. Carter said, explaining the use of the machine. “The beauty of the MRI is that it sees bone and soft tissue.”

Dr. Kelly Miller, one of the vets working under Dr. Carter added, “The MRI gives a well-rounded picture.”

The standing MRI is a regional draw for clients. OEH performs three to four per week. As useful as the MRI can be, the vets at OEH exhaust every other lameness test before performing the high-dollar test.

Dr. Miller said, “The horses’ well-being is the utmost of importance.”

If an MRI is performed on a horse, the results are sent via email to a radiologist in France specializing in lameness. The turnaround for results takes only one day.

“We have been here for 40 years as a provider for the area,” Dr. Carter said. “As the oil industry and economy has diversified, the horse industry has diversified.”

This reflects the addition of more performance horses to an area that has been dominated by race horses for many years.

“We are a reflection of the

local economy. A rising tide lifts all boats.”

That simple statement summarizes Dr. Carter’s kind and generous nature.

Dr. Carter and the staff at OEH provide exceptional lameness diagnostics and unparalleled treatment and care to equine athletes from

all across Oklahoma and the south-central region. Dr. Carter is overflowing with experience and knowledge and genuine care for horses.

“We just want to help the horse.”

Dr. Carter is an excellent example of a resident from the Heart of Horse Country.

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Standing Equestrian MRI

A vet administers a standing MRI to a horse at the Oklahoma Equine Hospital in Goldsby.

Opener moved

Washington basketball

Due to football continuing at Washington, the Warriors opening basketball game for the 2023-24 season has been moved from Friday, December 1 at Comanche, to today (Thursday) at Comanche.

The girls game will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the boys. There will be no junior varsity games Thursday.



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Farm and Ranch Family of the Year

Brock and Sheila Karges, with their daughters Karena and Jessica, on their family ranch, Triple Heart Ranch, in Wanette.

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Education:

available on the State Election Board website at <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/candidates/candidate-filing.html> and at the County Election Board.

In addition to the Declaration of Candidacy, candidates must also submit a Voter Registration Verification Form, which can be obtained from the County Election Board or by logging into the OK Voter Portal at <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp.html>.

Information on the Voter Registration Verification Form must match the information provided on the Declaration of Candidacy.

Karen Haley, Secretary of the McClain County Election Board, reminds candidates that Contests of Candidacy must be filed no later than Friday, December 8, by 5 p.m. and may only be filed by another can-

didate for that office. Contests against unopposed candidates may be filed by contacting the County Election Board.

If more than two candidates file for the same Board of Education seat, a Primary Election will be held Tuesday, February, 13, 2024.

If one candidate receives more than 50 percent of the votes, that candidate will be named the elected official. If no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the votes, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will vie for the seat during the Board of Education General Election, Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

If only two candidates file for the same Board of Education seat, those two candidates' names will appear on the General Election ballot in April.

Declarations of Candidacy

will be accepted for the following offices:

Blanchard School District, Office No. 4 (five-year term)

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Newcastle School District, Office No. 4 (five-year term)

Purcell School District, Office No. 4 (five-year term)

Washington School District, Office No. 4 (five-year term)

Wayne School District, Office No. 4 (five-year term)

Mid-America Technology Center, Office No. 5 (five-year term)

For more information, contact your County Election Board office at 405-527.3121 or mclaincounty@elections.ok.gov.

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

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Karges:

own and operate Triple Heart Ranch where the family and their eight employees care for cattle the family purchases from local sale barns.

The cattle are closely monitored, cared for and carefully fed until they are ready to be sent to feedlots.

Sheila said the family and their employees focus on close animal care to ensure the cattle are healthy and thriving.

“We really like to go back to the bare basics of animal husbandry: are they taken care of, do they have clean pens, do they have clean water?” Sheila said.

“There’s hardly ever a day that the thought doesn’t cross my mind that this animal that I’m taking care of is going to be on somebody’s plate. And it’s a very humbling experience to know that you are directly responsible for what somebody’s going to consume, and it makes you very aware of putting out a quality product.”

Brock and Sheila raised their daughters, Karena and Jessica, working cattle alongside them, and today, Karena has returned to the ranch to work alongside her parents. Jessica is also involved in agriculture as an equine veterinarian technician.

“Family is everything,” Brock said. “You cannot put a dollar value on family. It’s a culture, it’s a way of life—it’s not necessarily about the dollar.”

The family also raises cutting horses that they both use on their ranch and in cutting horse shows.

In addition to the livestock side of the ranch, the Karges family also sells compost to local gardeners and landscaping companies that they make using the natural ingredients their cattle provide.

“We started making compost three years ago,” Brock said.

“We took a product that we make every day – the cattle

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Municipal:

6 or December 7, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Information on the Voter

make for us every day – we capture that by-product, and we make it into a product that is re-marketable.”

The family relies heavily on hard work and years of record keeping that helps them continually assess their progress and predict – as much as possible – how the cattle in their care will perform.

“You have an occupation here that makes a difference,” Brock said.

OKFB’s Farm and Ranch Family Recognition program celebrates nine farm and ranch families from around the state who carry on the best traditions of Oklahoma agriculture and our rural communities.

“Our Farm Bureau women are proud to show the important role these nine farm and ranch families play in Oklahoma agriculture and our local communities,” said Mignon Bolay, chair of the OKFB Women’s Leadership Committee, which sponsors the recognition program. “The work these families do both on and off the farm each and every day is inspiring, and we are excited to honor the effort, dedication and legacies these families represent.”

As part of their recognition, the family received a cash award and a custom sign to hang at their farm gate. The family was also recognized at the 2023 OKFB convention with a video sharing their agricultural operation and heritage.

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau annual meeting is the organization’s largest gathering of farmers and ranchers every year.

At the event, members vote on grass roots policy, elect leaders and award outstanding individuals. OKFB has a presence in all 77 Oklahoma counties and serves as the voice of agriculture and the rural way of life.

To learn more, visit okfarm-bureau.org.

From page 1A

Pursuit:

Sheriff Department was also involved.

While they were searching, Purcell Police learned the suspect was on probation and they now had a felony charge against him.

The poles had to be replaced and Electric Department Supervisor Trey Phillips said they had no other choice than to cut power to replace the two poles.

Phillips said one of the poles belonged to OG&E and is the main feed of power to Lexington. The other pole belonged to the City of Purcell.

“We waited until everyone (both Purcell Electric Department and OG&E crews) was ready to go to keep the down time as short as possible,” Phillips said.

Power was off in Purcell from just before 7 a.m. until around 8:45 a.m.

Electric crews set a new pole on the northwest corner of Huron and Canadian and one just to the west of the intersection.

“We were notified of the two broken poles at 2:15 a.m.,” Phillips said.

“OG&E showed up and we waited until everyone was ready to go before we cut the power trying to keep the outage in a two-hour window,” Phillips said.

Police said a stolen blue Hyundai Sonata, driven by a juvenile whose name is being withheld, struck a mailbox, an OG&E utility pole, a City of Purcell utility pole and a gutter on a residence and power line connection at 104 W. Huron during the pursuit.

The vehicle hit a dip in the road at S. Second Avenue and Huron and went airborne. After it struck the poles it came to rest upside down and partially on another vehicle.

The juvenile was arrested and transported to the Alan J. Couch Juvenile Center in Norman.

lowing offices:

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DID YOU KNOW?

Since we will all be getting an annual tax bill mailed out to us directly or our mortgage company soon, I thought it important to show an example breakdown of your property taxes. Majority of us have mortgages and did you know if you are mortgaged, you don’t receive a tax statement in the mail from the Treasurer’s office? It goes straight to your lending company to be paid through your escrow. That green sheet of paper has a wealth of information on it, and sadly the bulk of property owners see none of it unless they call their respective County Treasurer and request a copy of their tax statement annually. Another injustice of living with loans and credit debt, is you never truly see where your money is going. I felt it beneficial to give an example tax bill breakdown of where 2023 property taxes will be dispersed. This example is my very own tax bill for 2023. I live in the Blanchard School district, McClain County. **IF YOU LIVE IN A DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OR COUNTY, YOUR TAX BREAKDOWN WILL BE DIFFERENT. THIS IS FOR REFERENCE ONLY.**

| <i>Breakdown</i> | <i>Mills (TAX RATE)</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| County General | 10.28 | \$498.07 |
| County Health | 2.57 | \$124.52 |
| Vo-Tech General | 10.29 | \$498.56 |
| Vo-Tech Building | 1.03 | \$49.90 |
| County Wide 4-Mil | 4.11 | \$199.13 |
| School District General Fund | 36.02 | \$1,745.21 |
| School District Building Fund | 5.15 | \$249.52 |
| School District Sinking Fund | 35.23 | \$1,706.93 |
| EMS | 3.09 | \$149.71 |
| Library | 6.11 | \$296.04 |
| EMS Sinking | 0.5 | \$24.23 |
| Totals | 114.38 mills | \$5,541.82 |

Just over 70% of my entire tax bill goes toward **Blanchard Public Schools**. The 4 yellow highlighted funds are directly related to public schools. The Sinking Fund is any **Bonds passed**.

Another 10% goes to your **Vocational Tech school**, in this case, Mid-America Technology Center. They are highlighted in blue.

That leaves 20% to be divided among County Government, your local library, Co. Health Departments, and EMS.

I encourage you to call your County Treasurer each year around this time, and request a copy of your tax bill, to see exactly where all of your tax dollars go. I know that things are getting tough for the middle-class average joe and every dollar is stretched to make ends meet. I hope this information will help in some small way.

As always, feel free to call my office anytime. I am always delighted to educate taxpayers with any questions or assist them within in my capacity as their County Assessor. Ph# (405)-527-3520

I have learned a lot as your County Assessor since taking office in 2019. I am still learning every day more ways to help and enlighten my voters with how Ad Valorem works in its entirety. It has been a true pleasure to serve you these past 5 years and I look forward to working for you for many more! Thank you.

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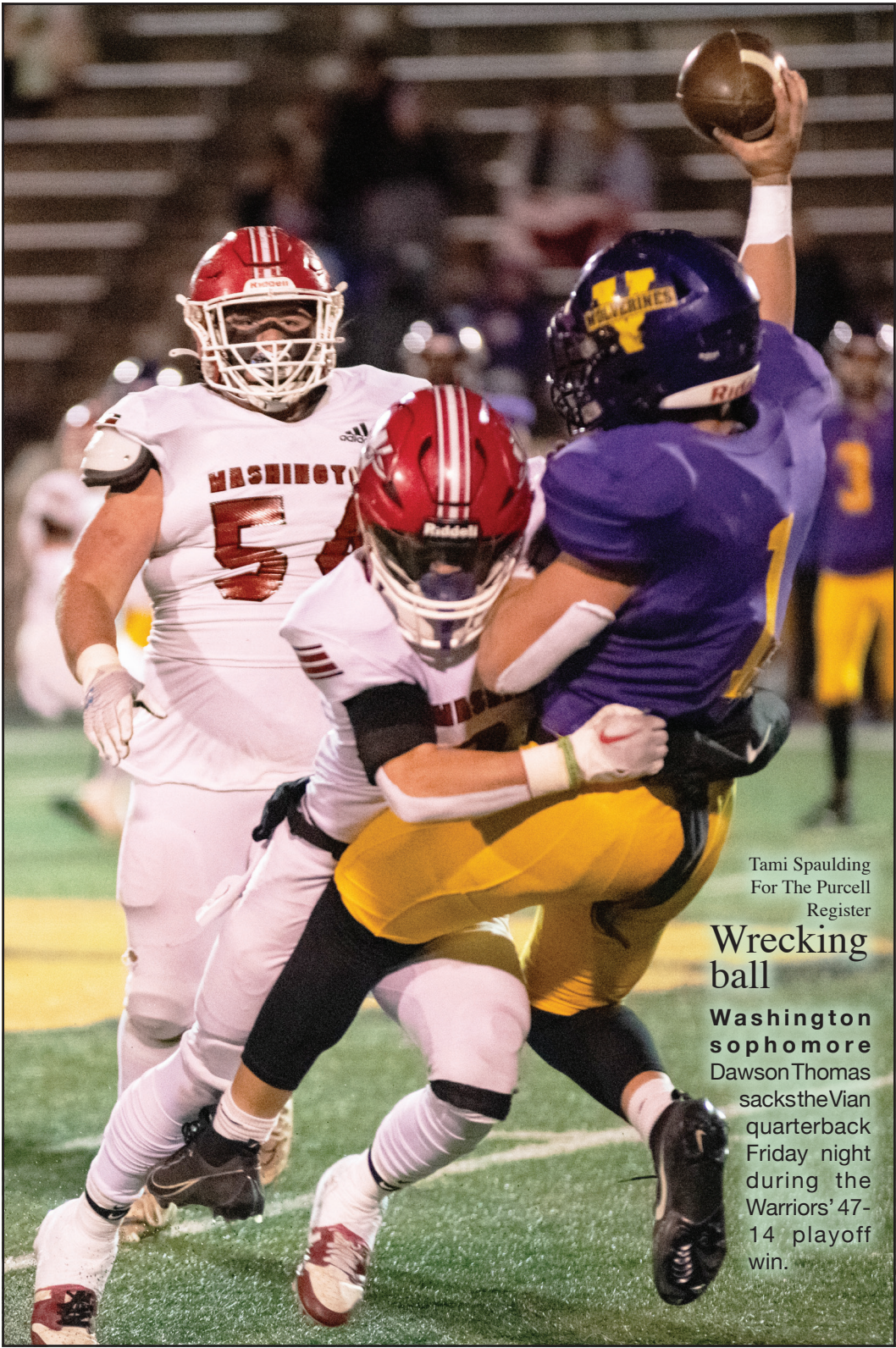
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Washington
sophomore
Dawson Thomas
sacks the Vian
quarterback
Friday night
during the
Warriors' 47-
14 playoff
win.

Vian: a bump in the road

Warriors set to play Jones in State Semifinals Friday

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Washington extended its current winning streak to 28 in a row with a 47-14 beat-down of the Vian Wolverines last Friday night at Ada.

With the victory, the Warriors have advanced to the State Semifinals against a familiar foe.

For the sixth time in four years and the fourth time in the last two years, coach Brad Beller's Warriors will tee it up with Jones this Friday night at Yukon.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. for the No. 1 ranked and defend-

ing State Champions and the Longhorns.
"This is the fourth straight year we've seen them in the playoffs," Beller said.

"He is one of the top quarterbacks in the state regardless of class," Beller said. "He is every sense of the word a dual threat. He's

Washington vs. Jones
Miller Stadium • Yukon • 7 p.m. kick off

Jones has arguably the top quarterback in Oklahoma in Clayton Creasey.

Beller calls Creasey the glue of their offense, which is a spread option attack.

The 6-1 200 pound senior is the epitome of a dual threat signal caller.

their leading rusher and has an unbelievable arm. He's very accurate.

"He is the most impressive quarterback in Washington history," Beller continued

Please see **Warriors**, page 2B



Tami Spaulding • For The Purcell Register

Hit the crease

Washington junior Hudson Howard runs through a big hole Friday night during the Warriors' 47-14 playoff win. Howard rushed for 73 yards on 10 carries and scored two touchdowns.

Dragons open season Friday

On the road at Lindsay

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Roger Raper begins his sixth season at the helm of the Dragons when they hit the hard court at Lindsay December 1.

His counterpart Toney Cooper begins his second season as head coach of the girls.

Raper is replacing four starters and a bevy of talented seniors who graduated last May

in Hayden Ice, Malachi Evans, Lincoln Eubank, Hayden Renfro and Brody Galyean.

Please see **Dragons**, page 4B

2023-24
Purcell Basketball

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Kyler Rangel So. 1 | Kobe Freeman Jr. 2 | Maddox Ward So. 3 | Ryder Ward So. 4 | Alex Rojo So. 5 |
| Brayden Tharp Jr. 10 | Drew Blair Fr. 12 | Galiel Solis Fr. 14 | Oscar Wren So. 15 | Kyston Martin Fr. 20 |
| Kylan DeFreeze Sr. 21 | Deaken Dobbins So. 22 | Jamie Resendiz So. 23 | Kevin Resendiz Jr. 25 | Seth Bunch Jr. 30 |
| Roger Raper Head Coach | | Camden Patterson Asst. Coach | Jeremy Pruitt Asst. Coach | |

2023-24
Purcell Basketball

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| Ashlee McClung Jr. 1 | Hallee Buchanan Fr. 3 | Kenna Esparza Jr. 5 | Jenna Avery Sr. 10 | Haven Buchanan Jr. 11 |
| Tinley Winters Jr. 12 | Kaylin Vazquez So. 13 | Ella Resendiz Jr. 15 | Emma Renfro So. 21 | Hannah Whitaker Jr. 22 |
| Hadleigh Harp Jr. 23 | Bri Wren Jr. 24 | Alyssa Thompson Sr. 25 | Parker Lovett Fr. 30 | Loveleigh Guthmueller So. 34 |
| Lili Del Toro So. 35 | Halle Madden Fr. 45 | Isa Walker So. 55 | Avery Hines Fr. 32 | |
| Toney Cooper Head Coach | | Mandy Clay Asst. Coach | April McClung Asst. Coach | |

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Washington vs Jones • Friday at 7 PM at Yukon High School

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Dragons:

The lone returning starter off last year’s 24-4 squad is junior Kobe Freeman, who was named second team All-Conference last season.

“His experience, leadership and scoring will be counted on greatly this season,” Raper said. “Kobe will be one of the top players in our conference. We look forward to watching him take his game to another level.

“He had a tremendous off season and is up to the challenge of leading this team,” the coach said.

Purcell’s lone senior on the roster is 6’4” Kylen DeFreeze so the 23-24 Dragons will be a very young and inexperienced. “Kylen has worked extremely hard on his game and should be a major factor in determining our success,” Raper continued. “His athleticism and length and having the experience from last season should help propel his game as a consistent leader in scoring and rebounding.”

Also returning is 6’ junior Brayden Tharp.

“It will be hard to find any player that plays with the energy and effort that Brayden brings every day,” Raper said. “I am excited to watch his growth as a player on both ends of the court.”

The man in the middle this season will be 6’3” Jaime Resendiz.

“Jaime is a left-handed big that can score with either hand and has the ability to score from 15 feet and in. His ability to handle the ball and guard on the perimeter will also help our team be more versatile.

Newcomer Seth Bunch will give the Dragons more length and size on the defensive end.

Bunch is a 6’3” forward who is improving his scoring every day, the coach reported.

“Kevin Resendiz has worked very hard and has earned a spot in adding depth to the post area,” Raper said. “We have several sophomores and freshmen who will help contribute each night. Their ability to catch up with the speed and strength of the varsity level will determine how much depth we will have.

Raper reports that sophomores Kyler Rangel, Deaken Dobbins, Alex Rojo, Oscar Wren, Ryder Ward, Maddox Ward and freshmen Drew Blair, Galiel Solis and Kyeston Martin will all have opportunities to contribute.

“Each of them adds a different element to the game and helps make this team better,” Raper said.

The veteran coach reports 6’2” junior Aaden Troxel has been lost for the year due to injury.

“We’re looking forward to this year and know we will have a target on our back each

night,” Raper said. “I think we can have a very nice team. It may just take a little longer with all the youth and inexperience.”

Much like the boys, coach Cooper’s girls were hit pretty hard by graduation including the likes of Lauren Holmes, KK Eck, Yoseline Estrada and Genesis Canales.

Returning starters off last year’s 21-8 squad include Kenna Esparza, Tinley Winters and Ella Resendiz.

“Kenna and Ella are coming off a successful softball season that ended in the state championship game,” Cooper said.

“We’re counting on their leadership to carry our basketball team all the way as well!

“Tinley Winters continues to improve with each opportunity to compete, expecting big things from her this season,” Cooper said.

A strength of this edition of Dragon basketball will be quality numbers.

“We are an extremely deep team this season,” Cooper said.

“Last year a point of focus was the development of our bench. Those girls have greatly improved,” the coach said.

“Hadleigh Harp is back and fully healthy. Haven Buchanan has improved both offensively and defensively. Jenna Avery had a great summer and is looking really good as well. Hannah Whitaker has looked sharp during preseason, also.”

Best bets off the bench?

“Alyssa Thompson has worked hard on her game and will be that punch off the bench,” Cooper confirmed.

“Lili Del Toro gives us much needed depth at the point guard position and rounding out is KK Vazquez a big guard who can defend and compete at a high level.”

Bri Wren and Ashlee McClung are both newcomers from Southmoore and Frederick High School who can step right in and help.

“Both bring so much on court experience to our basketball team. Both are very diverse offensively and are welcomed assets to our basketball team.

The overall outlook?

“I expect to see more growth this season in our team,” Cooper said. “We are deeper so that will allow us to be much more aggressive defensively.

“Our goal remains the same to make a run at state. Excited for this season and to see what this group can accomplish,” he concluded.

Dragon notes:

Purcell opens the season Friday at Lindsay with the girls tipping off at 6:30 p.m. followed by the boys game.

The following weekend, Purcell will be in the Madill Tournament Thursday through Saturday.

Fewer than one in four Oklahoma high schools meet new AP requirement

Jennifer Palmer
Oklahoma Watch

At Bixby High School, students have at least 19 Advanced Placement courses available, including four physics options, three art classes, and a slate of others.

Those A.P. classes can boost students’ grade-point average above a coveted 4.0 because in some districts, such as Bixby, the classes are worth five or even six points. Students can also earn college credit by scoring well on the final exam.

Bixby, a suburban high school with 2,000 students, is nine miles from Liberty High School in Mounds, with a student count of 152.

At Liberty, no A.P. classes are being taught. Principal Trina Evans said the school offers a few, but didn’t have any students sign up.

To meet a new state law requiring a minimum of four A.P. classes, Evans said they’ll try to offer A.P. biology and history in person, and a handful of other courses through an online platform.

“I understand the desire and the wish for our students to have these opportunities, but what’s challenging about it, in a school our size ... offering four A.P. classes might not be what our student population needs,” Evans said.

By the 2024-25 school year, all of Oklahoma’s 471 public high schools will be required to offer at least four A.P. courses.

Only a quarter of high schools met that bar last school year, according to an Oklahoma Watch analysis of data from the College Board, which runs A.P. Half didn’t have any A.P.

classes at all.

Schools with the most courses are in urban and suburban schools. Schools with few or no A.P. offerings are more likely to be in rural communities.

Those inequitable opportunities are what Rep. Rhonda Baker, R-Yukon, wanted to address with the law, which she proposed.

It passed in 2020, giving school leaders several years to scale up A.P. offerings. Baker, a former A.P. teacher, said she knows rural districts often struggle to hire enough A.P.



teachers, but encourages them to use online programs to help fill those gaps.

“Just because you live in a rural community, it should not eliminate you from having access to really great courses, especially if you want to take them,” Baker said.

A.P. was created in the 1950s to provide an academic challenge to a small, elite group of high school students; the program expanded significantly starting in the 2000s to close achievement gaps and improve college readiness. Now, the courses reach more than 2.6 million high school students

Christmas at the Mansion December 3

Come celebrate Christmas at the Murray Lindsay Mansion Sunday, December 3, from 1-5 p.m.

Come see Santa, shop for unique gifts, enjoy live carolers, sample hot cocoa, wassil and delicious treats and walk through the beautifully decorated historic Murray Lindsay Mansion.

There will also be arts and crafts for the kids.

The Murray Lindsay Family moved in just in time for their first Christmas in December of 1881.

Come step back in time with us this year once again.

Hosted by the Lindsay Historical Society and the Jason Bridwell Insurance Agency.

For more information contact Shawn at 405-756-6502.

nationwide.

The courses are more rigorous than a typical high school class and on par with college-level work.

But the most crucial difference is the end-of-course exam. Students who score three or higher (on a scale of one to five) can receive college credit for the class, depending on the college or university they attend.

To meet the new state requirement, schools can offer A.P. in a traditional classroom setting, partner with a nearby school district or technology center, or offer courses through an online provider.

Horizon, an online learning platform under the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board, offered 11 A.P. courses last year, according to College Board data. It added three this year and will continue to expand next year, said Lisa Daniels, director of Horizons. Most are free for Oklahoma schools and include the coursework and teacher.

“It’s a struggle for rural schools to find teachers,” Daniels said. “Or they may only have one student (taking an A.P. class). That’s something we can handle.”

Staffing is the biggest issue at the 275-student Morris High School, which has one A.P. class this year taught by the school’s only A.P. certified teacher, said Superintendent Chris Karch. Sixteen students this year enrolled in the A.P. World History class.

“We don’t have the staff for more,” Karch said.

Morris, 45 miles south of Tulsa in eastern Oklahoma, will use an online platform to

meet the minimum next year. Even so, students may need in-person support from a teacher, Karch said.

Some rural school leaders said they offer A.P. courses but students don’t take them. That’s because many prefer concurrent enrollment, where earning college credit doesn’t hinge on a single high-stakes test and instead is based on performance throughout the course.

State funding covers the cost of tuition for high school juniors and seniors taking concurrent classes, up to a certain number of hours, and some districts cover the fees.

“Students here can take college classes for free and know if they pass that class, they’re going to get college credit,” said Doug Tolson, principal of Alex High School, 45 miles south of Oklahoma City.

In Tolson’s 30 years at the district, very few students have chosen to take A.P. classes, he said.

Baker, the state representative, said the most important part is ensuring students in all schools at least have the choice.

“I don’t want the argument to be, ‘Look, our kids are behind, we shouldn’t worry about advanced placement,’” Baker said. “If a child is willing to put the effort in and the work to be able to be successful at something like this, we’ve got to be able to give them the opportunity.”

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

Wayne School Menu

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| WAYNE SCHOOL MENU |
| Week of December 4 |
| MONDAY BREAKFAST |
| Breakfast bar, cereal, fruit, juice, milk. |
| LUNCH |
| Mini corn dogs, french fries, broccoli, peaches, milk. |
| TUESDAY BREAKFAST |
| Cereal, fruit, juice, milk. |
| LUNCH |
| Taco, pinto beans, Spanish rice, applesauce, milk. |
| WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST |
| Pancake on a stick, cereal, |

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| fruit, juice, milk. |
| LUNCH |
| Toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable beef soup, pears, milk. |
| THURSDAY BREAKFAST |
| Cereal, fruit, juice, milk. |
| LUNCH |
| Frito chili pie, corn, carrots, cinnamon roll, milk. |
| FRIDAY BREAKFAST |
| Pop tart, cereal, fruit, juice, milk. |
| LUNCH |
| Pizza, carrots, broccoli, oranges, milk. |

Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between November 16-22, 2023.

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| Traffic |
| None filed. |
| Misdemeanors |
| Steven Tran, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. |
| Arnaldo Zuniga-Almaraz, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. |
| Adam R. Olguin, domestic abuse - assault and battery. |
| Luke T. Richardson, obstructing an officer. |
| Harlene Sanders, larceny of lost property. |
| Felonies |
| Steven R. Trueblood, battery/assault and battery on police officer. |
| Michelle L. Craig, larceny of merchandise from a retailer. |
| Samuel J. Pyeatt, forcible sodomy. |
| Bryan S. Austin, falsely personate another to create liability. |
| Michelle M. Black, felony value - false pretenses/bogus check/con game. |
| Derrion Rogers, domestic assault and battery by strangulation. |
| Nicholas M. Orr, burglary, second degree. |
| Charles R. Longan, possession of |

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| firearm after former felony conviction. |
| Small Claims |
| Bill Zerbel vs. Kaylee Horn, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000. |
| Newcastle Affordable Housing vs. Jonathan Herzer, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000. |
| Leslie S. Hendrix vs. Dan Freeman, small claims under \$5000. |
| Arthur D. Jones vs. Camishia Dobbins, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000. |
| Camelot Exteriors, LLC vs. Jesse Kerr, small claims over \$5000. |
| Liberty National Bank vs. Luther S. Bowring, small claims under \$5000. |
| Michael Patin vs. David Jacob, small claims under \$5000. |
| Stonetown 7 vs. Brooke Grey, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000. |
| Stonetown 7 vs. Carolyn Blocker, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000. |
| Stonetown 7 vs. Chase Smith, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000. |
| Civil |
| Merchants Acceptance Corp vs. Dakota Salcido, civil action \$10,000 or less. |
| Discover Bank vs. Pamela Woodworth, civil action \$10,000 or less. |
| Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Brock T. Wallace, civil action \$10,000 or less. |
| Spring Oaks Capital SPV, LLC vs. Hunter Tygart, civil action \$10,000 or less. |

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| LVNV Funding LLC vs. Wayne A. Whitener Jr., civil action \$10,000 or less. |
| Spring Oaks Capital SPC, LLC vs. Joyce Mooi, civil action \$10,000 or less. |
| Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Raquel House, civil action \$10,000 or less. |
| Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Joseph Dewey, civil action \$10,000 or less. |
| Capital One, N.A. vs. Leah M. Guessford, civil action \$10,000 or less. |
| Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Peter C. Mott, civil action \$10,000 or less. |
| Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Helen M. Kellar, civil action \$10,000 or less. |
| Michael Slaven vs. Claire Boedeker, civil action \$10,000 or more. |
| Crossland Heavy Contractors, Inc vs. William S. Knight, civil action \$10,000 or more. |
| Shania Taylor vs. Clark Hearing & Cooling, LLC, civil action \$10,000 or more. |
| Riley Baldwin vs. Jaycen M. Lea, civil action \$10,000 or more. |
| American Express National Bank vs. Brenda Deger, civil action \$10,000 or more. |
| Jatone Franklin vs. Badger Valley Investments, LLC, civil action \$10,000 or more. |

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| Metafund Corporation vs. Dustin Gustus, civil action \$10,000 or more. |
| Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Terry Bell, civil action \$10,000 or more. |
| Capital One, N.A. vs. Sue Kelley, civil action \$10,000 or more. |
| Rocket Mortgage LLC vs. Megan S. Wilbur, civil action \$10,000 or more. |
| Marriages Filed |
| Shawn M. Presgrove, 56, and Shana G. Blackwell, 55, both of Maysville. |
| Joseph C. Wells, 41, and Shelley D. St. John, 55, both of Blanchard. |
| Timothy M. Brown, 32, and Lauren G. Booth, 32, both of Newcastle. |
| Scott D. James, 57, and Alicia V. James, 59, both of Blanchard. |
| Savory R. Flores, 24, and Danielle M. Johnson, 22, both of Kingwood, Texas. |
| Divorces Granted |
| Timothy R. Berry vs. Victoria Brown. |
| Katherine L. McKeighan vs. Sean McKeighan. |
| Robert I. Bebout vs. Helen J. Bebout. |
| William M. Belanger vs. Dawn C. Benard. |
| Patricia Morales vs. Raul M. Hernandez. |
| Monica J. Cortez vs. Jonathan R. Caudill. |
| Shannon Garrison vs. Matthew Garrison. |
| Mark D. Day vs. Ginny L. Davis. |

Purcell Basketball 2023-24

| December | Opponent | Location | Time |
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| 12/1 | Lindsay | Away | 6:30 |
| 12/7-9 | Madill Tournament | Away | TBA |
| 12/12 | Pauls Valley | Home | 6:30 |
| 12/14-16 | Wynnewood Tournament | Away | TBA |
| January | Opponent | Location | Time |
| 1/2 | Bridge Creek | Away | 6:30 |
| 1/4-6 | Verdigris Tournament | Away | TBA |
| 1/12 | Lexington | Home | 6:30 |
| 1/16 | Washington | Home | 6:30 |
| 1/18-20 | Heart of Oklahoma Tournament | Home | TBA |
| 1/23 | Lindsay | Home | 6:30 |
| 1/26 | Comanche | Away | 6:30 |
| 1/30 | Pauls Valley | Away | 6:30 |
| February | Opponent | Location | Time |
| 2/2 | Bridge Creek | Home | 6:30 |
| 2/6 | Marlow | Away | 6:30 |
| 2/9 | Lexington | Away | 6:30 |
| 2/12 | Washington | Away | 6:30 |
| 2/15-16 | District Tournament | TBD | TBD |
| 2/22-24 | Regional Tournament | TBD | TBD |
| 2/29-3/2 | Area Tournament | TBD | TBD |
| 3/4-9 | State Tournament | TBD | TBD |

Warriors headed to Yukon for the semi-finals

AngieSteele
Washington Correspondent

Football Playoffs
Warrior football is headed to Yukon Friday night for a 7 p.m. kickoff in the semi-finals!

Warriors are the home team and fans will sit on the west side. More information posted on the school website as soon as it is received.

Ticket link:
<https://gofan.com/event/1268184?schoolId=OSSAA>
Basketball schedule notes:

The JV/V basketball games scheduled for Friday will now be played on Thursday, November 30, in Comanche.

The 7th/8th basketball games scheduled for the 30th will be re-scheduled.

Washington Elementary Students of the Week

Congratulations to Washington Elementary Students of the Week Adilyne Castro, Andi Andrews, Slade Mowdy, Sacra Jackson and Kapri Phillips. They represent their second grade classes November 27-December 1.

Slade Mowdy is in Mrs. Burch's class. He likes the color blue and his favorite sport is baseball. He likes to watch the movie "Sonic" and eat chicken nuggets. He enjoys learning math at school. Slade's favorite books are about baseball.

Andi Andrews is in Mrs. Dabney's class. She likes the color teal, playing the game hide-and-seek and her favorite food is chocolate. Andi's favorite sport is softball. She enjoys watching the movie "Elf" and her favorite class in school is reading.

Mrs. Kelley's class is represented by Kaprie Phillips. She likes the color teal and her favorite sport is basketball. She enjoys playing Roblox and eating pizza. Kaprie's favorite thing to do at school is go to P.E. class.

Adilyne Castro represents Mrs. Siebert's class. Her favorite color is black and she enjoys playing Roblox. She likes to eat tacos and her favorite sport is softball. Adilyne likes to read Junie B. Jones books and learn science at school.

Sacra Jackson is in Mrs. Wilkerson's class. She likes to play "Ispy," and her favorite sport is soccer. She likes the color pink and her favorite food to eat is strawberries. Sacra's favorite thing to do at school is art and she likes to read Minion books.

Calling All Community Members—AWOL 2024 Nominations Are Now Open!

Join us in supporting someone in our community who is going through a life-altering event. AWOL (A Week of Love) is a district-wide fundraising drive sponsored by the WHS Student Council.

Do you know someone connected to our community who could use a helping hand during their challenging journey? Nominate them for AWOL 2024!

Whether it's a neighbor, a friend, or a family member, let's rally together and make a positive impact on their lives. To submit a nomination, fill out the nomination form on the Washington School website at https://www.wps-isd.com/296497_2.

Nominations will be accepted until Jan. 5, 2004! Let's show our support and make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. Spread the word, share this post, and tag anyone who might be interested.

Together, we can create a stronger and more compassionate community. Let's make AWOL 2024 a resounding success!

Washington School Lunch Menu

November 30—Italian pasta bake, green beans, breadstick, fruit, milk.

December 1—Chili dogs,



• Photo by Amber Burch

Students of the Week

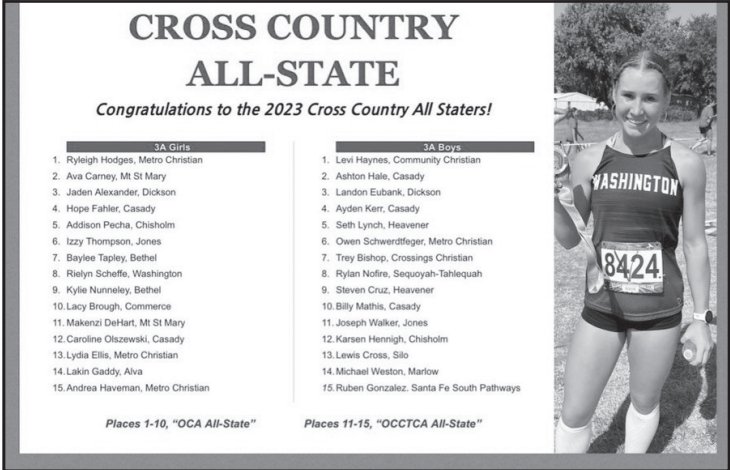
Adilyne Castro, Andi Andrews, Slade Mowdy, Sacra Jackson and Kapri Phillips represent their second grade classes at Washington Elementary School as Students of the Week for November 27-December 1.



• Photo provided

Top 100 Players

Congratulations to three Lady Warriors named Top 100 Players in Oklahoma according to *Vype* magazine! The players include Kelby Beller, sophomore; Preslee Johnson, sophomore and Breanna Lindert, junior.



• Photo provided

All-Stater

Congratulations to Rielyn Scheffe on earning All-State Cross Country! She is now a two-time All-State Cross Country runner, in 2021 and 2023!



• Photo by Tami Spaulding

Fumble recovery called back

Washington High School's football lineman Lane Taylor recovered a fumble last Friday night and ran for a touchdown. The TD was called back due to penalties, but it was definitely a career run for the books! The Warriors beat Vian in the quarter finals 47-14 and are headed to the semi-finals this Friday.

chips, vegetables, fruit, milk.

December 4—Chicken sandwich, waffle fries, vegetables, fruit, milk.

December 5—Taco soup, chips and salsa cup, salad, fruit, milk.

December 6—Orange chicken, Asian rice, vegetables, fruit, milk.

December 7—Chicken noodle soup, hot rolls, salad, fruit,

milk.

Washington Senior Center
Did you know that you don't have to be a senior to eat lunch at the center? We welcome everyone to come in and eat. Plus, when you come in to eat, it helps us to keep meal deliveries going for our seniors who can't get out.

If you know of any seniors who could benefit with meal

delivery in the Washington/Goldsby area give the center a call at 405-288-6404.

Menu for November 30-December 1:

Thursday, November 30—Chicken pot pie, peas/carrots, salad.

Friday, December 1—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans.

Menu may change at the discretion of the cook and availability of food.

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.

Washington School Board Meeting Schedule

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

Meetings are scheduled for December 11, January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 5 and August 12.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

November 29—9th grade basketball tourney at Pauls Valley.

November 30—Christmas Parade; HS BBK, Comanche, away, no JV girls; 9th grade basketball tourney at Pauls Valley, girls at 1 p.m., boys TBA.

December 1—HS Football playoffs, Semi finals at Yukon, 7 p.m.

December 2—Band, OKMEA, Westmoore; AG -Swine Show, Ag Complex; 9th grade basketball tourney at Pauls Valley.

December 4—7/8/9 BBK Lindsay, girls away, boys home, 5 p.m.

December 5—HS BBK, Bridge Creek, home.

December 7—First Grade Christmas Play, 1 and 6 p.m., WEC; HS BBK-Latta Tournament; 8th basketball, Chickasha Tournament.

December 8—HS BBK, Latta Tournament; 8th basketball, Chickasha Tournament.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

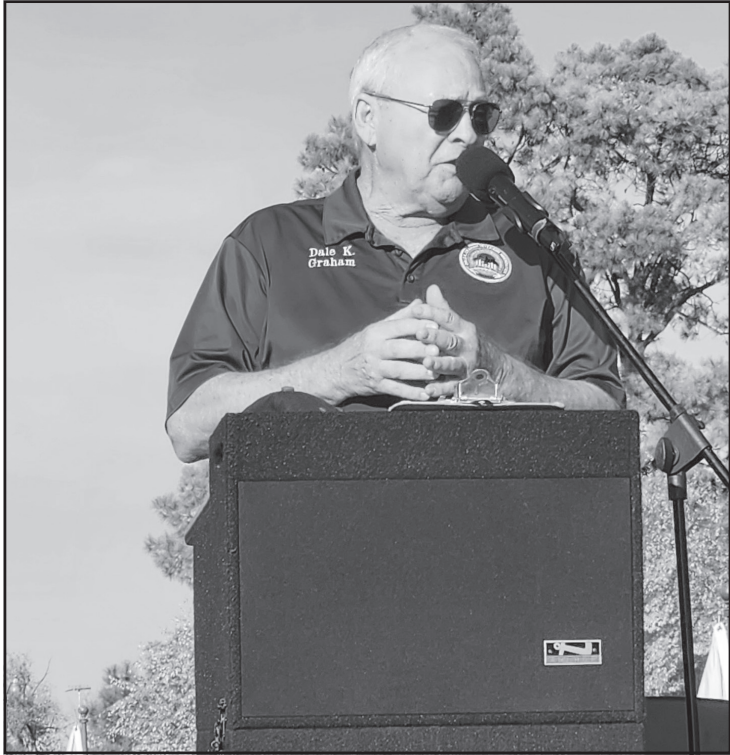
All of us at our foundation hope that each of you were able to spend Thanksgiving with your families and friends. As we get older, being with family for the holidays is more important to all of us. It seems like everyone is busy with their own lives and the only time many of us get together is Christmas and Thanksgiving.

For those of you who would like to file a new claim for benefits with VA, they now have a way to do so that enables the veteran or surviving spouse to establish a start date for VA benefits that gives you one year to complete a fully developed claim. To do so you have several choices.

You can fill out a VA form 21-0966 and send to VA or log into your E-benefits account to fill out that form or simply call VA at 1-800-927-1000 and tell the VA agent you would like to start a claim. It is not necessary to tell them what conditions you are filing on at that time. When the claim is approved VA will pay you from the date your intent to file was received. Always make sure you don't already have one file.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us improve the lives of veterans and their families. There are more people asking for our assistance than we can accommodate in a timely manner.

Currently we are working Monday through Friday at our location at 1233 West Lindsay Street in Norman. As we have gone to a digital system some veterans can be assisted without



• Photo provided

Veterans Day speaker

Dale Graham represented the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation at the Norman Veterans Parade and spoke to the crowd about honoring our veterans and the sacrifices they have made for each one of us.

ever coming to our office. Our volunteers are able to work from home or wherever they have internet access.

Many years ago when we first started helping veterans and their families we wanted to set up a program that would be able to continue after all of us were gone. I believe that we have accomplished that goal when we went to a digital claims system. Today we have volunteers who live and work in other states who are making a difference in the lives of the men and women who have served this nation.

To start our process, login to dkgvf.org to fill out and scan your information into our Intake Q program. By using our digital system, veterans do not have to stand in line to receive our assistance with their VA claims and questions. Some of the men and women who we assist live in other states or countries.

We encourage veterans or surviving spouses who we have previously assisted to register in our dkgvf.org system so we will be able to help their surviving spouse when the veteran passes on.

We accept the donation of cars and trucks that can be given to veterans or sold to raise funds to help more veterans and their families. As always, we appreciate all donations that can be used to make a difference in the lives of our men and women who have served in the military.

All of us at our Veterans Foundation are proud to do everything we can to assist the men and women who are serving or have served in the United States Military. We have been making a difference in the lives of veterans and their families for over 20 years. For those of you who would like to join our team, volunteer applications are

available on our website.

We are a free service to all veterans and their families. We are open Monday through Friday starting at 9 a.m. Come visit us in Norman at 1233 West Lindsay Street.

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, Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

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
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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

No. 807-November 16-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
J. LEIGH PROPERTIES, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
MINERVA MENDEZ a/k/a MINERVA GUTIERREZ; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOSE RIVERA, Deceased; and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LUCINA MENDEZ a/k/a LUCINA MENDEA, Deceased; TOWN OF WAYNE, a municipality; and MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA by and through THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA; and MCCLAIN COUNTY TREASURER;
Defendants.

Case No. CV-23-214
NOTICE OF SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION

To The Unknown Heirs, legatees, devisees, successors and assigns of LUCINA MENDEZ, a/k/a LUCINA MENDEA and JOSE RIVERA, deceased, if any.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition to quiet title to certain property in Oklahoma County, being All of Lots One (1), Two (2) and the West 10 feet of Lot Three (3), in Block Four (4), in the First Addition to the Town of Wayne, McClain County, Oklahoma, according to the recorded

plat thereof, has been filed by the Plaintiff, J. Leigh Properties, LLC, against you, The Unknown Heirs, legatees, devisees, successors and assigns of LUCINA MENDEZ, a/k/a LUCINA MENDEA and JOSE RIVERA, deceased, in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma. You have been sued and are required to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon Plaintiff's attorneys a written answer on or before the 27th day of December, 2023. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you and a decree quieting Plaintiff's title to the above-described property will be entered.
Date 11-3-2023.

Kristel Gray
District Court Clerk,
McClain County
By: /s/ Karen Weltmer
Deputy Clerk
(Seal)

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The Purcell Register

Religion

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

December 3, 2023 is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. We are in year B during which scriptures from Mark will be used most Sundays. Mark is believed to be the first gospel committed to writing, probably in about 60 A.D.

The gospel reading is Mark 13:33-37. Like many readings, it contains a parable. It tells of a landowner who has gone on a trip with an unknown return date.

The servants need to remain ready at all times for the landowner's return because they do not know when that will be. Remaining alert becomes difficult

as more time passes. A reminder to remain alert is needed so we do not become complacent.

Do the names Wally Kinnan or Harry Volkman sound familiar to you? They were weathermen on television in earlier days. At that time, many of the tools used by meteorologists today were either in their infancy or not even invented.

Yet, today's Mike Morgan and David Payne, with all the technology available, are not always able to predict the weather. If Mike or David say, "Get below ground now," everyone over five years old knows it is time to be ready.

Unfortunately, predictions of the return of Jesus are much more difficult to discern. Each one of us needs to be ready all the time.

And instead of potential destruction, we will be greeted with all that has been prepared for us in Paradise.

Several events will be occurring in the first ten days of December.

On December 2 and 3, the Advent Wreath will be blessed.

December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass in English will be at 5 p.m. and Mass in Spanish

Please see **OLV**, page 7B

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Front-Porch Gospel: Thanksgiving 101

Welcome, all, to the 'front porch.'

As you know, we have been saying for years that Thanksgiving isn't over until, well, at least until after Christmas. I'm standing by that still.

I'm thinking of that this Monday, my writing day, as I put together two distinct columns, including this one for our Oklahoma friends.

The other piece, its ink still wet, also reminded me today of Thanksgiving.

Since about February, we have been writing a novel/memoir that tells the story of true events of 1973, 50 years ago. Rehearsing life that way, and especially a time when life took a dramatic turn that altered the rest of our days, makes you thankful for all of the things we have.

This story recalls the last months of my mama's life and the many heroes that arose that summer, including unsung ones such as a fella we call Doocy, a black gentleman who became a tutor, mentor, and 'tormen-tor' out on the bricklaying job. Without Doocy, we would not have dealt with life's tragedy the way we did.

Doocy was a poor man, didn't have a car, didn't have a dime, and depended on the bricklaying boss just to have enough to live on. But I've had few heroes that made a greater impact than he. To me, his story is classic. I hope you get to read it sometime.

We all have hundreds and hundreds of people and things for which to give thanks; so even when that Turkey-themed Thursday has faded like the golden and orange leaves outside, Thanksgiving never does. That's something to give thanks for.

I don't know exactly why, but whenever I close my eyes after that big Thanksgiving feast, my dreams always drift away to a simpler time. My mind goes to a modest wood-frame house at 901 Juniper in LaGrange, Ga.

We learned a hundred times more in the years in that old house than we'll learn the rest of our time.

We lived there from my first memory until a cool autumn day in 1973 when my red Chevy Nova and I pulled out on the Roanoke Road to head west to Texas.

I didn't realize it at the time, but everything, not just the house, was modest back then. We never drove a car that wasn't

built three or four presidents ago. You might have even called us poor, but we weren't. (I'm sure you all understand.)

We had a surplus of gold and silver all around us, so much so that good folks who lived in some of LaGrange, Georgia's fancy three-story mansions with a hundred pines in the front yard might consider themselves paupers in comparison.

Nobody in my little hometown ever had a Sunday afternoon feast like we had every Sunday at Grandma's: fried chicken and macaroni and cheese, I mean, the real kind, fresh beans and corn and tomatoes, probably picked the day before from my best friend Coca-Cola Mike's parent's garden or some other church member.

There was always hot cornbread and buttermilk, mashed potatoes made-from-scratch, hot apple pie or a red velvet cake for dessert – and it was all the real thing!

Looking back after all of these years, I now realize Grandma offered something more than even a great feast and fellowship on those Sunday afternoons.

She taught us that every day really is Thanksgiving. coachbowen1984@gmail.com

Sunray Baptist Church

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

Brother John used II Corinthians 4:16-18 for his sermon about "the eternal perspective." In these verses, Paul talks about perseverance.

We are in a state of decay. This life is fragile and passing away. Perseverance is only obtained through God's saving grace.

As believers we know there is something better when we pass away. Suffering is transformed in Glory in the eternal realm.

We should invest our life in what we can't see. The best is in front of us when we have an eternal perspective.

The evening message used several verses from Psalm 22. There is much in this chapter. This is a Messianic Psalm.

The psalmist pours out his heart to God. He is the rightful recipient of our praise. There is a need to hear high praises to God when we assemble together.

This coming Monday, our senior adults will travel to Chickasha at 4:45 p.m. for a

meal at Jake's Rib and to see the Christmas lights at Shannon Park.

On December 10 we will have our annual Holiday Meal following morning worship. There will be no evening service.

Please join us for Sunday School, worship and all activities at Sunray Baptist Church.

John Wylie serves as our pastor.

We are located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell.

For additional information call 405-527-6808.

Lexington United Methodist Church

By Rev. David D. Cook

I'm grateful for everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving dinner. From the meticulous planning to the last bite enjoyed, your efforts made it an unforgettable feast.

The aroma of roasted turkey filled the air, a testament to the hours spent in the kitchen preparing the centerpiece of our meal.

To the chefs who expertly seasoned and cooked the turkey, your culinary skills left everyone in awe. The golden-brown perfection and succulent flavors made it the star of our Thanksgiving table. Each slice was a masterpiece, reflecting the dedication you poured into creating a meal that surpassed expectations.

The side dishes provided by Bee Bennet and the Card Playing ladies and the Senior Center baked some of the best peach cobbles I have ever had the privilege of taste testing... several times. The pumpkin pies were a symphony of tastes and textures.

Appreciation goes out to the person who invented the Idahoan Buttery Homestyle creamy mashed potatoes. Many pans of savory stuffing were cooked to perfection by church members as well as the community. No green bean casserole this year, however, the green beans with bacon were great, all harmonized to create a plate of sheer delight. Your creativity in reinventing classic recipes and

introducing new ones brought diversity to our Thanksgiving spread.

I especially appreciate Lou Dunn and the Grace Chapel youth group. The kids tore the turkeys apart and helped serve those who came to enjoy the evening meal.

It takes many behind-the-scenes heroes to provide a thanksgiving for the community. Those who coordinated logistics and ensured everything ran smoothly deserve immense appreciation.

From setting the table with precision to managing the flow of dishes, your attention to detail created an atmosphere of warmth and hospitality. Especially the clean-up part of all the mess...

This is the third year Lexington United Methodist Church has served the Community of Lexington and the surrounding area with a thanksgiving feast. This year we fixed 223 plates and it took seven turkeys, three smoked by Van's Pig Stand, and many other ovens were in use by various members.

We hope to continue the tradition in the coming years and I am sure my church is thrilled that I am inviting the community to next year's feast.

Expressing gratitude to those who participated in the gathering is paramount. Our church became the heart of our celebration, providing a welcoming space for friends and family to

come together. Your generosity and hospitality transformed the Thanksgiving dinner into a cherished memory for all.

Let's not forget those who helped with the cleanup, the unsung heroes who tackled the aftermath of a festive gathering. Washing dishes, clearing tables and restoring order to the kitchen, your willingness to take on this often-overlooked task did not go unnoticed. We appreciate you, Kathy Craven!

To those who brought dishes to share, your homemade contributions added a personal touch to the feast. Each bite was a reminder of the diverse talents and flavors within our community.

Your willingness to share a piece of your culinary expertise enriched the collective experience.

Gratitude extends beyond the meal itself. It reaches those who brought laughter, warmth and camaraderie to the gathering. Conversations around the table, shared stories and the joy of being together created a sense of unity and thankfulness that defines the spirit of Thanksgiving.

In a world where time is a precious commodity, your decision to spend Thanksgiving as servants to the community is genuinely appreciated. Your willingness to give transformed

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The Purcell Register

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 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 6 pm Evening worship Youth
Wednesday services 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Awana's & Youth
www.ebcpurcell.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lighthouse Worship Center
Rev. Nathan Mullins
405.442.0155
2726 N. 9th, Purcell
Sunday Morning - 10:30 am
Sunday Evening - 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm
www.lwcpurcell.com

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

LANDMARK CHURCH
Sunday Worship 8:15, 9:45, 11:15 am
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm
Pastor Justin Blankenship
1106 W Grant Street, Purcell
(405) 527-3342

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

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

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 Tracy Hoskins
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.

Volunteering strengthens cultural ties for family

After immersing themselves in their Chickasaw culture for two weeks last summer a family now has stronger connections to their tribe.

Micah Weir and son Elliot volunteered to work at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur during Elliot’s summer break from school.

The family calls North Andover, Mass., home, which is about 1,700 miles from the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory in south-central Oklahoma.

Although they stay connected with their tribe through the **Chickasaw Times**, social media platforms, emails and other publications, Micah, who was reared in Oklahoma and Texas, yearned for Elliot to experience the culture firsthand.

“I do my best, I’ve raised him with stories and things like that, but it’s hard to really help him experience much culture being so far away. I thought that (volunteering with the Chickasaw Nation) was a good way to combine my need to help Elliot understand his culture and his desire to volunteer,” Micah said.

Following a few phone calls and emails, they found a place to serve at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

For about two weeks, the duo rotated through each department at the center, such as visitor services and cultural resources. “I think it was great. Immediately we felt like part of the team but also part of the nation, and we were taken right up into the fold, which I haven’t experienced before,” Micah said.

Taking part of the daily stomp dance demonstrations was part of the experience.

“I got to do stomp dances, and I’ve never done that before, so that was really fun and it was nice to feel connected to the people,” Elliot said.

Elliot is a sophomore at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.

In addition to running track, he is interested in humanity subjects such as English and history and is a prolific reader.

During his service at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Elliot spent time at the Hollisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture where he searched the archives to research his Chickasaw ancestry and discovered new family ties and information.

“He did a bunch of ancestry and found out new things about our family and background that we didn’t even know. My mom didn’t even know,” Micah said.

Everyone on the Chickasaw Cultural Center staff was willing to share their time and knowledge and explain their day-to-day job duties during their service.

“Every single person we met had a lot to offer and was so giving. That was an amazing experience for me.”

The most important takeaway of the summer, Micah said, is that Elliot now feels a tangible link to his tribe.

“Before this if we were talking about Chickasaws, even though we are Chickasaw, he would say ‘they.’ He didn’t have ownership of that part of his culture. Then part of the way through the trip we were talking, and I



• Photo provided

Chickasaw volunteers

Chickasaw citizens and Massachusetts residents Micah Weir, left, and son Elliot volunteered to work at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur during Elliot’s summer break from school. The family now feels a stronger connection to their tribe.

realized he had switched from ‘they’ to ‘we.’

“I thought that was incredible and probably for me the most important thing that was accomplished, for him to really understand that he is Chickasaw and at least part of what that means.”

Elliot said being Chickasaw is like being part of a family.

“I heard someone say all Chickasaws are related. I think that goes a little farther than just blood. There’s definitely a connection you feel when you know you have that shared heritage.”

The family had previously visited the Chickasaw Cultural Center a couple of times, but about 10 years had passed since the last visit. They were amazed by the campus growth.

“It’s always been beautiful, but it’s just spectacular now. It was amazing to see everything they’re involved in, on and off campus. It’s such an amazing thing that they do, helping spread the culture and awareness to everyone, not just to the Chickasaw people but also to anyone interested,” Micah said.

Their time in the Chickasaw Nation coincided with the annual veterans and elders conferences, which were opportunities to connect with Chickasaw elders and draw from their knowledge and wisdom.

“That was extremely valuable for both of us to just be in the room with so many elders, but to also get to go to their conference. That was impactful to me,” Micah said.

The family are descendants of Chickasaw leader Winchester Colbert through Micah’s mother, Barbara Rodke McElroy, and they discovered they had distant relatives at the elder’s conference.

“We wouldn’t have met them or even necessarily known about them without being there,” Micah said. During the trip, they also had a chance to spend quality time with other Chickasaw cousins. “It was a big time of connection and reflection,” Micah said.

Even though they knew of the relationship to Winchester Colbert, the visit, research and family connections changed Micah’s view of their ancestor.

“During this trip, that connection became more real to me. Now, he’s not just some guy in the history books, but he’s my family member.”

According to his Chickasaw Hall of Fame biography, Winchester Colbert traveled with

one of the first Removal groups from the Chickasaw Homeland to Indian Territory in 1837. A staunch proponent for Chickasaw sovereignty and separation from the Choctaw Nation, Colbert served as Chickasaw delegate in Washington, D.C., on numerous trips during the late 1840s to the 1850s.

He served as a member of the first Chickasaw Nation legislature following the ratification of the 1856 Constitution. He served as Chickasaw Governor during the Civil War era in Indian Territory. Mr. Colbert’s leadership distinguished him during times of extreme economic and social change as a Chickasaw Nation diplomat, leader and statesman.

Since returning home, Micah has been learning the Chickasaw language and practicing cultural crafts, such as beading.

Reflecting on the trip, Micah was able to see connections between Chickasaw heritage and life experiences.

“There were things about myself that I never understood where they came from exactly. When we were down there, I was like, ‘Maybe that’s from the fact that I’m Chickasaw,’ because the same things were expressed often by other people.

“For me, being Chickasaw is important, because it is part of who I am. It’s important to me, because it is an important part of me and who I am as a person.”

No. 821-November 23-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF MARILYN JANET TURNER,
DECEASED.

Case No. PB-2022-61
NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR ORDER
ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT;
DETERMINATION OF
HEIRSHIP; FINAL DECREE
OF DISTRIBUTION
AND DISCHARGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the Estate of MARILYN JANET TURNER, Deceased (“Decedent”), that James W. Keeley, Personal Representative of the Estate of Marilyn Janet Turner, having filed in this Court a Petition for Order Allowing Final Account; Determination of Heirship; and for Final Decree of Distribution, pursuant to an Order of the Court the hearing of the same has been fixed for the 14th day of December, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., before this Court at the District Courthouse of the County of McClain, State of Oklahoma, in the City of Purcell and all persons interested in the Estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the account should not be settled and allowed, and the Estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 16th day of November, 2023.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
CHARLES GRAY
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Leisa Mayberry
KENDRA ROBBEN, OBA No. 21792
LEISA MAYBERRY, OBA No. 12823
LACY JENNINGS, OBA No. 35648
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Attorneys for Personal Representative

No. 833-November 30-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES
OF WALTER H. MENGDEN, JR.,
Deceased, and JUNE SHELL
MENGDEN,
Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-93
NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST
AND FINAL ACCOUNT.
PETITION FOR DECREE
OF DISTRIBUTION AND
DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is hereby given that Walter H. Mengden, III, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estates of Walter H. Mengden, Jr., Deceased, and June Shell Mengden, Deceased, has filed his Final Account, Petition for Decree of Distribution and Discharge of Personal Representative. A hearing has been fixed by the Judge of the Court for the 28th day of December 2023, at 9:30 o’clock a.m., in the District Courtroom of Judge Charles N. Gray, County Courthouse, Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the Account should not be settled and allowed, the Estates distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED this 27th day of November 2023.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731
George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223
Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC
138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565
Purcell, OK 73080
Phone: 405-527-7575
Fax: 405-527-7574
Attorney for Personal Representative

No. 828-November 23-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF LOUIS GEORGE KENDRICK,
DECEASED

Case No. PB-2023-83
Notice of Hearing Final
Account of Personal
Representative, Petition for
Distribution, Determination of
Heirs-at-Law, and Discharge
NOTICE IS GIVEN that Lynn Kendrick, Personal Representative of the Estate of Louis George Kendrick, Deceased (“Personal Representative”), has filed in this Court a Final Account of Personal Representative, Petition for Distribution, Determination of Heirs-at-Law, and Discharge. The hearing on this Final Account and Petition will be on December 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., before this Court at the McClain County Courthouse at Purcell, McClain County, State of Oklahoma, and all persons interested in the Estate are notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any they have, why the account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs determined, and the Estate distributed and the Personal Representative discharged.

DATED this 20th day of November 2023.

/s/ Charles Gray
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
/s/ Emily Eleftherakis
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Emily Eleftherakis Legal Solutions
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116
emily@eleflaw.com
Telephone: (405) 254-5097
Attorney for Personal Representative

No. 829-November 30-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF MARK E. BEARDS, Deceased.

Case No: PB-2023-72
NOTICE OF AND ORDER
FOR HEARING UPON
PETITION FOR FINAL
DECREE ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE is hereby given that Erica Hasselberg, Administrator, appears on behalf of Mark E. Beards, Deceased, having filed in this Court her Petition for Final Decree of Administration, the hearing upon the same is hereby set by the Court for the 14th day of December, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. before the Honorable Judge Gray in the District Court in the McClain County Courthouse. Notice should be given according to law to all persons interested in said Estate to then and there appear and show cause, if any, why the relief requested in the said Petition should not be granted.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2023.

/s/ Charles N. Gray
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
APPROVED BY:
/s/ Douglas S. Wall
Douglas S. Wall, P.C. OBA #15867
Wall Law Office
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Norman, OK 73069
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Attorney for Erica Hasselberg

THE PURCELL REGISTER, Thursday, November 30, 2023-ZB
No. 830-November 30-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF CARRIE LEE HARDING, DECEASED

No. PB-2023-131
COMBINED NOTICE TO
CREDITORS AND
NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: All persons interested in the Estate of Carrie Lee Harding, also known as Carrie Harding, Decedent.

You are hereby notified that the Petitioner, Julie Deanne Stanley, whose address is 4509 Richmond Ave., Austin TX 78745, filed in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, a Petition for Summary Administration of Decedent’s Oklahoma Estate, Appointment of Personal Representative, Determination of Heirs, Devisees and Legatees, Distribution of Property, and Discharge. The Petitioner has alleged that the Decedent, 49 years of age at the time of death, died on December 22, 2016, with residence at 4109 Meadow Bluff Way, Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas 78665, and that the estimated total value of the Decedent’s property in Oklahoma is \$50,000.00.

The Petitioner has alleged that Decedent died without a will.

The Petition sets forth the following as the heirs of Decedent: Julie Deanne Stanley 4509 Richmond Ave. Austin, TX 78745 Legal Age Surviving Spouse and Heir of Decedent; Parent and court appointed guardian of Decedent’s son.

Special Administrator of Decedent’s Estate

Maxwell Chase Harding-Stanley 4509 Richmond Ave. Austin, TX 78745 Legal Age but incapacitated. Son and Heir of Decedent.

In the Order for Combined Notice and Appointing Special Administrator, entered herein, the Court found that it should order notice to creditors, appoint a special administrator, and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition, the final accounting and further petition for determination of heirs, legatees and devisees, and for distribution. The special administrator appointed in the Order is Julie Deanne Stanley, 4509 Richmond Ave., Austin, TX 78745. Pursuant to the Order for Com-

No. 822-November 23-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF MICHAEL L. O’SIELDS,
DECEASED

CASE NO. PB-2023-136
COMBINED NOTICE TO
CREDITORS AND
NOTICE OF HEARING

To: All Persons Interested in The Estate of Michael L. O’Shields, Deceased.

You are hereby notified that on the 17th day of November, 2023, the Petitioner, Pamela O’Shields, filed in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, a Petition for Combined Summary Administration, Probate of Will, Appointment of Personal Representative, and Determination of Heirs, Devisees, and Legatees. The Petitioner has alleged that Michael L. O’Shields, died testate in the City of Oklahoma City, County of Oklahoma, State of Oklahoma on August 19, 2021, at the age of 73, domiciled in and residing in the City of New-castle, County of McClain, State of Oklahoma at the time of his death; and that the total probable value of his property in Oklahoma is less than \$200,000.00.

The names, ages, and last-known addresses of the administrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, heirs, legatees and devisees of the Decedent, so far as known to Petitioner, are as follows:

Pamela O’Shields
2112 Park Ave
Newcastle, OK 73065
Patrick O’Shields
601 Shadow Lake Rd
Norman, OK 73071
Michael L. O’Shields, Jr.
806 NW 44
Lawton, OK 73505
Kevin T. O’Shields
10516 Concord Drive
Oklahoma City, OK 73151
In the Order for Combined Notice, and Order Appointing Personal Representative, entered herein, 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 Combined Summary Administration and Determination of Heirs, Devisees,

No. 817-November 23-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF NANCY WAY, Deceased.

Case No. PB-23-125
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO THE CREDITORS OF
NANCY WAY, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Nancy Way, 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 Jimmie Way, Personal Representative, at

bined Notice, all creditors having claims against Carrie Lee Harding, aka Carrie Harding, Deceased, are required to present same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the Petitioner, Julie Deanne Stanley, in care of her attorney, Charles L. Puckett, Jr., Oklahoma Bar Association # 7340, Charles L. Puckett, P.C., 6206 Waterford Blvd., #63, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, on or before the 18th day of December 2023, or the same will be forever barred.

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 1st day of February 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the McClain County Courthouse, 121 North 2nd Avenue, Purcell, OK 73080, before Judge Charles Gray. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration, the Final Account, if not waived, the Appointment of Personal Representative, and the Petition for Determination of Heirs, Devisees and Legatees, Distribution of Property, and Discharge. The Final Account, if not waived, and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Legatees and Devisees, and Distribution will be filed herein on or before the 12th day of January 2024.

Persons receiving this Notice or any interested party may file objections to the petition at any time before the final hearing. You must file objections to the Petition before the final hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner, in care of her attorney, Charles L. Puckett, Jr., OBA #7340, Charles L. Puckett, P.C., 6206 Waterford Blvd., #63, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, 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 hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estate will be distributed and to whom the estate will be distributed.

/s/ Charles L. Puckett, Jr.
CHARLES L. PUCKETT, JR.,
OBA #7340

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Attorney for Petitioner

and Legatees, the Final Accounting and Petition for Distribution.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having claims against the above Decedent are required to present same, with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim to the Petitioner, Pamela O’Shields, c/o Kevin T. O’Shields, 10516 Concord Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73151, on or before November 17, 2023. The hearing in this matter has been set for January 18, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the McClain County Courthouse, 121 N. 2nd Street, Purcell, OK 73080, before Judge Charles Gray. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Final Account and Petition for Distribution of the Petitioner. The Final Account and Petition for Distribution will be filed herein on or before the 18th day of January, 2024.

You are hereby advised that you must file objections to the Petition for Combined Summary Administration and Determination of Heirs and the Final Accounting and Petition for Distribution before the hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner’s attorney, Kevin T. O’Shields, 10516 Concord Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73151, 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 hearing, the Court will determine at the hearing, whether summary proceedings are appropriate and, if so, whether the estate will be distributed and to whom the estate will be distributed.

DATED this 17th day of November, 2023.

/s/ Charles N. Gray
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/ Kevin T. O’Shields
Kevin T. O’Shields, OBA No. 32652

10516 Concord Drive
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73151
Telephone: (817) 944-5246
ktoshields@mac.com
Attorney for Petitioner

the office of Monte J. Wilson, Attorney at Law, P.C., P.O. Box 954, Norman, OK 73070, on or before the following presentment date: January 19, 2024, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 16th day of November, 2023.

/s/ Jimmie Way
Jimmie Way
Personal Representative
/s/ Monte J. Wilson
Monte J. Wilson, OBA #11572
P.O. Box 954
Norman, OK 73070
(405) 321-0500
(405) 321-6911 (fax)
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

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OLV:

will be 7 p.m.

On December 9, the Nativity Pageant will be presented by the Religious Education Children at the 5 p.m. mass. An Advent Candlelight Service by the Altar Society will be on December 10 from 4-6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. For the candlelight service, please sign up if you plan to attend.

Please join us in celebrating the love of Jesus at Our Lady of Victory parish.

Our Lady of Victory parish is

located at 307 West Jefferson. The church administrative office is located at 501 N. 4th, and it is open weekday mornings. The office number is 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.

No. 816-November 23-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF MICHAEL M. BRADSHER,
Deceased.

Case No. PB-23-49
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL
ACCOUNT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION
NOTICE is hereby given that
Michael M. Bradsher II, the duly
appointed and qualified Personal
Representative of the Estate of
Michael M. Bradsher, deceased,
has filed his Final Account and
Petition for Order Allowing Final
Account and Distribution. A hear-
ing has been fixed by the Judge
of the Court for the 14th day of
December, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in

the courtroom of Judge Charles
Gray, McClain County Court-
house, Purcell, Oklahoma, when
and where all persons interested
in said estate are notified to then
and there appear and show cause,
if any they have, why the account
should not be settled and allowed
and the estate distributed.
DATED this 16th day of Novem-
ber, 2023.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
Charles Gray
Associate District Judge
Monte J. Wilson, OBA #11572
P.O. Box 954
Norman, OK 73070
(405) 321-0500
Attorney for Personal Repre-
sentative

No. 832-November 30-1 Time
Board of McClain County Com-
missioners met in regular session
on Monday, 11/20/2023 at 8:15
a.m. in Room 111 of the McClain
County Courthouse. Chairman
Terry Daniel called the meeting
to order and led the flag salute.
County Clerk Deputy Rebekah
Couch called the roll and those
present were: Chairman Terry
Daniel, Vice Chairman Glen Mur-
ray, and Member Wilson Lyles.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve
the minutes of the 11/8/2023 and
11/13/2023 meetings, Glen Mur-
ray seconded. Vote Aye: Murray,
Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.
Wilson Lyles 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—131, Turn Key
Health Clinics LLC, 8496.63, Medi-
cal Staffing;

CLAIMS FOR FISCAL YEAR
2023-2024 AS FOLLOWS:

Em Mgmt-ST—50, Amazon,
318.17, Supplies; 51, Public
Service Co Of Oklahoma, 65.57,
Service; 52, Trinity Climate Con-
trol, 279.00, Labor; 53, Verizon,
240.06, Wireless Devices.

Extension-ST—51, McDaniel,
Justin, 801.09, Travel; 52, New-
castle Pacer, 35.00, Subscription;
53, Windstream, 304.71, Service.

Fair Main-ST—50, Echo Con-
tracting, 8420.00, Materials &
Labor; 51, Gladstone, 350.00,
Annual Subscription; 52, Roberts,
Jr, John R., 6000.00, Contract.

General—688, Auto Zone,
88.76, Parts & Supplies; 689,
Communityworks Cleveland Co
546.00, Juvenile Service; 690,
Cleveland County Sheriffs Office,
15739.43, Detention Services;
691, Criswell's Texaco, 75.00,
Tires & Tubes/Service & Supplies;
692, Classic Paper, 1053.86,
Supplies; 693, Davison Fuels &
Oil, 3570.32, Fuel; 694, Elliotts
Purcell Automotive, 429.99, Parts
& Service; 695, Johnson Controls,
3197.37, Freon; 696, Midcon Data
Service, 22.50, Service; 697, Mid-
con Data Service, 22.15, Service;
698, Optimum, 158.34, Service;
699, Optimum, 214.96, Service;
700, Purcell Register, 183.30,
Minutes; 701, Rollins, Tracy L.,
175.95, Travel; 702, R K Black,
131.61, Annual Contract; 703,
Residence Inn, 196.00, Lodging;
704, Symmetry Energy Solutions,
756.05, Natural Gas Commod-
ity; 705, The Social Ecological
Economic Development Corp,
807.13, Service; 706, Turn Key
Health Clinics, 11435.92, Medical
Administrative Services; 707, Valir
Outpatient Clinics, , 35.00, Drug
Testing; 708, Valir Outpatient Clin-
ics, 35.00, Drug Testing; 709, Valir
Outpatient Clinics, 35.00, Drug
Testing; 710, WW Tire, 322.58,
Tires & Tubes/Service & Supplies;
711, Windstream, 290.69, Service;
712, Windstream, 528.87, Service;
713, WW Tire, 1544.00, Tires &
Tubes/Service & Supplies.

Health—94, Clifford Power
Systems, 622.00, Service; 95,
Facility Care, 650.00, Service; 96,
Geiger, 783.75, Supplies; 97, Mc-
Clain County Treasurer, 9097.49,
Revaluation Cost; 98, Pioneer
Telephone, 494.64, Service; 99,
Pitney Bowes Global Financial
Services, 144.93, Lease.
Highway—751, AEG Petroleum,
733.64, Oil; 752, Bruckners,
260.54, Parts; 753, Bruckners,
299.75, Parts & Labor; 754, Cin-
tas, 817.07, Service; 755, Dolese
Bros., 3633.94, Chips & Rock;
756, Dill Oil, 18376.29, Fuel; 757,
Dolese Bros., 6304.04, Chips &
Rock; 758, James Supply & Rental,
6.82, Supplies; 759, James Supply
And Rental, 372.12, Supplies; 760,
James Supply And Rental, 105.44,
Supplies; 761, J&K Auto Parts,
53.33, Parts & Supplies; 762, J&K
Auto Parts, 97.76, Supplies; 763,
Luther Sign, 241.44, Signs; 764,
Lindsay Auto And Truck Supply,
295.96, Parts & Supplies; 765,
McCabe Industrial Minerals,
1435.00, Rhyolite Granules; 766,
Mid Continent Truck Sales, 818.51,
Parts & Labor; 767, Midwest Hose
And Specialty, 227.28, Parts 768,
Midwest Hose And Specialty,
59.02, Parts & Supplies; 769,
Oklahoma Natural Gas, 140.86,
Service; 770, Oklahoma Dept Of
Agriculture Food And Forestry,
200.00, License Renewal; 771,
Pioneer Telephone, 248.63, Ser-
vice; 772, P&K Stone, 2146.01,
Granite; 773, T&W Tire, 2850.40,
Tires & Tubes/Service & Supplies;
774, TH Rogers Lumber, 3848.73,
Lumber; 775, TH Rogers Lumber,

15.64, Lumber; 776, TH Rogers
Lumber, 502.16, Supplies; 777,
WW Tire, 60.00, Tires & Tubes/
Service & Supplies; 778, Webb Oil,
374.00, Service; 779, Webb Oil,
90.00, Service; 780, Windstream,
78.65, Service.

ML Fee—21, Midcon Data Ser-
vice, 46.00, Service.

Mtg Cert—17, Windstream,
164.56, Service.

Rental of County Property -
Expo—86, Oklahoma Natural Gas,
159.76, Service; 87, Purcell Public
Works, 1958.76, Service; 88, P&K
Equipment, 38.95, Supplies.

Rural Fire-ST—93, AT&T Mobil-
ity, 240.24, Service; 94, James
Supply & Rental, 53.00, Lease;
95, Oklahoma Electric Co-Op,
55.00, Service; 96, Oklahoma
Generator/Larrison Electrical Ser-
vices, 358.00, Service; 97, Sids,
441.51, Fuel & Supplies; 98, U S
Postal Service, 146.00, Rent; 99,
United Rental, 7500.00, Tanker.

Sheriff Service Fee—123, Of-
folter, Landy D., 209.60, Travel.

SR Cit-ST—147, CashSaver,
554.96, Supplies; 148, Cable
Meat And Food Service, 1579.00,
Supplies; 149, CashSaver, 687.01,
Supplies; 150, Dibble Senior
Citizens, 2200.00, Payroll; 151,
Oklahoma Natural Gas, 54.79,
Service; 152, Pioneer Telephone,
101.05, Service; 153, Tankersley
Food Service, 939.66, Supplies;
154, Pioneer Telephone, 103.11,
Service; 155, Tankersley Food
Service, 1094.03, Supplies.

Wilson Lyles 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.

Wilson Lyles moved, Glen
Murray seconded to approve the
following Transfers of Appro-
priations: Health: \$10,000.00 from
1216-3-5000-2005 to 1216-3-
5000-1310; and Rental of County
Property - Expo: \$11,000.00 from
1241-4-0500-2005 to 1241-4-
0500-4110. Vote Aye: Murray,
Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

There were no Road Crossing
Permits requested.

Wilson Lyles moved, Glen Mur-
ray seconded to approve of Debra
Taylor and Mary Ratliff as Receiv-
ing Officers for Dibble Senior
Citizens. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles,
Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved to approve
the 2024 Holidays as on file in the
County Clerk's Office and contin-
gent upon approval by the Excise
Board, Glen Murray seconded.
Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel.
Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve
the 2024 BOCC meeting dates
as on file in the County Clerk's
Office, Glen Murray seconded.
Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel.
Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve
Resolution No. 17-2023-2024 to
accept donation of a Magnavox
CD Boombox to McClain County
Sheriff's office for the Jail, Glen
Murray seconded. Vote Aye: Mur-
ray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved, Wilson
Lyles seconded to approve Trans-
fer of Funds Form 240 for
transferring 574.21 for an error
correction from Highway Funds.
Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel.
Motion carried.

Terry Daniel moved, Glen Murray
seconded to approve the continu-
ation of agreement between Mc-
Clain County Health Department
and Facility Care. Vote Aye: Mur-
ray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion carried.

Daryn Kirkpatrick with the Mc-
Clain County Health Department
discussed with the Board that the
Purcell Health Department is look-
ing to relocate into a larger facility.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve
of invoices from Crafton Tull for
professional services through
11/3/2023: invoice#183863 for
\$2,000.00 for May Avenue resur-
facing for District Two & Three; and
Invoice#183864 for \$3,750.00 for
240th Street resurfacing for District
Three, Terry Daniel seconded. Vote
Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion
carried.

With no further business, Wilson
Lyles moved to adjourn at 8:57
a.m., Glen Murray seconded. Vote
Aye: Murray, Lyles, Daniel. Motion
carried.

Attest:

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

Attest:
Pam Beller
County Clerk

No. 823-November 23-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LYNN MCNALL, DECEASED.
Case No. PB-2023-134

COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING
To: All persons interested in the Estate of LYNN MCNALL, Deceased.
You are hereby notified that on the 16th day of November, 2023,
Petitioner, RENE Y. MCNALL-KNAPP, c/o Kendra Robben and Lacy
Jennings, Robben Law PLLC, 2123 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City,
OK 73106, attorneys for Petitioner, filed in the District Court of Mc-
Clain County a Petition for Summary Administration Pursuant to 58
O.S. § 245, for Appointment of Administrator, and Issuance of Letters
of Administration.

The Petitioner has alleged that LYNN MCNALL died intestate on the
1st day of October, 2023, domiciled and residing in McClain County,
State of Oklahoma at the time of his death, and that the total value of
the Decedent's property in Oklahoma is less than \$200,000.00. Pe-
titioner has asked the Court to order summary proceedings pursuant to
58 O.S. 245, et. seq.

The Petitioner has alleged that the names, ages, and last known
addresses of the heirs-at-law of the Decedent at the time of his death,
so far as known to the Petitioner are:

| Name | Age | Residence |
|---|-------|---|
| Ann Sherrie McNall, Wife Heir-at-Law | Adult | 2000 N Highway 76 Newcastle, OK 73065 |
| Rene Y. McNall- Knapp, Daughter Heir-at-Law | Adult | 2000 N Highway 76 Newcastle, OK 73065 |
| Lisa Pirwitz, Daughter Heir-at-Law | Adult | 419 Tomotley Court Greer, SC 29651 |

In the Order for Combined Notice and Order Appointing Administra-
tor entered herein, the Court found that it should dispense with the
regular estate proceedings prescribed by law, order notice to credi-
tors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary
Administration, the Final Accounting and Petition for Determination
of Heirs-at-Law, Distribution, and Discharge.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having
claims against LYNN MCNALL, 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 RENE Y.
MCNALL-KNAPP, Administrator, at the law offices of Robben Law
PLLC, 2123 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73106, addressed
to Kendra Robben and Lacy Jennings, attorneys for the Administrator,
on or before the following presentment date: December 18, 2023, or
the same will be forever barred.

The hearing for this matter has been set for the 18th day of January,
2024, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. at the McClain County Courthouse, 121
N 2nd Ave, Purcell, Oklahoma, before Judge Gray. At the hearing,
the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary
Administration and the Final Account and Petition for Determination
of Heirs-at-Law, Distribution of Property, and Discharge. The Final
Account and Petition for Determination of Heir-at-Law, Distribution,
and Discharge will be filed herein on or before the 22nd day of De-
cember, 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-at-Law, Distribution, and Discharge with the
Court before the hearing and send a copy to the Administrator in care
of her attorneys, Kendra Robben and Lacy Jennings, Robben Law
PLLC, 2123 N. Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73106, or you will
be deemed to have waived any objections. If you have no objections,
you need not appear at the hearing nor make any filings with the Court.

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

DATED this 16th day of November, 2023.

/s/ Charles Gray
ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Approved for Entry:
/s/ Lacy Jennings
Kendra Robben, OBA No. 21792
Lacy Jennings, OBA No. 35648
ROBBEN LAW PLLC
2123 N. Classen Blvd.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106
Telephone: (405) 757-0225
Facsimile: (405) 212-4083
lacy@robbenlaw.com
Attorneys for Petitioner

No. 825-November 23-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
RED STONE RESOURCES LLC;
Plaintiff,

vs.
LINDSY RENAUD a/k/a LINDSY
WORRELL a/k/a LINDSY MON-
ROE a/k/a LINDSY MONROE
PEDERSEN, if living or deceased,
and Her Known and Unknown
Successors and Assigns; and
SHAWN POH, if living or deceased,
and His Known or Unknown Suc-
cessors and Assigns;
and
OVINTIV USA INC., a Foreign For
Profit Business Corporation;
Defendants.

Case No. CV-2023-217
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ss.
COUNTY OF MCCLAIN
TO: LINDSY RENAUD a/k/a
LINDSY WORRELL a/k/a LINDSY
MONROE a/k/a LINDSY MONROE
PEDERSEN, if living or deceased,
and Her Known and Unknown Suc-
cessors and Assigns; and SHAWN
POH, if living or deceased, and His
Known or Unknown Successors
and Assigns.

You are hereby notified that
an action has been filed in the
District Court, McClain County,
State of Oklahoma, Case No. CV-
2023-217, styled as RED STONE
RESOURCES LLC; Plaintiff; vs.
LINDSY RENAUD a/k/a LINDSY
WORRELL a/k/a LINDSY MON-
ROE a/k/a LINDSY MONROE
PEDERSEN, if living or deceased,
and Her Known and Unknown Suc-
cessors and Assigns; and SHAWN
POH, if living or deceased, and His
Known or Unknown Successors
and Assigns; and OVINTIV USA
INC., a Foreign For Profit Business
Corporation; Defendants.

The action alleges that Defen-
dants may have a claim of some
right, title, lien, estate, encum-
brance, claim, assessment or
interest, adverse to Plaintiff, in
and under the following described
property:

S/2 NW/4 and SW/4 NE/4 NW/4
and NE/4 NE/4 SW/4 of Section

32, Township 8 North, Range 4
West, McClain County, Oklahoma;
(herein from time to time referred
to as "Mineral Interests").

The Petition seeks to quiet title
to all right and title in the above-
described real property, in favor
of ownership by Plaintiff, as set
forth in the Petition, and that De-
fendants be forever barred and en-
joined from claiming, setting
up, or asserting any right, title or
interest adverse to the Plaintiff
herein. Further, the Petition seeks
a declaratory judgment against
Defendants as to any monetary
interests retained by Oviniv USA
Inc. produced from said Mineral
Interests payable to Plaintiff Red
Stone Resources LLC or its suc-
cessors in interest; and a declara-
tory judgment that any monetary
interest that may be retained by
Defendants be limited to the time
period from April 1, 2002 to August
22, 2005.

You are hereby notified that you
have been sued in this action and
must answer the Petition filed by
Plaintiff on or before the 12th day
of January, 2024, or the allega-
tions contained in said Petition
will be taken as true and judg-
ment will be entered determining
ownership and quieting title, and
declaring a declaratory judgment
as requested in the Plaintiff's Pe-
tition allowing all relief available
pursuant to law.

Given under my hand and seal
this 17th day of November, 2023,
McCLAIN COUNTY
COURT CLERK
By: /s/ Karen Weltmer
Deputy Court Clerk
(Seal)

/s/ J. Swapp
Jeremy E. Brown, OBA #17518
Jessica Swapp, OBA #33620
McCalla Brown Patten LLP
Mailing: P.O. Box 2220
Chickasha, OK 73023
Physical: 126 W. Chickasha Ave.
Chickasha, OK 73018
Telephone: (405) 224-3626
Facsimile: (405) 825-3516
Email: jbrown@mbplegal.com
jswapp@mbplegal.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff, Red
Stone Resources LLC

No. 811-November 23-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-
TATE OF NANCY L. MAYNARD,
Deceased.

Case No. PB-2022-154
NOTICE OF HEARING
FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION
FOR DETERMINATION
OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION
AND DISCHARGE

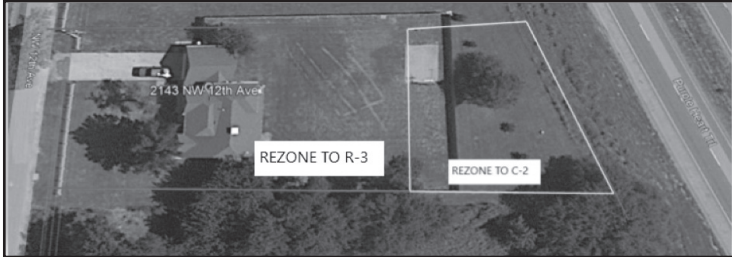
NOTICE is hereby given that
Ronnie D. Maynard, Personal
Representative of the ESTATE OF
NANCY L. MAYNARD, Deceased,
having filed in this Court his Final
Account of the Administration of
said estate, and his Petition for
Distribution of said estate and for
Final Discharge of said Personal
Representative, the hearing of the
same has been fixed by the Judge
of said Court for 9:30 o'clock a.m.,
on the 14th day of December,

No. 800-November 16-3 Times
CV-2023-227

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:
Carmen Young a/k/a Carmen E.
Young, Deceased; Unknown Suc-
cessors of Carmen Young a/k/a
Carmen E. Young, Deceased; The
Heirs, Executors, Administrators,
Devises, Trustees and Assigns of
Carmen Young a/k/a Carmen E.
Young, Deceased; Fredrick D.
Young, Deceased; Unknown Suc-
cessors of Fredrick D. Young,
Deceased; The Heirs, Executors,
Administrators, Devises, Trust-
ees and Assigns of Fredrick D.
Young, Deceased (all of whom are
the "Defendants").

You are hereby notified that you
have been sued in the District
Court in and for McClain County,
Oklahoma, Case No. CV-2023-227
wherein Lorna M. Lammers, Wil-
liam A. Young, Mark A. Young and
Deborah E. Dunagan are Plaintiffs,
and you are Defendants and un-
less you answer the Petition of the
Plaintiffs filed against you on or
before January 2, 2024, the allega-
tions of said Petition will be taken
as true and judgment rendered
against you accordingly as prayed
for, including determinations that
Carmen Young a/k/a Carmen E.
Young died on March 1, 1997,
and that Fredrick D. Young died
on February 13, 2021, each seized
and possessed at the time of their
respective deaths of an ownership
interest, claim or cloud on title in
and to the following described
property:

An undivided one fourth (1/4) in-
terest in and to all the oil, gas, coal
and other minerals lying in or under
or that may be produced from the
South Half of the Southeast Quar-
ter of the Northwest Quarter (S/2
SE/4 NW/4) and the East Half of the
Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4) of
Section Twenty-three (23), Town-
ship Six (6) North, Range Two (2)
West, McClain County, Oklahoma,



No. 831-November 30-1 Time
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
FOR RE-ZONING APPLICATION
GOLDSBY, OKLAHOMA

NOTICE: AN APPLICATION
HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE
TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN
OF GOLDSBY, OKLAHOMA,
TO RE-ZONE THE FOLLOW-
ING TRACT(S) OF LAND FROM
Agricultural-Residential A-1 To
Highway Commercial C-2 on the
East Half and Single-Family
Residential R-3 on the West Half.

STREET ADDRESS: (See map
exhibit A).

2143 NW 12th Ave Section 14,
T8N R3W
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

East Half Rezone to Highway
Commercial C-2

A tract of land that is part of the
SW/4 of the NW/4 of the NW/4 of
Section 14, T-8-N, R-3-W of the
I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma;
being more particularly described
as follows: Commencing from the
NW Corner of the NW/4 of said
Section 14, Thence along Sec-
tion line, S0° 23' 45"E a distance
of 953.99 feet to the POINT OF
BEGINNING; Thence continu-
ing along Section line, S0° 23'
45"E a distance of 260.30 feet;
Thence N89° 25' 55" E a distance
of 222.11 feet; Thence S0° 23'
45" E a distance of 110.00 feet;
Thence N89° 25' 55" E a distance
of 127.21 feet to the West Right
of Way of said Interstate 35 (I-35);
Thence Northwesterly along the
West Right of Way of Interstate 35
(I-35), along a Curve to the Right
having a Radius of 5829.58 feet,
Arc Length of 391.56 feet, Chord
Bearing of N 20° 48' 41" W, and
a Chord Distance of 391.56 feet;
Thence S 89° 45' 30" W along
an existing pipe fence a distance
of 212.77 feet to the POINT OF
BEGINNING.

The above-described tract of
land contains 1.80 Acres more
or less.

The North 16 feet is reserved for
Right of Way easement.
West Half to Single-Family

2023, before Judge Charles Gray
in his chambers in the McClain
County Courthouse in Purcell,
Oklahoma, and all persons inter-
ested in said estate are notified
then and there to appear and show
cause, if any they have, why the
said account should not be settled
and allowed, the heirs of NANCY
L. MAYNARD, Deceased, deter-
mined, said estate distributed,
and the Personal Representative
discharged.

WITNESS MY HAND this 14th
day of November, 2023.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
Judge

BILL C. LESTER (OBA #5389)
Attorney for Personal Repre-
sentative
212 West Main - P.O. Box 1407
Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-5623
blester@lesterlawoffice.com

according to the government
survey thereof, (the "Property"),
that Plaintiffs are the owners and
holders of any right, title or interest
in and to the Property owned or
claimed by Carmen Young a/k/a
Carmen E. Young and Fredrick D.
Young at the time of their deaths,
and Plaintiffs are in the actual and
peaceable possession thereof;
that the Defendants claim some
right, title or interest in and to the
Property adverse to the Plaintiffs
which constitute clouds on the
Plaintiffs' title; that there has been
no judicial determination of heir-
ship of either of Carmen Young
a/k/a Carmen E. Young, Deceased,
and Fredrick D. Young, Deceased;
and further determining the names
and individual identities and pro-
portionate shares of the persons
who took, or were entitled to take
their respective interests in the
Property under the intestate laws
of succession in force and ap-
plicable to the distribution of the
Property at the respective times of
the deaths of Carmen Young a/k/a
Carmen E. Young and Fredrick D.
Young; that the Defendants have
no right, title or interest in and to
the Property; and that the title of
Plaintiffs in and to the Property be
quieted against the Defendants;
and the Defendants be perpetually
barred and enjoined from setting
up or asserting any right, title or
interest in the Property.

WITNESS my hand on the 8th
day of November, 2023.

Kristel Gray, Court Clerk
McClain County, Oklahoma
By /s/ Karen Weltmer
Deputy
(Seal)

William P. McDoniel, OBA No.
5968
721 W. Country Club Road
Chickasha, OK 73018-7259
Phone: (405) 224-1991
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Attorney for Plaintiffs

Residential R-3

A tract of land located in the
Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Sec-
tion Fourteen (14), Township Eight
(8) North, Range Three (3) West
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larly described as follows: Com-
mencing at the NW Corner of the
NW/4 of Section 14, T-8N, R-3W;
Thence S 0° 23' 45" E a distance
of 1214.32 feet to the POINT OF
BEGINNING; Thence S 0° 23' 45"
E, 110.00 feet; thence N 89° 25'
55" E a distance of 222.11 feet;
Thence N0° 23' 45"W a distance
of 110.00 feet; Thence S 89° 25'
55" W a distance of 222.11 feet to
the POINT OF BEGINNING;

The above-described tract of
land contains 0.56 Acres more
or less.

THE PROPOSED RE-ZONING
WILL BE BROUGHT FOR PUBLIC
HEARING AT THE PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING ON THE
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AT 6:30 P.M. AT TOWN HALL, 100
E. CENTER RD, GOLDSBY,
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AND PLACE ANY AFFECTED
PERSON (S) MAY APPEAR TO
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TEN PROTEST MUST BE FILED
WITH THE TOWN CLERK PRIOR
TO 4:00 P.M. OF THE DAY OF SAID
COMMISSION MEETING.

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ING WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE
BROUGHT TO PUBLIC HEARING
FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE
GOLDSBY TOWN BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING, GOLDSBY
TOWN HALL, 100 E. CENTER RD.,
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OF JANUARY, 2024. ANY WRIT-
TEN PROTEST FOR THIS MEET-
ING MUST BE FILED WITH THE
TOWN CLERK AT LEAST THREE
(3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING
DATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
STATE LAW (11 O.S. 1981 § 43-
105). DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 2023.

SANDRA JENKINS, CLERK

Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

Lots of folks come out to enjoy the music and dancing on Friday evenings. Every first, second, third and fifth Friday of the month the center welcomes “The Ole Troubadours” for an evening of live music, dancing and good times. Entry is \$8 and refreshments are available to purchase.

This event helps support the senior center and provides an evening of entertainment for the community at a reasonable cost. We happily welcome the “Troubadours” back and are looking forward to our future venture with them! Come and enjoy the fun! Family-friendly atmosphere!

The phone number for the center is 405-527-5070. Please don’t hesitate to call if you have any questions about anything we offer.

The new Grief Support Group will meet every first and third Tuesday at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to anyone over 60 in the community.

The ever-popular bingo is every Thursday at 10 a.m. If a situation occurs where we cannot have it one day, all who attend will still get a prize for attending.

Everyone over 60 has a standing invitation to come visit the senior center. Enjoy new friends, numerous activities, lunch and a few laughs. Our library has a variety of books to take home and enjoy. Coffee, tea and cookies are always available!

New things to do are being added this fall. We are always open to new ideas for activities from everyone who attends.

The Center Garage Sale is now open. Come every Thursday and Friday, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., and enjoy the bargains. We have a large selection of used items for the home including appliances, clothing, shoes, kitchenware and lots of miscellaneous. All sales directly benefit the senior center. Occasionally, the sale is closed. Unforeseen circumstances may



• Photo provided

Award presentation

Evelyn Shaw recently received an award for 15 years of service as a cook for Delta Nutrition at the Purcell Senior Citizens Center.

occur making it a necessity to close. We apologize for this, but sometimes things happen beyond our control. Please be understanding when this situation arises.

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

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

Please be aware the menu may have to be changed at times due to unavailability of items or delivery issues.

Menu for December 4-8:

Monday—Sloppy joe, hominy casserole, green beans, cookies.

Tuesday—Cook’s choice.

Wednesday—Breakfast casserole, hash browns, tomato relish, biscuit with gravy, gelatin.

Thursday—Ham and beans, spinach, oven browned potatoes, cornbread, fruit crisp.

Friday—Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes with gravy, brussels sprouts, roll, raisin rice pudding.

One milk per person is served with every meal.

We appreciate everyone who continues to donate and support the senior center. Your donations continue to enhance the lives of our seniors and the operation of our center.



• Photo provided

Pantry volunteers

Chief Stowell with pantry volunteers **Malachi Taylor**, **Jon Ruth**, and **Braden McDonald**.



Food donations

Macy Merrick, **Faith Skipper** and **Kaylei Clanton** unloading donations collected by the Dibble Honor Society for the food box distribution at the Dibble Senior Citizens Center.

Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens.

We have had a busy couple of weeks. First, we had a Thanksgiving feast prepared by Ms. Charlene and her helpers, which was enjoyed by all.

Then, we were blessed by the Dibble Honor Society students who hosted a high school food drive and collected food items needed for boxes being distributed before Thanksgiving.

The City of Dibble’s Police Department held a Holiday Fill-a-Cruiser event which collected monetary and food donations which were graciously donated to the center. This is an annual event the police department does every year to help the center’s endeavors and

give support to our community.

The menu for the week of December 4:

Monday—Country breakfast.

Wednesday—Chicken stir fry and fried rice.

Friday—Mexican.

We would like to invite all to come by sometime for lunch, sit a spell and enjoy the fellowship on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12 noon for a good home-cooked meal. Make sure to sign in and donations are welcome but not necessary.

All are welcome at the Dibble Senior Citizens Center located at 12314 State Hwy. 39 in Blanchard.

To donate to the pantry, mail your check or money order to

PO Box 32, Dibble, OK 73031 or Cash App - \$dibblesrcitizens.

Until next time, Dibble Senior Citizens Crew



OSU EXTENSION News

What can I plant now to beautify my yard?

Justin McDaniel
Extension Ag Educator

Fall is a great time to plant flowers that will survive the winter and to prepare ornamental beds for spring. As the summer heat fades away along with the destructive insects, ornamental beds can be brightened with annuals.

Good choices to plant now are pansies, snapdragons, dianthus, dusty miller as well as ornamental cabbage or kale.

You may also begin planting spring-blooming bulbs such as crocus, daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips. Companion plants

for bulbs are alyssum, ajuga, moneywort, leadwort, oxalis, phlox, vinca, and English Ivy.

Keep in mind that some of these vines like vinca or English Ivy can become invasive, so make decisions with care.

Peonies, irises, daylilies, and hostas should be divided if too thick, cleaned up, or planted now.

Dig and store in a cool, dry location your perennials like cannas, dahlias, and caladiums.

Check and treat house plants for insect pests before bringing them in—Repot root-bound plants.

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Methodist:

a meal into a celebration, and for that, we are deeply thankful.

As we reflect on the Thanksgiving dinner, it’s evident that the success of the feast was a collaborative effort. Each person who contributed, in big or small ways, played a crucial role in making it a remarkable event. Your dedication, creativity, and generosity have left a lasting impression, and for that, we offer our heartfelt appreciation.

In the tapestry of Thanksgiving memories, your contributions are woven as vibrant

threads, creating a picture of gratitude, love and shared joy. The dinner was not just a gathering of individuals; it was a collective effort that exemplified the spirit of coming together to appreciate the blessings of life.

We appreciate everyone, from the bottom of our hearts, for making this Thanksgiving dinner a momentous occasion filled with laughter, love and the warmth of shared memories. Your efforts have created a chapter in our lives that we will fondly revisit for years to come.

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