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## WARRIORS go Back-to-Back

### Win streak at 30 in a row after second undefeated season

State Champions!  
They did it again going undefeated and defeating Millwood in come-from-behind fashion for the State Championship. The title game was played last Saturday night at Chad Richison Stadium at the University of Central Oklahoma where the Warriors posted a 41-24 victory.

**John D. Montgomery**  
**The Purcell Register**  
Just like last year, Washington had to come from behind to stop Millwood to snag its second State Championship

in the last two years with a 41-24 victory at Chad Richison Stadium at UCO last Saturday night. The victory is number 30 in a row for the Warriors, whose

seniors have won 44 of their last 45 games, the last Warrior loss was in the state finals against Marlow in 2021. Washington has been to the championship game the last

four years in a row. This year's senior class has a state record mark of 56-3. They played in 20 playoff games and won 18. "They will look back at this

and cherish it," head coach Brad Beller said. "They will savor it more as time goes by. "When you are going through it you don't think about it," Beller continued.

"You are just coaching to win the next game. But when you look back that's a long run. Please see **Champs**, page 11A

## Joint meeting: pending decision

### Phase one electric work on Southbrook Development

In a special joint noon meeting December 7 at city hall, the Purcell City Council and Public Works Authority took a pending decision on phase one electric work for the Southbrook Development. Please see **Electric**, page 11A



**PMH Foundation Board**  
The Purcell Municipal Hospital Foundation Board of Directors has been re-established. Board members include Jan Dye, chairperson, Candace Clark, vice chairperson, Steve Sherman, recording secretary, Jeremy Swanner, treasurer, Chris Wright and Savannah Pyle.

## New safety app hitting the mark

A recently launched safety app has shown an immediate impact in the weeks following its release, with more than 40 tips reported through ProtectOK in just four weeks. The app, which was created Please see **Safety**, page 11A

## Christmas Parade the 14th

### 40 floats entered annual event with more coming

Annual Christmas Parade in downtown Purcell December 14 at 6 p.m. "There is still time for more," Baker said. Another attraction this year will be an appearance by the Purcell Dragon Pride Band, who will be Please see **Parade**, page 11A



**Setting the pole**  
Light poles are in the process of being set in downtown Purcell by city crews to show off the new facelift from the MainStreet Scape project. City Manager Dale Bunn reports there are 23 poles to be set.



## Races confirmed for seats

### Purcell City Council and three school board races

The filing period for school board seats and the Purcell City Council have drawn to a close with several races developing. Filing for Office No. 4 on the Purcell Council Division 2 were Chris Hurt and Greg Wheat. Filing for Division 3 was Joe Franco. Joe Ray was the only person filing for Mid-America Technology's board. Please see **Races**, page 11A

## Education board primary February 13

The McClain County Election Board has announced that a Primary Election will be held for Board of Education Office No. 4 in Washington School District and Wayne School Please see **Primary**, page 11A

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**Tuesday Night Ticker**

High school basketball			
Boys			
Pauls Valley	42	Purcell	40
Jones	58	Washington	49
Lone Grove	69	Lexington	65
OKC Knights	58	Wayne	57
Girls			
Purcell	61	Pauls Valley	37
Washington	43	Jones	38
Lone Grove	60	Lexington	50
Wayne	44	OKC Knights	37

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For the second straight year Purcell wins the Madill Basketball Tournament. Pg. 1B



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**Latta champs**  
Washington's girls won the Latta Panther Basketball tournament. Pg. 2B



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Third Street

Lawn decorations brighten the front yard of a house on Third Street in Purcell waiting on the arrival of Santa Claus.

# Give blood during OBI's 12 Days of Grinchmas

Don't be a Grinch this holiday season! Give the gift of life by donating blood with Our Blood Institute through December 24 and receive a limited-edition Grinch-themed long sleeve T-shirt and a full-size *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* book, written by Dr. Seuss, to keep or to regift at a holiday toy drive! Also, as a bonus, on December 22 donors will additionally receive a \$15 Butterball coupon!

"Oklahomans have continued to demonstrate the Oklahoma Standard and ensure that the local blood supply is able to meet the demand of local patients," said Dr. John Armitage, president and CEO of Our Blood Institute. "As we enter the holiday season, we

encourage you to take just an hour out of your busy schedule to give the precious gift of life this holiday season."

As a bonus, now through January 12, blood donors can earn double Donor Store points by downloading the new OBI mobile app and scheduling and keeping their donation appointment!

Double points valid only on appointments scheduled through the OBI mobile app and applicable to base points. Appointments must be completed by January 12, 2024, to qualify. Donor store is open December 2023 through January 2024 to redeem points. OBI relies on 1,200 volunteer blood donors a day to meet the needs of patients at more

than 160 hospitals and medical facilities as well as all air ambulances statewide. Anyone who is healthy and 16 years old or older can give blood. Sixteen-year-olds must weigh at least 125 pounds and provide signed parental permission; 17-year-olds must weigh at least 125 pounds; individuals over the age of 18 must weigh at least 110 pounds. Photo ID required. Blood can be donated every 56 days. Platelets can be given as often as every seven days, up to 24 times a year. Appointments to donate can be made online at [obi.org](http://obi.org) or by calling 877-340-8777. Blood donation typically takes only about an hour, and one donation saves up to three lives.

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## Rain chances increase late week

Another wet pattern is taking shape across our area as we wrap up this week. On Thursday, there is a slight chance for an afternoon shower as daytime highs approach the middle 50s. Rain chances will increase going into Friday as temperatures hold steady in the lower 50s. Rain showers move out of the forecast by this weekend, with daytime highs in the lower 50s on Saturday. Sunny skies return by the latter half of the weekend as temperatures approach 60 degrees. A brief cool down will work its way across the area by next Monday, but precipitation chances appear minimal at this time. Temperatures will fall into the upper 40s, before maintaining in the middle 50s and a mix of clouds and sun.

- Hunter Brittingham

## Purcell Junior High Teacher/Staff and Students of the Month

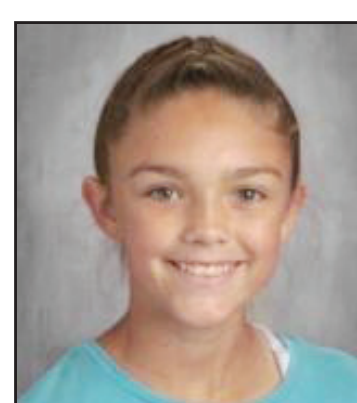
Purcell Junior High School recognizes a teacher/staff and six junior high students, a boy and girl from each grade, as Faculty and Students of the Month.

The December faculty and students include:

**Steve Clary - Teacher of the Month**  
 Steve Clary is an eighth grade science teacher.  
 Mr. Clary said, "I enjoy watching my students become successful in theatre, sports and

in class. They are my reason for being a teacher!"  
 Mr. Clary has been a firefighter/EMT for Purcell Fire since 2003 and a Purcell teacher since 1994. He is also married with two adult children who are also teachers.  
 Mr. Clary's favorites include:  
 Hobby: Hunting/fishing  
 Sport: Football  
 Book: EMT - Textbook  
 Movie: "Creator" starring Peter O'Toole

Game: He doesn't play games  
 Subject: Science  
**Ty Nichols - Sixth Grade Boy of the Month**  
 Ty is 13 years old and in the sixth grade. Two of his favorite things to do are hunting and fishing. He loves the outdoors. Ty's favorite movie is "Star Wars," his favorite TV show is "The Simpsons," his favorite animal is a stringray and his favorite food is tacos.  
 Ty really loves fishing because it is relaxing. He enjoys fishing with his cousin.



Sixth graders Ty Nichols and Chandler Wilken

**Chandler Wilken - Sixth Grade Girl of the Month**  
 Chandler is 12 years old and in the sixth grade. She was born in Wichita, Kan. Her life goal is to be a professional WMBA basketball player or an engineer.  
 Chandler's favorite movie is "Harry Potter 7 (Part 2)," favorite TV show is "Full House," her favorite animal is an ostrich and her favorite food is chicken fried steak.  
 Chandler likes to play basketball, softball, golf and read. She said all these things make her happy!



Seventh graders Axel Shobert and Mylan Fleming

**Axel Shobert - Seventh Grade Boy of the Month**  
 Axel is about to be 13 years old and in the seventh grade. He loves sports and video games. He lives with his two siblings and his mom and dad.  
 His favorite movie is "Uncle Drew," favorite TV show is "The Simpsons," his favorite animal is a tiger and his favorite food is snow crab.  
 Axel enjoys playing basketball. He can play with his friends or by himself. He loves the competition.



Eighth graders Aidan Brown and Lilith Leopard

**Mylan Fleming - Seventh Grade Girl of the Month**  
 Mylan is 12 years old and in the seventh grade. She has two

Please see **PJH**, page 3A



Steve Clary

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# NEWS In Brief

## Christmas Parade Tonight

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."

For more information contact the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce at 405-527-3093.

## Veteran Breakfast

All veterans, active-duty military, and descendants are invited and encouraged to attend a free breakfast sponsored by Walmart and American Legion Post 301.

Breakfast will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 16, in the American Legion building located at 104 E. Broadway in Lexington.

The American Legion Post 301 monthly meeting will follow at 10 a.m.

Contact Dale Haynes at 405-823-9051 for additional information.

## Lexington Cemetery Board

The Lexington Cemetery Board has raised the lot rate from \$600 to \$700 effective Jan. 1, 2024.

To purchase a lot, or for more information, call Mike Donovan at 405-550-9562.

## C.A.R.E. Coalition

The monthly C.A.R.E. Coalition meeting will be held Tuesday, December 19, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

The meeting will take place at the McClain County OSU Extension Office, 1721 Hardcastle Blvd., in Purcell, OK and via the Zoom

platform.

## 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.

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](http://oktaxrolls.com).

For more information call 405-527-3261.

## New OK Election Board Website

The Oklahoma State Election Board has launched a new website making it easier to view candidate information.

Candidates running for county, state or federal office may be viewed on the new website.

Put the filing dates in like 12-04-23 to 12-06-23 and view a copy of the actual candidate declarations.

Go to <https://filings.okelection.us>.

## 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](mailto:haynesfarm192@gmail.com) or Stella Bledsoe at [ronbledsoe1@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:safecarereferrals@northcare.com) or online at [www.northcare.com](http://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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## Hospital visitor

Rich Rasmussen (center) the Oklahoma Hospital Association President and CEO is touring OHA hospitals and PMH was on his schedule for Tuesday. He was welcomed by PMH CEO/CNO Chris Wright, Finance Manager Renee Barber, PMH Board President David Shirley and City Councilman Allen Eubanks.

# Pioneer Library System opens four new maker labs

With four new Maker Labs opening in December, the Pioneer Library System invites all community members to make, create, and design at the library.

New Maker Labs are now ready to receive customers and their projects at the Noble Public Library, Shawnee Public Library, and the Southwest Oklahoma City Public Library.

A Maker Lab at the Moore Public Library is expected to come online soon.

The four new Maker Labs join PLS's first Maker Lab, located at Norman Public Library Central, which is currently unavailable due to an extended closure of the branch.

Undaunted by potential barriers to its services, PLS is proud to be able to expand its Maker resources into additional community libraries.

"The Maker Labs provide access to a whole new suite of tools that most people don't have at home, or have room for,

plus experts available to teach you how to use them, and to keep the machines running in top form," said PLS STEAM Specialist Chris Hennes. "Libraries help the community pool resources so that we all have access to this amazing set of Maker tools."

To help bring projects to life, the new Maker Labs feature 3D printers, embroidery machines, laser cutters, vinyl cutters, and sewing machines, and knowledgeable staff to help guide customers through their projects.

"The holidays are approaching, and custom, personalized gifts are always way cooler than the same old gift cards. Whether that's making a 3D print of something you can't buy in stores, or just adding names to tumblers, the Maker Labs enable you to take your gifts to the next level," added Hennes.

Maker Labs are open during regular library hours, with options for walk-ins or appointments.

Please see **Library**, page 3A



## Pinkie's Forest

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# Byars man killed in accident

A Byars man was killed in a two vehicle traffic accident December 6 just before 8 p.m. at US-177/Ok-3W 17 miles west of Ada.

Investigating Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Keith Teel said a 2006 Ford Ranger driven by Jesse Miller, 89 of Byars made a right turn onto

OK-3W and then made an improper U-turn pulling in front of a 2015 Chevrolet driven by Juan Becerra, 39 of Oklahoma City.

Miller was transported by Mercy EMS to Mercy of Ada Hospital where he was pronounced deceased by medical personnel.

Becerra and his three passengers were not injured in the collision.

Teel was assisted at the scene by Trooper Justin Pope, the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Department, Ada Fire Department, Oil City Fire Department and the Garvin County Sheriff's Department.

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## PJH:

siblings and she is the youngest. She also has two cats

Mylan's favorite movie is "Hunger Games," her favorite TV show is "Friends," her favorite animal is a panda and her favorite food is pizza.

Mylan likes talking to her mom because she is funny and very understanding.

### Aidan Brown - Eighth Grade Boy of the Month

Aidan is 14 years old and in the eighth grade. He is unreal

at playing Fortnite. He also plays for the Purcell Dragons basketball team.

Aidan's favorite movie is "Revenge of the Sith," favorite TV show is "Sponge Bob," favorite animal is a dog and favorite food is pizza.

Aidan loves to play Fortnite. He thinks it is the best game!

### Lilith Leopard - Eighth Grade Girl of the Month

Lilith is in the eighth grade at PJH. Her favorite colors are

purple and blue. She has three cats and one dog. She likes horror movies.

Lilith's favorite movie is "Silent Hill," favorite TV show is "Bleach," favorite animal is a cat and favorite food is taco stuffed shells.

Lilith likes to play video games and read books. She enjoys them because she doesn't fully know what will happen.

# Merry Christmas

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# FAREWELL to Dale

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## Friday, December 15

### 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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## Good luck to Foundation board

When I interviewed Brad Beller this week after his Warriors' second straight undefeated season and back-to-back State Championship, I told him that all he has to do is win every game next season and a couple more games in the 2025 season to match Bud Wilkinson's 47 straight wins record.

He laughed but did take a minute to reflect on 30 straight. He said (and you can read all his remarks on page one) when you are in the middle of it you are just focusing on the next game but looking back it really is something that not many programs can say.

True words.  
Congrats to the Champions.  
**jdm**

Also, congratulations to the Purcell Dragons for winning the Madill Winter Classic Basketball Tournament for the second straight year.

Coach Toney Cooper and his

### Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

girls are off to a 5-0 start to the cage season and have aspirations of making noise this year in the post season.

Remember this holiday season to shop locally first.

Forget the internet and shopping in larger towns north of here.

Shop Purcell's hometown merchants and support your friends and neighbors.

It'll be the best investment you can make.

**jdm**  
Thanks to the spearheading of Jan Dye, the Purcell Municipal Hospital Foundation is back up and running.

Board members, in addition to Mrs. Dye, include Candace Clark, Chris Wright, Savannah Pyle, Jeremy Swanner and Steve Sherman.

The Foundation serves a vital function in the stability of the hospital and the new board of directors has a myriad of ideas on how to support PMH.

Just for an example, it was through the Foundation that the helicopter pad was paid for at the old hospital.

That was quite an upgrade from having to clear out the parking lot and call the fire department every time a helicopter came in for a landing.

We're looking for good things from the new board.

## The most significant part of your Christmas story

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

We often reflect on past Christmases. We look back to the past because we have experienced the past. We haven't experienced the future. We have hopes and dreams for the future but we don't know what the future will bring.

Each day we create new memories. What you will remember next Christmas is happening now. Therefore, do the best you can do this month and then you can reflect on another good memory next Christmas season.

Christmas is a time of misery for many who have deceased loved ones. We miss parents, spouses, children and other family members. They were usually significant in our

Christmas pasts and that's why we remember them.

They are no longer with us and thus it brings a cloud over our celebration.

This is the time to reach out and embrace any loved ones and friends you may have left. Phone calls can be very helpful. Christmas cards are nice but they are nothing like a personal phone call or visit.

Instead of sending out 25 Christmas cards why don't you make 25 five-minute phone calls. Simply say, "this is my Christmas card. I'm calling you."

You may not have time to make 20 to 30 phone calls but how long does it take to find cards, address and stamp them? I'm not encouraging you to dis-

continue your Christmas cards but consider making some Christmas card phone calls.

Emails are nice if your friends ever see them. I receive so much junk email that I often miss important emails.

Eat where and when you can with others. You may have a large family gathering or it may just be you and two or three more.

Make the most of however you spend your Christmas.

Last year my son and I were traveling three hours to celebrate with family but the weather was so bad we had to turn around and go back home.

We hadn't prepared food

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## NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

### Getting serious about securing America's borders

**Congressman Tom Cole**

Throughout the last several weeks, both chambers of Congress have continued to work toward an agreement to assist Israel, Ukraine and American forces and installations in the Western Pacific, as well as provide more security for our Southern border.

While supporting our allies and partners in thwarting aggression is very important to the United States' own safety, we would be remiss not to also secure our own southern border and address the national security threats this crisis presents.

Because of the Biden Administration's open border policies, we have seen record influxes of migrants, illegal and dangerous drugs and bad actors across the southern border.

In fact, last week the highest total migrant encounters for a single day ever was recorded at more than 12,000. Additionally, fiscal year 2023 set another record for migrant encounters at the southern border at nearly 2.5 million. This outpaced fiscal year 2022 by almost 97,000 encounters, showing this crisis is continuing to worsen.

These problems were not anywhere near this level during the last administration. As you may recall, on President Joe Biden's first day in office he halted construction of the border wall and later ended the Migrant Protection Protocols or "remain in Mexico" program and restarted the dangerous "catch and release" program. These misguided policies were clearly viewed as an invitation for migrants to swarm the border.

Over the last two years, the world has grown increasingly dangerous from the Taliban arising to retake Afghanistan, war in Ukraine and Israel, increased tension from China in the Western Pacific and an aggressive Iran backing terror on U.S. facilities and personnel in the Middle East.

With open borders, terrorists and bad actors have certainly taken advantage of this crisis. Last month alone, 12 individuals whose names appear on the terrorist watchlist were stopped at ports of entry at the U.S.-Mexico border.

And now, there has even been a significant uptick in the flow of migrants at the U.S.-Canada

border as those seeking to unlawfully enter our country realize that border has security flaws as well.

The United States has a duty in situations like these to support our allies and partners in Israel, Ukraine and the Western Pacific. We learned these lessons in World War II when we also faced a rise in Europe of authoritarian, hegemonic actors who decided unilaterally to ignore and even change and eliminate state borders to their own liking and whims.

Aggression and terrorism will spread and gain power if left unchecked. We cannot allow it to stand. We also cannot neglect the crisis on our own continent.

If Democrats in the Senate and the White House want to get serious about assisting those abroad in this dire time of need, which I strongly support, they should also acknowledge that our own border crisis must be addressed.

As these negotiations continue, Republicans in both chambers will continue to hold Democrats' feet to the fire when it comes to much needed and long overdue border security.

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The Purcell Register reserves the right to edit any and all letters.

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## Your Views

### Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



### Update from the Capitol

We have less than two months until the 2024 legislative session gets underway. This last Friday was the deadline to have our bill requests in, which are the issues we'd like to have researched – not all of these will end up getting filed due to duplication or various other reasons but it's an important starting point. We have until mid-January to decide if we want to file them.

More than 70 bills have already been filed, including a few of mine. One creates a penalty for willfully or recklessly submitting a false complaint against a childcare facility and the other increases the penalty for illegally carrying a firearm on school property. I'll go over these more in the coming weeks.

Besides bills, we're also working on the budget. This is a process that starts in the summer. This past week, budget hearings with the largest agencies began. The Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Transportation heard from several of their agencies last week.

The Education Appropriations Subcommittee will have their first meetings this Thursday and the subcommittee for Natural Resources will meet the following week. This is a very busy time in the legislative process. You can find the meeting schedules and agendas on the Senate website and meetings are also streamed live.

The Senate recently introduced a new budgeting process that will increase transparency and efficiency.

There are earlier deadlines to meet, including the appropriations subcommittees presenting their individual budgets to the full Appropriations Committee

in February or March, which typically doesn't happen until late April.

The full committee will then create a budget proposal in March off those smaller budgets and put it into a Senate resolution that will be voted on by the full body. Once that is approved, our appropriations chair and vice chair will begin negotiations with their House counterparts.

Overall, this should help us reach a budget agreement earlier in session, so we're not racing the clock in the final days leading up to our constitutionally required adjournment date.

This past week, I joined some of my fellow senators to meet with the Executive Vice President of Economic Development for the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber Jeff Seymour for an overview of the state's economic development efforts.

We're working so hard to support our current businesses, attract new industries and empower our students and employees to meet the needs of an ever-changing workforce.

Economic development is something that requires unique attention at the local, regional, and state level – our responsibilities are different but it's also critical that we have full collaboration and openness across all the levels to be truly successful. This will be one of our main focuses this session.

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 Jessica.Garvin@oksenate.gov or calling (405) 521-5522.

# Rants? Raves?

Submit your letter to the editor.

# Mom's cantaloupey boyfriend test

By Andy Bowman,  
CoffeeTime  
Columnist

Mom and her teen-age daughter were grocery shopping together, preparing for the family dinner on Friday night.

The family always enjoyed fresh fruits, so before paying out at the cash register, they stopped in the fruit and vegetable section of the store.

Mom picked through several possible candidates of cantaloupes, squeezing, eyeballing and then finally picking each one up to give it her final test – smelling.

Her daughter stood by watching this whole ritual with her usual impatient rolling of the eyes and sighing. But Mom finally found ‘the one,’ the one which met all her criteria, and turned to place it in her basket.

At that point, she met the eyes of her young daughter and spotted the unmistakable “Mom, why all this fuss over a stupid cantaloupe?” look in her eyes.

Swallowing her own annoyance, Mom proceeded to patiently teach her young teenager that all the rigamarole she had gone through allowed her

to find a cantaloupe that was truly cantaloupey – unblemished, perfectly ripe, and tasty.

As she talked, she suddenly recognized this could be a fun opportunity to teach the girl how to evaluate boys and find the ones who would be good dating material, as dating often leads to marriage material later. How to identify and find promising ‘young cantaloupes.’

This is what Mom taught while holding two totally different-looking cantaloupes in her hands:

Dating – the time for searching through the bin and recognizing a truly ripe cantaloupe. Rejecting the ones that you can readily identify as still-green candidates.

And also the ones who have a blemish that will soon ruin the taste.

Actually, a lot like the process of finding a possible future life partner.

Life partner possibles – The cantaloupes that hold a lot of promising evidence of being what a mature cantaloupe should be when it is cut and eaten. A young man on his way to becoming a mature, loving and responsible adult.

Promising evidence – A cantaloupe with a good scent and no visible blemishes. A young man who is respectful and exhibits honesty, kindness, and patience. And most importantly is a true follower of God.

Blemishes – An easily spotted bruising on the surface of the fruit. “If I buy an obviously blemished one, it will likely have a mushy texture when it’s cut open, and a bad taste when we try to eat it. And I’ll have just spent my money for nothing and disappointed myself. I would have to just throw it away, so it’s not worth the risk.” Same disappointing issues can occur with a mate.

The daughter probably acted bored with this lecture – but still, she heard it and probably absorbed much of it. Hopefully, applying it as she dated in the coming years until her probable marriage.

This was a smart and caring mom, who took advantage of a moment to teach a valuable lesson that would influence her girl’s dating decisions and her entire future.

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## Good shepherds

**Blane Nicklas** and Zack Eubank were shepherds in the First Baptist Church Lexington’s Live Nativity scene December 8.

# Burglaries investigated

Purcell Police were called to Kesslers Transmission just after 4 a.m. December 8 to investigate a prowler on the premises on camera.

Thanks to the camera police had a description of the suspect they said to be about 20-years-old, light brown complexion and black hair wearing jeans and a blue hoodie and white shoes.

The suspect, who was not identified, was located driving

a side-by-side in the 1600 block of South Green Avenue. He was detained by police while they waited for Lighthorse Police to arrive since the suspect said he was Cheyenne-Arapahoe.

Officers discovered a vehicle was damaged in the parking lot of Jacobson Concrete like someone was trying to break into the Black Ford Mustang as well as two concrete log book tablets ripped from the mounts and were on the ground on the

driver’s side of each truck. Officers discovered M&M Mowers had also been burglarized.

While waiting on Lighthorse officers Purcell officers noticed two chain saws, a money bag and a lawn mower in the back of the side-by-side.

Owners of M&M reclaimed the property that was taken from their building and the investigation was turned over to Lighthorse.

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## Prepared:

because we were planning on connecting with our family at our gathering destination.

When we got back home, we were thankful that our local restaurant was open. The place was crammed with people just like us who needed a place to eat on Christmas day.

We ate some omelets and pancakes making the most of it and giving thanks that we had made it home safely and found a place to eat.

I suspect we will remember the day forever. We were safe, had some food to eat and had

a warm home to hang out and watch television the rest of the day.

Often, it’s the simple things of life that we remember because it’s the simple things that get us through. Often, we overwhelm ourselves with aiming for grandeur. We have to remember what grandeur is really all about.

The first Christmas grandeur was a baby lying in a cow’s trough. A peasant couple was thankful to just find a covering for their heads to bring their new baby into the world.

Every year they are remembered and celebrated. Their Christmas was as simple as it gets but it was so significant and life changing for all who love their story.

As you celebrate this special season keep in mind that some of the simplest things you do will likely be the most significant part of your Christmas story.

Find books by Glenn Mollette at Amazon.com Learn more about his books, columns and music at GlennMollette.com or gmmollette@aol.com.

No. 863-December 14-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JORGE MARTINEZ VILLEDA, Deceased.

Case No. PB-23-141 COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

To: All persons interest in the Estate of Jorge Martinez Villeda, Deceased

You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of December 2023, the Petitioner, Jose Martinez Trejo, filed in the District Court of McClain County a Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator.

The Petitioner has alleged that Jorge Martinez Villeda, Deceased, 4695 SE 12th St., Washington, OK, 73093, died intestate on June 6, 2022, domiciled in and residing in the State of Oklahoma. Petitioner has asked this Court for summary proceedings pursuant to 58 O.S. 245, et seq.

The names, addresses of the administrator and heirs at law of Decedent at the time of his death, so far as known to the Petitioner are:

Lorenza Trejo de Martinez, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

Miguel Martinez Trejo, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

Jose Martinez Trejo, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

Alejandro Martinez Trejo, c/o James B. Blevins, Jr., 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080

The value of the Estate of Decedent is less than \$200,000.00.

In an Order for Combined Notice entered on the 12th day of December 2023, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law and order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator, the final accounting, and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees, and distribution.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having claims against Jorge Martinez Villeda, 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 Jose Martinez Trejo, Special Administrator, at the law offices of Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Special Administrator, on or before the following presentment date: January 11, 2024 or the same will be forever barred.

Notice is also hereby given that a hearing will be held on February 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the McClain County Courthouse, in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, before Judge Charles Gray. At the hearing the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and petition for determination of heirs and distribution of property of the Decedent. The final account and petition for determination of heirs, devisees and legatees and 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 Summary Administration and

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

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

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.

James B. Blevins, Jr.,

OBA #881

Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731

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Jalinda Buettner

9516 S. Shields Blvd., Apt. 33

Moore, OK 73160-3109

Rodney Woo

c/o Carolyn Wood

204 South Country Club Rd.

Newcastle, OK 73065

The final hearing shall be heard

on the 1st day of February, 2024

at 9:30 a.m. in the McClain County

Courthouse, 121 N. 2nd Street,

Ste. 231, Purcell, OK 73080, before

the Honorable Charles Gray,

Judge of the District Court.

All persons receiving this combined

notice or any interested party may

file objections to the Petition at any

time before the date set for the final

hearing and send a copy of such objection

to said

Mirlene Artie Vrem-Koenig, in care of her attorney, Michael S. Vernon, 1216 NW 50th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73118, or such person shall be deemed to have waived any objections to the Petition.

If objections to the Petition are filed before the hearing date, the court will determine at the hearing whether or not summary proceedings are appropriate; and, if so, whether the Estate will be distributed and to whom the Estate will be distributed.

The claim of any creditor will be barred unless the claim is presented to the Special Administrator or his attorney no more than thirty (30) days following the granting of the order admitting the Petition and combined notice.

Dated this 12th day of December, 2023.

Prepared by:  
/s/ Michael S. Vernon  
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## Library:

ments. In addition to the new Maker Labs, all PLS locations offer opportunities to make, create, and design through library programs and STEAM experience centers throughout the year.

Founded in 1958, PLS today offers full-access libraries in 10 communities throughout Cleveland, McClain and Pot-

tawatomie counties, as well as additional access locations in smaller communities and outreach services including Business Services and the PLS Mobile Maker Lab.

To learn more about Maker Services at PLS, visit <https://pioneerlibrarysystem.org/services/maker-services>.

# Society

## PLS joins Urban Libraries call to action

The Pioneer Library System has signed on to the Urban Libraries Council's Declaration of Democracy, committing to build policies and actions that preserve and protect democracy in our communities.

ULC's Declaration of Democracy was unveiled to ULC members during the 2022 ULC Annual Forum held in Washington, DC this November. PLS was the 100th library to sign on, and the first in Oklahoma.

Public libraries are critical cornerstones of democracy, and democracy's future is diminished when people's access to power, information, a diversity of voices and the ability to influence policy are restricted.

The battle to protect democracy is a global struggle playing out at the local level and libraries have landed on the front lines. Democracy can only thrive with strong community level support and engagement.

"We are proud to launch this vital initiative, and we celebrate the Pioneer Library System for joining us in our commitment to preserving democracy in our communities," said ULC President and CEO Brooks Rainwater. "Library leaders serve as civic educators and play an essential role in taking on censorship and ensuring free access to information for all. The public library has a responsibility to cultivate a democracy grounded in respectful, yet robust, public engagement."

PLS actively encourages civic engagement and voting, with several locations serving as

polling places in their communities, and routinely disperses email and social media messages encouraging citizens to register to vote and to engage in the voting process.

More importantly, PLS libraries serve as information hubs, offering materials, technology, and other resources that enable customers to access information.

"Libraries are rooted in our commitment to the freedom of information," said Kelly Sitzman, PLS Director of Communications & Employee Development. "We do this by providing materials and access to resources to all and in a way that represents our diverse communities. Oklahomans have the right to access information on a variety of topics and viewpoints without restrictions, a fundamental act of participation in a democracy. We are proud to uphold these values and core principles alongside ULC and other libraries across our country."

Founded in 1958, PLS today offers full-access libraries in 10 communities throughout Cleveland, McClain, and Pottawatomie counties, as well as additional access locations in smaller communities and outreach services including Business Services and the PLS Mobile Maker Lab.

For more information about PLS and its resources, visit [pioneerlibrarysystem.org](http://pioneerlibrarysystem.org).

ULC member libraries can sign on to the Declaration of Democracy at [urbanlibraries.org](http://urbanlibraries.org).



## It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy eighth birthday to my great-niece, Everleigh Rusler of Midwest City.

Everleigh celebrates her birthday Friday, December 15. \*\*\*

Happy birthday to Danny Irwin, Jack Hutchens, Josh Jacks, Mandy Berrey, Lou Hooper, Juan Garanzuay, Brandi Steiner, Bryan Ibarra, Raquel Z. Suarez, Carlos Estrada, Claudia Estrada and Eva Ocampo. \*\*\*

Tonight's the night!

The Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting is tonight (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."

For more information, contact the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce at 405-527-3093. \*\*\*

Congratulations to Emily Dillard, the winner of the Purcell Public School Foundation 50/50 fundraiser.

The drawing was held December 12. \*\*\*

The Purcell Public Library will present "Creativity Unleashed: No Sew Fleece Gifts" Tuesday, December 19, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Explore your interests and discover one of the many ways that you can express yourself through no sew fleece projects. The program is designed for adults.

We all have an inner artist. Join us in discovering the endless possibilities of your creativity. You will be guided through this program exploring no sew fleece projects like bags, scarfs, and blankets. Basic scissor skills are required.

We have fleece perfect for gifts for the children in your life! Come to produce your own work of art.

Supplies will be provided. If you have a favorite pair of fabric scissors, please feel free to bring them.

Registration is required and you can save your spot by calling 405-527-5546 or online at [pioneerlibrarysystem.org](http://pioneerlibrarysystem.org). \*\*\*

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. \*\*\*

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](http://oktaxrolls.com).

For more information call 405-527-3261. \*\*\*

This is great recipe for your holiday meal. It comes from my good friend, Eulene Webester.

### Seven Layer Salad

Layer of lettuce, about 1 inch  
Small bunch of broccoli, chopped, stem off  
Red onion rings  
1 lb. bacon fried crisp, crumbled  
Box of frozen English peas  
8 oz. shredded cheese  
8 oz. Hellman's mayonnaise  
Layer each ingredient starting with the lettuce.

Top with shredded cheese and finish with mayonnaise  
Cover with plastic and refrigerate overnight.

## Wayne FFA attend Lead 360 Conference

By Raedyn Saunders  
Wayne FFA Reporter

Addison Erwin, Taelyn Ringwald, Adian Mills, Raedyn Saunders, Colt McGee and Josue Sanchez attended the 2023 Lead 360 Conference December 2 and 3 at Camp Cargill in Sparks, Okla.

They explored topics such as self-esteem, personal growth, motivation, goal setting and teamwork.

The members attended sessions with four professional

facilitators, Bill Cordes, Rhett Laubach, Kelly Barnes and Patty Hendrickson who speak all over the United States.

The 2023-24 State Officer Team was also present for the conference. They had a great time going and meeting members from other chapters attending.

It wasn't all work. They had a night of fun activities.

It was a great experience for our chapter members to bond and meet other FFA members from around the state.



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### Hitchin' a ride

Santa's getting a lift on a dinosaur on Truman Place in Purcell with Christmas right around the corner.



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### Generous donation

Pastor Tracy Hoskins, Trinity United Methodist Church in Purcell is pictured presenting Gale Wilson, volunteer for McClain County Operation Christmas with a very generous monetary donation. The money will be used to purchase toys and hams for the upcoming event. Monetary donations may be mailed to Darrell Ford at PO Box 756, Purcell, OK 73080 or contact Gale Wilson at 405-250-8316.



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### Operation Christmas donation

Susan Warren office manager for Herndon Family Dentistry in Purcell is pictured with Peggy Christian, volunteer for McClain County Operation Christmas. These donated items will be given out this week in the Christmas boxes.

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Samoa Truffles	Carmel Corn \$15 for a gallon bag
Almond Joy	Puppy Chow
Turtles	Sausage Balls
Fudge w/ Nuts	Cakes, Pies and Fried Pies on Request (Minimum of 6 fried pies)
Fudge	Old Fashion Cream Drop Cookies \$15 a dozen
Chocolate Graham's	Cowboy Cookies
Peanut Clusters	
Toffee Candy	
Cinnamon Rock Candy	

**Order deadline is December 19**

\*Cakes and pies vary message for prices and flavors.



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### Friendly competition

Fun was had by all with a friendly competition between two local FFA Chapters. The annual War on 74 benefited McClain County Operation Christmas! The FFA Chapters from Purcell and Washington collected toys to donate. The students delivered the toys this week to be given out at the event.



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### Decked out

The yard at 306 S. Main Street in Lexington is decked out in holiday decorations with Santa's visit not far away.



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### Purcell Students of the Month

Purcell Elementary School Students of the Month for November are second graders Kynzlee White and Daniel Gress; first graders Lyndsie Driskill and Yoel Chavez; kindergarteners Amiah Torres and Xander West and Pre-K students Everly Jenne and (not pictured) Valentin Ramirez. Students are chosen for making excellent Dragon CARES.

## Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello again, everyone. Hope your holiday shopping season is going well. Just a couple of weeks left until Christmas as I write this on Monday evening. Time sure flies, doesn't it? Won't be long until we are talking spring planting.

The WSCC garage sale will not be open this week or next as we all prepare for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The center will be closed on December 25 and 26 for Christmas and the 29th for New Years. We will be open on January 2.

Delta Nutrition provides a delicious meal served every Monday through Friday, excluding holidays and business closure days, serving promptly at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are

required to ensure that all who want a meal get a meal. To reserve a meal, or to find out how to qualify for one, please call 405-527-9462 in Purcell. We also provide home delivery for those who meet those requirements.

Here is the menu for December 18-22:

Monday—Chili dog with cheese on a bun, potato soup, pea salad, chocolate chip cookies.

Tuesday—Baked chicken, broccoli rice casserole, stewed tomatoes, hot roll or sliced bread, gelatin with fruit.

Wednesday—Tater tot casserole, green beans, carrots, sliced bread or roll, krispy treat.

Thursday—Participant's

choice, menu to be determined. Friday—Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, blackeyed peas, sliced bread or roll, sweet potato pie.

Milk is available with every meal. One per person, please.

If you are new to the area, or have lived here for a long time but have never joined us for lunch, please call me at 405-527-9462 to find out how easy it is to qualify for the Delta Senior Nutrition meal program.

I appreciate all my volunteers and everyone else who continues to support your Wayne Senior Citizens Center and Delta Nutrition.

Until next time, and Merry Christmas!

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# Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

Our Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 15. The party starts around 11:30 a.m. There will be a potluck dessert bar and Dirty Santa following lunch. Lots of fun, friends and fellowship for our center family. A surprise visitor might be attending the festivities! Please come and celebrate with us!

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. 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 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 year. We are always open to new ideas for activities from everyone who attends.

We have lots of Christmas decorations for sale this December! The Center Garage Sale is 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 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 18-22:  
Monday—Chili dog, potato soup, pea salad, cookies.

Tuesday—Baked chicken, broccoli and rice, stewed tomatoes, roll, gelatin.

Wednesday—Tater tot casserole, green beans, carrots, bread, crispy treat.

Thursday—Participant's choice.

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

One milk per person is served with every meal.

We appreciate everyone who continues to donate and support the senior center. Your cash and household goods donation continue to enhance the lives of our seniors and the operation of our center.



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## Oklahoma sunset

Sunsets in Oklahoma are some of the best of anywhere in the world and December 11 was right up there with the best.

## Dibble Senior Citizens

Greetings from the Dibble Senior Citizens.

This month marks our anniversary in our current building. We are so proud to have a building of our own and since we moved in, we have seen our pantry grow in donations and in clients.

We have changed from Friday walk-in to getting a box to drive-through and receive a box.

Bessie's Diner has welcomed a lot of new faces and said goodbye until we meet again to some old. But some things remain the same. We have great volunteers who work together to serve our community, we are always glad to share a meal, and everyone is always welcome.

The menu for the week of December 18:

Monday—Chili and cornbread.

Wednesday—Beef tips and rice.

Friday—Christmas Dinner.

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 CashApp-\$dibblesrcitizens.

**Until next time, Dibble Senior Citizens Crew**



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# Obituaries

## Lillian Murray

Graveside services for Lillian Murray, 98, of Wayne were held Friday, December 8, at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mrs. Murray passed away on December 5, 2023 surrounded by family.

Lillian E. (Clagg) Murray was born June 29, 1925 in Lindsay, Okla., to Herbert C and Vernessa (Vawter) Clagg. She was the fourth of seven children born to the couple. She spent most of her life around the Lindsay/Wayne area and attended Bryant School.

On May 17, 1941, she married Sidney E. Murray and together the couple made their home in Wayne, Okla. They had one daughter, Janet. In May 1965, the couple welcomed two nephews into their home as part of the family, Douglas and Darrell Clagg.

Lillian operated a beauty shop in her home for over 30 years, worked at the McClain County Court Clerk's office and ended her career as Judge Ewing's bailiff. No matter what profession she was in, she was dedicated and loyal.

Lillian's grandchildren and great-grandchildren meant the absolute world to her. She cherished spending time teaching the great-grandchildren crocheting and embroidering. She was known for her "famous hot-rolls". Her house was full of pictures of her precious loved ones.

She had a special "knack" of making everyone feel special, treasured and loved. Lillian loved and was loved by a lot of people. If you knew her, chances are you have been told by her "I love you, come to see me". She was loved deeply and will be missed immensely.

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents, H.C. and Vernessa Clagg; and her siblings, Evalena Ballard, Phillip Clagg, David Clagg, Issac Clagg and Naomi Henderson.

She is survived by her daughter, Janet McGowen and husband, Benny, of Wayne; her grandsons, Terry McGowen and wife, Stacy, of Paoli and Kirk McGowen and wife, Kristy, of Wayne; her great-grandchildren, Sydney, Kiley, Kade, Jaci, Hadlee, Lucas, Cody and Blakely McGowen; two special nephews, Douglas Clagg and wife, Bonnie, of Chandler and Darrell Clagg and wife, Gayla, of Elmore City; her sister, Anna Baker and husband, Delbert Morrison, of Wayne; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the First Presbyterian Church of Rosedale, 12739 Indian Meridian, Wayne, OK 73095.

Online condolences may be made at [wilsonlittle.com](http://wilsonlittle.com).

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## Emil Engdahl

A Mass of Christian Burial for Emil Engdahl, 85, of Purcell was held Dec. 11, 2023 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Purcell. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Engdahl died Dec. 5, 2023 surrounded by his family.

Emil Leon Engdahl was born on Sept. 29, 1938 in Purcell, the youngest of three children of Eric Set Engdahl and Katherine M. (Wellinghoff) Engdahl.

Survivors include his loving wife, Betty Engdahl of the home; son, Leon Engdahl and wife, Cherie, of Purcell; two daughters, Pam Vaughn and husband, Mike, of Purcell and Kathy Wollenberg and husband, Paul, of Purcell; brother, Herb Engdahl of Lexington; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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## Gaylene Brewer

Funeral services for Gaylene Brewer, 63, of Lindsay were held Dec. 12, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at the Hopping Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Brewer died Dec. 5, 2023.

Cheryl Gaylene Penner was born on July 31, 1960 in Purcell, the daughter of Jerrel Lee Penner and Doris Lee Penner (Reynolds).

Survivors include her husband, Robert Brewer of the home; her children, Stephen Brewer and wife, Sarah, of Lindsay and Jessica Turner and husband, Don, of Lindsay; her sister, Karen Penner of Wayne; brother-in-law, Bob Clark of Wayne; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and one on the way.

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## Barbara Madden

Graveside services for Barbara Madden, 61, of Purcell were held Dec. 11, 2023 at the Washington Cemetery. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Madden died Dec. 6, 2023.

Barbara Dianne (Albert) Madden was born on Oct. 2, 1962 in Purcell, the daughter of Frank James and Millie May (Andrews) Albert.

Survivors include her husband, Roger Madden; her sons, Kyle Madden and wife, Leia, of Purcell, and Jerrod Madden and wife, Emily, of Purcell; her brother, Timmy Albert and wife, Michelle, of Wayne; her sisters, Joanna Hailey and husband, James, of Noble, Carrie Aday and husband, Mark, of Washington, Liz Selman and husband, Jerry, of Washington, Ladonna Aday and husband, Chris, of Washington and Sarah Smith and husband, Paul, of Sherman, Texas; four grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

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## Ronald Wayne Schrader

Graveside services for Ronald Wayne Schrader, 81, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 at the Washington Cemetery. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

All friends and family are welcome to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Goldsby Community Center, 100 E. 1290, in Goldsby.

Mr. Schrader died Dec. 9, 2023.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1942, the youngest son of Frank and Ruby.

Survivors include his wife Mary Sue of the home; three children, Rhonda Kay, Sherri Michelle and Randall Don; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and two siblings, Louise and Mary Lou.

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## Leeta Mae Glasco

Funeral services for Leeta Mae Glasco, 94, of Wayne were held Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Glasco passed away on December 8, 2023.

Leeta Mae Glasco was born on May 26, 1929 to William Orville Dunn and Josie Lee Dunn in Wayne. She grew up in the Stealey community and started school there. She attended Wayne High School and graduated with the Bulldog class of 1947.

Later that year, on December 27, she married the love of her life, Floris Glasco. They moved to Midwest City in 1952. Leeta worked for C.I.T. Financial Services for more than 21 years. By 1974 she retired and moved back home to Wayne.

She and Floris enjoyed the day-to-day life on the ranch before retiring for good in 1991. Leeta had a love for the outdoors and took great pride in her flower and vegetable gardens. She was a woman of great faith, and a long-time member of the Unity Missionary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floris Glasco and her parents, William and Josie Dunn.

Leeta is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and a host of family and friends.

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## Scott Lee Rafferty

Scott Lee Rafferty died December 5, 2023, in Oklahoma City, at the age of 56 years 9 months 20 days. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.



Born on February 16, 1967, in Lemmon, South Dakota, Scott was welcomed into the loving arms of his parents, Larry and Karen (Beyers) Rafferty. He spent his formative years in Sturgis, South Dakota, and graduated from high school in 1985.

Eager to expand his knowledge and pursue his passion for helping others, he pursued further education to become a paramedic. In dedication to serving his country with integrity and courage, Scott joined the United States Army on March 3, 1989. His unwavering commitment led him to rise through the ranks as a Sergeant before receiving an honorable discharge on June 10, 1998. During his military tenure, Scott was recognized for his exceptional service with numerous honors including the Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and many more.

Notably, he served as a jump master for the esteemed 82nd Airborne Division with an impressive tally of 363 successful jumps. His exceptional skills were further showcased when he was selected to "put out" General Luck from an airplane—an esteemed privilege that paid tribute to his expertise and dedication. Throughout both his military career and beyond, Scott consistently exemplified selflessness and a deep-rooted desire to assist those in need.

Passionate about contributing to his community, Scott served as a volunteer firefighter and held the esteemed position of president of Search and Rescue in Meade County. Dedicated to outdoor pursuits and stewardship of the land, he diligently cared for his property and livestock. The arduous task of mowing his grounds may not have been his favorite undertaking, but Scott always ensured it was accomplished to perfection.

When he wasn't immersed in tending to his responsibilities, Scott derived immense joy from spending quality time with his beloved family. Whether embarking on culinary adventures, hunting amidst nature's bounties, casting lines into tranquil waters, or relishing horseback rides, every moment shared with loved ones held profound significance. Above all, he treasured being called Grandpa or Pawpaw by his adoring grandchildren—a testament to the boundless love and devotion that filled their lives.

Scott was preceded in death by his parents, Larry and Karen Rafferty; his brother, Larry Rafferty; his great-grandchild, Kall Wilder; his nephew, Andrew Simmons, and numerous aunts and uncles.

Survivors include his wife, Belinda Rafferty; his daughter, Ashley Rafferty and spouse, Anthony Lamirand; his son, Justin Rafferty; his daughter, Shannon Russell and spouse, Christopher; his daughter, Spring Lancaster and spouse, Keith; his son, Kenneth Blair and spouse, Michelle; his grandchildren, Logan, Keeley, Caleb, Leah, Braxlee, Kolton, Drakon, Chloe, Skylar, Blaine, Jordan and Lilah; his great-grandchildren, Elizabeth "Ella", Isaac and Gatlin; his siblings, Jacqi Satterlee and spouse, Stuart, Jill Harris and spouse, Ron, and Kari Phillips and spouse, Mike; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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## Steven Baumann

Funeral services for Steven Baumann, 71, of Purcell were held Friday, December 8, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services were under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Baumann passed away on December 4, 2023.



Steven Paul Baumann was born on April 24, 1952, in Oklahoma City to Fred Baumann and Georgia Pearlina Baumann (Garrett). He grew up in Tuttle, attended school there, and graduated with the Tiger Class of 1970.

Right after school, he married the love of his life, Sarah Ellen Jones, on June 13, 1970 in Moore, Okla.

Steven joined the Oklahoma Air National Guard and proudly served for six years while he and Sarah started their family. They lived in Moore and Tuttle before finally settling in Purcell in 1980. For over 35 years, Steven was a forklift operator for Pratt Industries (formerly Love Box Company). After his retirement, he enjoyed getting coffee and catching up with his old work friends, Kathy Everett and Mack James.

He enjoyed tinkering in his shop, working on various projects, and gave his best effort to being a lawn mower mechanic, though he never had much success. Steven was a skilled woodworker and made detailed pieces for his wife to paint. He enjoyed fishing, horses, and could often be found wandering the aisles of Walmart. Steven never missed an OU game and was a true Sooner fan.

He loved spending time with his granddaughter, Isabella, who affectionately named him "Honey," and his Scottish Terrier, Jack. Steven was a beloved husband, father, friend, and Honey who will be dearly missed.

Steven was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Baumann and Pearlina Rinker; and his siblings Eddie Baumann, John Baumann, Bill Baumann, Bob Baumann, Joyce O'Daniel, and Dorothy Dobbs.

He is survived by his wife Sarah Baumann of the home; his daughters, Stacy Baumann, Shilah Baumann and Shawnda Baumann, all of Purcell; his beloved granddaughter, Isabella Cruz of Purcell; his siblings, Melvin Baumann of Tuttle, Okla., Lonnie Baumann of Sand Springs, Okla., Carol Sexton of Tuttle and Connie Banker of Newcastle.

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## Toothbrush donations

**McKenzie McMillan**, dental assistant for Dr. Glenn Mead, provided toothbrushes for McClain County Operation Christmas. She is pictured presenting them to Peggy Christian, volunteer for the event. If you would like to make a donation please call Gale Wilson at 405-250-8316 or mail monetary donations to Darrell Ford, PO Box 756, Purcell, OK 73080.



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## Donation time

It's that time again for McClain County Operation Christmas and for donations to the event. Dr. Londa Davis of Oklahoma Family Dentistry helped with the event by donating toothbrushes to Peggy Christian, volunteer. If you would like to donate please call Gale Wilson at 405-250-8316 or mail monetary donations to Darrell Ford, PO Box 756, Purcell, OK 73080.

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## Primary:

District February 13.

State law mandates a primary election be held if more than two candidates file for the same school board office.

The candidates for Washington School District Office No. 4 are: Clayton Colley, Adam Price and Ashley Teel.

The candidates for Wayne School District Office No. 4 are: Shad Blackwell, Harvey Fisher and Ryan Morris.

According to McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley, if one candidate receives more than 50 percent of the votes, that candidate will be declared the elected official.

If no one receives more than 50 percent of the votes, the top two candidates will vie for the office in the April 2 Board of Education General Election.

Voters who are registered and

reside at an address within the geographical boundaries of the Washington School District or Wayne School District are eligible to vote in both the Board of Education Primary Election and possible General Election.

If you have questions about eligibility, contact your county election board at 405-527-3121 or mcclaincounty@elections.ok.gov. You can also find your district information using the State Election Board's OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp.

Candidates who filed for Purcell Municipal Council Member Division 2 and will appear on the February 13 Purcell Municipal Primary ballot are: Greg Wheat and Chris Hurt.

Candidates who filed for office but will appear on the

April 2 General Election ballot are as follows:

Blanchard School District Office No. 4: Barry Carpenter and Cindy Spaulding.

Dibble School District Office No. 4: Stephen Swaim and Sheri Phillips.

Candidates who filed for office unopposed and will not appear on the General Election ballot are as follows:

Mid-America Tech Center Office No.5: Joe T. Ray  
Newcastle School District Office No. 4: Jeff Dingee

Purcell School District Office No. 4: Holly Baker

The Candidate who filed for office unopposed and will not appear on the February 13 Primary election is as follows: Purcell Municipal Council Member Division 3: Joseph Franco.

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## Races:

A race developed for the Wayne School Board seat.

Ryan Morris, Shad Blackwell and Harvey Fisher all filed for the seat.

Holly Baker is unopposed for

her seat on the Purcell Board of Education.

A race has developed in the scramble for a seat on the Washington School Board.

Filing in Washington's dis-

trict were Clayton Colley, Adam Price and Ashley Teel.

Stephen Swaim and Sheri Phillips both filed for the position on the Dibble Board of Education.

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## Electric:

The board voted to accept the low bid of Exodus Energy, L.L.C. of \$58,000 pending they provide proof of insurance by noon December 14 or the council will take the next lowest bid of \$81,101.25 by Harcon, LLC.

Other bids were received from bnb Industries, Inc., Bison Electric, Inc. and All American Construction Projects, L.L.C.

The board approved a joint resolution amending policy for the City of Purcell and Public

Works Authority distributed generation program.

Also at the meeting, at the recommendation of the Library Advisory Board, Justin Blankenship and Pat Martin were appointed to the Library Advisory Board.

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## Champs:

Not many can say their program has won 30 in a row. That's tied for the 24th longest winning streak in Oklahoma history."

The game started out in Washington's favor.

On the second play of the game senior quarterback Major Cantrell tossed a 78-yard scoring strike to junior tight end Nate Roberts and the Warriors were up 7-0.

But Millwood responded putting together their best (and only) drive of the night pulling within a point at 7-6.

Washington was in the process of a long drive of their own when OU commit Jaden Nickens stepped in front of a Cantrell pass and bobbed and weaved his way 82 yards to the Washington end zone.

At that point in the contest both teams kind of settled in and it became a defensive struggle.

That is until right before halftime when Xzavier Thompson got behind the Washington secondary to haul in a 54-yard scoring bomb that gave the Falcons an 18-7 advantage heading into the halftime locker room.

The Warriors quickly cut into the Falcon lead with Cantrell throwing a 22-yard touchdown pass to junior Mason Singletary.

On the ensuing defensive possession the game turned on a dime in favor of the now three-time State Champion Warriors.

Sophomore quarterback Schuyler Turnbull lofted an aerial that was picked off by senior Kade Norman, who didn't stop running until he was in the Millwood end zone.

"That put us up 21-18 and we kept the lead from then on," Beller said.

After Cantrell galloped in from six yards out the Warrior lead had grown to 28-18.

The Falcons scored again after another possession drive knifing the margin to 28-24 but enter Singletary who scarfed up the ensuing kickoff and returned it for a touchdown.

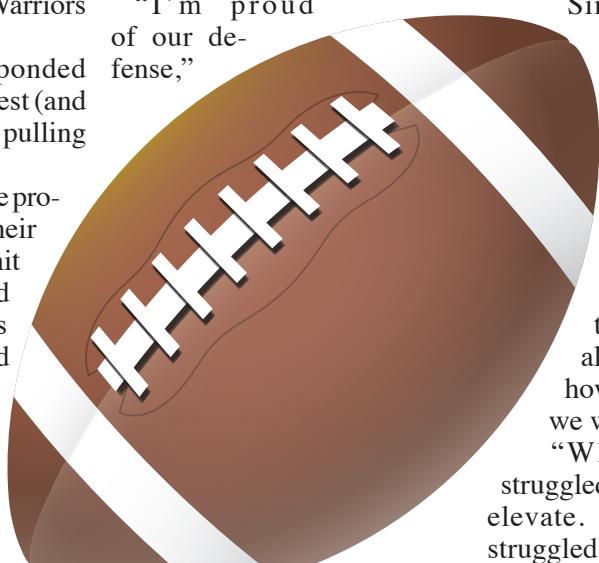
"After his kick return I think everyone including Millwood knew we were going to win," Beller said of the watershed moment.

Earlier in the contest, sopho-

more Lane Taylor forced a fumble.

"He had a big strip fumble in the first half on their quarterback," Beller said. "But the player of the night was Kade Norman with the pick six when we never trailed again and sealed the deal with the touchdown at the end.

"I'm proud of our defense,"



Beller continued.

"We gave up one long drive and the deep ball but other than that our defense played extremely well. Case Taylor, Naithen Spaulding and Case Alexander all played well."

Taylor led the tackling chart with 11 stops. Spaulding and Alexander both had eight tackles, Keller Howard had seven

while Norman and Max Wilson both had interceptions.

"And you can't say enough about Major Cantrell," Beller said turning to the offense. "He passed for 221 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another," Beller noted.


Cantrell had completions to Cage Morris, Roberts and Singletary, who had a text-book block on Roberts' touchdown reception.

"Our special teams did it away," Beller noted. "It's great to see all three phases of the game do well. Looking at the last two games all three phases show how complete of a team we were.

"When the offense struggled the defense would elevate. When the defense struggled the offense would pick it up. And the last two weeks the special teams have been huge, Mayson making every PAT against Jones and the return this week.


"You don't go into coaching to just win championships but its to be a part of a group like this with all their hard work. The hard work pays off and its great to be around an outstanding bunch of kids."

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## Parade:

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This year's theme is "Anything Christmas in the Heartland."

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## 2023 Players of the Year



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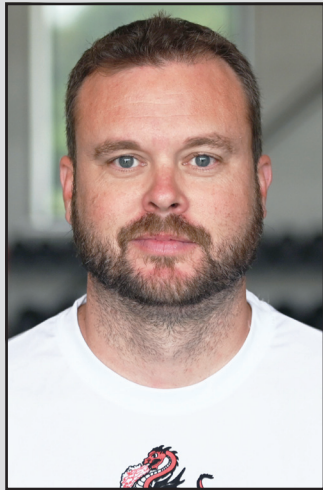


Noah Mason



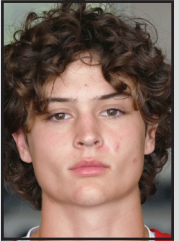
Nathan Tekaat

## Coach of the Year



Aaron Dillard

## Honorable Mention



Jett Tyler



Payton Rivera

## Dragons bring home bacon

Girls make it back-to-back championships at Madill

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The Purcell Register

Coach Toney Cooper's Dragons went 3-0 at the Madill Tournament bringing home the championship trophy in grand style.

It was the second straight Madill Winter Classic title for Toney Cooper's Dragons.

Led by Kenna Esparza's 17 points, Purcell demolished first round foe Dickson, 71-27. Esparza finished with 46 points in the three games.

The only close contest was in the semifinals when Caddo put up a fight but still fell, 45-39.

The Bruins actually led at halftime, 22-20 but the Dragons, led by Ashlee McClung and Jenna Avery (both with nine) quickly came back in the third quarter to lead 34-32 heading into the fourth period before posting the six point victory.

The finale was a tale of two halves.

Madill won the first half 17-14 but Purcell cruised to a 47-24 second half advantage to easily win, 61-37.

Esparza paced the Dragons with 19 in the championship

contest.

"We opened this tournament playing the team we defeated in the championship game last year," Cooper said. "Our girls came out focused and really wanted to control the pace of the game. I was not happy with our defensive performance in our first game and challenged the team to show more effort on that side of the ball."

They did.

Purcell held Dickson to nine first half points and never let up.

Haven Buchanan finished with 11 points while Alyssa Thompson chipped in with nine off the bench.

"It was a great way to start the tournament as we were efficient offensively and aggressive defensively," Cooper said.

Cooper said his club knew Caddo would be a challenge.

"They are extremely disciplined on offense. We jumped out on them in first quarter knocking down some three's early but they made a run on in the second quarter and we found ourselves down two at the half.

"Defense was our emphasis

again for this game and it proved to be the difference as we were able to hold them to single digits in the fourth quarter," the coach said.

Hadleigh Harp added eight points and provided solid defense on their top scorer.

Please see **Dragons**, page 2B

## Championship game box score

Purcell	7	7	19	28—61
Madill	4	13	7	17—37

Player	Points
Kenna Esparza	19
Jenna Avery	9
Ella Resendiz	7
Hadleigh Harp	7
Tinley Winters	6
Ashlee McClung	4
Kaylin Vazquez	3
Hannah Whitaker	3
Lili Del Toro	3



• Photo provided

## Back-to-back

For the second year in a row the Purcell Dragons won the Madill Winter Classic Basketball Tournament. They pinned a 61-37 loss on host Madill in the finals last Saturday night.

## 2023-2024

# Washington Basketball



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Cage Morris  
Sr., 1



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Gavin Davidson  
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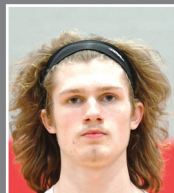
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Noah Bennett  
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## Clearing a hole

Washington senior Tanner Winlock (55) blocks a Millwood defender in the State championship game Saturday as junior Hudson Howard (5) runs with the ball. The Warriors won the Gold Ball after defeating Millwood 41-24. Howard finished the night with 90 yards on 32 carries.

# Dragons:

“We were not as efficient offensively this game, but did enough to secure the win. Big win for our team as Caddo is a really good team. The growth of our team from a year ago was on full display. The girls faced a lot of adversity during this game and to see them hang in there and rise to the occasion every time they made a run was refreshing to see as a coach,” Cooper said.

“Our goal before we left Purcell on Thursday was to repeat as champions of this tournament! We were one step away from our goal so the plan for Saturday was to simply finish what we started,” Cooper said.

The Dragons were sluggish in the first half.

“We missed so many easy baskets and had several break-downs defensively. In the second half we came out focused and it showed from the first possession. Kenna Esparza had an incredible second half leading us in scoring, combined with several key steals and rebounds that helped open up the game for us.

Jenna Avery finished with nine points while holding one of their key players to a season low two points for the game.

“Ella Resendiz and Hadleigh Harp chipped in seven points each. Tinley Winters added six and grabbed rebounds both offensively and defensively that were key to helping us secure the win.

“Kenna Esparza repeated as Tournament MVP. Jenna Avery and Hadleigh Harp both were recognized as All-Tournament Team.

“I am super proud of our team start to finish. It is a great accomplishment to start our season.”

Coach Roger Raper’s Drag-

ons finished third in the event after winning it last year.

The Dragons knocked off Sulphur in the opening round 58-42 with Kobe Freeman leading the way offensively with 21 points. He was joined in double figures by Jaime Resendiz with 17 and Kylen DeFreeze with 12.

In the semifinals, Purcell came up on the short end of a 57-45 count to Madill. Freeman had 23 in that contest while DeFreeze finished with 15.

Freeman nailed six treys in the third place game with Caddo to singe the nylons for 32 points while DeFreeze finished in double digits with 10.

Purcell defeated the Bruins, 56-53.

For the tournament Freeman pumped in 76 points followed by DeFreeze with 37 and Jaime Resendiz with 22.

Freeman was named to the All Tournament Team.

Head coach Roger Raper said the tournament was good for his young squad.

“We need games to gain more experience. We had spurts on the offensive end where we were very good. The problem is being consistent on that end.

“We tend to get away from what is working and it takes too long to get settled back in.

“Defensively we kind of did

the same thing. We played a great second half against Sulphur on both ends of the court and were able to take control of that game,” Raper said.

Madill’s postman Wilkerson poured in 24 points against the Dragons.

“Their big man had a nice game but it was the role players that set them up for a nice tournament championship,” the coach noted.

Raper said the Dragons’ game with Caddo was up and down.

“Kobe Freeman put on a shooting exposition hitting six threes and scoring 16 consecu-

tive points in the third quarter,” Raper said.

Purcell second leading scorer is senior Kylen DeFreeze.

“He is becoming more and more confident with each game as is junior Brayden Tharp.

“We had some younger kids play good minutes as well,” Raper said of sophomore Ryder Ward, freshman Jahir Resendiz, sophomore Kyler Rangel, freshman Kyeaston Martin and freshman Drew Blair.

“We are young but I really like this group and I believe we will continue to get better and better as we go forward,” the coach concluded.



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## Handles

Washington sophomore Kelby Beller dribbles the ball on the wings for the Warriors. Beller and Co. defeated Tishomingo (68-18), Kiowa (55-41) and Latta (52-39) to claim the Latta Panther Basketball tournament over the weekend.

# Warriors claim another title

Girls take first, boys runners-up team

**John Denny Montgomery**  
**The Purcell Register**

Washington’s boys and girls basketball teams were putting in work of their own on the day the football claimed gold at State.

Second-year head coach Kale Simon’s girls team defeated Tishomingo, Kiowa and host

Latta at the Latta Panther Classic on the way to winning the title.

The Warriors, ranked No. 1 in Class 3A, are now 5-0 this season.

**Tishomingo**  
They opened the tournament with a 68-18 win over Tishomingo.

Shelbie Caveness led the team in scoring with a game-high 11 points.

Breanna Lindert was also in double figures with 10 points.

**Kiowa**  
Washington then defeated Kiowa 55-41 in the second game.

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12/7  
**Purcell 71**  
**Dickson 27**

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**Purcell 45**  
**Caddo 39**

Purcell	13	18	22	18	—71
Dickson	1	8	14	4	—27

Purcell	15	5	14	11	—45
Caddo	10	12	10	7	—39

Player	Points
Kenna Esparza	17
Haven Buchanan	11
Alyssa Thompson	9
Ella Resendiz	7
Tinley Winters	6
Lili Del Toro	5
Jenna Avery	4
Hadleigh Harp	4
Ashlee McClung	4
Kaylin Vazquez	2
Hannah Whitaker	2

Player	Points
Ashlee McClung	9
Jenna Avery	9
Hadleigh Harp	8
Haven Buchanan	5
Ella Resendiz	4
Kenna Esparza	3
Hannah Whitaker	3
Tinley Winters	2
Kaylin Vazquez	2

12/7  
**Purcell 58**  
**Sulphur 42**

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**Purcell 45**  
**Madill 57**

Purcell	10	6	23	19	—58
Sulphur	18	7	5	12	—42

Purcell	10	12	5	18	—45
Madill	15	12	13	17	—57

Player	Points
Kobe Freeman	21
Jaime Resendiz	17
Kylen DeFreeze	12
Brayden Tharp	6
Kyler Rangel	2

Player	Points
Kobe Freeman	23
Kylen DeFreeze	15
Brayden Tharp	4
Kyler Rangel	3

12/9  
**Purcell 56**  
**Caddo 53**

Purcell	8	19	21	8	—56
Caddo	15	11	16	11	—53

Player	Points
Kobe Freeman	32
Kylen DeFreeze	10
Jaime Resendiz	5
Kyler Rangel	3
Ryder Ward	2
Kyeston Martin	2
Braydon Tharp	2



## WARRIORS VS. FALCONS

MILLWOOD	0	18	0	6	24
WASHINGTON	7	0	14	20	41

### TEAM OFFENSIVE STATS

	ATTEMPTS	YARDS	TDS
RUSHING	45	150	2
PASSING	8/17	211	2

### TEAM DEFENSIVE STATS

TACKLES	TFL	INT
CA. ALEXANDER - 7	CA. ALEXANDER - 3	K. NORMAN - 1
C. TAYLOR - 6	N. SPAULDING - 1	M. WILSON - 1
N. SPAULDING - 5	CO. ALEXANDER - 1	
K. NORMAN - 5		FUMBLES CAUSED
B. VAUGHN - 5		CO. ALEXANDER - 1
L. TAYLOR - 5		L. TAYLOR - 1
K. LAMPKIN - 4		

### SCORING PLAYS

#### 1ST QUARTER

• M. CANTRELL 78 YARD PASS TO N. ROBERTS, M. THOMAS PAT

#### 3RD QUARTER

• M CANTRELL 22 YARD PASS TO M. SINGLETARY, M THOMAS PAT  
• K. NORMAN 56 YARD PICK SIX, M. THOMAS PAT

#### 4TH QUARTER

• M. CANTRELL 6 YARD RUN, M. THOMAS PAT  
• M. SINGLETARY 72 YARD KICKOFF RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN, M. THOMAS PAT  
• K. NORMAN 8 YARD RUN, FAILED PAT

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Kelby Beller had a team-high 15 points, followed by Preslee Johnson and Lindert with 10 points each.

**Latta**  
Washington defeated Latta in the finals, 52-39, on Saturday. Beller scored 17 and Lindert had 11 to lead the team.

Simon said he sees plenty of room for improvement out of his team.

“We’re still working on getting combinations of players on the floor who are successful together,” he said. “We still aren’t taking care of what I call the ‘one percent’. We’re still missing out on a few rebounds and shots aren’t going in. It’s just little things here and there that we need to do that we aren’t doing right now.”

The Warriors got a test Tuesday night when they squared off against Class 3A’s No. 4 team Jones, who beat the Warriors in the State finals last season.

The Warriors will continue to concentrate on the process of getting better and becoming the team they want to become.

“We have to be better at being disciplined in the chaos,” Simon said. “Right now we’re not finishing plays and making decisions that need to be made in the chaos of the game.”

**Boys**  
Second-year head boys coach Trevor Smith’s team came up just short in the finals of their

# Wayne bball on break

Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs back on the court January 2 at Lexington

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

Late last week Wayne was in Binger for a tournament. They started with a 62-32 win over Geary, then fell to Union City and finished with a 61-57 win over Verden.

Last Tuesday, Wayne fell to Little Axe 59-45 at home.

Nine Bulldogs were on the books in the 62-32 win over Geary, Wayne's first game of the Binger tournament. Jaxon Dill (19), Wyatt Webster (14) and Bradey Vanschuyver (10) were all in double figures.

Wayne jumped out in front and held a 37-22 lead at half-time.

"We started slow against Geary. The guys shot the ball well.

"We made some halftime adjustments and were able to get lots of guys in the game for some playing time," head coach Jackson Embry said.

The second half was just as dominant as Wayne added 25 points through the third and fourth quarters while limiting Geary to just 10.

That win set up a game with Union City. Wayne fell 87-53.

"We scored the ball well enough to win, but we didn't have an answer to their best scorer who finished with more than 40 points," Embry said.

Dill and Webster were once again in double figures with 15 and 13, respectively.

The Tigers outscored Wayne in every quarter except the fourth.

The loss to Union City moved Wayne to the other side of the bracket where they played Verden. The Bulldogs beat the Tigers 61-57.

"In a back and forth game, our guys were poised in the fourth quarter to pull out a really good win over a good Class A team."

With 26 and 22 points, Dill and Webster were the leading scorers for Wayne again.

Dill scored 60 points through three games in the Binger tournament. Webster had 49. Both guys were name to the All-Tournament team.

**Little Axe**

Last Tuesday Wayne hosted Little Axe and fell 59-45.

Dill and Webster were the leading scorers with 18 and 11 points. Ben Fisher and Ty Kempe each added eight points.

"The score doesn't reflect how close this game was. We played well through three quarters, but couldn't put all four quarters together," Embry said.

Wayne was scheduled to play the OKC Knights on Tuesday and then they will be off until their schedule resumes on January 2 when they play at Lexington.

**Girls**

Wayne dropped their first game of the Binger tournament to Class A #18 Binger, 50-36.

"We talked about how we came in there with nothing to lose and the girls played it close the whole game," head coach Embry said.

Taelyn Ringwald tallied 20 points while Faith Brazell added 11.

In their second game, Wayne beat Geary 48-36.

"We really struggled to score in the first half and we were down.

"But, Faith took over in the

third and fourth quarters."

Brazell finished the game with 17 points, 15 of those points were scored in the final two stanzas.

Ringwald joined her in double figures with 14.

In their final game of the tournament, Wayne fell to Cordell, 30-24.

"We got behind the ball some and started playing in the fourth quarter. By then it was just too late," Embry said.

Brazell had 12 points while Ringwald added six and Madi Sharp had four.

**Little Axe**

The Lady Bulldogs beat Little Axe 35-17 last Tuesday night. The game finished early in the fourth quarter after a Little Axe head injury and a medical emergency.

Ringwald finished with 14 points. Alyssa Hobson added seven.

Tuesday night, Wayne was headed to Oklahoma City to take on the Knights. Then they are on break until January 2 when they will be in Lexington.

12/5  
**Little Axe 59**  
**Wayne 45**

Little Axe	.....	12	14	13	20	—59
Wayne	.....	14	17	8	6	—45

Player	Points
Jaxon Dill	18
Wyatt Webster	11
Ben Fisher	8
Ty Kemp	8

12/7  
**Wayne 62**  
**Geary 32**

Wayne	.....	14	23	14	11	—62
Geary	.....	9	13	2	8	—32

Player	Points
Jaxon Dill	19
Wyatt Webster	14
Bradey VanSchuyver	10
Ben Fisher	5
Eli Stottlemire	3
Ty Kemp	3
Alan Martinez	3
Ashton Norton	3
Logan Taylor	2

12/8  
**Union City 87**  
**Wayne 53**

Union City	.....	20	25	34	8	—87
Wayne	.....	10	15	13	15	—53

Player	Points
Jaxon Dill	15
Wyatt Webster	13
Bradey VanSchuyver	8
Ty Kemp	6
Logan Taylor	6
Ashton Norton	3
Max McGlory	2

12/9  
**Wayne 61**  
**Verden 57**

Wayne	.....	16	15	14	16	—61
Verden	.....	14	12	19	11	—57

Player	Points
Jaxon Dill	26
Wyatt Webster	22
Ben Fisher	6
Ty Kemp	4
Bradey VanSchuyver	3

12/5  
**Wayne 35**  
**Little Axe 17**

Little Axe	.....	4	1	6	6	—17
Wayne	.....	10	12	10	3	—35

Player	Points
Taelyn Ringwald	14
Alyssa Hobson	7
Faith Brazell	6
Addison Keeler	5
Madi Sharp	2
Kimber Reaves	1

12/7  
**Binger 50**  
**Wayne 36**

Binger	.....	11	14	17	9	—50
Wayne	.....	7	14	4	11	—36

Player	Points
Taelyn Ringwald	20
Faith Brazell	11
Madi Sharp	5

12/8  
**Wayne 48**  
**Geary 36**

Wayne	.....	7	8	19	14	—48
Geary	.....	11	7	12	6	—36

Player	Points
Faith Brazell	17
Taelyn Ringwald	14
Audra Watts	9
Madi Sharp	4
Addison Keeler	4

12/9  
**Cordell 30**  
**Wayne 24**

Cordell	.....	7	10	9	4	—30
Wayne	.....	6	1	5	12	—24

Player	Points
Faith Brazell	12
Taelyn Ringwald	6
Madi Sharp	4
Audra Watts	2

## Warriors:

tournament.

They led by four points in the waning moments of the championship game against Latta but were unable to close the game out before the Panthers tied it up to go into overtime.

The Warriors weren't able to get any offense going in overtime and were defeated 44-37.

**Putnam Heights**

Washington blew out Oklahoma City's Putnam Heights Academy 76-36 in the opening game of the tournament.

Mason Adams led the team with 15 points followed by Teagen Foster with 13.

**Silo**

Washington then beat Silo 63-46.

Adams and Foster led the team in scoring again with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

Smith said his team is still looking for their identity as they break in a bunch of new faces.

"We are inexperienced," he said. "Mason Adams and Jeremiah Tontz are back but the rest of the other guys didn't really get any varsity experience.

This group is still figuring out

who will be in each role this season."

So far shooting has been a little streaky but they are getting physical play across the board.

"Our strengths will be our physicality and rebounding," Smith said. "The defense is pretty good so far too."

The defense has been holding most teams under 50 points per game this season but the coach is looking for more consistency on offense.

"We hit 11 threes against Silo but turned around and went 1-9 from three against Latta," Smith said.

He said the football players on the team returned to practice on Monday.

"We'll get them caught up over Christmas Break," Smith said. "We will be physical and athletic."

The Warriors are replacing graduated seniors Cash Andrews, Hayden Hicks, Jaden Cornelius, Andrew McCalip, Danny Chavira and Sam Hedenberg.

Washington is ranked No. 13 in Class 3A and are 3-2 so far.

## Box scores

12/5 Girls  
**Washington 85**  
**Bridge Creek 29**

Washington	..	23	27	23	12	—85
Bridge Creek	.....	2	7	10	10	—29

Player	Points
Breanna Lindert	19
Kelby Beller	13
Shelbie Caveness	12
Jayden Wells	9
Emersyn Massey	6
Emma Griffin	6
Laney Gay	5
Brinley Thomas	3
Daphne Palumbo	2
Andi Thomas	2
Raelee Adkins	2
Addy Lanham	2
Ava Salcedo	3
Aubri Clary	1

12/5 Boys  
**Bridge Creek 65**  
**Washington 48**

Washington	.....	8	18	8	14	—48
Bridge Creek	..	13	20	15	17	—65

Player	Points
Mason Adams	16
Jeremiah Tontz	9
Jace Cole	5
Noah Ladlee	5
Jack McKimmy	4
Miller Orr	4
Jace Myers	3
Teagen Foster	2

12/7 Girls  
**Washington 68**  
**Tishomingo 18**

Tishomingo	.....	9	3	3	3	—18
Washington	....	26	13	21	8	—68

Player	Points
Shelbie Caveness	11
Breanna Lindert	10
Kelby Beller	9
Preslee Johnson	9
Jayden Wells	9
Addy Lanham	6
Emma Griffin	5
Daphne Palumbo	4
Laney Gay	3
Emersyn Massey	2
Brinley Thomas	2
Aubri Clary	2

12/7 Boys  
**Washington 76**  
**Putnam Heights 36**

Washington	..	18	14	29	15	—76
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Player	Points
Mason Adams	15
Teagen Foster	13
Jace Myers	9
Jack McKimmy	8
Noah Bennett	7
Owen McCalip	6
Jeremiah Tontz	5
Jace Cole	5
Noah Ladlee	2
Jax Mitchell	2
Gavin Davidson	2
Miller Orr	2

12/8 Girls  
**Washington 55**  
**Kiowa 41**

Kiowa	.....	12	9	16	4	—41
Washington	..	10	15	13	16	—55

Player	Points
Kelby Beller	15
Breanna Lindert	10
Preslee Johnson	10
Jayden Wells	7
Shelbie Caveness	4
Emersyn Massey	2
Emma Griffin	2
Laney Gay	2
Addy Lanham	1

12/8 Boys  
**Washington 63**  
**Silo 46**

Washington	..	18	16	11	17	—63
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Player	Points
Mason Adams	16
Teagen Foster	13
Miller Orr	9
Noah Ladlee	9
Jace Myers	5
Jeremiah Tontz	4
Jack McKimmy	3
Jace Cole	3

# Wynnewood Invitational for Lex

Tournament starts today

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

The Bulldogs were in Lone Grove on Tuesday night for a battle with the Longhorns.

Last Tuesday they hosted CCS, but fell to the Royals 67-59.

Three Bulldogs were in double figures in the loss. Zeke Faulkenberry led his team with 18 points, while Ty Mixon added 16 and Drew Dierking had 15.

Lexington held a 28-20 lead at halftime, but were outscored 31-18 in the final stanza to drop the game by eight.

Starting Thursday the Bulldogs will be in Wynnewood for their annual invitational. Lexington plays Bridge Creek at 2:30 p.m.

**Girls**

The Lady 'Dawgs dropped their game with CCS last week, 64-24.

Abby Sample was the leading scorer for Lexington in the loss with nine points.

CCS jumped out in front from the tip and Lexington had a hard time clawing their way back into the game.

The Lady 'Dawgs were on the road at Lone Grove Tues-

day night.

They will be in Wynnewood starting Thursday for their annual invitational. Lexington will play Bridge Creek at 4 p.m.

12/5  
**CCS 64**  
**Lexington 24**

CCS	.....	17	13	24	10	—64
Lexington	.....	8	2	6	8	—24

Player	Points
Abby Sample	9
Mackenzie Manuel	6
Ryleigh Markovich	4
Kiely Givens	2
Marli Givens	2
Addie Lippel	1

12/5  
**CCS 67**  
**Lexington 59**

CCS	.....	12	8	16	31	—67
Lexington	.....	10	18	13	18	—59

Player	Points
Zeke Faulkenberry	18
Ty Mixon	16
Drew Dierking	15
Gage LaGace	5
Hunter Olson	3
Skylar Rollins	2





### Football support

Purcell High School football players and coaches volunteered their time on Saturday to move toys and bicycles to the Multi-Purpose Center for McClain County Operation Christmas.

• Photo provided

# Chickasaw Community Council hosts dinner, auction

Every year the Purcell Chickasaw Community Council hosts a Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner and auction for our members and guests.

The evening was enjoyed by all. We are very grateful for all of the auction items that were donated to us by members, guests and several Norman businesses.

One of the members, Rob Gowens, worked very hard in bringing forth a unique evening along with providing a very unique auctioneer, Ben Odom.

We are very grateful as well to have guests who assisted in helping our Council including Chickasaw employees that wanted to serve. The team effort made it be a very enjoyable gathering.

If you have any questions about our Council please contact Carolee Maxwell, Chair, at 405-527-7676.



• Photo provided

### Chickasaw Council dinner

The Chickasaw Community Council hosted a Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner for members and guests.

## School board meets

Purcell's Board of Education voted to pay for 20 teachers and administrators to attend the Professional Learning Communities at Work Conference in Tulsa in May.

Cost of the conference is \$22,000 to be paid from Title

I funds.

The board approved the hiring of Josh Deal as a certified teacher for the severe and profound teacher at the high school.

A \$50 pay increase for substitute bus monitors for SpEd

routes was also approved.

The board gave its stamp of approval for both boys and girls to participate in the Mother Road Classic at Verdigris basketball tournament January 4-6.

# OSU EXTENSION News

## Forage Foundations course

**Justin McDaniel**  
Extension Ag Educator

Forage Foundations is a seven-course program developed by OSU Extension that covers all aspects of forage management and production across central and eastern Oklahoma.

The course covers Oklahoma Forages, Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition, Pasture Renovation and Restoration, Pest Management, Forage Quality and Grazing Animal Nutrition, Grazing Management, Hay Production and Forage Budgeting.

The primary goal of the Forage Foundations Program is to educate producers on forage production and management principles to improve the sustainability of profitability of their livestock operations.

The Forage Foundations classes will be hosted by Cleveland, Garvin and McClain County Extension Offices and is open to the public.

The class will begin Tuesday, January 9, 2024, and be held every Tuesday evening until February 20. Classes will begin at 6 p.m. and last until 8 p.m. each evening at the McClain County OSU Extension Office, 1721 Hardcastle Blvd.,

in Purcell.

The fee to enroll is \$50 per person and includes a copy of the Forage Foundations Manual.

To enroll, contact the McClain County Extension Office at 405-527-2174.

### Don't Forget to Water this Winter

Lack of adequate soil moisture is often a major cause of winter damage. Dry soil coupled with strong winter winds can cause havoc on a plant.

All plants, but especially narrowleaf and broadleaf evergreens, use water during winter. When little or no soil moisture is present, plants can become desiccated, and it is more likely root damage will also occur.

When dry cold fronts are predicted, water the landscape at least 24 hours in advance of the front. Apply about 1/2 inch of water at the time of watering.

A sunny day on moist soil helps warm the soil and root area thus reducing the time the roots will be exposed to cold temperatures.

Moisture must be available below the frost line or frozen soil. When the soil freezes, if moisture is not present in soil

pore spaces, moisture is pulled from plant roots to form ice crystals resulting in desiccated roots, thus what some would refer to as "winter kill."

Of course some common sense needs to be practiced at this time of year; do not allow the sprinklers to come on during a hard freeze.

Ice forming on some plants could result in some serious damage and you could create a hazardous situation for you, pedestrians or even passing vehicles.

Too much water can also result on problems during the winter. Cold wet soils can lead to rotting roots. Soils with more than ample moisture may also encourage winter weeds to germinate and flourish.

Water only every two to three weeks and apply only enough water to moisten the top six or so inches of soil.

Do not forget plants growing in above-ground planters protected from rain. They need watering even in a wet season.

Also, remember to water plants that are located under the eaves of a building or home since they often receive little natural precipitation.

## NEWS from the City of Purcell

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The poly cart containers, roll outs, we use to dispose of trash are designed to hold 95 gallons of municipal solid waste.

When these containers become cracked, wheels falling off, lids falling off, holes in the side of the container and for whatever reason they are broken, they need to be repaired or replaced.

To have the containers replaced or fixed, please call Purcell City Hall at 405-527-6561 and push option #1 when the recording starts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 405-527-6561 or 527-4656.



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### Tournament champions

The Washington Warrior girls basketball team defeated Tishomingo (68-18), Kiowa (55-41) and Latta (52-39) to claim the Latta Panther Basketball tournament over the weekend.



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### Runners-up

The Washington Warriors took the runners-up trophy over the weekend at the Latta Panther Basketball tournament over the weekend. They defeated Putnam Heights Academy (76-36) and Silo (63-46) before falling to Latta 44-37 in the finals.

# 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 30-December 6, 2023.

### Traffic

Lemus L. Ulises, speeding, 99/65.

### Misdemeanors

Isaiah Martiez, loiter in/injure/molest motor vehicle/joy ride.

Eyvonne E. Franco, possession of CDS - (methamphetamine, marijuana and tramadol).

Jefferson W. Padgett, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.

Starla R. Gonzalez, public intoxication.

Christopher J. White, possession of CDS - methamphetamine.

John M. Reaves, assault and battery.

### Felonies

Carron M. Lott, larceny of automobile, aircraft/other motor vehicle.

Edwin Ochoa, endangering others while eluding/attempt to elude police.

Jerry D. Ellis, DUI.

Jessica M. Rivera, trafficking in illegal drugs - marijuana.

Concepcion Garcia-Lopez, assault,

battery or assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Andrew J. McQueen, trafficking in illegal drugs - marijuana.

Jacob W. Butler, endangering others while eluding/attempt to elude police.

### Small Claims

ARG, LLC vs. Emilee G. Smith, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

American Abstract Co. vs. Vickie D. Stockdale, small claims under \$5000.

### Civil

Blanchard Building Ctr Inc. vs. Mike Walden, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Capital One, N.A. vs. Richard J. Valadez, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Troy Capital LLC vs. Alexis Estrada, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Shane Richins vs. Ryan J. Ainge, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Communication Federal Credit U vs. Bobby Amos, civil action \$10,000 or more.

BancFirst vs. Dakotah Henderson, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Tessa Fite vs. James Nelson Sr.,

civil action \$10,000 or more.

American Builders & Contractors Supply vs. Family Strong Roofing, LLC, civil action \$10,000 or more.

EBF Holdings, LLC D/B/A vs. Summers Enterprises, LLC D/B/A, civil action \$10,000 or more.

U.S. Bank National Association vs. Mark E. Wigham, civil action \$10,000 or more.

BSI Financial Services vs. Christian A. Vaverka, civil action \$10,000 or more.

State of Oklahoma, Ex Rel vs. December Pedigo, civil action \$10,000 or more.

State of Oklahoma, Ex Rel vs. Mario Carrasco, civil action \$10,000 or more.

ACB Bank vs. Otho F. Green Jr., civil action \$10,000 or more.

Michael L. Nelson, 49, and Cara N. Loveless, 41, both of Washington. Brock M. Rainwater, 19, and Hanna R. Myers, 18, both of Purcell. Hunter O. Sabin, 21, and Talia C. T. Poehler, 21, both of Washington.

### Divorces Granted

Bobby A. Krag vs. Lisa R. Krag.



# AWOL nominations now open

**Angie Steele**  
Washington Correspondent

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](https://www.wps-isd.com/296497_2).

Nominations will be accepted until Jan. 5, 2024! 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

December 14—Frito chili pie, corn, sticky bun, fruit, milk.

December 15—Corndogs, tator tots, fruit, milk.

December 18—Pasta bake, bread sticks, salad with ranch, fruit, milk.

December 19—Cooks choice, 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 December 14-22:

Thursday, December 14—Pasta bake, roasted vegetables.

Friday, December 15—Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot rolls, green beans, pumpkin pie. This will be our Christmas dinner!

Monday, December 18—Hamburgers, baked beans, oven fries.

Tuesday, December 19—Fried chicken, mac/tomatoes.

Wednesday, December 20—Beans, rice, spinach, cornbread.

Thursday, December 21—Chicken tetrazzini, mixed vegetables.

Friday, December 22—Beef roast, carrots, potatoes, hot rolls.

Monday, December 25—Closed for Christmas.

Tuesday, December 26—Chicken strips, pasta salad, potato chips.

Wednesday, December 27—Ground beef stew, corn, cornbread.

Thursday, December 28—Chicken and noodles, peas.

Friday, December 29—Steak fritters, 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 January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 5 and August 12.

## Washington Public Schools Calendar

December 14—7/8/9 BBK Pauls Valley, boys away, girls home, 5 p.m.

December 15—HS BBK, Cashion, home; Cheer Christmas party, Mcalister (evening).

December 18—Winter Band Concert, WEC. 7-8:30 p.m.

December 20—HS GBK practice, 10 a.m.

December 21—HS GBK scrimmage at Tuttle, 10 a.m.

December 22—HS GBK practice, 10 a.m.

December 23—HS GBK scrimmage, home vs. Kingston and Riverside, 12 p.m.

## Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

I would like to express my appreciation to the City of Norman along with everyone who volunteered in this year's Christmas Parade which was held December 2. I believe we had the biggest community involvement along with the most participants we have seen in a long time.

We are continuing to see an increased number of veterans and surviving spouses who are requesting our assistance with their applications for VA benefits. It seems to me that with the increased cost of everything we purchase many in our community are facing a financial disaster where there will be some who won't be having a very Merry Christmas.

For us to be able to keep up with the number of requests we continue to have it would require us to double the number of our volunteers.

As many of you know we provide our services at no cost to everyone. Currently, the need in our community continues to grow as the cost of living goes up and more people face becoming homeless. I don't know about you, but I believe that the men and women who have served in our military deserve to have a roof over their head.

We have people on our staff, who are available to assist with other outreach programs that are available to assist the men and women who we serve.

My Christmas Wish this year is for us to be able to accommodate every veteran and family member receive the VA benefits for which they are eligible. You could help us to make that happen by becoming a volunteer with our Veterans Foundation. We are in Norman at 1233 West Lindsay Street. Since we went to a Digital Claims System, volunteers can work from home or at our location. Please consider being a part of what we do for the men and women who served our nation.

To start our process, login to [dkgvf.org](http://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. Using our digital system some of them will not need to visit us in person as we can triage them electronically or by phone.

We encourage veterans or surviving spouses who we have previously assisted to register in our [dkgvf.org](http://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 twenty 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 at 1233 West Lindsay Street in Norman.

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.

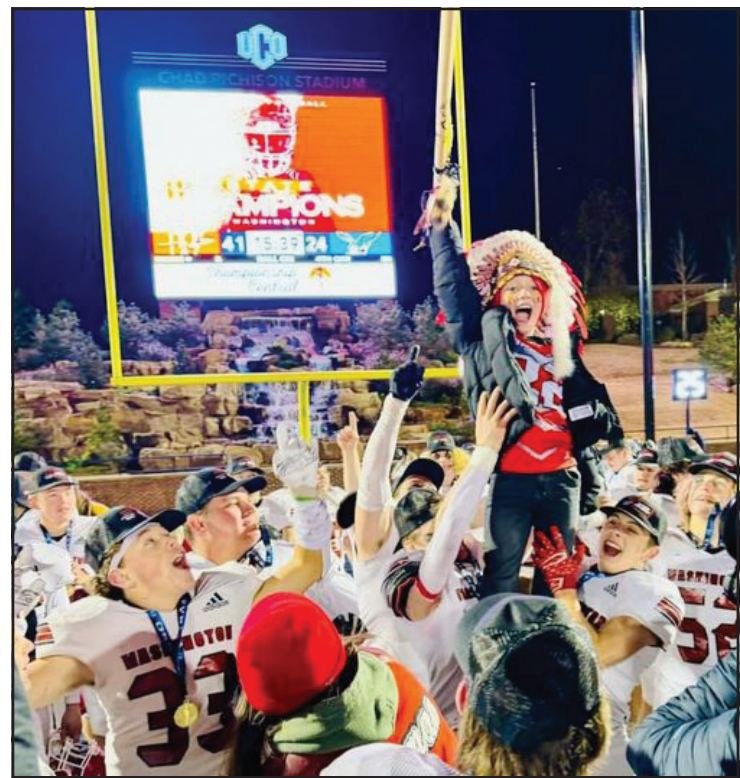
To donate to our Foundation, you can do so online at [dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org](http://dalekgrahamveteransfoundation.org) or mail a check to Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation, 1233 West Lindsay, Norman, OK 73069. You can contact us on our website or by calling 405-550-8806.

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

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

My contact information is [angiesteele73@gmail.com](mailto: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



• Photos provided

## Warrior Pride

The community might be hard-pressed to find a bigger Warrior Fan than Washington Elementary fourth grader James Morton! After the Warriors won the state championship last Saturday night in Edmond, freshman player Nate Steele (right) and Senior Cole Beller (left) hoisted James up in the air in celebration.

No. 849-December 14-1 Time DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
In Re: The Name of: Crosby Sutton Palesano CV-23-256  
PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE UNDER 12 O.S. § 1631  
COMES NOW the Petitioner and asks this Court to change his/her legal name from Crosby Sutton Palesano to Crosb Claire Palesano. In support thereof, petitioner would say to this court:  
1. The Petitioner was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on March 14, 2022 and has resided

in the State of Oklahoma in McClain County for 30 days prior to the filing of this petition.  
2. The name change requested is because:  
To honor her grandmother and using her name as child's middle name.  
3. The name change is not for any illegal or fraudulent purpose or to hinder or delay creditors.  
4. The birth certificate number issued by the above State is OK 2022-008567.  
WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that above change of name be granted.  
/s/ Crosby Sutton Palesano  
Crosby Sutton Palesano

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• Photos provided

## Bringing home the wins

**Basketball hardware!** Saturday results included (from top) HS Girls, Latta Tourney Champs; HS Boys, Latta Tourney Runner-Up; 8th Girls, Chickasha Tourney Champs and 8th Boys, Chickasha Tourney Champs.



The percentage of high school students who used smokeless tobacco in 2019:

**3.8%** U.S.

**5.7%** Oklahoma



Rural teens are more likely to use tobacco and face tobacco-related health risks. The Down and Dirty program customizes messages on smoking, dipping and vaping prevention to resonate with rural teens' values and needs.

For more information, visit [DownandDirtyLife.com](http://DownandDirtyLife.com).

**TSET**  
**Healthy Youth Initiative**  
[TSEHealthyYouth.com](http://TSEHealthyYouth.com)

# Christmas SERVICES

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

FBC PURCELL

**SUNDAY, DEC. 24TH @ 5PM**

**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service**  
Sunday, December 24th  
at 6:00 p.m.

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**TRINITY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
211 N 2nd Ave. • Purcell, OK  
405-527-2256 • [www.purcelltrinityumc.com](http://www.purcelltrinityumc.com)

*Christmas*  
@ Landmark Church

Sunday, December 17  
8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 AM

**You Are Invited!**  
Come celebrate Christmas at Landmark. You will experience a warm atmosphere filled with hope and a powerful message of God's love. We can't wait to see you.

Landmark Church  
1106 W Grant, Purcell

**Sunday School: 9:45 AM**  
**Sunday Service: 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM**  
**Wednesday Service: 6:30 PM**

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**MEMORIAL**  
ASSEMBLY OF GOD

701 W Monroe St, Purcell, OK  
405-527-2769  
Pastor Justin Sims



**Sunday, December 17, 2023**  
Candlelight Service - 5:00 PM  
**Sunday, December 24, 2023**  
Christmas Service - 10:00 AM

**SUNRAY**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor John Wylie  
2223 N. 9th St. • Purcell • 405-527-6808

**FBC WASHINGTON**

Sunday, December 24  
Candlelight Service  
5:00 PM

100 S. Main Street  
Washington, OK  
405-288-6060

**Sunday, December 24th**  
Christmas Service  
at 10:45 AM

**GOLDSBY CHURCH**

Sunday Worship - Sunday School - Small Group Opportunities - Wednesday Activities for all ages

153 W. CENTER RD., GOLDSBY  
[www.goldsbychurch.com](http://www.goldsbychurch.com)

# Religion

## Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

December 17, 2023 is the third Sunday in Advent. Remember that Advent is the liturgical season in which we wait with joyful anticipation for the coming of Christ.

We call this third Sunday of Advent “Gaudete Sunday” because especially on this Sunday we reflect upon Christian joy.

We get the title “Gaudete” from the Latin word for “re-joyce,” which is the word St. Paul uses in his letter to the Thessalonians when says “Re-joyce always... this is God’s will for you.”

Sometimes people think joy and happiness are the same thing. A concise explanation of the difference is found at [www.psychologies.co.uk/joy-vs-happiness](http://www.psychologies.co.uk/joy-vs-happiness). Joy vs Happiness.

Joy and happiness are wonderful feelings to experience but are very different. Joy is more consistent and is cultivated internally.

It comes when you make peace with who you are, why you are, and how you are, whereas happiness tends to be externally triggered and is based on other people, things, places, thoughts and events.

The second reading for the third Sunday in Advent was 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24. Brothers and sisters: 16 Rejoice always. 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

How do we rejoice always? We must understand that being joyful is a deep internal satisfaction.

It does not depend on how much money we have, where we live, or how successful we or our children are. We rob ourselves of our joy when we rely on anything or anyone above Christ.

What does pray without ceasing mean? It most assuredly does not mean staying on your knees 24/7. It means being in regular contact with God.

Think about it this way: when you are doing something and it reminds you of someone, you want to call them. Is there someone you call multiple times a day? Well, you can talk to God any time of the day or night and you don’t have to dial a number!

Finally, how on earth can we give thanks in all circumstanc-

es? When we recognize that God has given us everything we have, it is pretty clear we need to tell him thanks.

Sure, everyone has their own crosses to bear but God gives us the strength to face what we must. He has given us grace sufficient to our needs. He wants to help us in all things, large or small.

Instead of saying, “look at this awful situation I have to deal with,” learn to say “Thank you Lord for giving me the strength and grace to get through any problems I have.”

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.



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## Live Nativity

Lexington First Baptist Church held its widely popular Live Nativity December 8 and 9 for vehicles to drive through. Colt McGee, Hunter Eubank and Carl Taber were the leadoff scene. An estimated 1,000 people visited the drive-through event. 260 vehicles came through over the course of two nights.

## Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Front-Porch Gospel Heaven Holds All

Welcome, all, to the ‘front porch.’

It seems every week there is a new study, and often the next one seems a little richer than the one before, as it was as we moved past the fourth chapter of Revelation and entered into the fifth.

This visit was not our first to this chapter, so, as we began reading old notes and reading new material, I thought of all the treasures that lie within these thoughts, “treasures new and old,” as the old parable says.

Coming to such an august place, you cannot help but feel you are embarking on holy ground.

We stand in a place much like

the place Moses stands at the burning bush, and where Elijah and Elisha stand at the bank of the rolling Jordan with a blazing chariot zooming overhead, and where Isaiah and Ezekiel stand when they are transported to the throne of God by way of a vision, and, later, Peter, James, and John up on the Mount of Transfiguration.

What hallowed ground upon which they all stood! And we today, standing before Revelation.

And it is our hope that, as we gather here in places such as these, that we will let loose, just a bit, to our stronghold to the world, that we will put into perspective the dim comparison of the world’s glories to the glories of heaven.

That seems to me to be a major purpose of the Word of God in all its writings, to show how much the heaven that is awaiting those who are faithful and redeemed by the blood of Christ outshines everything else this world may hold.

When we stand there and look equally into the Book and into our own beings, we come to that grand conclusion that came to those patriarchs of old, the conclusion that – in the words of the Texas hymn writer Tillit Teddlie, “Heaven holds all to me, brighter its glories shall be. Joy without measure, will be my treasure, heaven ...” -- in all matchless glory, my friend -- “heaven holds all to me.”

coachbowen1984@gmail.com

No. 860-December 14-2 Times  
NOTICE OF SALE  
CJ-2023-167

Notice is given that on the 23 day of January, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in room 121 of the County Courthouse, in the city of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff will offer for sale and sell, with appraisal, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in McClain County, Oklahoma,:

Lot Two (2), in Block Four (4), of Lyla Glen Replat of Blocks 3 and 4, an Addition to Washington, McClain County, Oklahoma, being a part of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 26, Township 7 North, Range 3 West, Indian Meridian, according to the recorded plat thereof.

subject to unpaid taxes, and all amounts set forth in the judgment granted herein, said property having been duly appraised at \$304,000.00. Sale will be made pursuant to a Special Execution and Order of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2023-167, titled MidFirst Bank, vs Robert W Downey, Eva S Downey and Professional Finance Company, Inc., being all of the Defendants and persons holding or claiming any interest in lien in the subject property.

McClain County Sheriff  
McClain County, Oklahoma  
By: /s/ Sheriff Landy Offolter  
Don Timberlake - #9021  
Kim S. Jenkins - #32809  
Gina D. Knight - #12996  
Chynna Scruggs - #32663  
BAER & TIMBERLAKE, P.C.  
5901 N. Western, Suite 300  
Oklahoma City, OK 73118  
Telephone: (405) 842-7722  
Email: mail@baertimberlake.com

BT: 207046-01

## A Prayer For You At Christmas

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

**Sunday, December 24**

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

**Monday, December 25**

Mass at 9 AM English

Browse us at: [olvpurcell.org](http://olvpurcell.org) for information.  
Call us at 527-3077 for information.

Join us at Facebook: [ourladyofvictorycatholicchurch](https://www.facebook.com/ourladyofvictorycatholicchurch)  
Visit us at Twitter: [@ourlady\\_purcell](https://twitter.com/ourlady_purcell)



**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
307 W. Jefferson  
Purcell  
527-3077

# 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 6:30 pm  
10 am Worship 6:30 pm Awana's & Evening worship Youth  
Wednesday services 6:30 pm Bible Study  
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.



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**Live animals**

**Lexington's First Baptist Church's** living nativity scene was complete with camels, chickens, goats and various other livestock species.



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**Cookie delivery**

**In conjunction** with the Purcell First Baptist Church the Purcell Home School Association brought a little Christmas cheer to Purcell Police and Firefighters Monday afternoon.

No. 835-December 7-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES  
OF POWELL, WILLIAM JAY  
Deceased.  
Case No. PB-2023-128  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
To the Creditors of William Jay  
Powell, Deceased:  
All creditors having claims  
against William Jay Powell, De-  
ceased, 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 Carol Anne Powell, Personal  
Representative, at the law office of  
Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC,  
138 W. Main, Purcell, OK 73080,  
addressed to James B. Blevins,  
Jr., attorney for the Personal  
Representative, on or before the  
following presentment date: 30th  
day of January 2024, or the same  
will be forever barred.  
DATED this 30th day of Novem-  
ber 2023.  
/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.  
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, Oklahoma 73080  
Phone: 405-527-7575  
Fax: 405-527-7574  
Attorney for Petitioner

No. 836-December 7-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
In the Matter of the Estates  
of EVERETT J. LITTLE, deceased,  
and ARDITH JOY LITTLE,  
deceased.  
No.: PB-2023-86  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
All creditors having claims  
against Ardith Joy Little, De-  
ceased, are required to present  
the same, with a description of all  
security interests and other collat-  
eral (if any) held by each creditor  
with respect to such claim, to the  
named Personal Representative,  
c/o Gregory T. Tontz, 301 E.  
Eufaula St., Norman, Oklahoma  
73069, on or before the following  
presentment date: February 1,  
2024, or the same will be forever  
barred.  
DATED this 30th day of Novem-  
ber, 2023.  
/s/ Kara Lee Bean  
Kara Lee Bean, Personal  
Representative of the Estate of  
Ardith Joy Little, Deceased  
Gregory T. Tontz OBA NO. 16323  
TONTZ LAW, PLLC  
301 E. Eufaula St.  
Norman, Oklahoma 73069  
(405) 701-1600  
Attorney for Personal Repre-  
sentatives



• Photo provided

**Scholarship winners**

**Congratulations** to the 2023 Fall Otha Grimes scholarship recipients Katelyn Sternberg, Jordan Redus, Beth Watts and Monica Rodriguez.

**MATC Practical Nursing students awarded Grimes Scholarship**

The Otha Grimes Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to four Practical Nursing students including Beth Watts and Katelyn Sternberg, both residents of Wayne, and Jordan Redus and Monica Rodriguez, both residents of Purcell. This scholarship is given based on both commitment and scholastic achievement. The Oklahoma Foundation for Career and Technology Education awards the Otha Grimes Memorial Scholarship to deserving adult students who are pursuing postsecondary education at Oklahoma's Technology Centers. Otha H. Grimes was actively involved in agriculture, oil and gas production, and civic programs. Grimes served on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Foundation for Career and Technology Education for many years and has provided scholarships to many educational institutions.

No. 859-December 14-2 Times  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
CV-2022-16  
Notice is given that on the 23 day of January, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the McClain County Courthouse, in the City of Purcell City, McClain County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell, with appraisal, for cash, at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, all that certain real estate in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:  
Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Eight (8) and Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Seven (7) in SILVER CITY, McClain County, Oklahoma according to the recorded plat thereof;  
Appraised value of \$675,000.00, two thirds of which is \$450,000.00;  
And  
Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 12, Block 8, SILVER CITY, for a point of beginning; thence East 30 feet; thence South 140 feet; thence West 660 feet; thence North 140 feet; thence East to the point of beginning, in Section Thirteen (13), Township Six (6) North, Range Two (2) West, McClain County, Oklahoma.  
Appraised value of \$180,000.00, two thirds of which is \$120,000.00.  
Subject to unpaid taxes, ad-  
vancements by Plaintiffs for taxes, insurance premiums, and expenses necessary for the preservation of the subject property, if any, said property having been duly appraised at \$855,000.00. The minimum bid allowed pursuant to law will be two thirds of the appraised value, of which is \$570,000.00 and as set out more specifically above.  
Sale will be made pursuant to an Order Of Sale issued in accordance with judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CV-2022-16, entitled LUCRETIA SUE HARPER, CAYCE LEALLEN HARPER, NATALIE JOAN HARPER AND GREGORY WAYNE HARPER, Plaintiffs, vs. PAUL HARDCASTLE AND GLORIA HARDCASTLE, Defendants, and persons holding or claiming any interest or lien in the subject property. No guaranty or warranty to title is made by the Plaintiffs.  
Landy Oflotter, Sheriff  
McClain County, Oklahoma  
BY: /s/ Sheriff Landy Oflotter  
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, Oklahoma 73080  
Phone: (405) 527-7575  
Fax: (405) 527-7574  
Attorney for Plaintiffs

No. 862-December 14-2 Times  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:  
CHRIS S. WILLIS  
Deceased.  
PB-2023-139  
COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
TO: All persons interested in the Estate of CHRIS S. WILLIS, Deceased.  
You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of December 2023, the Petitioner NOLAN F. WILLIS, 915 North 6th Avenue, Purcell, OK 73080, filed in the District Court of McClain County a Petition for Summary Administration. The Petitioner has alleged that decedent, Chris S. Willis, age 29, died on the 20th day of January, 1986, at Purcell Hospital, Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, and that the total value of the decedent's property in Oklahoma is less than Two Hundred Thousand and NO/100 Dollars (\$200,000.00).  
A due diligence search and inquiry have been made to ascertain if Decedent had any Will, but none has been found, and according to the best knowledge, information and belief of Petitioner, Decedent died intestate.  
Petitioner, NOLAN F. WILLIS is the son of said decedent and as such is entitled to be appointed as Special Administrator of this estate.  
The sole heirs to the estate are as follows:  
Name: Relationship: Age:  
Nolan F. Willis Son Majority  
Brenda K. Willis Wife Majority

In an Order for Combined Notice entered herein, the Court found that it should dispense with the regular estate proceedings prescribed by law, order combined Notice to Creditors, and issue an order for Hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration, Appointment of Special Administrator, and Determination of Heirs.  
Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice, all creditors having claims against Decedent CHRIS S. WILLIS, deceased, are required to present same, with a description of all security interest and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the Attorney for Petitioner, Greg Dixon, 108 N 2nd Ave., Purcell, OK 73080, on or before the 12th day of February, 2024, or the same will be forever barred.  
Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 15th day of February 2024, at 9:30 a.m., at the McClain County Courthouse before Judge Charles Gray. At the hearing the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration and Appointment of Special Administrator and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Legatees, and Devises, and Distribution.  
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.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Greg Dixon  
Greg Dixon, OBA #16492  
NICHOLS I DIXON PLLC  
108 N 2nd Ave.  
Purcell, OK 73080  
T: 405-527-5888  
greg@nicholsdixon.com  
Attorney for Petitioner

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No. 837-December 7-3 Times  
**PUBLIC ELECTION NOTICE**  
 Name of Authority:  
 Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization (OBWEO)  
 Authority for Elections:  
 Boll Weevil Eradication Act 2  
 O.S. 1993 Section 3-50.6  
 Public Election:  
 Director-Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization District 1 (All cotton producing counties in Oklahoma, excluding the following: Roger Mills, Beckham, Washita, Custer, Jackson, Tillman, Kiowa, Greer, and Harmon).  
 Election Dates are February 9, 2024 through February 23, 2024.  
 The OBWEO office in Altus, Oklahoma will be in charge of mailing ballots to eligible voters in each county. Completed ballots for the election of directors from the district shall be mailed to the State Office of the Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization. Completed ballots must be received in the OBWEO office prior to the close of business on the final day of the voting period.

A completed ballot must be signed by the cotton grower casting that ballot in order to verify the validity of the ballot. The State Office of OBWEO shall hold all ballots in trust until the conclusion of the election period and until they are counted.

The candidate from a district who has received a plurality of the votes from that district for the office of director shall be determined to be the elected director of that district. After the results of the election from each district are certified, certificates of election are issued to those elected board directors and they are sworn in. Directors may act in accordance with the powers provided to them by Oklahoma Agriculture Code.

The elected Board of Directors for the Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization shall have five (5) directors. One director will be elected from each of the five voting districts. In order to be a candidate for board membership for the purpose of serving as a director, a person must be a qualified voter for this election, must have attained the age of twenty-one years prior to

the beginning of the filing period for board membership, and must be a resident of the state of Oklahoma. In order to have his/her name put on the ballot a person must file with the Board of Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the election, a petition signed by five (5) cotton growers from his/her filing district. The application for filing shall be made on the formal application form approved by the board. A nomination application may be obtained at your local gin; or the OBWEO website at www.obweo.org, or by writing the OBWEO office at the address below.

Upon receipt of a formal application and verification by the OBWEO Board that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements, an applicant's name shall be placed on the ballot for the election of board directors. The filing period deadline for director in District One (1) will be January 9, 2024.

Any person who has established voting eligibility in more than one district may file as a candidate in only one of those districts.

For the purpose of determining voter eligibility, a cotton grower is any person or entity with present farming interests in Oklahoma who in the present crop year is, or, in any two (2) of the three (3) years immediately preceding the calling of this election was actively engaged in the production of cotton in Oklahoma for sale, or as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper entitled to share in the cotton available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds thereof.

Cotton growers who meet the eligibility requirements for voting in more than one voting district, may vote in any district in which they are eligible; provided that, each cotton grower (person or entity) shall have one vote in each district during concurrent elections of directors to the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization.

For more information contact Oklahoma Boll Weevil Eradication Organization, 704 S Veterans Dr, Altus, Oklahoma 73521, phone (580) 477-4287.

No. 851-December 14-1 Time  
**BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
**APPLICANT: CAPSTONE LAND COMPANY**  
**RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**  
**CAUSE CD NO. 2023-003160**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:** Darla Ann Lawson; Edwin Joe Enox; Robin Erica Northrup; and all persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas and all other interested persons, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma, and if any of the individuals are deceased, or if any of the companies are no longer in existence, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, successors and assigns, immediate and remote, of the named parties.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Applicant/Operator in this cause is requesting the Commission pool the interests, designate an operator, and adjudicate the rights and equities of oil and gas owners in the Basal Pennsylvanian Unconformity, Woodford, and Hunton common sources of supply underlying Section 9, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, McClain County, Oklahoma.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Applicant/Operator in this cause is requesting the following special relief: to designate the Applicant/Operator or some other party as Operator of the unit well. Applicant/Operator is further requesting that the Order to be entered in this cause be made effective on a date prior to the date of the Order. Applicant/Operator may request up to one year from the date of the Order to enter in this cause, with which to commence the initial well.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this cause be set before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Initial Hearing Docket at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m., on the 2nd day of January, 2024, and that this Notice be published as required by law and the Rules of the Commission. Due to renovation work at the Jim Thorpe Office Building, the Commission's Oklahoma City

office has relocated to the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building at 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., in the Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. All hearings, docket calls, and public meetings will be conducted in the Concourse Theater or additional courtrooms located in the tunnel between the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and the Sequoyah Memorial Office Building. The specific room location, including updates, of each scheduled hearing or public meeting will be available on or before the day of the event at the information desk in the first-floor lobby of the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and on the Commission's website at: https://oklahoma.gov/occ/court-dockets.html

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the referenced hearing may be conducted via teleconference or video-conference. Before coming to the building for this hearing, please visit the Oklahoma Corporation Commission website at www.occeweb.com to determine the status of building access. Instructions for participating via teleconference or video-conference are available on the Commission's website.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and telephone number.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact JOSHUA C. HYLTON, Capstone Land Company, PO Box 517, Mustang, OK 73064, Telephone: (405) 494-9191, Email: jhylton@capstoneland.net; or Eric Huddleston, Attorney, Two Leadership Square, 211 North Robinson, Suite 1300, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, Telephone: (405) 232-3722.

**CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA**  
**J. Todd Hiett, CHAIRMAN**  
**Kim David, VICE CHAIRMAN**  
**Bob Anthony, COMMISSIONER**  
**DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**  
**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**  
 Secretary

No. 839-December 7-2 Times  
**Bid Title: Mainstreet Landscape Installation and Improvements**  
**Category: Construction Bids**  
**Description:**

The City of Purcell will receive separate sealed bids for Landscape installation throughout the newly constructed streetscape project along Mainstreet. Bids will be received at City Hall, located at 230 W. Main St., Purcell, Oklahoma, 73080, until 11:00 AM. Thursday December 28, 2021. Questions will be accepted by email only at jhazzard@half.com. Project to include installing landscape material in established median beds, adjusting irrigation, adjusting mulch, and providing repairs as required. All work shall be performed, and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Half Inc. and on file in the office of the City Clerk, located at City Hall. The Notice to Bidders. Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications. Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following: City Hall 230 W. Main St. Purcell, Ok 73080 (405) 527-6561

A complete set of digital Plans and Specifications to prospective bidders may be obtained at City Hall, 230 W. Main St. Purcell, Ok 73080, (405) 321-7232. An electronic set of plans and specifications is available at no cost. Each bidder shall accompany their original bid, with a certified or Cashier's Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of their ability to perform the contract bid upon. and that they will enter into a written contract with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials in accordance with said plans and specifications and furnish the required bonds within seven (7)

days after the acceptance of his bid. The deposit will be retained by the Owner for liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of the Contract and required bonds. Each bidder shall accompany their bid with a sworn statement in writing that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express or implied, with any other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids. the limiting of the bids or bidders. the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.

A Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Landscape Architect will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and the bidder shall state in the proposal the name and address of the Surety or Sureties who will sign this bond in case the contract is awarded to them. The Maintenance Bond required will guarantee the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by the Owner. All bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours. Bids will be received upon delivery. Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

No. 852-December 14-1 Time  
**BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
**APPLICANT: CAPSTONE LAND COMPANY**  
**RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH RANGE 1 WEST, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**  
**CAUSE CD NO. 2023-003161**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO:** Lillie Jean Pritchett Forrest; Megan Krislene Yeary, nee Pritchett; Peyton Ronell Meave, nee Pritchett; Barbara Ann Pritchett, deceased; O.L. Pritchett, deceased; Vera Elizabeth Pritchett, deceased; F.O. Pritchett, a/k/a F.L. Pritchett, a/k/a Pete Pritchett, a/k/a Pete Joseph Pritchett, deceased; Fredda Mae Pritchett, a/k/a Freddie Mae Pritchett, deceased; Deborah Kay McGreggor; Joe I. Pritchett; Billy Joe Pritchett, deceased; and all persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and takers of oil and gas and all other interested persons, particularly in McClain County, Oklahoma, and if any of the individuals are deceased, or if any of the companies are no longer in existence, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, successors and assigns, immediate and remote, of the named parties.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Applicant/Operator in this cause is requesting the Commission pool the interests, designate an operator, and adjudicate the rights and equities of oil and gas owners in the Basal Pennsylvanian Unconformity, Woodford, and Hunton common sources of supply underlying Section 16, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, McClain County, Oklahoma.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Applicant/Operator in this cause is requesting the following special relief: to designate the Applicant/Operator or some other party as Operator of the unit well. Applicant/Operator is further requesting that the Order to be entered in this cause be made effective on a date prior to the date of the Order. Applicant/Operator may request up to one year from the date of the Order to enter in this cause, with which to commence the initial well.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this cause be set before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission.

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be published as required by law and the Rules of the Commission.

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**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact JOSHUA C. HYLTON, Capstone Land Company, PO Box 517, Mustang, OK 73064, Telephone: (405) 494-9191, Email: jhylton@capstoneland.net; or Eric Huddleston, Attorney, Two Leadership Square, 211 North Robinson, Suite 1300, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, Telephone: (405) 232-3722.

**CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA**  
**J. Todd Hiett, CHAIRMAN**  
**Kim David, VICE CHAIRMAN**  
**Bob Anthony, COMMISSIONER**  
**DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.**  
**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION**  
 Secretary

No. 848-December 14-2 Times  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH PROTO, DECEASED**  
**Case No. PB-2023-130**  
**COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS; NOTICE OF HEARING IN SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION, FINAL ACCOUNTING, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE**

All CREDITORS having claims against JOSEPH PROTO, 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 for each claim, to the named Personal Representative, Andrew Proto, 12 Kilian Drive, Danbury, Connecticut 06811 on or before the following presentation date December 15, 2023, or the same will be forever barred. Said Personal Representative shall file for a Final Account and Petition for Distribution on December 21, 2023.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY given** to all persons interested in the Estate of JOSEPH PROTO, Deceased, that they are hereby directed to appear in the McClain County District Court Courthouse, Purcell, Oklahoma on the 1st day of February, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., before the undersigned Judge, or the Judge to whom this case is assigned on said date, to show cause, if they have any, why a final accounting should not be made and approved

No. 850-December 14-2 Times  
**DIVISION A - BIDDING REQUIREMENTS**  
**INVITATION TO BID**  
**SECTION 00100**

Sealed bids addressed to the Owner will be received at the Place of Bid until the Time of Bid on the Bid Date and then will be opened and read publicly the same date and hour.

**PROJECT: Police Station Addition and Remodel**  
**OWNER: City of Noble**  
 304 North Main Street  
 Noble, OK 73068

**BID DATE: Thursday January 4th, 2024 (1-04-2024)**  
**TIME OF BID: 2:00 PM CDT**  
**PLACE OF BID: Noble City Hall, 304 North Main Noble, OK 73068**  
**PREBID MEETING: 115 North Second Street Noble, OK 73068**  
 December 21st, 2023 (12-21-23) at 1:00 PM

Any bids received after the stated Time of Bid will be returned to the Bidder unopened. Bidding Requirements and Documents, including Drawings, Specifications and Addenda may be obtained at the office of Prairie Rock Architecture, PLLC, or by mail. A deposit sum of \$150.00, which may be in the form of a check written on the bidder's business account made payable to the Architect, will be required for each set of Contract Documents. Digital versions of Documents are available on CD for a nonrefundable deposit of \$25.00.

Bidders may obtain a maximum of two (2) sets of Drawings and Specifications by deposit and additional sets by paying printing costs (\$3.00/sheet for Drawings - \$0.15/page for Specifications). Deposits will be refunded to Bidders who submit a bona fide Bid at the time and place designated herein and who return the Bidding Documents to the Architect in good condition within ten (10) days from the bid date. The full and complete replacement cost of missing, damaged or unreturned Bidding Documents will be deducted from the Bidders deposit. The full replacement cost for complete sets of Bidding Documents will be deducted from the deposits of Bidders who do not submit a bona fide Bid and do not return the Bidding Documents to the office of the Architect in good condition within five (5) days from the date they received them or no later than seven (7) days prior to bid date. Bidding Documents shall be returned to the Architect's Office postage paid. The Architect will not accept delivery of Bidding Documents returned C.O.D., freight collect or other similar methods. Subcontractors and Suppliers may obtain full or partial sets of Bidding Requirements

No. 846-December 7-2 Times  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN S. BARRETT, Deceased.**

**Case No. PB-2023-78**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION, AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Notice is hereby given that Christopher C. Barrett, the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the Estate of Carolyn S. Barrett, 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 a.m., in the District

and final orders made determining heirship, decreeing distribution, discharge of the Personal Representative, and closing said estate.

The above-named Decedent died on August 31, 2023, at which time the residence address of the decedent was 3315 Ridgeview Lane, Blanchard, Oklahoma 73010.

The total value of the Estate of the Decedent as set forth in the Petition is approximately \$29,000.00.

All objections to the Petition and/or any relief requested must be made in writing not less than 10 days before the hearing date, with such objection to be filed herein, with a copy sent to the Personal Representative, and if an objection is not made within the allowed time, all persons will be deemed to have waived any objection(s) to the Petition and the relief prayed for. If an objection is filed at least 10 days before the hearing date the Court will determine whether summary proceedings are appropriate, and, if so whether the Estate will be distributed and to whom the Estate will be distributed.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 30th day of November 2023.

**CHARLES GRAY**  
**JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT**

Prepared by:  
 Andrew Proto  
 12 Kilian Drive  
 Danbury, Connecticut 06811  
 Telephone (203) 442-3846  
 NYAJP@aol.com  
 Personal Representative

and Documents directly from the Architect by paying the printing costs specified above. All Bidding Requirements and Documents remain property of the Architect.

The Bidding Documents are on file at the Architect's office and are available and open for inspection by Bidders and Sub bidders by appointment during normal business hours.

In submitting a bid it is agreed that the Bid may not be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after Bid Date.

A Bid Security in the form of a cashier's check, or certified check, or acceptable bidder's surety bond, made payable to the Owner, in an amount that is not less than five percent (5%) of the Bid proposal submitted, including all Alternates, shall accompany each Bid as a guarantee that: (1) the Bidder will not modify, withdraw or cancel the proposal for thirty (30) days after the bid date; and (2) the bidder, if awarded the contract, will promptly enter into a contract and execute such bonds and furnish such insurance certificates as may be required. Should the Bidder fail to honor these two (2) guarantee for any reason, the Owner shall total his damages and shall deduct the amount of such damages from the Bidder's Bid Security. Should the damages total less than the amount of the Bid Security, the difference shall be returned to the Bidder. However, all damages in excess of the Bid Security shall be borne by the Owner. Damages may include, but shall not be limited to, reasonable compensation for the Owner's additional time spent, additional Architect's fees, costs to the Owner for delays in completion of the Work based upon the Bidders proposed Contract Time and the Contract Time as Awarded including, but not limited to, interest expense and lost revenue, the difference between the Bidder's proposed Contract Sum and the Contract Sum as awarded and costs to re bid the Project should such action become necessary. Such bid securities will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after execution of the Contract.

For information concerning any part of the proposed work, contact the Architect: Prairie Rock Architecture PLLC (PRA), P.O. Box 2618, Blanchard, OK 73010. Telephone (405) 255-8202.

Additional bidding instructions are included in the Bidding Requirements bound into the Contract Documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive formalities and irregularities.

**BY: City of Noble**  
 304 North Main  
 Noble, OK 73068

No. 838-December 7-2 Times  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
**In The Matter of the Estate of GEORGE C. WILLIS, Deceased,**  
**Case No. PB-23-64**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT AND PETITION FOR ORDER ALLOWING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES, DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE, AND FINAL DISCHARGE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Neil Willis, personal representative of the Estate of George C. Willis, Deceased, having filed in this Court her Final Account of the administration of said estate and Petition for Order Allowing Final Account, Determination of Heirs, Devisees and Legatees, Distribution of Estate, and Final Discharge, the hearing of the same, which will include a hearing upon various matters requested therein to be taken into consideration by the Court, has been set by the Court

of McClain County, Oklahoma the 28th day of December, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in the Courthouse of McClain County, in Purcell, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of said deceased determined, the estate distributed, and the personal representative discharged.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2023.

/s/ Charles Gray  
 Judge of the District Court  
 Submitted by:  
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