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Fatality accident

A motorcycle driver was killed when his cycle and a Chevrolet pickup collided on SH 59 at 11:04 a.m. December 20 at Hopping Avenue.

Wayne man killed in crash

Motorcycle-pickup collide on SH 59 at Hopping Avenue

A Wayne man was killed in a pickup-motorcycle accident just after 11 a.m. Wednesday on state Highway 59 at Hopping Avenue.

OHP Trooper Kenneth Pittman was the lead investigator reporting both vehicles were eastbound on SH 59 when a 1999 Ford F250, driven by Jeffery Herndon, 60, of Pauls Valley began making a left turn onto Hopping Avenue.

Pittman said a 2005 Yamaha motorcycle driven by Hayden Stanley, 22, of Wayne was at-

tempting to pass on the left and struck the pickup in the side.

Pittman said the cause of the collision was improper passing.

Pittman was assisted at the scene by Trooper Nick Vinson, Trooper Shayne Ballard, Captain Jim Terry, the McClain County Sheriff's Department, Wayne Fire and Wadley's EMS.

Wadley's EMS transported Herndon to Purcell Municipal Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Deadline January 25 for PMH bids

Sealed bids due by 5 p.m., online bidding for equipment available

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What has been a mainstay in the City of Purcell since 1970 will go on the auction block come January 25.

The old Purcell Municipal Hospital, located at 1500 N. Green Avenue, will be sold by sealed bids that are due by 5 p.m. on January 25.

The 61,547 sq. ft. building sits on 9.24 acres that has substantial redevelopment potential.

Also up for sealed bids is all the medical equipment, a commercial kitchen, industrial generator and office supplies. Those items will be sold separate with that sealed bid deadline January 9.

"We're selling everything not attached to the walls," auctioneer Richard Branch said. "It can be a piece (of equipment) at a time and some entire contents of a room at a time."

Branch is partnering with Brent Wellings of Schrader Real Estate and Auction Co. Inc.

"We partner all the time on unique properties," Branch said. "He can give them national exposure."

Branch explained why the property is being sold by silent bids instead of the usual live auction process.

"It gives the City of Purcell the ultimate capacity of accepting or rejecting bids," Branch said. "Come buy a piece of history of the property that is no longer needed since we have the new one."

Open inspection dates include December 28 from 9 a.m. to noon, January 16 from 9 a.m. to noon and January 25 from noon to 5 p.m.

Branch may be contacted on his cell at 405 627-3920 or by email at richard@branchauction.com

2023 A look back

Three tornadoes and drought were major stories



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Total destruction

The destructive EF-3 tornado that ripped through Cole and the surrounding area April 19 destroyed 61 homes like this one and damaged scores of others.

Topping the news for the year 2023 was the weather.

Here's a look at some of the top stories for the year.

1. Three tornadoes ripped through the heart of the county with all three taking much the same path.

The first was an EF2 February 22 that developed

just southwest of Goldsby, eventually doing significant damage to the David J. Perry Airport.

In addition to extensive damage to hangars, several airplanes were damaged from the violent winds. The tornado stayed on the ground taking a broad

swath right through a residential area of east Norman.

The second twister of the year, an EF3, struck Cole April 19 killing two McClain County residents.

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Caught red-handed

Alert neighbor notifies police and couple arrested in house

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Thanks to an alert neighbor and fast action by authorities, two people were caught red-handed in the midst of a home burglary early the morning of December 20 in far north Goldsby.

McClain County Sheriff Deputy Beau Ogden was dispatched to 18806 Thunder Ridge Road where he found a red 1995 Jeep Cherokee parked on the side of the house.

Ogden said the hood of the vehicle was warm so it hadn't been parked there very long. After meeting with the reporting party, Ogden waited on the arrival of Trooper Ken Pittman. Together the pair went in to check on the home, going room to room.

Both the front and back doors were secured but Ogden found a back patio door to be partially open and bent.

Ogden found a male subject standing in a closet of the master bedroom. The male, who identified himself as Kobi Bryant, was taken into custody as was a female, identified as Chelsi Martin.

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30-year pins

Hospital CEO/CNO Chris Wright had the pleasure last Thursday afternoon to present 30-year service pins to long-time PMH employees Karen Huckabee, left, and Dianna Farris.

Purcell gets 1.3"

Last week's 1.3" of rain in Purcell brought the year-to-date total for 2023 to 38.22".

That compares to 38.32" for this time last year and the 40.05" that was recorded in 2021.

Oklahoma City has re-

corded 37.30" so far this year. The normal year-to-date total is 36.14".

In that rain storm last week, Washington received 1.24" and Byars .83", according to the Oklahoma Mesonet.

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Famous tourney

Washington's girls are in the famed Bertha Frank Teague Mid-America basketball classic.



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18 of the Purcell Register's top front pages in all of 2023.



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Sunset

Pretty as a picture. Another gorgeous Oklahoma sunset captured in the southwestern sky at dusk.

Sen. Garvin files bill to better protect schools against gun violence

Senator Jessica Garvin, R-Duncan, has filed legislation to increase the state penalty for carrying an illegal firearm onto school property.

Senate Bill 1254 changes the already illegal infraction from a misdemeanor to a felony offense, increases the fine to \$2,500 and allows state prosecutors to seek up to a year in prison if the individual carrying the weapon is found guilty.

In response to increased gun violence in recent years, Garvin said her bill will better protect children, teachers, and others on school campuses across the state. She worked with school, law enforcement and public safety officials in drafting the measure.

"The horrific tragedy that rocked our state earlier this year at a Choctaw high school football game, along with other instances led to conversations

with local officials to figure out how we can better protect our children and others on school campuses.

"While it's already illegal to carry a firearm on school grounds, we determined the current state punishment is nothing more than a slap on the wrist. Senate Bill 1254 will hopefully deter those who want to cause harm in our schools," Garvin said. "I'm pro-Second Amendment and have voted continuously to uphold this right for Oklahomans. I'm also in strong favor of protecting the lives of children and others on our school campuses.

"This bill is about stopping this illegal activity and giving prosecutors the power to pursue more significant charges," she said.

The bill will be up for consideration when the legislative session convenes in February.

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Review

That storm eventually made its way to Goldsby where more homes were damaged.

The third tornado of the year came on May 10 ripping a similar path as the one in April. Homes were damaged in Cole, Goldsby and as far east as Noble.

2. Purcell's Rotary Club celebrated its 100th anniversary of being a Rotary International Club.

3. Washington seniors Kate Boothe and Jennie Higdon were named by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence as Academic All-Staters.

4. Washington's Warriors won their second straight State Championship with their second straight perfect 15-0 season.

5. Janelle Winterton winning her third straight 300 hurdles State Championship.

6. Patti Christian being named the Oklahoma Association Conservation District's Employee of the Year.

7. Joshua Allen Finkbeiner was found guilty of killing Shaliyah Toombs and her unborn child. He received a life without parole sentence.

8. McClain and Garvin County Commissioners held joint meetings discussing the possibility of a regional jail.

9. Goldsby residents were forced to ration water during the intense summer heat and officials reported that possibility exists again for 2024.

10. Purcell was selected as a setting for a new movie, "One Crazy Night".

11. Ground was broken for a new bank in Goldsby.

12. Purcell crowned three champions at the State TSA Leadership Conference in Norman. Taking home top honors

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7 Day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
46° 26°	50° 25°	54° 30°	55° 30°	52° 31°	46° 28°	45° 28°
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy

Cooler temps to start week

We have seen a cooler start to the week across the region associated with a few rain showers. We have since dried out and our dry pattern continues into the next seven days as we end 2023. On Thursday, we will see mostly sunny skies

return with afternoon highs in the middle 40s. Temperatures will approach 50 degrees by Friday as sunny skies dominate. This weekend will feature temperatures in the middle 50s but will fall into the lower 50s and upper 40s as we begin

2024 next Monday and into Tuesday. Partly cloudy skies will hold by the middle part of the week as temperatures only make it into the middle 40s for daytime highs.

- Hunter Brittingham

Oklahoma Poison Center reports on holiday hazards: button batteries a potential medical emergency if swallowed

With new electronics and toys around the house during the Christmas season, parents and caregivers are reminded that the small, round "button" batteries used to power many devices can be quite dangerous if swallowed.

Toddlers and young children are particularly susceptible to injury from these batteries because of their narrow throats and inability to tell parents what has happened.

The coin-shaped button batteries - used to power decorations, hearing aids, watches, toys, games, flashing jewelry, musical greeting cards, remote control devices and many other items most parents and caregivers don't think of as dangerous - are metallic and shiny, and very attractive to young children.

A child swallowing a button battery presents an especially dangerous situation that requires immediate attention. While most swallowed button batteries will pass through the gut and be eliminated in the stool, occasionally a swallowed button battery can get stuck in the throat, especially in a child's narrow throat.

"When a button battery lodges in a child's throat, it causes an electrical current to go through the tissue," said Kristie Edelen, managing director for the Oklahoma Poison Center. "The electrical current causes damage because it forms hydroxide, which is an ingredient in lye. When this happens, the battery can cause severe tissue damage, even death. Button batteries also may cause injury when they are placed in the nose or the ears as well."

Keep items containing button batteries that are not secured by screws like remote controls out of reach of children. If anyone ingests a foreign body, especially a button battery, call the Oklahoma Poison Center at 800-222-1222

immediately. In the case of button battery ingestion, take the person to the closest emergency department and obtain an X-ray to ensure the battery is not lodged in the throat, which is an especially dangerous situation that requires immediate attention.

"Most people think that if a person isn't coughing and choking, there can't be something caught in the throat. That isn't necessarily the case, particularly with small objects like button batteries," says Edelen. "The only way to make sure the battery has passed into the stomach and therefore less likely to cause injury is to get an X-ray."

Edelen reports that in 2022, there were 27 cases of button battery ingestion reported to the Oklahoma Poison Center in children up to five years of age. This year there have been 18 cases of button battery ingestions so far in this same age group.

Tips for Protecting Young Children:

- Never leave batteries sitting out. Store batteries out of sight and reach of young children.
- Check all household devices to be certain the battery compartment is secured shut. Use strong tape to secure compartments that children can open or that might pop open if the device is dropped.
- Only purchase products that require a screwdriver or tool to open the battery compartment, or that are closed with a child-resistant locking mechanism.
- Batteries are everywhere! Be sure to check remote controls, tea lights and flameless candles,

garage door openers, keyless entry fobs, bathroom scales, parking transponders, toys, cameras, watches, calculators, digital thermometers, hearing aids, singing greeting cards, talking books, portable stereos, handheld video games, cell phones, home medical equipment/meters, flash lights, pen lights, flashing shoes, toothbrushes, keychains, flashing or lighted jewelry or attire, and basically any other household item that is powered.

• Be especially cautious with any products that contain a battery that is as big as a penny or larger. The 20 mm diameter button battery is one of the most serious problems when swallowed.

• Don't allow children to play with batteries or with battery-powered products that have easily accessible batteries.

• Don't insert or change batteries in front of small children. Call the Oklahoma Poison Center with any questions or concerns regarding potential hazards that arise during the holidays, and do not forget to save the poison center's phone number, 800-222-1222, in your phone.

Pharmacists and registered nurses at the poison center are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please do not email the poison center or a member of the poison center staff, as poisoning emergencies are not handled through email.

The Oklahoma Poison Center is a program of the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy at OU Health Sciences.

For more information, visit OklahomaPoison.org.

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(Prior Code 1991, §8-115) State Law Reference: Similar provisions, 21 O.S. §120S.

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Lights from the Heart

Sunday is your last chance to see Purcell's Lights From the Heart at Chandler Park.

The light display will be open until Sunday, December 31, at 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.

For more information call 405-527-3261.

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.

Rural Fire

Vacancy

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

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

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>.

Celebrate

Recovery

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

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

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

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

SafeCare

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

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

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

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

Senior Dance

at Purcell

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

Join your friends for fun and dancing!

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

Proceeds will benefit the Purcell Senior Citizens Center.

Museum News

The McClain County Museum and Historical Society has undergone some changes and the museum is now open for tours.

To schedule a tour contact Jerry Hayes at 405-812-8379.

OMRF receives grant to study genetic links to disease of lupus

The National Institutes of Health has awarded an Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientist \$2.9 million to better understand how genetic variants contribute to the autoimmune disease lupus.

Scientists discovered the connection between genetic variations and lupus more than half a century ago. However, diagnosing and treating the disease remains challenging, in part because researchers can't trace it to a single telltale genetic variant, said OMRF scientist Swapan Nath, Ph.D., who received the four-year grant.

"Not only do different genes play roles in lupus, but even when the same variants are shared by two people with lupus, they can exhibit significantly different clinical manifestations," Nath said.

In lupus, the immune system attacks the body's own tissues. It can cause damage to the joints, skin, kidneys, heart and lungs.

According to the Lupus Foundation of America, about 1.5 million Americans – primarily women – have the disease. Lupus disproportionately affects African Americans, American Indians, Latinos and Asians, and it tends to be more severe among those ethnicities.

Nath, who holds the Wil-

liam H. & Rita Bell Chair in Biomedical Research at OMRF, will investigate genetic variants sourced from repositories of samples donated by people with lupus worldwide. He expects to identify five to 10 common or ethnicity-specific variants and then focus on those in future research.

"We're looking for genetic variants that could be affecting a normal and beneficial cellular process known as autophagy, which is like a recycling system within the body," Nath said. "This process operates daily throughout our body as cells discard defective parts or fight infections."

Autophagy is essential for maintaining the balance and proper functioning of our cells. When functioning correctly, it safeguards against diseases, but any dysfunction can contribute to disease development.

Recent genome-wide studies conducted by Nath's lab and others have uncovered a link between autoimmune diseases and variants in

genes that control autophagy. Nath's grant enables him to test his hypothesis that ethnicity-specific variants in those genes predispose a person to lupus.

If successful, future research could focus on how the disease manifests differently through those variants among various ethnicities.

"If Dr. Nath's hypothesis is correct, this area of study could be a game-changer in lupus research," said OMRF Chief Medical Officer & Executive Vice President Judith James, M.D., Ph.D. "His research promises to narrow the focus, aiding our understanding of which genetic variants contribute to this disease."

Nath's grant, 1R01AI172255-01A1, was issued by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, both part of the NIH.

The Oklahoma City-based Presbyterian Health Foundation provided funding for Nath's preliminary data.

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in their events were Nicholas Westmoreland and Riley Moore for Problem Solving; Shiv Patel, Owen Milner and Riley Moore in Drone Challenge and Aubrey Swain in the MS Flight event.

13. Paul Wollenberg named District Teacher of the Year.

14. Longtime Purcell resident Phillip "Flipper" Ellyson won a State Championship at the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association's "The Sod Buster" event in Cherokee.

15. The Pioneer Library System was named the Library of the Year. Lisa Wells accepted the plaque.

JANUARY

Pipe busting cold Siberian air had an icy grip on Central Oklahoma December 22 through 25.

Temperatures were in the single digits and wind chills were below zero.

Clem Paez and Jennifer Coates were honored with 20-year longevity pins by hospital CEO/CNO Chris Wright.

Juan Adrian Cardenas, 30, of Norman died December 20.

Benny "Max" Dye, 94, of Konawa died December 21.

Nancy Mae Hatcher, 80, of Newcastle died December 21.

Denise Ann (Robinson) Weldon, 66, of Maysville died

December 24.

Harold Windell Caskey, 81, of Lexington died December 19.

Norma Pennington, 89, of Lexington died December 19.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation has increased its support for the Main StreetScape project by \$700,00.

Sgt. Josh Van Oort and Officer Joshua Miller were both honored with Life Saving Awards at Purcell's City Counsel meeting.

Lexington High School to crown a basketball queen prior to games against Purcell.

Two women from Texas and Michigan were arrested for trafficking \$40,000 worth of marijuana.

Pilot Austin Wallace is build-

ing a world-class flight school in Goldsby.

Leland Shilling's ear for language led the Navy to train him as a cryptologic interpreter.

Deborah Boardingham, 86, of Purcell died January 4.

Gary Cardell Sanders, 69, died January 7.

Terry Don Burton, 80, died January 6.

Doyle Williams, 89, died January 4.

Donna Cooper, 62, died January 5.

David Harvey, 60, died January 7.

Mid-America Technology Center recognized its school board members.

Purcell won the first annual Verdigris Tournament and earned the championship while playing 4A and 5A schools.

Washington Lady Warriors

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Walters is bad news

It's not really a news bulletin that State Superintendent Ryan Walters is a bit on the eccentric side.

And that's putting it mildly. He has been less than transparent in his approach to the office so much so that the Oklahoma House of Representatives issued a subpoena to force Walters to produce certain documents and information no later than 3 p.m. January 5.

State Rep. Mark McBride, R-Moore, said Walters has complied with the subpoena.

Truth is, however, they shouldn't have to issue a subpoena for Walters to be transparent.

jdm

We hope you enjoy the Year in Review portion of this week's **Purcell Register**.

Our staff has worked diligently logging the top news

Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

stories of the year 2023 for our readers to read and recollect.

jdm

With schools still on holiday break there is a shortage of sporting news but that will soon change.

Purcell, Lexington, and Wayne all get back on the

hardwood next Tuesday night.

Wayne plays at Lexington while Purcell travels to Bridge Creek.

The Washington girls travel to Ada for the prestigious Bertha Frank Teague Mid-America Classic basketball tournament this weekend, Dec. 28-30.

Washington's boys will play in the Noble Tournament January 4-6 while Purcell's boys and girls play in the Verdigris Tournament that weekend.

Lexington will play in the Davis Tournament January 4-6 while Wayne plays in the Graham Tournament that weekend.

For those who may not know where Graham is you are not alone.

Graham is an unincorporated community in Carter County north and east of Healdton and south and east of Fox.

jdm

Will you face 2024 with fear or fearlessness?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Wages are not keeping up with the cost of living. The cost of groceries, fast food, building materials, and most anything you can name has increased dramatically.

Millions of Americans are Social Security recipients. The modest increase coming in January will feel like a drop in the bucket. Every little bit helps and it will truly be a little bit compared to the financial needs of senior adult Americans.

Almost every day we see the national reports of the thousands of undocumented immigrants flooding our country. This does not make us feel very secure. Our government could stop this but they don't.

We have the ability to stop this insane invasion of America but for some reason our leaders obviously want the masses to keep coming. This is fearful.

How will these people survive in America? Where will they live? Are there jobs for all these people? Is this really fair and helping them when so many of them will have to sleep on the streets of our major cities?

I don't see how.

Will this invasion become the eventual end of the America we have enjoyed, without a shot being fired?

Politics is not comforting to most Americans. Who can we trust? Is anybody telling the truth? Are all politicians liars and thieves? Do they all have nasty baggage in the closet? Are there any real leaders that we can respect and admire without having to look down or look away when we mention their names?

Yes, there are those we believe in but none of them are perfect and most are far from perfect. Of course, no one is perfect. This is nerve racking for Americans, especially in such a crucial election year.

We are constantly bombarded with pleas for support. Currently it's Ukraine. Ukraine obviously needs help.

It's difficult for us to fathom billions of dollars for Ukraine when we won't secure our own borders and protect our own citizens. How does this make sense?

Interest rates may come down

in 2024 but will they come down enough? A seven percent rate on a \$40,000 car is a tough payment for many Americans.

The housing market is struggling. Who can afford a \$350,000 house along with a seven or eight percent loan? Obviously not many as home sales are badly slumping right now.

There is a lot to scare us in this world. Cancer, diabetes, neurological diseases, and more. When we do get sick there is the price tag that comes with waging a medical war to survive.

So often, people postpone going to the doctor because they don't want to see the medial bills and this ends up being a very unhealthy and often deadly decision. The whole scenario is fearful.

However, life is not to be lived in fear. Fear freezes us, paralyzes us, and overcomes us. We seldom move forward when frozen by fear.

My hope for all of us is that

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Values of faith, giving and gratitude

Congressman Tom Cole

As I reflect on the significance of Christmas, I am reminded of the blessings that surround us. During this last month of the year, it is certainly easy to get swept up in the busyness of the end-of-year and holiday season to-do lists.

However, we must not forget the values that unite us during this festive time.

December is a time for family traditions, celebrations and even generosity to others, and one of the core principles of Christmas is the spirit of giving.

This holiday season, let us be mindful of those less fortunate than us. Whether it is donating to local charities, volunteering at local shelters and centers or simply by reaching out to a neighbor in need, there are countless ways we can make

a positive impact on the lives of others.

By embodying the spirit of generosity, we reinforce the values that make our communities strong.

We should all take time to pray for our armed forces stationed overseas during tumultuous global conflicts, far from their family, friends and loved ones.

We also think of their families as they struggle with having them missing from their tables while they sacrifice so much for the safety of our citizens. And that serves true as well for our nation's first responders including law enforcement, firefighters and those serving on the front lines in the medical community.

These selfless servants are who keep our country safe and moving so we can enjoy

these holidays safely and in good health.

The holiday season also provides time to reflect on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As a Christian, this holiday holds profound significance.

The message of hope and love reminds us of the values that bind us as a resilient nation. Amid political differences, this season provides an opportunity to set aside our divisions and focus on what unites us all.

May the values of faith, giving and gratitude guide us into the beginning of the next year. As our holiday celebrations continue, whether you share the same faith as myself or celebrate something else, I wish you, your family and loved one's immense joyfulness as you gather throughout the rest of this season.

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All letters to the editor must include the signature of the author and all those listed as signees. All letters must include the name, address and a daytime phone number for verification purposes. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published.

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Your Views



Understanding mental health parity and your insurance coverage

By Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner Glen Mulready

Often, when we discuss health insurance, we focus mainly on physical health benefits for operations, hospital visits or medication and don't mention another important component of well-being: mental health.

More than one in five U.S. adults live with a mental illness, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Around the same percentage of Oklahomans (almost 790,000 people) experience a mental illness every year.

This is a topic I hope enters the conversation more, and I want Oklahomans to understand mental health parity and insurance coverage.

What is parity?

First, it's crucial to understand what parity is. In this case, mental health parity means mental health coverage under an insurance plan is equal to physical health coverage.

Mental health hasn't always been treated the same as physical health coverage, with this issue addressed by multiple laws over the decades.

In 2008, Congress passed the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA), which generally prevents group health plans and health insurance issuers that provide mental health or substance use disorder benefits from imposing less favorable benefit limitations on those benefits than on medical/surgical benefits.

In Oklahoma, we passed SB1718 in 2020, which requires carriers in the state to offer mental health and substance use disorder coverage in parity.

Is my plan included under mental health parity?

All fully insured health plans sold to individuals, small employer groups and large employer groups must include benefits for mental health and substance use disorder services.

Self-funded health plans (commonly provided by large employers) aren't required to cover these services. If they do include this coverage, it must be provided in parity with benefits for physical illness.

In general, parity rules apply to:

- Private-sector employment-sponsored group health plans with 51 or more workers

- Private plans of smaller employers that started offering health insurance benefits or made major changes to their health insurance plans after March 23, 2010

- Plans sponsored by non-federal governmental employers with 51 or more workers (although self-insured non-federal governmental plans can opt out if they follow certain procedures)

- Most health insurance coverage sold to individuals, including coverage sold through the Health Insurance Marketplace

- Most, but not all, Medicaid managed care programs and all Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) programs

However, parity does not apply to Medicare fee-for-service or Medicare Advantage plans.

What if my health insurance plan doesn't treat mental health and physical health equally?

Review your health insurance plan and look closely at your benefits. If you determine your insurer does not meet parity but does meet the above criteria, contact us at the Oklahoma Insurance Department at 800-522-0071 or visit oid.ok.gov.

We can help review policies and contact insurance companies on your behalf to ensure compliance with state and federal parity laws.

For immediate mental health assistance, call or text Oklahoma's Mental Health Lifeline at 988.

Rants? Raves?

Submit your letter to the editor.

Review:



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New boss

The new head coach for the Purcell Dragon football team, Aaron Dillard, with son Lincoln and wife Emily. Dillard went 9-3 as head coach in his first season, third best for Dragons All-Time for first year coaches. Since this photo was taken the Dillards have added to their roster with son, Cole.

claimed the Konawa Invitational Tournament.

Lexington's Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs both finished runners-up in the Arbuckle Classic.

I-35 was constricted to one southbound lane for one week.

The main water line from the wells in Lexington sustained a major break at the corner of Canadian and Adams with water service cut off to the entire town of Purcell.

A caterpillar scraper struck all 10 beams running underneath the I-35 bridge over SH 39 causing \$426,400 in repair work.

Major General Michael C. Thompson of Edmond is one of four honorees being inducted into the Oklahoma State University Hall of Fame. He is a PHS graduate.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is seeking public input on widening I-35 from four to six lanes between mile marker 100 just south of Ladd Road north of Norman.

Coryell Roofing began the latest work on the roof of the McClain County Courthouse.

Oklahoma has two Congressional Chairmen in the new Congress including Fourth District Congressman Tom Cole and Third District Congressman Frank Lucas.

The OTA refuted claims of misinformation on I-35 traffic collisions from Purcell to Interstate 40.

Purcell Junior High teacher of the month is Jeff Fink.

Purcell Junior High sixth grade students of the month were Eddi Resendiz and Alison Brady.

Purcell Junior High seventh grade students of the month were Cannan Haynes and Taygan Winters.

Purcell Junior High eighth grade students of the month were Ethan Jones and Mykailah Leatherman.

Robbie Nell (Horn) Johannesen, 91, died January 10.

Billy Faught Sr., 91, of Lexington died January 13.

Billie Rose Bringanti, 61, of Purcell died January 6.

Purcell girls basketball remain number 11 in Class 3A after back-to-back victories over Marlow and Lexington.

One of Oklahoma's oldest high school basketball tournaments, The Heart of Oklahoma, tips off in Purcell.

Washington girls basketball team picked up two more wins to run their season record to an impressive 13-0.

Lexington Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs win first games of The Grady County Tournament vs. Alex.

Wayne hosted Stratford and lost 70-36.

All lanes of southbound and northbound I-35 are now open after bridge damage has been repaired.

The Purcell Dragons hired a new football coach, Aaron Dillard, by the Board of Education during a special meeting.

Purcell High School's 2023 basketball Coronation was held at The Reimer Center.

Washington Warriors crowned the 2023 basketball king and queen followed by a games against Bridge Creek.

Candidate filing begins for McClain County Municipal offices February 6.

The Singing Churchwomen of Oklahoma stopped by for a performance at the First Baptist Church.

Purcell High School's Principal has announced the honor roll for the fall semester of 2022-2023.

Seniors Superintendent's honor roll includes 31 students.

Juniors Superintendent's honor roll includes 32 students.

Principal's honor roll includes 66 students.

A Lexington man is facing charges after an altercation at Walmart results in injured officers.

Higher egg prices are the new normal according to Rodney Holcomb, OSU Extensions specialist in food economics.

Applications and auditions for the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain opened.

After 18 years of volunteering for Dale K. Graham's Veteran's Corner, Clayton Lee was honored by President Joe Biden with a certificate for The President's Volunteer Service Award.

Donald Mack Abrams, 81, of Yukon died January 10.

Alvin Max Whitfield, 90, of Purcell died January 17.

Dr. Shirley Anne Paddock Carson, 86, died January 22.

Elton Wohlschlegel, 85, of Lexington died January 23.

Code.org, in partnership with DonorsChoose, has selected Lexington High School as one of Code.org's \$10,000 CS Leader Prize Winners.

The Purcell Dragons won the Heart of Oklahoma Tournament for the first time since 1996.

The Washington basketball girls win inaugural basketball tournament while boys team claimed third place.

Lexington girls wrestling win Pauls Valley tournament.

Lexington boys basketball win 2nd place in the Grady County Tournament.

FEBRUARY

Many schools across Oklahoma turned to virtual learning after a massive sleet storm.

Every building in the Pur-

cell School District has been equipped with an emergency defibrillator and a trained staff member.

Nominations for Citizen of the Year are requested.

The Citizen of the Year will be announced on April 13 during the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

The winter weather has caused many donors to cancel appointments and blood drives to be pushed back causing our Blood Institute's supply to drop dangerously low.

Registered Republican voters elected Precinct Officers and Delegates to the County Convention.

Purcell Intermediate School's Superintendent's and Principals honor roll has over 100 students listed.

The Purcell Public School Foundation's annual meeting will be February 23.

February 10 was the last day to apply for voter registration for the March 7 State Question Special Election.

Early voting began in February for voters in McClain County.

Lexington Public Schools honor roll boasts over 200 students.

Norma Gail Abrams died. Delbert Leon Taber, 71, of Purcell died January 29.

Linda Nell Womack, 75, died January 25.

Maxie Tucker, 93, of Lexington died January 28.

Colton Allen Turner, 21, died January 21.

Rowan Ardery placed first in the 168 pound class with a 1,155 pound total in the Dibble Powerlifting meet.

Purcell's victory over Davis hiked Purcell's season record to 16-1.

Washington's boys and girls basketball teams picked up wins against Bridge Creek.

Wayne hosted Konawa and the Bulldogs dropped a 50-49 overtime decision.

Purcell's Homecoming king and queen were Lincoln Eubank and KK Eck.

Washington senior Kyndall Wells was crowned homecoming queen.

Purcell's girls basketball put up 51 half points against Pauls Valley in an 89-35 win.

Wayne's Lady Bulldogs picked up a 57-50 win over Maud.

The Washington girls basketball team extended their record to 20-0 after picking up wins against Pauls Valley and Davis.

Lexington-Purcell wrestling team gave it their all at the Midwestern Conference.

The Lady Bulldogs fell to the Leopardettes 59-43.

Purcell's City Manager Dale Bunn told city council member bids will be going out for the Main StreetScape project and the bid will be awarded in April.

The Wayne School District asked voters to approve two separate bond issues totaling \$1,070,000 to enhance buildings and upgrade transportation equipment.

A standoff with Purcell Police ends with Austin Walls

From page 4A

Mollette:

we might overcome fear in our lives and dethrone the beast from ruling over us in 2024.

My hope for you is that you might have the power of God in your life in such a way, that his presence will be greater in you than all the fears we are facing in the world.

May you have this power in you in such a way that you will face this next year with strength and fearlessness.

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

being arrested for two counts of domestic assault and battery.

All persons living in McClain County who have storm shelters are urged to register that shelter with McClain County to help first responders locate those shelters in the event of damaging storms.

The Purcell area has 2.7" of rain and counting for the year-to-date.

The City of Purcell Parks and Recreation Department and Advisory Board hosted a public

workshop to discuss the future development of McCurdy park.

"Thinking Money for Kids" exhibition is coming to Norman Public Library Central.

The Purcell Public School Foundation held an open meeting.

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce presented the Legislative Chamber Luncheon.

The Purcell Ladies Golf Association hosted a scramble and kick-off meeting.

State Senator Jessica Garvin was appointed to the Fiscal Affairs and Government operations Committee and the Human Services and Public Safety Committee of the Council of State Government.

The National Institutes of Health has awarded an Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientist \$2.1 million to better understand the metabo-

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Just flappin' his gums

By Andy Bowman,
CoffeeTime
Columnist

The old man is sitting on his front porch is his favorite rocking chair and talking to his freshly minted twenty-

one-year-old grandson – attempting to encourage him to think things over clearly before deciding.

To make decisions for his life based on clear facts, a living God, and real love. Instead of impulse, illogical dreams, and irrational hopes.

He was trying to get that young man to realize that an older person has already walked a lot of roads and seen an enormous amount of heartache and pitfalls.

Pitfalls that an inexperienced walker who can't see around the bend can avoid. But only if he is willing to listen to the voice of someone who has already fallen many times, and had to painfully pick himself back up and limp on down the road.

But, as is very predictable, the young energetic rabbit isn't

eager to sit and listen to the advice of the old tortoise. He wants to race down the roads himself, to make his own way, to prove to himself and to the world that he is able, intelligent, and clever.

He is convinced that he will be successful at avoiding all the heartache the old man keeps talking about. And arrogantly and naively believes that he is the master of his own fate.

Nobody is going to tell him how to live his life.

As he stands and begins making noises to leave, the old man glares exasperatedly and finally attempts to yell in a wheezing, weak voice.

"Hey, son! I'm not just sittin' here flappin' my gums at ya for the fun of it! You got a lot of hard life in front of ya. I done been there, and I already know what it's gonna cost ya!"

"Ya need to sit back down and listen ta' me, cuz believe me, ya don't want to walk some of those roads that I can see ahead of ya!"

"So jest shut up and sit back down and listen ta' me!"

You already have a pretty clear idea of how the conversation went from that point.

The old man sitting there in his rocking chair, shaking with frustration and anger while he tries to yell loud enough to be heard by the retreating figure of his grandson, who is now almost jogging to get to his sports car and make a quick getaway.

The old hairy saying is still true; 'You can listen and learn, or you can live and learn – but you WILL learn.'

But another saying is also true: 'Rare is the person who is willing to learn by listening to someone who has already fallen way too many times.'

Most of us go at it the hardest way possible.

We come to a steep cliff, think about it for a little while, impulsively make an ill-informed decision, close our eyes and leap. Just hoping for the best.

Stupid. There are better ways.

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Society

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lism of T cells.
 Mark Vernon Bradley, 64, died January 31.
 Debra Lou "Debi" Wilcox, 69, died February 3.
 L. Dee Oliphant, 82, died

January 27.
 Wayne School patrons passed two bond issues to enhance security improvements and renovations to buildings district wide and to replace high

mileage buses.
 The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives raided a Purcell residence.
 Purcell's Board of Education approved hires of an Offensive Coordinator and promoted two long-term substitutes to full-time teachers.

One half inch of rainfall gives Purcell 3.50" of rain thus far in 2023.

Registered voters who become physically incapacitated still have the opportunity to cast their ballots.

Purcell High School Students of the Month were Addison Harjo and Madelyn "Winnie" Hawley.

Purcell Junior High Staff and students of the month were Hilary Venegas- support person of the month, Kieran Meigs- sixth grade boy of the month, Mylan Fleming- sixth grade girl of the month, Mason Holmes- seventh grade boy of the month, Kaylee Peoples- seventh grade girl of the month, Mason Rogers- eighth grade boy of the month, Halle Madden- eighth grade girl of the month.

The 33rd Annual Purcell Livestock show was held February 19.

The Purcell Bonus Auction was held February 23.

Washington FFA & 4-H Livestock show was held on February 25.

The City of Purcell Employee of the Month was John McCurdy of the Purcell Golf Course.

Mary Dee Maynard, 87, died February 11.

Mary Lou Ashley, 85, of Maysville died February 9.

Donald Ray Whitaker, 79, died February 8.

Evelyn Anne Idlett, 61, died February 8.

Glen Darrell Box, 85, of Denton, Texas, died.

Melba Allene (Aulds) Cash, 91, died.

Carol Martell, 76, died February 3.

Rita Margaret Giroux, 88, of Purcell died February 11.

Mary Drago, 84, of Norman died February 9.

Frank Morris, 96, of Noble died February 9.

Mark Craig Fowler, 63, of Wayne died February 8.

The Wayne Bulldogs picked up a 44-41 win over Strother in the district tournament.

Purcell finished the regular

season strong winning 12 of their last 13 to finish the regular season 21-2.

Paul Wollenberg was honored for his 26 years of coaching Purcell athletics.

Washington High School football players Tanner Winlock and Major Cantrell were awarded Heart of Oklahoma Player of the Year.

Purcell football players Payson Purcell-Defensive Player of the Year, Brendon Bacon-Co-Offensive Lineman, and Brody Holder-Defensive Line-man of the Year were honored with Heart of Oklahoma Player of the year awards.

2023 Mr. and Miss Washington are Grant Hager and Kaycee Keith.

Two murder trials were on the docket in McClain County.

High speed pursuit by officer John Idlett ends with a car crash.

Criswell's Service Station continues the hometown service and legacy passed on from the late Jimmy Criswell to Brandon, Aaron, and Nick Criswell.

Tax gains big in February with all but three towns in this area registered gains in sales and use tax collections.

The Dibble High School cheer team was honored at the Oklahoma house of representatives for their second consecutive win as OSSAA Class 2A Game Day Cheerleading State Champions.

Purcell High School senior, Mercer Martin, completed a week of service as a page for Sen. Jessica Garvin, R-Duncan.

David Raymond Davidson, 84, of Lexington died February 19.

Glenda Gay Ivy, 62, of Lexington died February 20.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol continues to investigate a fatal traffic accident where a one-year-old child from Tecumseh was killed on South Highway 74 south of Purcell.

Early voting began March 3 for voters in McClain County.

Purcell hosted the first round of the Regional Tournament were the Dragons will face off against the Frederick Bombers.

The Purcell Dragons defeated Lexington, 88-63, claiming the school's 48th District championship.

The Purcell girls basketball team claimed the District championship after beating Lexington 41-28.

The Wayne Bulldogs ended the season with a 73-63 loss to Wetumka.

Washington FFA and 4-H students competed in The Bonus Action.

MARCH

Kate Boothe and Jennie

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It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy New Year!
 Hope everyone rings in the new year safely and happily!
 Don't forget to eat your blackeyed peas!

The Purcell Register will be closed Monday, January 1, for the New Year holiday.

Happy birthday Reese Fleming, Jared Rogers, Penny Berrey, Susie Hoefler, Harrison Keeler, Brady Lizana, Rita Ganster, Jessica Jones, Melissa Mills, Connie Mack Sikes, Doug Weimer, Brianna Cleeland, Lacy McGee, Maria del Carmen McGee, Quincy McGee, Jobeth M. Suarez, Susan Nicholson, Jerry Swayze, Sandra Ezell, Adrienne Martin and Tanner Martin.

This is your last chance to drive around Purcell City Lake and create holiday memories as you see over 190 animated displays featuring over 650,000 lights at Purcell's Lights From the Heart!

The lights will close at 10 p.m. Sunday, December 31. There is no admission fee, but donations are greatly 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 also now has the ability to email tax statements.

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

For more information call

405-527-3261.

With school resuming early next week after the Christmas break, drivers should be especially vigilant for pedestrians before and after school hours.

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

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

Now is the time to make your New Year's Resolutions!

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

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

Here's a twist on how to make sure you get your black-eyed peas on New Year's Day.

- Cowboy Caviar**
- 15 oz. can black beans, rinsed and drained
 - 15.8 oz. can black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained
 - 15.25 oz. can sweet corn, drained
 - 14.5 oz. can diced tomatoes or Rotel Tomatoes, drained
 - 1 avocado, diced
 - 1/2 cup chopped onion
 - 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
 - 3/4 cup zesty Italian dressing
 - 1 TBL lime juice

Pour all of the ingredients into a large bowl and stir until combined. Cover the bowl and place in the fridge.

Allow the flavors to blend for about 1 hour before serving.



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PHS student helpers

Purcell High School Leadership students were a great help setting up and packing boxes for McClain County Operation Christmas.

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School Menus

Week of January 1

Wayne

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| MONDAY
No School, Christmas Break. | THURSDAY BREAKFAST
Cereal, fruit, juice, milk. |
| TUESDAY
No School, Christmas Break. | LUNCH
Italian bake, roll, corn, carrots, wacky cake, milk. |
| WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST
Pancake, cereal, fruit, juice, milk. | FRIDAY BREAKFAST
Grain bar, cereal, fruit, juice, milk. |
| LUNCH
Chicken sandwich, whole grain chips, broccoli, mixed fruit, milk. | LUNCH
Pizza, mixed vegetables, spinach, apple, milk. |

Purcell

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| MONDAY
No School, Christmas Break. | Breaded chicken sandwich, baked beans, cucumber slices, fruit, milk. |
| TUESDAY
No School, Christmas Break. | FRIDAY BREAKFAST
Cinnamon roll or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk. |
| WEDNESDAY
No School, Christmas Break. | LUNCH
Nacho bar with beef, queso and tortilla chips, Mexican salad, salsa, fruit, milk. |
| THURSDAY BREAKFAST
Breakfast burrito or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk. | LUNCH
Whole grain cereal or mini cinnis, applesauce, juice, milk. |
| LUNCH
Popcorn chicken or sand- | LUNCH
Spaghetti with meat sauce or sandwich, steamed broccoli, steamed carrots, mixed fruit, milk. |

Lexington

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| MONDAY
No School, Christmas Break. | wich, baked beans, french fries, mandarin oranges, milk. |
| TUESDAY
No School, Christmas Break.. | FRIDAY BREAKFAST
Whole grain cereal or breakfast pizza, pineapple tidbits, juice, milk. |
| WEDNESDAY
No School, Christmas Break. | LUNCH
Spaghetti with meat sauce or sandwich, steamed broccoli, steamed carrots, mixed fruit, milk. |
| THURSDAY BREAKFAST
Whole grain cereal or mini cinnis, applesauce, juice, milk. | LUNCH
Popcorn chicken or sand- |

Review:



John D. Montgomery • The Purcell Register

Keeping the legacy alive

Criswell's Service Station continues the full and hometown service customers have grown accustomed to. Brandon, Aaron and Nick Criswell are continuing the legacy set before them by their father and grandfather, the late Jimmy Criswell.

Higdon, two Washington High School Seniors, were selected by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence as Academic All-State Scholars.

An EF2 tornado hit the David J. Perry Airport destroying hangars and damaged 15 planes.

The Sheriff's Association, Chiefs of Police, and the District Attorneys Association teamed together to create the Oklahoma Public Safety Coalition to support policy initiatives that further public safety.

A six man, six woman jury in McClain county sentenced Debbie Azalea Senft and Zachary Tyler Mussett to life without parole for the murder of Michael McGuffee.

Missoula Children's Theatre held auditions for *Aladdin* for kindergarden through grade 12.

Our Blood Institute offered free tickets to the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and a "Save the Humans" t-shirt after every blood donation.

The Wayne FFA local show and bonus auction were held March 4.

Gayla Marie Barton, 66, died February 20.

Frances Hodges, 92, died February 23.

Glenda Gay Ivy, 62, of Lexington died February 20.

J.B. Draper Jr., 71, of Lexington died February 22.

Melissa Ann "Missy" Fink, 59, of Wayne died February 20.

Joan Gay (Stephens) Gracey, 74, died February 25.

Purcell boys basketball were one win away from State after a 56-47 win over Hugo while the Lady Dragons needed three.

Washington Warrior girls basketball claim Regional championship after defeating KIPP Tulsa 61-45.

A 52-51 loss to Lone Grove ends the Lexington Bulldogs season in Regionals.

Washington's first annual amateur dog show was held March 12 at Washington's Ag Barn.

Across Oklahoma, voters flocked to the polls to say "no" to the legalization of recreational marijuana.

After a tragic fatality accident Purcell's City Council voted to send a letter to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to do a traffic study on SH 74.

Joshua Allen Finkbeiner was found guilty by an eight man, four woman jury of kidnapping and killing Shaliyah Toombs and her unborn child in an incident April 29, 2018.

The Purcell Bonus Auction pulled in \$28,450 in premiums at the FFA Ag Barn.

The Heart of Oklahoma received 1.1" of rain, bringing the total for the year to 5.25"

Seventeen Purcell Elementary students were recognized

as Stars of Honor.

Those student's include, kindergartners Lyndsie Driskill, Brynlie Moore, Kalel Roof, Kodi Doyal, Reef Wilkins, and Henry Pruitt.

First graders were Grayson Childress, Sawyer Creswell, Emersyn Resendia, Thomas Montgomery, Abigail Alarafi, and Layla Ponder.

Second graders were Braxton McClung, Dakota Conder, Trigg Anderson, Emory Sims, Kynzee Holder, and Dani Kate Renfro.

Missoula Children's Theatre held open auditions March 20, for their production of *Aladdin*.

Lexington Elementary School hosted the 2023-2024 Pre-K sign up at enrollment night, March 23.

Wayne Elementary Pre-K sign up and new kindergarden students and enrollment was held March 20.

The Wauhullau Austin Gale selection committee reminds graduating Purcell Seniors to apply for the \$2,000 Scholarship by the April 1 deadline.

Tammy Finch, 58, of Oklahoma City died March 10.

Helen Price, 84, of Purcell died March 1.

Virgil William Tague, 95, of Washington died March 4.

Chasity Kay Simmons, 37, died March 1.

Kenneth Doyle Thomas, 91, died February 26.

Tucker Bloodworth showed the Grand Champion barrow in the Purcell Livestock Show.

Bentlee Nicklas showed the Grand Champion ewe in the Purcell Livestock Show.

The Washington girls basketball were state bound after beating Luther 63-49.

Purcell slow-pitch began the season in NRC Tournament.

Ryan Blaine is at the helm of the Lexington baseball team.

Wayne slow-pitch is back and opened the season with games against Union City, 13-1 loss, and Hinton, 15-7 loss.

Purcell's boys and girls both bowed out of post-season basketball play in the Area Tournament consolation finals in Ada.

The Wayne Bulldogs kicked off their season with a 7-1 win over Konawa and a 10-7 loss to Wynnewood.

Washington powerlifters headed to state with the qualifiers including Caleb Bruce, Max Georgiadis, Tanner Olson, Jake Wells and Wyatt Wilk.

The eight man, four woman jury that found Joshua Allen Finkbeiner guilty of killing Shaliyah Toombs and her unborn child on April 29, 2018 sentenced him to life without the possibility of parole.

The Pioneer Library System was named Library of the Year in an awards ceremony held at Norman's Embassy Suites.

Attorney General Genter

Drummond warned Oklahoma residents about the pitfalls of illegal robocalls as part of National Consumer Protection Week.

Flames to Hope Equine Assisted Services is a local non-profit organization using miniature horses to help heal the hearts and minds of those in need.

Washington High School junior, Baylor Haynes, had completed a week of service as a page for Sen. Jessica Garvin.

Barbara Jean Spray, 82, died March 2.

Freddie (Fred) Gene Garrett died March 2.

Margaret Kay Riggs, 68, died March 11.

Nitalia Briganti, Lexington High School Senior, made the 2023 All-State Cheer Squad.

Lexington senior Izzy Pack was named to the West All-State team in wrestling, making her the first female wrestler from Lexington to receive this honor.

The Washington girls basketball team finished the season as Class 3A State runners-up.

Purcell played two fundraiser baseball games against Asher and Newcastle to raise money for the non-profit Kids Joining Eternity, an organization that helps families going through infant and child loss by providing support.

Lexington's baseball picked up their first win of the season, a 12-4 victory over Asher.

Purcell's slow-pitch softball won one and lost one in the McElyea and Owens Invitational at OBU, bringing their season record to 1-1.

Fund-raising was underway for "One Crazy Night" movie, which will be filmed in Purcell.

Patti Christian was named State Employee of the Year at the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts.

Dibble's graduating class of 1973 was preparing to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Purcell received .2" of rain bringing the total for 2023 to 6.16"

Delta Public Transit provides residents of McClain and Garvin Counties with reliable transportation.

The City of Purcell hosted the Second Annual Shred Day for residents to safely dispose of documents and prescription drugs for free.

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee was held March 23, hosted by Purcell First Baptist Church.

The Kiwanis Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held April 8 at the Purcell Lake Weaver Pavilion.

Sunray Baptist Church celebrated the 76th anniversary of its founding with Homecoming

Services.

Early voting began March 30 for voters in McClain County.

Robert Joseph "Bobby" Phillips, 53, of Oklahoma died February 24.

Wilda Lynn May Flaming, 83, died March 13.

Claudine Herell, 88, of Purcell died March 19.

Randy Lee Shobert, 68, of Noble died March 20.

Ruth Lynn Smith was born sleeping March 19 in Lexington.

Bunnie Eugene Hottle, 94, of Purcell died March 16.

Lexington picked up a 14-3 win over Little Axe.

The Washington Warrior baseball team went 5-1 in Gulf Shores, AL and finished the Gulf Coast Classic as runners-up.

Washington Warrior slow-pitch softball team had outscored opponents 109-4 in six games.

The Lady 'Dawgs picked up two wins when they bested Harrah 11-8 then Bethel 17-6.

Purcell Building Teachers of the Year were Zoe Swift, Amanda Fleming, Aimee Walkup and Paul Wollenberg. Wollenberg was tabbed as the District Teacher of the Year.

Lexington educators Bridget Johnson and Gena Sullivan were named finalists for the Professional Oklahoma Educators Foundation Excellence Award.

Purcell's Rotary Club was marking 100 years of existence with a banquet at Southwind Hills in Goldsby.

Former McClain County jailer Kyle Tecumseh pleaded guilty to violating the rights of a detainee.

Acrossover head-on accident on Interstate 3 at mile marker 99

took the lives of two Shawnee residents.

Hannah Thurston was named the Purcell Junior High Support Person of the Month. Students of the Month included sixth graders Easton Davis and Tylie Stroud, seventh graders Brecken Burson and Rylee Peoples and eighth graders Diego Munoz and Maria Rodriguez.

Washington High School students were performing the musical "Shrek the Musical Jr."

Albert Leroy Morris, 83, of Lexington died May 22.

Gary Eddie "Fat Gary" Tate, 79 of Purcell died March 17.

Gerald W. Shivers, Jr., 81, of Aurora, CO, died February 12.

Wayne Morris, 80, of Duncan died January 12.

Dr. Willard M. Smith, 97, of Rock Island, IL died March 25.

Cole Sharp's Dragons defeated Guymon 11-2 on the diamond.

Coach Sarah Jones' Dragons topped Blanchard 5-3.

Washington's Warriors had ripped off five straight wins for coach Jeff Kulbeth since returning from their trip to Gulf Shores, AL.

Washington's softball team won the Beast of the East Tournament.

Wayne boys had knocked off Mill Creek, Achille and Rush Springs.

Canadian Valley All-Conference basketball players included Hayden Hicks, Cash Andrews, Breanna Lindert, Rielyn Sheffe, Preslee Johnson, Kelby Beller and Kyndall Wells of Washington; Kenna Esparaza, Malachi Evans, Hayden Ice and Kobe Freeman of Purcell.

Lexington softball was off to a 3-2 start to the season.

Purcell Firefighters teamed up with firefighters from five other departments to battle a grass fire at 16144 Meridian near Dibble.

Darrell Ingram defeated Russ McReynolds, 448-263 for the Ward 1 seat.

Mike Herrin Defeated Scott Statton, 436-278 in Ward 3 while David White knocked off Vanessa Weaver, 464-246 for the Ward 5 position.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol released details of the head-on accident that killed two Shawnee residents.

Purcell's City Council gave its stamp of approval to continue as the major contributor to the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce.

Rebecca Andrews is welcomed to **The Purcell Register** as a new writer.

The office of Congressman Tome Cole (OK-04) accepted entries from high school students in the Fourth Congressional District for An Artistic Discovery, the annual Congressional Art Competition.

Shape Your Future, a program of the Tobacco settlement Endowment Trust (TSET), encourages Oklahomans to participate in the nationally recognized Move More Month.

A wide array of First American films and filmmakers were celebrated during the 2023 Holba' Pisachi "Showing Pictures" Native Film Festival at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Edna Fern Birdsong, 88, of Purcell died April 2.

Landon Jay Caldwell, 24, died March 28.

Emma Stone, 88, of Oklahoma City died March 28.

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Eunice Lee, 82, of Alex died April 2.

Delbert Dean Henderson, 57, died March 28.

Wrenley LeeAnn West died March 28.

The Washington slow-pitch softball team stayed busy as they gained nine wins while picking up their first two losses of the season.

The Washington Warrior baseball team defeated Navajo 15-7 and fell 8-7 to Elgin.

Purcell's Dragons downed the Newcastle Lady Racers 10-2.

The Lady 'Dawgs dropped a 15-6 loss to Tecumseh but turned it around for a win over Newcastle, 14-13.

Washington Elementary announced the third nine weeks honor roll boasting over 100 students.

Christina Whitefield, a teacher at Mid-America Technology Center, has been selected as a finalist for the Southeast Oklahoma Teacher of the Year award.

Purcell's Board of Education welcomed its newest member, Mary Webb, when she was sworn in for her five-year term during the group's April meeting.

The OSBI was investigating a murder-suicide in Blanchard that left one officer wounded.

Wayne FFA looks to excel under new Ag instructor Drew Hardaway.

OU Engineering hosted the biannual GLAMS program-Girls Learning and Applying Math and Science- for middle school girls.

Billy Harold Bacon, 87, of Purcell died April 8.

Kyle Harper, 54, of Purcell died April 9.

Linda Brown, 73, of Asher, Okla., died April 10.

Delberta Paulina Hulsey, 94, died April 2.

Hattie Faye Vickers, 79, of Noble died April 6.

The Wayne Bulldogs got an 11-0 win over Springer, moving their overall record to 14-6.

The Washington softball team went undefeated en route to claiming the championship in their own tournament.

Purcell's Dragons hosted the 34th annual Heart of Oklahoma baseball tournament.

The Lady 'Dawgs fell to Class 4A #2 Prague 17-6.

The Lexington Bulldogs dropped a 23-2 loss to District foe Heritage Hall.

Charlie Sherman, life-long resident of Purcell and former bank president, was honored at the chamber of commerce banquet as the Giving Time Spirit Guardian recipient.

Purcell Junior High teacher and students of the month are: Noel Thrasher, Teacher of the month, Holiday Napier and Adlee Croslin, sixth graders of the month, Jae Swanner and Kylee Beasley, seventh graders of the month, Evan Ellenberg and Diana Aguinaga, eighth graders of the month.

Congressman Tom Cole hosted a telephone town hall to "hear directly from my constituents from the Fourth District," Cole said.

Sanford Lee Mauldin, Jr, 69, died March 29.

Ronnie Lynn Pope, 65, died April 5.

Avenell Opal Selph was born April 13, 2023 and died April 14, 2023.

Onalee "Toni" Taylor, 88, of Purcell died April 7.

William Dan Todd, 82, of Purcell died April 13.

District games start with Lexington Lady Bulldogs vs. Minco with the loser going on to play Hobart.

The Washington Warrior slow-pitch softball team began the chase to defend their state championship after big wins against Westmoore (11-4), Mustang (14-4) and Deer Creek (12-2).

FEMA announced federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of



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Tornado damage

The February 22 tornado that ripped through Norman spun up just to the southwest of the David J. Perry Airport in Goldsby and heavily damaged hangars at the facility before heading into Cleveland County. In addition to the structural damage, 15 planes were damaged.

Oklahoma.

The destructive EF-3 tornado destroyed 34 homes and damaged and estimated 76 others with two Cole residents declared dead.

A three-vehicle accident caused one person to be airlifted and another transported by ambulance to the OU Medical Center.

Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation received \$2.5 million for autoimmune disease research.

Carol Andes, 78, died April 25.

Rebecca "Becky" Lee Clift, 84, died April 19.

Darlene (Sampson) Polk, 85, dies April 15.

Mark Q. Turbyfill, 82, of Blanchard died April 17.

Avenell Opal Selph was born April 13 and died April 14.

Donald Ray Driskell, Sr., 84, of Purcell died April 21.

Mildred Louise Harper Wells, 89, died.

Anthony Gene Thompson, 63, died April 15.

The Washington Warriors defeated Blanchard to claim the district championship.

The Wayne slow-pitch team won the District championship after they defeated Stratford 9-8.

Washington High School coach Brad Beller was named the Region 5 Football Coach of the Year.

Kami Beller, assistant coach for Washington High School, was named the Assistant Coach of the year.

Washington High School coach Jeff Kulbeth was named Baseball Coach of the Year.

Washington coach Tylor Lampkin was named the Softball Coach of the year.

Purcell senior Hayden Ice was selected to play in the Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association All-Star game at the University of Central Oklahoma.

The Washington baseball team defeated Davis 15-2 and 12-0 to finish perfect in District play this season.

The Lexington Lady 'Dawgs finished their season with a 10-10 record.

MAY

Purcell crowns three champions at State TSA Leadership Conference.

A disaster recovery center for those impacted by the declared disaster of April 19 has been set up at Cole Fire Department parking lot.

Purcell Elementary School secretary Jackie Suchy has been named The Purcell Public Schools' Support person of the Year.

The grand opening of the new Rotary Playground at Purcell

Lake had been scheduled for June 3 and will coincide with Walk the Trail Day.

Alfred Keese, 86, of Wauwata, died April 28.

Cora Mae Sanders, 88, died April 28.

The Washington Warrior baseball team won the Bi-District tournament with wins of 18-0 and 15-0.

Wayne's Lady Bulldogs fell to Dale, 18-12, and Colbert, 10-3, finishing the season with a 14-16 record.

The Oklahoma State Fire Marshal was in Purcell investigating three suspicious structure fires.

Janelle Winterton completed a three-peat winning the 300 meter hurdles for the third year in a row. She also won the long jump.

Ella Resendiz was crowned the State Champion in shot.

The Washington Warriors baseball team was playing in the State Tournament.

The Purcell Board of Education approved soccer as a new sport for high school students at PHS.

Letter carriers in Purcell were having their annual food drive.

A blessing box was installed in downtown Lexington.

Neil McElderry III retired from the McClain County Election Board.

Timothy William Hudson was arrested for discharging a firearm.

Paul Edward Ketchum, 72, of Purcell died May 2.

Stephanie Gail "Crystal" Hill, 62, of Norman died May 5.

Calvin Scott Prewitt, four months, of Purcell died May 6.

Jessica Don Besett, 46, of Norman died May 2.

Debi Grigsby, 67, of Lexington died May 9.

Rachel Goad was serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Guadalupe in the South China Sea.

Washington's slow-pitch softball team finished as State Runners-up.

Elle Lovelace, Elly Allison and Skylar Wells were all named All-State.

D.A.R.E. graduation was held at Purcell Intermediate School.

Graduation season was in full swing in the Heart of Oklahoma.

Washington won the Class 3A State Baseball Championship knocking off Cascia Hall, 10-7 in the finals at The Bricktown Ball Park.

Jodie Taylor was in the process of opening a store in Pauls Valley.

Sirens sounded April 11 during a tornado outbreak that struck across Oklahoma.

Cole was hit by a twister for the third time this year.

The Pioneer Library was kicking off the summer learning challenge.

Purcell Schools announced their summer feeding program.

Dwayne "Andy" Anderson, 79, of Wayne died May 13.

Joe Billy Cowman, 85, of Wayne died.

Alford Hyde, 74, of Purcell died May 10.

Mildred "Louise" (Andrews) Carroll, 76, died May 12.

Purcell sophomore Ella Resendiz won the State Shot Put championship at the State Track Meet.

Lexington senior Janelle Winterton won her third straight State Championship in the 300 meter hurdles.

Washington baseball players on the All-District team included Player of the Year Cam Bates and Defensive Player of the Year Kane Springer plus Dax McCaskill, Marlon Moore, Sutton Moore and Jake Wells.

Washington's boys and girls both finished ninth at the State Track Meet.

Dick Gray had his vintage football travel jacket framed and loaned it to the high school.

The Main Street StreetScape project began with an estimated completion date aimed for mid-November.

Former Purcell resident Bud Elder acted and produced in the movie "Second Chances."

Purcell and surrounding-city offices closed Monday for Memorial Day.

Lockdowns at Joseph Harp and the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center continued following a fatal stabbing in another correctional facility.

The Purcell Register welcomed new intern Zack Wright for the summer.

Dibble fifth-grader Carlie Hayden recorded 1,148.1 accelerated reading points breaking the previous record by almost 450 points.

Cleveland County Commissioners awarded nearly \$100,000 to two veteran non-profits bringing the county's total ARPA investment in veterans to \$500,000.

Sen. Jessica Garvin was awarded the 2023 Prevention Pioneer Award for her commitment and dedication to serving those with mental health and substance abuse struggles.

Chances of rain continued throughout May despite temperatures in the high 70s to low 80s.

FEMA and Disaster and Recovery Centers in Pottawatomie and McClain Counties changed their hours. Locations began opening at 10 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m. Mon-Sat.

The City of Purcell announced their third annual Walk the Trail Day would take place June 3rd.

Rodrey McCain was named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2023 Dean's List.

Lexington Elementary School teacher Lynae Gabehart received a \$293 donation from Sonic Drive-In in honor of Teacher Appreciation month.

Roger Daniel Howe, 77, died May 15.

Alice Faye Powell, 76, died May 4.

Hazel Cathryn Yoakum, 99, of Purcell died May 17.

Washington Elementary released their honor rolls for the third quarter of classes.

Purcell's Boston Knowles and Bryce Blair were named to the 3A-3 All-District first team. Deaken Dobbins, Zach Idlett, Parker Page, Jett Tyler and Carter Goldston were all named to the All-District second team.

Washington's Emersyn Massey and Rielyn Scheffe ran and medaled at the recent Meet of Champions at North Rock Creek.

JUNE

The Purdy Cemetery Association held its Annual Memorial Day service on May 29th to celebrate and remember the lives of loved ones.

A father-son duo, Capt. David Graham and Sgt. Marcus Graham, both serve as McClain County deputies but have each found their own callings in law enforcement.

City officials announced the Cole Disaster Recovery Center would be closing June 10.

Purcell's Board of Education approved of district personnel changes that welcomed new educators following a special meeting.

The City of Purcell Parks and Recreation Department and the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce hosted the town's third annual Walk the Trail event at Purcell Lake.

Chances for scattered showers and thunderstorms carried on into the early weeks of June despite temperatures ranging from mid-70s to low-80s.

During a special session, senators approved of Senate Bill 16X which will provide six months of paid maternity leave for Oklahoma's full-time state employees following the birth or adoption of a child.

Congressman Tom Cole invited students to pre-register for the 2023 Congressional App Challenge. The event, hosted annually by the Congressional Internet Caucus, promotes innovation, engagement and excellence in computer science

through app development.

Oklahoma delegates celebrated a Supreme Court ruling that restricted the Environmental Protection Agency's over certain bodies of water.

In the final days of the legislative session, the Senate and House passed additional reforms to Oklahoma's medical marijuana industries through Senate Bills 437 and 813. Legislators claim these bills will provide additional guardrails that will further secure the industry if signed by the governor.

Purcell High School announced their honor roll for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

The lack of regulations and hands-off approach by "Tokelahoma" led to illegal booms in the state's medical marijuana industry by foreign entities and investors.

Larry Lynn Grider, 74, of Lexington died May 22.

Derrick Roy Thurman, 38, of Lexington died May 22.

Sandy Gaches, 73, of Clifton, TX died May 16.

Sandy Marie Krekemyer, 66, of Norman died May 21.

Curtis Larence Claunch, 88, of Lexington died May 23.

The Washington Warrior Class of 1983 announced they will celebrate their 40-year reunion on July 22 at the Trails Golf Course in Norman. The Classes of 1982 and 1984 were also invited to attend.

Early Surprise, a race horse owned by Michael and Gail Ahern of Purcell, won the featured allowance race on May 28, at Remington Park under jockey Cristian Esqueda.

The Otha Grimes Memorial Scholarship was awarded to five Practical Nursing students: Stratford's Randa Hatter, Purcell's Cheyanne Hellstern, Wayne's Maddison Knapp, Lexington's Jazmine Patterson, and Noble's Ashley Thomas.

Purcell Municipal Hospital CEO Chris Wright addressed the council requesting a loan of \$400,000 during a budget approval meeting. City treasurer Victor Lohn's contract was also approved while city manager Dale Bunn was rehired on a short-term 6-month contract.

Purcell's City Council approved a \$34,180,321 budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year during the council's regular June monthly meeting at the Community Room.

Officials from Rudy Construction provided updates regarding the Main StreetScape project in their second weekly meeting. Officials stated they will begin pouring concrete

Obituaries

Linda Durbin

Funeral services for Linda Durbin, 70, of Purcell were held Friday, December 22, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at the Lexington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Durbin passed away on December 18, 2023.

Linda Mae Simmons was the only child born to J.M. and Evelyn Simmons on March 28, 1953, in Los Alamos, New Mexico. She attended school in Gardena, California, and graduated in 1970.

Linda was saved in 1967 and lived for the Lord every day following her salvation. Linda had a thirst for knowledge and ever-growing faith as she continued her education after high school earning a Bachelor of Science in Theology from California Christian College, her E.T.T.A Teacher's certificate, a Bachelor of Art in Biblical Studies from Southwestern Assemblies of God University, a Masters in New Testament Theology from Baptist Christian University and earned thirteen credits towards her Ph.D. in Theology from Pacific College.

Her love of learning extended beyond herself as she taught for several years in the Purcell and Lexington area, touching young minds and lives with the gifts God gave her in the classroom. Outside school, she ran an antique shop for several years and a label-maker business out of her home.

Multiple Sclerosis impacted Linda's life, but she never allowed it to be in control. She became involved in MS organizations and used her experiences to guide others on the same path. She founded the S.H.A.R.E. support group and was active in the Oklahoma Chapter of the MS Society serving as a peer and support counselor, walk committee member, and volunteer client coordinator.

She was also involved in the I.O.O.F., Sooner AMBUCS, and founded ASK (AMBUCS Share4life Komputers). During her time in ASK Linda was responsible for the donation of over six thousand used and refurbished computers. She also was a strong advocate for making the world more accessible to those with disabilities.

Linda had a heart for others and poured herself into bettering the world around her through education and service. She was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother who will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents J.M Simmons Jr. and Evelyn B. McCaslin.

She is survived by her husband, Dale R. Durbin; her children, Cheryl Nicole Durbin, Michelle Elizabeth Hidrogo and husband, Logan, and Erin Grace Durbin. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Naomi, Mira, Emma, Lydia, Selah and Lanna Mae and a host of extended family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Kenneth Moore

Funeral services for Kenneth Moore, 78, of Purcell were held Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at the Fountains of Faith Church in Purcell. Interment was at the Dibble Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Moore passed away on December 20, 2023.

Kenneth Dwight Moore was born to Levie Jerry Thomas Moore and Carmen Inez Moore (Ledbetter) in Chickasha, Okla. Ken grew up in the Dibble area and attended school there, graduating with the class of 1964.

He was introduced to a young lady named Patricia Ann Shawn in a hay barn, and they quickly fell in love. They were married on December 10, 1965 and shared 58 years together.

Ken began working at a young age and was a self-made man. He was an entrepreneur and owned several businesses over the years, which afforded him many opportunities to travel and see the world. He worked in construction, metal buildings, and microwave tower installation and maintenance. Ken enjoyed Fox news and never missed a chance to partake in "Fine Dining" at local establishments.

He was a man of great faith and was a proud member of Fountains of Faith Church in Purcell. He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather who will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Levie and Carmen Moore; his brothers, Bob Moore, Larry Moore and his half-siblings, Delbert Moore, Lorene Brownen and Louise Rewak.

Ken is survived by his wife, Pat of the home; his children, Jeffrey Moore of Lexington and Tammy Waldron of Tuttle; his siblings, Ron Moore and wife, Virginia, of Weslaco, Texas, Jerry Moore of Nashville, Tenn., Alma Elam of Lindsay and Caren Brewer of Yukon and five grandchildren, Daniel Hoelting, Adam Hoelting, John Waldron, Autumn Moore, and Gavin Moore.

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Monica Kelly Hack

Monica Kelly Hack died December 14, 2023, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the age of 61 years 3 months 1 day. A rosary/wake service was held December 18, 2023, at the Wadley's Funeral Chapel. Graveside services were held Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Konowa, entrusted to the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.



Monica was born on September 13, 1962, in Ada, Oklahoma, to proud parents James Elmer and Martha Bell (Stark) Johnston. She spent her formative years in the Purcell area and went on to receive her education from Purcell High School where she graduated with the class of 1980.

In the journey of her life, Monica married Clifton Penner after completing her studies. However, it was Eugene Hack who would later become her devoted and beloved husband, celebrating a decade together this year.

Monica possessed an incomparable work ethic and pursued a career as a journalist before becoming an esteemed editor for a reputable newspaper. Her commitment to truth-seeking imbued every word she wrote. Her passion for expression led her to indulge in writing articles, stories, and poems.

Alongside her literary pursuits, Monica found solace and pleasure in immersing herself in books. An adventurous spirit coursed through Monica's veins and she found solace amidst nature's grandeur. The solace of gardening and the joy of the great outdoors were integral parts of her existence.

She embraced an active lifestyle, always on the go, cherishing moments spent with her cherished family, especially her adored grandchildren. Monica's creativity was evident through engaging in arts and crafts whenever she found herself in their tender presence.

Monica was preceded in death by her parents, James and Martha Johnston; and her brother, James Johnston.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene Hack; her daughters, Shallon LaFleur and husband, Josh, Star Dodson and husband, Gary, Summer Penner and Shamra Williams; her brother, Jay Johnston; her sister, Mary Johnston; her 14 grandchildren; her three great-grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Monica's memory will forever be etched in our hearts for the light she brought into our lives.



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George Demorest

Funeral services for George Demorest, 80, of Purcell, formerly of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 28, 2023 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mr. Demorest passed away on December 22, 2023.

George Richard Demorest was born in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, on August 3, 1943 to Robert Edward Demorest and Irene Elizabeth Demorest (Marsack). George grew up in the Detroit area and attended school there.

For a time, he attended a seminary in hopes of becoming a clergyman, but life called him back to Michigan. He left home and school at 17 to enlist in the United States Navy in July of 1961. George left the service in February of 1965 after serving proudly and suffering a severe injury to his hand.

He met a young lady named Dolores Ann Fancil through his sister and they quickly hit it off. George and Dolores were married on November 13, 1965 at St. Monica's Catholic Church in Detroit, and shared 58 years of marriage together.

George worked in the automotive industry and followed where it led. They made their home in Detroit, Robinson, Illinois, and Holly, Michigan, before moving to Oklahoma. George worked for HB Fuller and spent his working years in Oklahoma at the GM plant in Oklahoma City.

While his boys were young, he served as a little league coach for a number of years. George took pride in watching the kids he coached grow in skill and fortitude as he often encouraged them to just "rub a little dirt on it" when times got tough. He was a proud supporter of his sons' athletic endeavors as they transitioned to basketball and tennis, he always cheered from the stands and had a few pointers to share after the game.

George and Dolores moved back to Michigan in 1996 after their boys had finished school, and settled in Mt. Clemens. They called it home until heading back to Oklahoma in 2022 to be nearer to family. George loved watching the Detroit Pistons and Oklahoma City Thunder, and even optimistically rooted for the Lions every season. He loved the holidays, and found joy painting Christmas decorations, and sending e-cards for every occasion. He was an active member of his church, and sang in the choir at St. Isidore in Macomb, Michigan.

George and his beloved dog Zoey were inseparable the last few years. He took her for walks in the park and hand fed her supper every night. George was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather who will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Irene Demorest and his sister, Virginia Demorest.

George is survived by his wife, Dolores of the home; his sons, Richard Demorest and wife, Tabitha, of Oklahoma City, Adam Demorest and wife, Cherry, of Purcell, Jamie Demorest and wife, McKala, of Marysville, Mich., and Jason Demorest and wife, Irene, of Frankfurt, Germany; his siblings, Ed Demorest of Virginia Beach, Va., Earl Demorest of Tulsa, Okla., and John Demorest of Roscommon, Mich.; 10 grandchildren, Matthew, Chris, Julie, Kaitlyn, Tiffany, Skylar, Jayden, Olivia, Roman, and Ellie and two great-grandchildren, David and Isla.

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Marion Louise (Zwicker) Weeden

Marion Weeden, 99, of Allen, Texas, passed away peacefully on December 14, surrounded by family.



Marion Louise (Zwicker) Weeden was born November 14, 1924 to Ronald Guy and Myrtle Lena Zwicker in Leominster, Massachusetts. She was the second of three children born to the couple.

During WWII, she married Lewis Weeden, a young soldier stationed at nearby Ft. Devens. After the war, they moved to his hometown of Washington, Oklahoma, where they established a dairy farm and raised their four children. Marion was active in her community and worked for several years as a baker and cake decorator after her children were grown.

Marion was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and siblings, Merrill Zwicker and Dawn Lowe.

She is survived by her children, Lynne Kay (Weeden) Holkan, Scott Weeden, Jon Weeden and wife, Cheryl, and Lew Weeden and wife, Jenene; her five grandchildren, Greg Holkan and wife, Cindy, Whitney (Holkan) Baker and husband, Danny, Christopher Weeden and wife, Joy, Lukas Weeden and wife, Mindy, and Landon Weeden and wife, Kayla; and great-grandchildren, Audrey, Micah, Charlotte, Aidan, Chloe, Tracyn and Palmer.

Marion wished to be cremated and buried beside her husband, Lewis, in Washington Cemetery. Information regarding the burial of her ashes will be shared at a later date.

Darrell Gene Hamilton

Funeral services for Darrell Gene Hamilton, 74, of Purcell were held Wednesday, December 27, 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.

Mr. Hamilton passed away on Friday, December 22, 2023.

Darrell was born September 4, 1949 in Wellington, Texas, the youngest of three children born to Nathan and Mary Katherine (Trench) Hamilton. He started school in Vinson, Texas, before moving to Hollis, Oklahoma. He graduated with the Tigers Class of 1967.

He joined the Army National Guard in 1969, and served proudly for nearly 24 years of combined service.

He fell in love with his Dairy Queen sweetheart, Ranae Davis and married her on September 18, 1971. The young couple moved to Purcell the following year where they raised their two children, Devin and Amanda. They spent 51 years together in Purcell where Darrell proudly served on the Purcell City Council, and Darrell was proud of his work with the water infrastructure.

Darrell trained as a Telecommunications Engineer under his father-in-law, Frank Davis and worked at GTE for many years. Later he worked at Tinker for Red River Telecommunications. Darrell loved to work and was always busy doing something. It was said, he would break something just to fix it.

Darrell loved the outdoors; he looked forward to deer hunting and fishing and enjoyed riding motorcycles. He was a member of the 9th & Pierce Church of Christ in Purcell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nathan and Mary Hamilton; brother, Nathan Hamilton; niece, Macey Hamilton; father and mother-in-law, Frank and Ila Marie Davis, and best friend, Ike Hart.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Ranae of the home; son, Devin Hamilton and wife, Nikki, of Blanchard; daughter, Amanda Orr of Purcell; brother, Norman Hamilton of Wolfforth, Texas; grandchildren, Andrew, Daniel, Quinn, Ava, Arya and Addie and a host of family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Brenda Lile

Graveside services for Brenda Lile, 68, of Oklahoma City will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 2023 at the Dibble Cemetery. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Ms. Lile died Dec. 20, 2023.

She was born on July 17, 1955 in San Diego, Calif., one of four children of Billie Gene Lile and Pauline (Pope) Lile.

Survivors include her brother, Bryan Shaun Lile and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

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McClain County Cattlemen award scholarships, prizes

The McClain County Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting was held November 2 and Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma generously sponsored and prepared the meal.

The local cattlemen collaborated to sponsor young individuals in their endeavors through scholarships and awards.

The association presented four scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, to Lexie Owens,

Adam Owens from Wayne, Cole Scott from Washington, and Rylie Hurley from Stratford.

Additionally, the association awarded three showmanship jackets for the winners of the 2023 Spring Livestock Show Cattle Showmanship Contest and two Bred & Owned cash prizes to the win-

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The Family of Lillian Murray

Words cannot express how much we appreciate everyone for all the food, flowers, cards, kind words and donations bestowed on us during our time of sorrow. Lillian will be missed so much but we are all better people because she was a part of our life.

Janet McGowen and Family

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Review:



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State champion

Lexington senior Janelle Winterton won State in the 300 meter hurdles for the third year in a row at the State meet. She ran the race in 44.82.

closest to the street on Friday with the rest of the concrete closest to businesses set to be replaced two weeks later.

For the debut installment of the "Summer Sports Spotlight" series, we spoke with Carter Goldston, a senior at Purcell High School who plays football and baseball for the Dragons.

Fema announced they may bridge gaps for those dealing with uninsured or underinsured necessary expenses or serious needs resulting from the storms that ripped through Oklahoma April 19-20.

Purcell golfers Eric Denton and Mike Williams repeated as champions of the Joe Thurston Memorial Golf Tournament shooting 62-23 for a final score of 125.

Purcell Junior High School announced their Superintendent's and Principal's Honor Rolls for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

Purcell Intermediate School's principal, Tina Swayze, an-

nounced the honor roll for the 2022-2023 school year.

Ramona (Mayo) Wright, 85, of Dibble passed away May 28.

Kasey Micheal Purcell, 44, passed away June 1.

Shirley Annalisa (Austin) Henry, 87, of Lexington passed away June 3.

Jimmy Roy Madden, 79, of Washington died June 4.

Washington graduates Kane Springer and Camden Bates played in the All-State Baseball game in Enid.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute held a blood drive downtown across from First United Bank.

Wayne Schools approved a \$1.5 million project to update classrooms and facilities in the elementary, middle, and high school buildings.

During their June meeting, Purcell's Board of Education hired six new teachers and approved the purchase of new textbooks and technology totaling over \$100,000.

Former highway patrolman

and longtime Purcell resident Phillip "Flipper" Ellyson was crowned a State Champion at the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association's "The Sod Buster Event" in Cherokee, Oklahoma.

Banks, federal offices, libraries, and the courthouse in

McClain County closed their doors on June 19 to celebrate Juneteenth.

Rudy Construction officials announced they would continue working toward their August deadline despite rain delays in their second weekly meeting.

Purcell rainfall totals were down 10 inches compared to last year's mid-June report.

Purcell City Hall closed on June 28 for training.

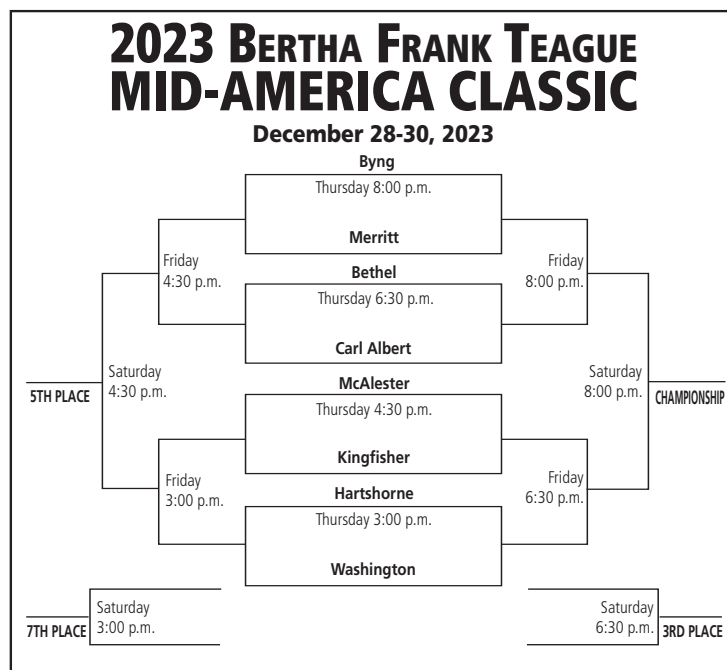
The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics and its Board of Trustees announced Tony Cornforth of Purcell as the school's new president.

The flashing lights near Purcell Public School sites continued to operate as a safety precaution for those attending summer school.

Blanchard, Dibble, Newcastle, Purcell, and Pauls Valley each showed their biggest gains in the sales tax/use tax categories in June.

Oklahoma lawmakers voted not to join an interstate effort to counter voter fraud, citing dissatisfaction with the Electronic Registration Information Cen-

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MATC students transform vision into reality with Christmas ornaments

In the heart of Pauls Valley, the city's festive spirit received a remarkable boost as Larry Tuck, a dedicated welding teacher at Mid-America Tech Center, and his talented students undertook the challenge of fabricating two grand 9'x9' Christmas ornaments.

Armed with nothing but a picture as their guide, Tuck and his students embarked on a welding journey that resulted in a spectacular contribution to the city's holiday decorations.

When approached to fabricate a significant ornament for Pauls Valley, Tuck eagerly accepted the challenge. The initial reaction from the students was, "There is no way—it's too big!"

But, with Tuck's words of encouragement, "Nothing is too big for this class. You are good, hardworking students; let's challenge ourselves and do this!"

With only a picture to guide them, the welding students at Mid-America Tech Center set out to transform the two-dimensional vision into a three-dimensional reality.

This project not only showcased their welding skills but also highlighted their ability to translate artistic concepts into tangible structures.

To bring the 9'x9' ornament to life, the welding students utilized almost 300 feet of 1/2" round rod, with each rod standing tall at 10 feet for each ornament. The selection of robust materials ensured the durability of the ornament, making it suitable for outdoor display and able to withstand the elements.

The construction involved the strategic placement of 28 vertical stays, complemented by a sturdy middle support section.

A base plate and a top plate, crafted to resemble a Christmas ornament's top, added the finishing touches to these impressive structures.

The welding students demonstrated precision in every aspect of the fabrication process. Each 10-foot rod was carefully cut, shaped, and expertly welded to create the intricate framework of the ornament.

The students paid meticulous attention to detail, ensur-

ing that the final product not only matched the envisioned design but also met the high standards set by Tuck.

The collaboration between Mid-America Tech Center and the city of Pauls Valley exemplifies the power of community engagement. The ornaments, once completed, were transported to Pauls Valley, where they were painted and strewn with lights to become a symbol of shared effort and holiday spirit.

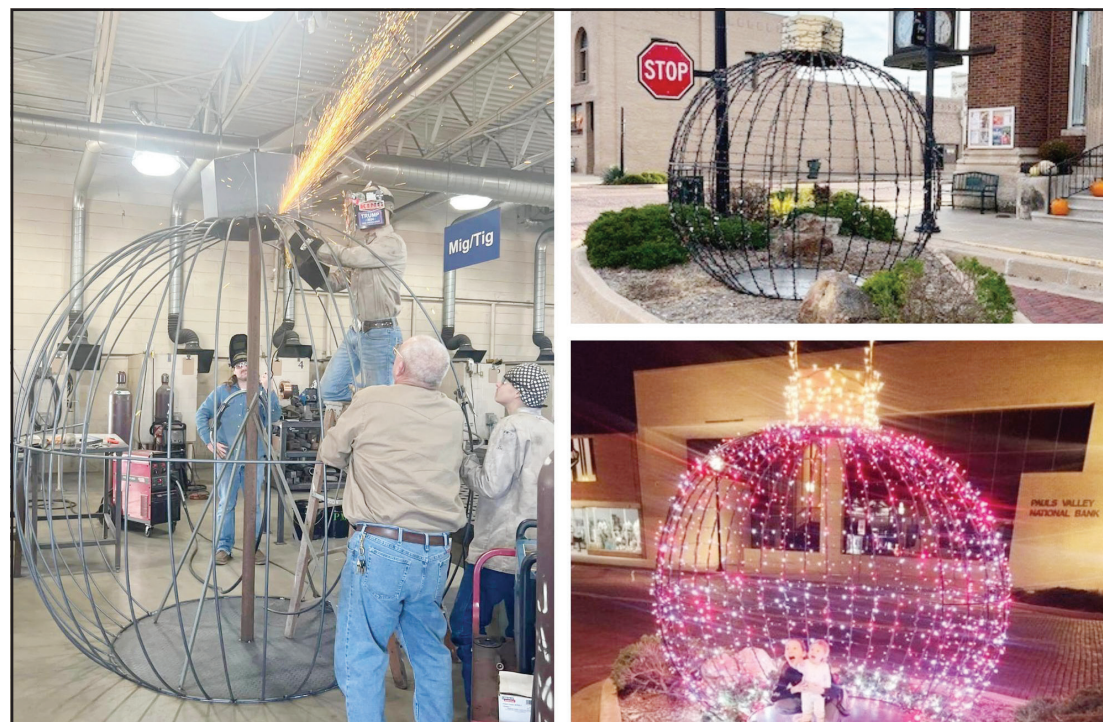
They are installed at the Pauls Valley City Hall and the Santa Fe Depot as a testament to the welding program's commitment to enriching the local

community through artistry and craftsmanship.

Larry Tuck's leadership and the welding students' dedication at Mid-America Tech Center have resulted in the creation of truly magnificent holiday ornaments for Pauls Valley.

This collaborative effort not only showcases the technical skills of the welding team but also reinforces the importance of community involvement in celebrating the festive season.

The 9'x9' Christmas ornaments stand as a proud testament to the fusion of art, craftsmanship, and community spirit in the heart of Pauls Valley.



• Photo provided

Building a Christmas ornament

The Christmas ornaments from start to finish...fabrication and welding by MATC students...painted and decked out with lights at Pauls Valley City Hall...all lit up and ready for photo ops! Taking full advantage of its lighted glory are MATC Auto Collision Repair instructor D.J. Patton's children, Kaia and Mary.

Courthouse News

The following persons have been charged by the State of Oklahoma with traffic or other violations or have filed other court actions in McClain County District Court between December 14-20, 2023.

Traffic

Walbert D. Boelman, unsafe lane change - ST Nolo-contendere.

Kendra R. Brown, no seatbelt.

Philip E. Cannon, speeding, 65/55.

Robert Cooper, no seatbelt.

Joseph E. Corcoran, speeding, 85/75.

Lorenzo A. Duarte, speeding, 98/75.

Robert L. Embrey, following too closely.

Robert L. Embrey, fail to devote full attention resulting in collision.

Sammy J. Giddens, overweight - 6001 to 7000.

Cheyenne R. McKey, overweight - 4001 to 5000.

Cody L. Murphy, no seatbelt (passenger).

Steven L. Murphy, no seatbelt.

Natasha M. Richmond, speeding, 85/75.

Lloyd A. Towler, operator not reasonable and proper.

Deana E. White, failure to yield.

Misdemeanors

Stephanie M. White, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Tommy D. Sorrels, larceny of lost property.

Sidney R. Wallace, possession of CDS (methamphetamine and marijuana).

Peter Falcon, larceny of merchandise from a retailer.

Felonies

Felix G. Galvan, domestic assault and battery by strangulation.

Michael L. Bonjour, burglary, second degree.

Dillon L. Bolding, bringing contraband into jail/penal institution.

Amanda Baker, bringing contraband into jail/penal institution.

Joseph W. Harrington, kidnapping.

William T. Ladlee II, burglary, second degree.

Small Claims

SJS Properties LLC vs. Skylor R. Watkins, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Tri City OKC MHP LLC vs. Tyler Chapman, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

OKC Residential Income LLC vs. Thomas Murdock et al, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Newcastle Affordable Housing vs. Jonathan Herzer, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Newcastle Affordable Housing vs. Melissa Smith, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Civil

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Raul Alamos, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Ronnie Daniels, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Jesse L. Clevenger, civil action \$10,000 or less.

TD Bank USA, N.A. vs. Felicia A. Salinas, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Capital One, N.A. vs. Kristin E. Smith, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Citibank NA vs. Karen Chavez, civil action \$10,000 or less.

First National Bank of Omaha vs. Jerome M. Hayes, civil action \$10,000 or less.

American Express National Bank vs. Shawn A. Hitchcock, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Discover Bank vs. Jacqueline A. Falkner, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Discover Bank vs. Tiana Babb, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Discover Bank vs. Jason L. Clevenger, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Conn Appliances, Inc vs. Steve Vicsek, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Conn Appliances, Inc vs. Lisa Clary, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Conn Appliances, Inc vs. Travis Jones, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Conn Appliances, Inc vs. Travis Jones, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Conn Appliances, Inc vs. Madison Perkins, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management Inc vs. Susan D. Smith, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Conn Appliances, Inc vs. Neil Gross, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Conn Appliances, Inc vs. Mark Fisch, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management vs. Richard R. Day, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management Inc vs. Wendy Bennett, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management Inc vs. Jessi Parker, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management Inc vs. Shawn W. Parker, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Midland Credit Management Inc vs. Kylee A. Shoup, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Austin E. McDowell, civil action \$10,000 or less.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Jim Paxton, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Blanchard Building Center Inc vs. Rock Creek Roofing and Construction, LLC, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Union Home Mortgage Corporation vs. Kelly M. Boyd, civil action \$10,000 or more.

BancFirst vs. Bloom Fine Homes LLC, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Energize Credit Union vs. Lonnie Bewley et al, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Tinker Federal Credit Union vs. Michael S. Lizana et al, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed

Derrick Fant Jr., 43, and Jennifer S. Moulton, 46, both of Lexington.

Virgil J. M. Stillwell, 41, and Natasha S. Davis, 33, both of Purcell.

Carl A. Cape, 58, and Ginger K. Stevens, 53, both of Washington.

Shane K. Spencer, 52, and Heather L. Holley, 50, both of Blanchard.

Divorces Granted

Heidi Vaughn vs. Clay Vaughn.

Mackenzie L. Cottrell vs. Leon D. Cottrell.

Kristen M. Ellis vs. Blake A. Ellis.

Traci Stewart vs. Evan Stewart.

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Gonna' be nice

Purcell Parks and Recreation Director John Blue announced at last week's city council meeting the grand opening of the new playground equipment at the city lake will be August 19.

ter's leadership, uncertainty about membership costs, and data privacy concerns.

The Third Annual Jimmy Criswell Memorial Car Show took place Saturday, June 17, and featured music, burgers, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, and a Main Street Cruise. Proceeds benefited Jana Selman and her family.

The Washington Masonic Lodge sponsored an all-you-can-eat breakfast on June 17 to raise money for the Children's Hospital Foundation.

Veterans, active duty military, and their descendants were invited to the American Legion building for breakfast sponsored by the local Walmart and the American Legion Post 301.

Purcell's Independence Day Celebration took place on June 30 and featured food trucks, games, a car show, and a fireworks display.

Melinda Myers shared some tips and tricks for readers to utilize when gardening under a black walnut tree.

Due to another year of record-high temperatures, some searched for ways to keep plants thriving while conserving water in the sweltering summer heat.

The Red Cross shared some tips to help readers stay safe while enjoying the outdoors all summer.

Brenda Garrison Stovall, 74, of Lexington, passed away on June 11, 2023, in Norman, Oklahoma.

Rowdy Dale Richmond, 57, died May 31, 2023, in Norman, Oklahoma.

Harry Leighton Buck, 55, died unexpectedly and peacefully in Purcell, Oklahoma, on June 4, 2023.

Larry David Short, 71, died June 6, 2023, in Norman, Oklahoma.

Sammie Estelle Herring, 79, of Purcell, died June 12, 2023.

Sara Valenzuela de Viezas, 85, died June 9, 2023, in Oklahoma City.

Washington High School seniors Presley Strickland, Baylor Haynes, and Cole Beller represented WPS at Oklahoma Girls and Boys State, a prestigious leadership experience sponsored by the American Legion of Oklahoma.

Presley Strickland was elected and served as City Election Board Member, City Judge, Sergeant at Arms for county meetings, and several other positions at the 2023 American Legion Oklahoma Girls State.

Mid-America Technology students in the Criminal Justice program attended the Oklahoma Highway Patrol 49th Cadet Lawman Academy in Muskogee, Oklahoma, from

June 4-10.

Washington High School's Cam Bates and Marlon Moore were named to the Little All-City first team, with Washington's Kane Springer also named to the second team.

McClain County Sheriff Deputy Shane McCraw and his K-9 drug dog, Spike, took about \$100,000 worth of fentanyl pills off the street during a routine traffic stop.

Nearly two years since their last meeting, Purcell Alumni held a reunion featuring a memorial service for those who passed between reunions and a dinner catered by The Barlor OKC.

For the second installment of our "Summer Sports Spotlight," we spoke with Parker Goldston, the mascot for Purcell High School.

The Criswell Family held their Third Annual Jimmy Criswell Memorial Car Show Saturday, June 17, at the Purcell City Lake. Proceeds supported Purcell resident Jana Selman and her family.

According to Oklahoma Highway Patrol, a 20-year-old Wayne resident, Jason Layne Hoskins, died in a fatal crash after his vehicle veered off the road on June 17.

After awarding more than \$2 million in disaster assistance to those affected by the April 19-20 storms that produced straight-line winds, tornadoes, and severe weather, FEMA closed assistance registration on June 23.

Purcell Municipal Hospital's new sign arrived on June 19.

As June wended down, temperatures continued to rise well into the 90s.

Sunray Baptist Church hosted its SummerSing gospel singing service on June 24 with musical guests Sound Street and Lauren Talley.

The Purcell City Hall closed its doors for a few hours on June 28 for training.

Purcell's Independence Day Celebration took place on June 30 at the Purcell City Lake and featured food trucks, games, a car show, and a fireworks display.

Students entering the seventh grade at Purcell Junior High had to show proof of the TDAP shot.

The Cleveland County Rural Water, Sewer, Gas, and Solid Waste Management District No. 1 received \$1,000,000 in funds from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to improve the district's water infrastructure.

A discovery at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation began paving a path toward a more accurate and less intrusive diagnosis of Sjogren's disease, an autoimmune disorder affecting up to 4 million Americans.

The polling place for Precinct 440007 changed from the former destination, Unity Missionary Baptist Church, to the current destination at Mid-America Technology Center to account for a larger group of voters and redistricting concerns.

Elizabeth Perigo Cantrell, 99, of Purcell, passed away on June 15, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Gaylon Gray, 80, of Purcell, passed away on June 17, 2023.

Janette Viola Troutman-Bacon, 84, of Lexington, died June 15, 2023, in Lexington Nursing Home.

Jason Layne Hoskins, 20, died unexpectedly on June 17, 2023, in Purcell, Oklahoma.

With help from partners at the American Legion Post 0310, the Washington Fire Department held a Fourth of July Freedom Weekend featuring a fish fry, food trucks, bouncy houses, yard games, a fireworks show, and a raffle for new rifles.

Wildflowers sprouted up alongside Oklahoma's roadways this spring and summer thanks to work from Color Oklahoma, a committee that offers matching grants to cities and organizations looking to plant wildflower seeds across the state.

Purcell Premier softball team went 6-1 to win the USSSA 11u Open State Championship at FireLake Ballfields in Shawnee June 9-11.

Senator James Lankford met with about 30 citizens at the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce to provide updates from Washington, D.C., and answer questions about the country's future.

Members of Landmark Church returned from their

mission trip in Belize after two weeks of work, where they helped build a new church for local villagers.

For the third installment of our "Summer Sports Spotlight," we spoke with Katy Keith, a senior at Purcell High School that plays tennis for the Dragons.

Randy Rolin was one of the four lives claimed in the EF3 tornado that leveled much of Matador, Texas June 21.

McClain County Deputies Damon Slabaugh and Shane McCraw shared their own perspectives on policing with their K-9 partners, Ares and Spike.

The Purcell Register and city offices in Purcell, Goldsby, Lexington, Washington, and Wayne all announced closings to celebrate the Fourth of July. Banks, post offices, the McClain County Courthouse, federal offices, and the Purcell Public Library all took the day off.

Atropical-typetormdumped 1.5" of rain in Purcell to cap off another wet June and bring the season total to 18.35", on par for season averages but behind last year's total of 26" this time of year.

The City of Purcell introduced a new messaging system for general and emergency alerts that will provide lifesaving information during adverse weather as well as updates on power outages or other service interruptions.

Lexington High School appointed former Westmoore coach Wes Moore as their new Athletic Director. Although this

is his first job as an Athletic Director, Moore boasts 18 years of coaching experience and two Master's degrees.

The University of Oklahoma announced its Spring 2023 honor roll. A total of 8,644 students made the honor roll, with 3,833 of those students also being named to the President's Honor Roll.

The 2023 Practical Nursing class of Mid-America Technology Center held its graduation ceremony on the evening of June 16 in the Health Careers Center to congratulate all 30 graduates on their dedication and achievements.

Pioneer Library System was named a 2023 John Cotton Dana Award winner at this year's American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago for moving beyond traditional marketing methods and creating a targeted mixed media campaign that led to a record-breaking summer in 2022.

Ronald "Keith" Smith, D.D.S., passed away on June 11, 2023, at the age of 71.

Randy Rolin, 59, of Purcell, passed away on June 21, 2023.

Misty Dawn Hernandez, 37, died unexpectedly on June 25, 2023.

Purcell High School Alumni remembered those who passed away since their last reunion during a memorial service on Red Hill as part of the PHS reunion weekend, which featured a banquet and dinner.

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Pouring begins

Forms began being filled with concrete in June for the Main StreetScape project that concluded in late November.

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Awards:

ners of the 2023 Fall Free Fair.

The association also organized a scholarship fundraising event that comprised a raffle for a handmade buckboard bench, an auction for handmade glider bench by Gary Perry of Washington, Okla., and a pie and cake auction held at the Annual Banquet.

The association also auctioned off the weekend use of

a skid steer from OK Rents in Norman.

The success of the event was made possible by the support of various sponsors including OK Rents, Farmers Union Coop, Livestock Nutrition, Zoetis, Elanco, P&K Equipment, MWI Animal Health, Livestock Nutrition Center, Xpressions by Amy Lynn and Ok Beef Consultants.

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Burglary:

She was arrested by Deputy Shane McCraw after he found her in a bathroom under a pile of clothes.

Bryant and Martin were charged with possession of burglary tools, burglary II and possession of drugs, according

to the sheriff's department.

The residence, reported to be vacant, had been ransacked with clothing, miscellaneous tools, paperwork and other household items on the floor apparently pulled out of drawers.

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Neighbors

Top stories of 2023

The Purcell Register
Thursday, January 19, 2023

Water service DISRUPTED
Main break at Canadian and Adams was the culprit

Repairs continue
Water service was disrupted in bridge lanes on the southbound side of SH 39 last Thursday. Crews were working to repair the break and restore service.

I-35/SH 39 lane closures
Southbound lanes at SH 39 still down to one lane

Driver cited for leaving accident scene at bridge
Bridge repairs ongoing

Thompson to be inducted into the OSU Hall of Fame

Input sought on I-35 widening projects in McClain County

Day-long snowfall

Opinion
Society: AA
Sports: 10
Obituaries: 10A
Classifieds: 12B

The Purcell Register
Thursday, January 26, 2023

All I-35 lanes open
SH 39 has also reopened all lanes

Aaron Dillard NEW PHS coach
He assumes command of team he once played for

PHS homecoming coronation at 6 p.m. at the Reimer Center

Warrior coronation Friday

Day-long snowfall

Opinion
Society: AA
Sports: 10
Obituaries: 10A
Classifieds: 12B

The Purcell Register
Thursday, February 2, 2023

THUNDER SLEET causes problems
Schools forced to turn to virtual learning Tuesday

Purcell Schools AED equipped
District has nine units with staff trained at each building

Citizen of the Year nominations requested
Announcement will be at Chamber banquet

Rotary CELEBRATING 100 years
Banquet set for tonight (Thursday) at Southwind Hills

Purcell Teachers of the Year
Paul Wollenberg named top district teacher

Opinion
Society: AA
Sports: 10
Obituaries: 10A
Classifieds: 12B

The Purcell Register
Thursday, March 2, 2023

EF2 TORNADO hits David J. Perry Airport
Hangars damaged or destroyed with 15 planes damaged

Academic All-Staters
Washington has two on prestigious list of top 100

Supporting public safety
Coalition getting three-prong support

Pair found guilty of murder
Sentenced to life without parole

AG Dromond targets scam rebocalls

Legislative update

Area board

Opinion
Society: AA
Sports: 10
Obituaries: 10A
Classifieds: 12B

The Purcell Register
Thursday, March 16, 2023

Finkbeiner gets life without parole

Pioneer Library System named Library of the Year

House approves Teacher/Student Scholarship legislation

Storms dump 1.9"

Opinion
Society: AA
Sports: 10
Obituaries: 10A
Classifieds: 12B

The Purcell Register
Thursday, March 30, 2023

Rotary CELEBRATING 100 years
Banquet set for tonight (Thursday) at Southwind Hills

Purcell Teachers of the Year
Paul Wollenberg named top district teacher

5 questions with Lauren Tharp

Two accidents cause problems

Storms dump 1.9"

Opinion
Society: AA
Sports: 10
Obituaries: 10A
Classifieds: 12B

The Purcell Register
Thursday, April 20, 2023

Awards presented at banquet
89er's Day celebration

Living life to the fullest
Despite Autism Ivan Rodriguez learning and playing ball

Purcell Animal Shelter donation drive Saturday

Brush pickup
In the rearview mirror

Winning bing

Retirement

Opinion
Society: AA
Sports: 10
Obituaries: 10A
Classifieds: 12B

The Purcell Register
Thursday, April 27, 2023

DEVASTATING DAMAGE in Cole
Two fatalities confirmed by Sheriff Landy Olfoter

Federal disaster assistance granted
FEMA steps up quickly to help Oklahoma

Stamp Out Hunger by donating canned goods

Head-on crash puts two in hospital
Three cars involved in accident on 180th

Limb and brush pickup

Highway landing

FEMA funding

Opinion
Society: AA
Sports: 10
Obituaries: 10A
Classifieds: 12B

The Purcell Register
Thursday, May 4, 2023

Disaster recovery center
Set up at Fire Department parking lot

Purcell Crown 3 CHAMPIONS
At State TSA Leadership Conference

Top support
Person of the Year Purcell Elementary Secretary Sue

Velma Little, aka Rosie the Riveter, a true American Icon

Rotary Playground opening June 3
Will coincide with Walk the Trail Day

Brush pickup

Opinion
Society: AA
Sports: 10
Obituaries: 10A
Classifieds: 12B



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Spirit Guardian

Charlie Sherman, life-long resident of Purcell and former bank president, was honored at last year's chamber of commerce banquet as the Giving Time Spirit Guardian recipient. Chamber president Rebekah Lynam and mayor Graham Fishburn made the presentation.

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Review:

JULY

The annual Indian Territory Roundup Club Rodeo took place at the McClain County Expo and Fairgrounds Arena, featuring bull riding, mutton busting, food trucks, and much more.

Purcell's city council voted to purchase and outfit three new police vehicles for the Purcell Police Department.

Purcell Police helped U.S. Marshals safely arrest a man suspected of solicitation of a minor while serving an arrest warrant after the individual attempted to cut his arm during the interaction.

Sheila Taggert and her grooming business, Pawstively Purrrfect, celebrated twenty-five years of business in Purcell.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health's Woman, Infants, and Children (WIC) program sought input from the public to improve its Special Supplemental Nutrition Program.

Many Oklahoman delegates celebrated the Supreme Court ruling that abolished affirmative action policies in the college admission process.

The Washington Warrior Class of 1983 announced their 40-year reunion would be held July 22 at 6 p.m. at the Trails Golf Course in Norman.

Lexington Elementary Schools announced their Superintendent's and President's Honor Rolls for the spring 2023 semester.

Lysbeth (Libby) Adkins, 72, of Goldsby, passed away on June 29.

Carolyn Douglas, 85, of Purcell, passed away on June 28.

Just a few months removed from working a corporate job, Washington graduate Brenna Busby got the call to play professional softball with the OKC Spark.

Purcell's Junior High and Senior High School Technology Student Association students competed against students from across the world at the National TSA Conference in Louisville, KY.

The City of Purcell enacted a search for residents who are Native American descendants in hopes of receiving funding from the Chickasaw Nation for its water projects.

McClain County K-9 Spike sniffed-out methamphetamine during a drug stop that led to an arrest.

Purcell's Board of Education approved the hiring of high school special education instructor Jennifer Allen during their monthly July meeting.

Purcell Public Schools held enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year on July 25&26 at the school's administration building.

Despite the high temperatures, chances of thunderstorms lingered throughout early July.

Oklahoma 529 launched its Bright Future Sweepstakes, which awarded \$529 to six

Oklahoma families to start or add to their existing OK529 account.

Purcell throwers competed against top throwers from Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas at an AAU qualifying event at Yukon High School on June 25.

The Board of McClain County Commissioners reconvened for a meeting at the courthouse to discuss several matters, including fiscal claims and the purchase of new vehicles.

Purcell's Lyrik Wilson placed 12th in her age group at the Junior World Disc Golf Championship, which earned her an invitation to the United States Women's Disc Golf Championship in September.

The Heartland Ministerial Alliance announced they were bringing the musical group Seventh Day Slumber to Purcell for a free concert on August 7 at Purcell's First Baptist Church.

Carolyn Rae Cavnar, 64, passed away.

Michael Elmer Borge, Jr., 50, died July 6.

Pamela Kay Latimer, 66, died June 28.

Hardy Dale Hamm, 53, of Arapaho, Okla., died July 6.

The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation obtained one of the world's fastest DNA sequencers, which cut the cost of sequencing genomes in half.

The Oklahoma Ethics Commission raised questions about independent expenditures and the exaggerated and untruthful political attacks resulting from such investments.

For the next installment of our "Summer Sports Spotlight," we spoke with Max Georgiadis, a senior powerlifter at Washington High School.

After an executive session in the Community Room of the Purcell Police Service Building, Purcell City Council and Purcell Public Works Authority announced they approved the proposal to acquire property for the I-35 interchange project.

The final plat for the Arbors extension was presented to the Planning Commission on July 24 at the Purcell Police Station.

The State Election Board urged any voters who received an Address Confirmation Notice in the mail to respond as soon as possible to avoid "inactive" registration.

Near-triple-digit temperatures continued into July.

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce announced they would host a Chamber Community Coffee with Congressman Tom Cole on August 10.

University of Oklahoma rower Lale Edil was selected to the USA Under 23 rowing team.

Congressman Tom Cole applauded the passage of the

National Defense Authorization Act, a piece of legislation that will strengthen funding for military defense across the country, for the fiscal year 2024.

President Becky Ferguson presented the 2022-23 Rotarian of the Year award to Pat Martin.

Charlie Foutch, 88, of Purcell, died July 15.

A funeral service for Johna Jeanette (Herrin) Pryor took place on July 15 in Madill at First Baptist Church.

Johnny Albert Pierce, 75, died July 12.

Voters in Byars announced they would vote on August 8 to decide if OG&E would continue to have the right to sell electric power to citizens in the community.

Police shot and killed a man who brandished a knife while officers were attempting to serve an eviction notice.

Washington High School hired new principal Wade Rigney.

Shoppers prepared for back-to-school deals with the 2023 Sales Tax Holiday scheduled for August 4-6.

For the next installment of our "Summer Sports Spotlight," we spoke with Presley Strickland, a senior baton-twirler at Washington High School.

Purcell Library hosted two local teen interns to lead a workshop on digital citizenship as part of a new Pioneer Library System initiative that brings teens and tweens together to build healthy digital habits.

Updated records showed McClain County collected over \$400,000 in sales and use taxes.

Organizers gave out seven hundred backpacks filled with school supplies at the 14th Annual Heart of Oklahoma Back 2 School Bash on July 29.

The Knights of Columbus hosted a four-person scramble on July 29 at Brent Bruehl Memorial Golf Course, with proceeds directed towards Knights community projects.

Wayne held their come-and-go Meet The Bulldogs event on August 4, featuring players and participants from all their sports clubs.

The Wayne Senior Classes of 1969 and 1970 had a combined class reunion on August 5 at the Wayne Community Center. Purcell Junior High enrollees were required to show proof of their TDAP shots.

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce hosted a Chamber Community Coffee with Congressman Tom Cole on August 10.

Michael Charles Fixico, 45, of Purcell, was sentenced to 210 months in federal prison for sexual contact and abuse.

Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond requested law firms submit bids to the state by the end of the month for help in his investigation against natural gas traders who may have manipulated the market during devastating

winter storms.

Tommy Eugene Clasey, 65, died July 21.

WHS Cheer Booster announced they would host Little Cheer Camp on August 12 in the McAlister gym for those ages four to the sixth grade.

Rebecca Galloway, Colton Ince, and Lynlee Tortolini won second place in the Biomedical Debate team competition at the 2023 International Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas.

AUGUST

Purcell Girls Staters Gracie Pruitt and Kaarlee Tolle spoke at the Rotary Club telling about their journey at the week-long event.

Dibble School officials announced ground breaking for a new high school.

Congressman Tom Cole was scheduled to host a town hall by telephone meeting August 7.

The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation was awarded \$3.1 million to study diabetic heart disease.

The heat dome was over southern Oklahoma.

Staff promotions were announced by Mid-America Technology Center officials.

Becky Ferguson received her fourth Paul Harris Fellow award at a Purcell Rotary meeting. Charles Gray received his second at the same meeting.

The Rotary Club gave Landmark Church \$250 to help defray costs of the 1,000 backpacks the church gave out July 29.

Larry Clayton Hall, 77, of Purcell died July 28.

Jerry Dean (Der) Ashford, 81, of Dibble died July 30.

Stella Louis Burton, 82, of Ketchum died July 20.

Ruby Cardinal, 89, of Lexington died July 31.

Trenton Oakley Collett, 22, died July 27.

Robert "Bob" Allen Emerson, 86, of Purcell died July 29.

Jessica Rebecca Henderson Pileggi, 47, of Moore died July 25.

Pamela Jeane Waitman, 72, of Dible died July 27.

Phyllis Horn, 82, of Wayne died July 29.

Alta Perigo, 80, of Purcell died July 26.

Purcell held its annual alumni softball game.

Fast-pitch season was about to kick off.

Jeff Kulbeth was named the Oklahoma Coaches Association Region 5 Baseball Coach of the Year.

Tylor Lampkin was named the OCA Region 5 Slow-pitch Coach of the Year and Kami Beller was named the OCA Region 5 Assistant Coach of the Year.

A bomb threat at the McClain County Courthouse that interrupted a manslaughter trial and forced evacuation of all workers turned out to be a hoax.

New teachers were introduced for Wayne and Lexington.

Purcell's Board of Education updated school policies.

Tom Cole addressed the Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce.

Cynthia Roe and Jessica Garvin called on Attorney General Gentner Drummond to distribute county sales taxes to private businesses providing a public service.

The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation was awarded \$6.4 million for a lupus study.

Mid-America Technology Center was awarded the Gold Star Award for the 16th time.

Dianna Marie Slate McKiddy, of Lexington died.

Ellen Lee Holmes, 88, of Wayne died August 7.

Charles Quincy Moore, 87, of Purcell died August 9.

Jimmie Dale "JD" Turnpugh, 88, of Lindsay died August 11.

Yvonne Ann Crenshaw, 84, of Noble died August 13.

Bryan Leon Faulkenberry, 60, of Norman died August 12.

Clifford Paul Penner, 65, of Rosedale died August 9.

Ella Resendiz pitched her



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Rotarian of the Year

Pat Martin was honored as the 2022-23 Rotarian of the Year by President Becky Ferguson at last week's Rotary meeting.

way to a perfect game against Sulphur in a 10-0 run-rule victory.

New football districts were released with Purcell moving up to Class 3A.

Purcell unveiled its new Esports lab at the high school to rave reviews.

Jennifer and Andrew Cunningham were in Lahaina on their honeymoon when the fatal fires started but made it out alive.

Mid-America Technology Center announced 10 new faculty members.

Area school enrollment figures were announced with Washington, Wayne and Lexington making gains over 2022.

R.B. Gardenhire, 83, of Purcell died August 11.

Lynn Dale Broyles, 67, of Kingfisher died August 20.

Jennilee M. Walker, 90, of White Settlement, TX died August 19.

Florence Farmer, 94, of Purcell died August 20.

Dale Ray Lee, 60, died August 12.

Robert Rillema, 84, of Lexington died August 18.

Purcell, Washington and Lexington began the 2023 football season while Wayne hosted its second scrimmage of the season.

Purcell's softball team was 10-1 and 4-0 in district play.

The Dragons finished third in the first annual Heart of Oklahoma Softball Tournament.

Washington's softball team went 3-2 in the HOOT.

Wayne's Lady Bulldogs were 4-6 on the season.

A fatal house fire took a life on Ropers Avenue in rural Wayne. Lori Puckett was named the county's new Special Judge.

Dale Bunn was honored by the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority for his years of service to the board of directors.

The annual Free Fair was on the agenda.

Closings for Labor Day were announced.

The Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector revealed its annual audit of the county.

The Oklahoma Press Association and Attorney General Gentner Drummond were partnering to conduct open meeting and open records seminars.

Highs were headed back up to the upper 90s.

Rep. Sherrie Conley announced she would not seek another term in the legislature.

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce luncheon was featuring superintendents from Wayne, Purcell, Washington, Lexington and Mid-America Technology Center.

Emergency Management Director Rachael Huey said the city was implementing voluntary water rationing.

Rep. Tom Cole was hosting a telephone town hall meeting.

Glenn Boydston, 64, of Wayne died August 27.

Debra Irwin, 67, of Purcell died August 27.

Rayora Moore, 84, died in Norman August 28.

Andrea Kulessa was hired as the Purcell High School soccer coach.

Emjay Lucas tossed a perfect game in fast-pitch softball for the Washington Warriors.

The Warrior gridders blasted Vian, 55-13.

Purcell's Dragons used a stingy defense to stop Alva, 13-0 to open the 2023 season.

Lexington dropped a 42-0 contest at Bridge Creek.

Purcell's softball team was 13-1.

Wayne's softball team finished second in the Asher Tournament.

SEPTEMBER

The McClain County Fair was underway.

McClain County Commissioners met with Garvin County Commissioners for preliminary talk about a joint-regional jail facility.

Superintendents Dr. Toby Ringwald, Dr. Sheli McAdoo, Chris Reynolds, Chad Hall and Mike Eubank addressed the chamber at a luncheon at Mid-America Technology Center.

Commissioners issued a burn ban for the county for up to 14 days.

The annual Purcell Carp Classic fishing tournament was on tap September 23.

Due to ongoing downtown construction the homecoming parade was moved out by Conger Field.

A downburst damaged some buildings on the campus of Washington Schools.

The relentless heat wave was continuing to grip the area.

Senator James Lankford was honored by the National Taxpayers Union.

Rep. Tom Cole had scheduled a telephone town hall meeting.

Wayne held a ribbon cutting after remodeling several buildings on campus with a million dollar bond issue.

Bonnie L. Shobert, 93, of Lexington died September 2.

Gaye Imogene Clagg, 92, of Lexington died September 1.

Washington's Warriors took it to Sulphur winning on the road, 35-10.

Wayne got off to a tough start on the gridiron losing to Konawa, 24-8.

Washington's girls won the Titan Invitational Cross Country meet at Carl Albert.

Purcell's airport was to get two new hangars.

Football homecomings were scheduled at Purcell and Wayne.

Purcell held their homecoming parade near the football stadium due to construction in downtown Purcell.

An earthquake was confirmed in the Dibble area.

A joint disaster drill was held with 53 people from agencies across Purcell in attendance.

The work prompted the National Weather Service to give Purcell Emergency Manage-



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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 at Chad Richison Stadium at the University of Central Oklahoma where the Warriors posted a 41-24 victory.

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Review:

nounced the date for the Christmas Home Tour.

Okeyha Mothers Club set December 3 for their holiday home tour.

Melvin Lee Martin, 64, of Purcell died November 9.

Pamela Lynn Kinsler, 69, of Oklahoma City died November 7.

Clifford "Buck" Hazledine, 85, of Purcell died November 6.

Marsha Renee Engert, 48, of Norman died November 8.

Rex Bivins, 82, of Purcell died November 7.

Washington rolled over Lexington in the first round of the State Playoffs, 55-7. The Warriors were to host Meeker November 17.

Purcell defeated Holdenville 26-20 in double overtime setting up a trip to Millwood.

Purcell hired a boys soccer coach in Diego De Leon.

Wayne was beginning basketball season.

Purcell Alum Andrew Gray was honored by the Oklahoma Football Coaches Association to the 35 under 35 coaches in the state.

Emjay Lucas was presented her All-State jacket by Washington softball coach Tylor Lampkin.

The Purcell sixth grade basketball team won the Newcastle Tournament going 5-0 over the weekend.

Devin Moore of Washington bagged a drop tine buck while bow hunting in McClain County.

Five Purcell students placed in the American Farmers & Ranchers (AFR) Central District Speech Contest.

Sam Demel was hired as the new Purcell City Manager.

Folks were taking a couple of days off for Thanksgiving.

The Heart of Christmas craft show was well attended at the McClain County Fairgrounds.

Purcell first graders were telling how to cook the holiday meal.

An overnight thunderstorm November 19 dumped .6" of rain on the area with some reports of hail.

The PCCC Holiday Dinner and Auction was held. Ray Leon Sharp, 94, of Wayne died November 15.

Albert James Andrews, 85, of Purcell died November 18.

Joyce Rinehart, 89, of Purcell died November 17.

Colleen Loreta Stanton, 84, of Lexington died November 17.

Gordon Dean Denison, 73, of Purcell died October 26.

Tonya Sue Wheeler, 58, of

Blanchard died November 19.

William Duane Harris, 87, of Purcell died November 17.

Washington won the State Cheer Championship.

The Warriors rolled to a 55-7 victory over Meeker in the State Playoff second round.

DECEMBER

Millwood ended Purcell 2023 gridiron season 38-14.

Wayne won its season openers in girls and boys basketball.

Lexington was starting basketball season.

Lights from the Heart opened November 22 and will remain open nightly until December 31.

A 16-year-old, who was already on probation, was reported to have stolen a vehicle and ran from police after an accident that took out two utility poles at Canadian and Huron.

The result was much of the city having to have power cut so the poles could be replaced.

Candidate filing periods for school board and municipal offices was set to begin December 4.

Oklahoma Equine Hospital, owned by Dr. Joe Carter, was showcasing its state-of-the-art standing MRI machine for horses.

A drive by shooting near Rosedale resulted in a vehicle with seven bullet holes and one teenager struck in the back side.

Washington was set to play Jones in the State Quarterfinals. It was their sixth meeting in the last four years and fourth time in the last two years to play each other.

The Warriors thumped Vian 47-14 in the quarterfinals at Ada.

Purcell was kicking off its 2023-24 basketball season on the road at Lindsay.

Dax McCaskill and Marlon Moore of Washington signed letters of intent to play college baseball.

The Brock Karges family of Wanette was named the Farm and Ranch Family of the Year by the Oklahoma Farm Bureau.

A joint asphaltting project by the city of Purcell and McClain County was completed on Johnson Road.

Lexington was among Oklahoma school districts taking advantage of a lunch debt program.

Washington's basketball opener was moved up a day due to the Warriors playing football on Friday December 1.

Glenda Kay Herell, 81, of Lexington died.

Guy Porter, 61, died.

Homer Alvie Musgrave, 92,

of Purcell died November 26.

Oleta Marie Irby, 83, of Lexington died November 22.

Kenneth Edward Kozik, 60, died November 24.

Donna McClung, 71, of Lexington died November 26.

Tony Keith Blevins, 64, died November 23.

Garland Monroe Dickson, Jr., 75, of Norman died November 25.

Code Enforcement Supervisor and City Planner Justin Howell was named the Purcell City Employee of the Month.

Purcell was in the initial stages of transitioning from Dale Bunn to Sam Demel as city manager.

Filings were ongoing for area school boards and Purcell City Council.

Dragon Lunch Account program organizer Jay Tate was raising money to help kids get food.

Oklahoma Treasurer Todd Russ was criticizing officials for taking his exemption away.

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce was preparing for the annual Christmas Parade.

The Pioneer Library System was announcing they are doing away with fines for overdue materials.

Kenneth Wilton Harrington, 92, of Lexington died December 4.

Chase Patrick Hayes, 38, died.

Lynda Mae (Freeze) Moore, 78, of Sherman, TX died December 2.

Keith Edward Clayton, 81, of Tecumseh died December 2.

Washington came back from an 18 point deficit to edge Jones 35-34 to head to the State Championship football game with Millwood at UCO December 9.

Purcell's girls began the basketball season with a 66-47 victory on the road at Lindsay while the boys were defeated 42-41.

Lexington's Bulldogs defeated Stratford 68-50 after opening the season with a 73-59 loss to Sulphur.

The Lady Bulldogs lost to Sulphur 45-40 and lost to Stratford 48-34.

Washington came back from an 18-7 deficit at halftime to defeat Millwood 41-24 for their second straight State Championship and their second straight undefeated football season at UCO December 9.

The annual Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade was held December 14.

The McClain County Election Board confirmed races for Purcell City Council, Washington School Board and Wayne School Board.

The Purcell Municipal Hospital Foundation had a new slate of board members including Jan Dye, Chris Wright, Savannah Pyle, Candace McCurdy, Jeremy Swanner and Steve Sherman.

The Purcell Junior High Students and Faculty of the Month were released by school officials.

Rain chances were increasing by the end of the week.

Jesse Miller, 89 of Byars, was killed in an automobile accident.

Lillian Murray, 98, of Wayne died December 5.

Emil Engdahl, 85, of Purcell died December 5.

Gaylene Brewer, 63, of Lindsay died December 5.

Barbara Madden, 61, of Purcell died December 6.

Ronald Wayne Schrader, 81, of Washington died December 9.

Leeta Mae Glasco, 94, of Wayne died December 8.

Scott Lee Rafferty, 56, died December 5.

Steven Baumann, 71, of Purcell died December 4.

Purcell's girls won the Madill Winter Classic basketball tournament with a 61-37 victory in the finals over Madill.

It was the second straight Madill title for the Dragons.

Ryker Fink, Noah Gracey and Brody Holder were named 2A-3 District Players of the Year. On the first team were Derek Cravens, Carter Goldston, Colt Taylor, Tavian Engert, Noah Mason and Nathan Tekaat. Aaron Dillard was named the District Coach of the Year.

Washington's girls won the Latta Panther Classic basketball tournament defeating Tishomingo, Kiowa and Latta.

The McClain County Operation Christmas served 843 people thanks to generous contributions and the work of hundreds of volunteers.

The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation reported it's not too late to get a flu shot.

The ODOC came to the aid of one of their own after a house fire in Slaughterville.

Purcell Register Advertising Manager Vickie Foraker announced winners of the Santa Scramblers contest.

Alton Dragoo, 82, of Purcell died December 16.

John Elliot Mercer, 52, died December 12.

Dennis Alan Wallace, 75, of Athlete of the Year, Cooper Wanette died December 14.

Toney Cooper's Dragons Year, Easton Berglan, Keller were 6-0 at the Christmas break and ranked No. 12 in Class 4A.

Washington's girls were ranked No. 1 in Class 3A and were 7-0 heading into the holiday break.

Making the 2A-3 All-District team from Washington were Major Cantrell, MVP, Naithen Spaulding, Defensive Player of the Year, Tanner Winlock, Offensive Lineman of the Year, Cage Morris, Wide Receiver of the Year, Max Wilson, Corner of the Year, Cole Beller, Safety of the Year, Kade Norman,

Howard and second teamers, Baylor Haynes, Jordan Vanya, Case Taylor, Wyatt Denton and Jake Coles.

All-State jackets were presented to Savanna Edwards for softball and Jayden Polk for cross country.

Lexington's girls finished third in Wynnewood Tournament while the boys won the consolation bracket.

The OKC Knights slipped past Wayne 58-57 while the girls pinned a 44-37 loss on OKC.

No. 882-December 28-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ANN BUTCHER BROWN,
Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-147
COMBINED NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF HEARING
To: All persons interested in the Estate of Mary Ann Butcher Brown, deceased.

You are hereby notified that on the 21st day of December, 2023, the Petitioner, Daniel J. Kemper, as Vice-President & Trust Officer for First Community Bank of Batesville, by and through his attorney, Omar D. Zantout of Evans & Davis, PLLC, filed its Petition for Summary Administration Pursuant to 58 O.S. §245 and for Appointment of Special Administrator in the District Court of McClain County.

The Petitioner has alleged that Mary Ann Butcher Brown, age 84, departed this life, testate, on or about the 29th day of June, 2022, in the City of Little Rock, Pulaski County, State of Arkansas, and at the time of her death was a resident and citizen of Pulaski County, State of Arkansas. Moreover, Petitioner has alleged that Mary Ann Butcher Brown left an estate in the State of Oklahoma, consisting of real property, the probable value of which is less than \$200,000.00. Accordingly, Petitioner has asked this Court for summary proceedings pursuant to 58 O.S. §245, et seq.

The names, ages and last-known addresses of Decedent's administrators, executors, non-petitioning co-nominees, heirs, legatees and devisees, as set forth in the Petition, are as follows:

NAME/ADDRESS	AGE	RELATIONSHIP
William Francel Brown 11725 Crusselle Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32223	Legal	Son/Heir-at-law
Jennifer Lynn Brown 131 Indian Trail Little Rock, AR 72227	Legal	Daughter/ Heir-at-law
Heather Renee' Brown aka Heather Renee' Postema 4047 Quanton Road Norton Shores, MI 49441	Legal	Daughter/ Heir-at-law
Daniel J. Kemper, as Vice-President & Trust Officer for First Community Bank of Batesville, Trustee of the Mary Ann Butcher Brown Trust Share Created Under the Gerald F. Brown, Jr. and Mary Ann Butcher Brown Joint Revocable Trust Declaration dated February 28, 2005 2401 W. Beebe Capps Expy. P.O. Box 857 Searcy, AR 72145	Trust	Sole Devisee/ Legatee

In an Order for Combined Notice and Order Appointing Special Administrator entered on the 21st day of December, 2023, the Court found that it should dispense with regular estate proceedings prescribed by law, order notice to creditors and issue an order for hearing upon the Petition for Summary Administration, the Final Accounting and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Devisees and Legatees and Distribution.

Pursuant to the Order for Combined Notice and Order Appointing Special Administrator, all creditors having claims against Mary Ann Butcher Brown, 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 Daniel J. Kemper, as Vice-President & Trust Officer for First Community Bank of Batesville, Special Administrator, at Evans & Davis, PLLC, 211 N. Broadway, Edmond, Oklahoma 73034, addressed to Omar D. Zantout, attorney for Special Administrator, on or before the following presentment date: February 1, 2024. If no claim is filed on or before the presentment date, such claim will be forever barred.

Notice is also hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 15th day of February, 2024, at 9:30 am, in the District Courthouse of McClain County in Purcell, Oklahoma. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Petition for Summary Administration, the Final Account and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Devisees and Legatees and Distribution of the Petitioner.

You are hereby advised that you may file objections to the Petition for Summary Administration, the Final Account and Petition for Determination of Heirs, Devisees and Legatees and Distribution at any time before the final hearing and send a copy to the Petitioner in the care of his attorney, Omar D. Zantout of Evans & Davis, PLLC, 211 N. Broadway, Edmond, Oklahoma 73034, or you will be deemed to have waived any objections. If you have no objections, you need not appear at the hearing or make any filings with the Court.

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

/s/ Charles Gray
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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Washington Football Camp today

Angie Steele
Washington Correspondent

Washington Warriors Football Camp for ages kindergarten through sixth grade will be held Thursday, December 28, from 9 a.m.-noon at the Washington Indoor Facility! \$50 camp fee! All proceeds go to help fund the State Championship rings. Be coached by your favorite Warrior! Non-contact camp.

Calling All Community Members AWOL 2024 Nominations Are Now Open!

AWOL (A Week of Love) is a district-wide fundraising drive sponsored by the WHS Student Council.

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

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

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

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

Washington 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 28-29: 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, bread, 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 27—HS GBK practice, 9:30 a.m.

December 28—HS Girls Basketball at Bertha Teague Tournament, ECU; HS Boys basketball practice, WEC, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

December 29—HS Girls Basketball at Bertha Teague Tournament, ECU; HS boys basketball scrimmage, home, Blanchard/Dickson, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

December 30—HS Girls Basketball at Bertha Teague Tournament, ECU; HS boys basketball scrimmage at Anadarko, 10 a.m.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

All of us here at Veterans Foundation wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a



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Football camp

Washington Warriors will hold a football camp December 28. Sign up at <https://washingtonwarriorfootball.com/warrior-store/ols/products/warrior-football-camp>

Happy New Year. With your help, we have been able to change the lives of thousands of veterans and surviving spouses who have been approved for VA benefits during the past year.

I wanted to express my appreciation to everyone who answered our call for donations this year from our annual newsletter. As we all know everything has increased in cost significantly during the last few years.

There are more veterans and their families needing our help than we can accommodate in a timely manner. Without more volunteers and donations, we would not be able to continue to serve the veteran community.

One way that you can help is to get word out to veterans and their families who are covered under the Pact Act. This program grants presumptive exposure to Agent Orange to veterans who served in the following locations during the Vietnam War.

If you know of anyone who served in the following locations, please let them know about possible VA benefits for veterans or their surviving spouses. Guam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Johnston Atoll. Veterans who served at one of these locations during that period may be eligible to receive VA benefits if they have any of the diseases that are presumptive to Agent Orange exposure.

Just to name a few Diabetes Type 2, Prostate Cancer, Parkinson's, Alchemic Heart Disease along with a host of other conditions. When a veteran dies and one of the Agent Orange presumptive diseases is listed on the Veterans Death Certificate as primary or contributing condition the surviving spouse and dependents may be eligible for DIC benefits.

I know that there are thousands of veterans and surviving spouses who would be eligible for VA benefits if they only knew about the Pact Act.



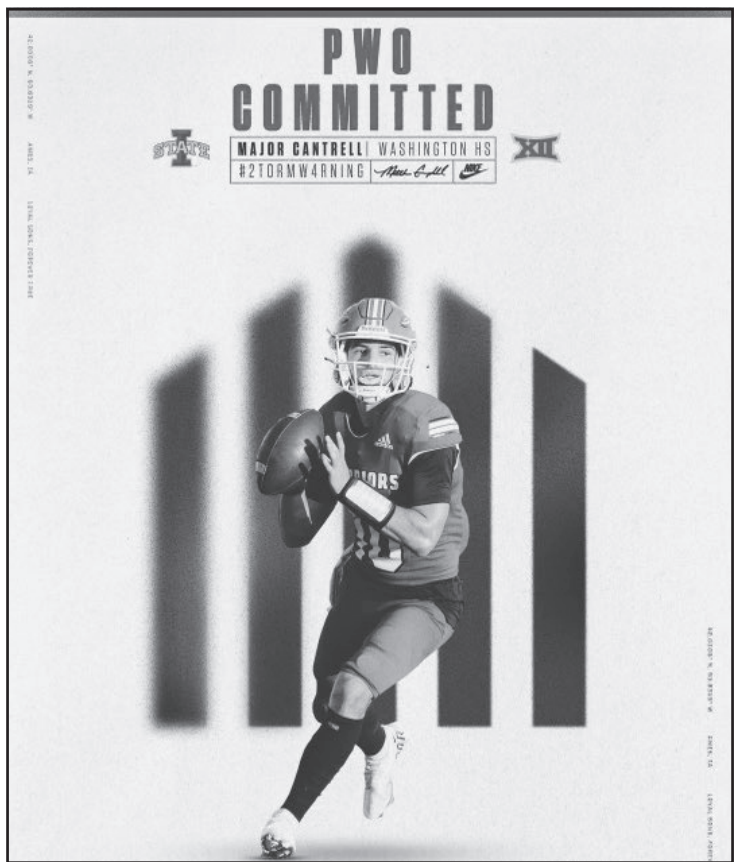
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Signing Day

Cooper Alexander signed on to play football at Iowa State. The Washington senior graduated early and is headed to Iowa for spring training.



• Photo provided by Iowa State

Iowa State bound

Senior Washington quarterback is headed to Iowa State to continue his football career.

For those of you who would like to file a new claim for benefits with VA, they can start our process by logging into 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 veterans 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 system so we will be able to help their surviving spouse when the veteran passes on.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Angie Steele

No. 868-December 21-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Brandon Rene Okamura,
Petitioner
and
Rachel Ann Guajardo,
Respondent.
Case No. FD-2023-00179
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT: Rachel Ann Guajardo
GREETINGS:
You will take notice that you have been sued in the above names Court by the above petitioner, for a Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility and that unless you answer the petition filed by this petitioner in said Court on

or before the 16th day of January, 2024, said Petition will be taken as true and judgment granting to the petitioner a Dissolution of Marriage, annulling, canceling, setting aside and holding for naught the marriage contract with you and for other relief and orders rendered according to the prayer thereof.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 17th day of November, 2023.
/s/ Brandon Rene Okamura
Petitioner
/s/ Yazmin Duran
Notary/Deputy
SUBSCRIBER AND SWORN to before me this 17th day of November, 2023.
My commission expires: 07/31/27
Commission Number: 23010163
Notary: /s/ Yazmin Duran

No. 865-December 21-2 Times
NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS
In accordance with 62 O.S. 2021, §354, notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 15 of McClain County, Oklahoma, will receive bids by: sealed bid, facsimile bid, electronic (Parity®) bid or similar secure electronic bid on the 12th day of January, 2024, at 12:30 o'clock p.m., at the Auditorium/Room 110, Administration Building, Purcell Public Schools, 919 1/2 North 9th, Purcell, Oklahoma, for the sale of \$1,770,000 of General Obligation Building Bonds of said School District, which Bonds will mature \$725,000 annually in two (2) years from their date, and \$1,045,000 annually each year thereafter until paid. The bids will be opened and read

and shall be awarded at the first Board of Education meeting held after the bids are due.
Said Bonds shall be sold to the bidder bidding the lowest rate of interest the Bonds shall bear and agreeing to pay par and accrued interest for the Bonds. Each bidder shall submit with his bid a sum in cash, cashier's or certified check, electronic (wire) transfer or surety bond payable to the Treasurer of the District, equal to two (2%) percent of the amount of his bid. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids.
WITNESS my official hand and seal this 13th day of November, 2023.
Kevin Andrews
Deputy Clerk, Board of Education
(SCHOOL DISTRICT SEAL)

No. 879-December 28-1 Time
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF LINDA S. BROOKS
Deceased.
Case No. PB-2023-146
NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES
Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Linda S. Brooks, Deceased, that on the 19 day of December 2023 there was produced and filed in the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, instruments purporting to be the Will of Linda S. Brooks, Deceased, dated January 23, 2012, and there was also filed in the Court the Petition of Randy Tolliver Brooks praying that the Will be admitted to probate, Letters Testamentary issued to him as Personal Representative of the Estate, to serve without bond, for a judicial determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees of

the Decedents.
Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 19 day of December 2023, notice is given that the 18 day of January 2024 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. is the day and time that the Petition will be heard in the District Courtroom of the County Courthouse, Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested may appear and contest the same.
Witness, the undersigned, Judge of the District Court of McClain County, State of Oklahoma, this 19 day of December 2023.
CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
Carrie Kopp, OBA # 21731
George W. Velotta, II, OBA #9223
Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC
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Purcell, OK 73080
Phone: (405) 527-7575
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Attorney for Petitioner

No. 881-December 28-1 Time
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
PEOPLES BANK & TRUST CO.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRYAN SHANE CASTOR and
TINA CASTOR, husband and wife,
and BRYAN SHANE CASTOR,
Trustee of the Bryan Shane Castor Revocable Trust Agreement dated January 3, 2014
Defendants.
Case No. CJ-2023-87
NOTICE OF HEARING
MOTION TO CONFIRM SALE
TO: Bryan Shane Castor, Tina Castor, Bryan Shane Castor, Trustee of the Bryan Shane Castor Revocable Trust Agreement dated January 3, 2014

and the Northwest quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4); and the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (W1/2 SW1/4 NE1/4); and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE1/4 NW1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) West, McClain County, State of Oklahoma;
AND
The Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE1/4 NW1/4); and the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (W1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) West, McClain County, State of Oklahoma.
Less and Except a Tract of Land described as Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of said Section 9; thence N 89°57'26" E along the North boundary of said NW1/4, a distance of 3010.42 feet to a point on the center line of 150th Street; thence S 71°30'45" W along the center line of said street, a distance of 3174.26 feet to a point on the West Boundary of said NW 1/4; thence N 00°00'07" E along the West boundary of said NW1/4, a distance of 1004.30 feet to the Point of Beginning.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above named individuals who are claiming an interest in the below described property. That plaintiff, Peoples Bank & Trust Co., has filed in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, its Motion to Confirm the Sheriff's Sale held on December 19, 2023, concerning the following described real property, situated in McClain County, Oklahoma, to-wit:
Tract 1:
The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 SW/4) and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-Five (35), Township Six (6) North, Range Three (3) West, I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma.
Tract 2:
The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) West, McClain County, State of Oklahoma.
AND
The North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (N1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) West, McClain County, State of Oklahoma;
AND
The South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4); and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4 NW1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) West, McClain County, State of Oklahoma;
AND
The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4);

SAID HEARING WILL BE HEARD BEFORE THE HONORABLE JUDGE LEAH EDWARDS, ON THE 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M., AT THE MCCLAIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN PURCELL, OKLAHOMA.
/s/ Keith McIlhaney
Kevin Blaney, OBA #860
Keith McIlhaney, OBA #16274
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Religion

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Welcome, all, to the 'Front Porch.'

Well, we have come to the last front-porch visit of the year, and we want to wish everyone a merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years!

You may remember, 2023 was a special year for us in many ways: taking our third visit to Yellowstone and actually not getting lost; returning to teaching at the local high school in what was an adventure for the ages (yet we met some great young people); and returning to re-write our memoir from fifty years hence--1973.

We did not run that saga here but, Lord willing, will make it

available to you one day. But we were able to complete thirty chapters in the re-telling of the events of the summer of 1973. Actually, it covers almost all of the year of 1973 and then some flashbacks further beyond that.

As it is any time you write a memoir, you see God's hand weaving its way throughout the fabric of your life, and you are reminded that, truly, "all things work together for good for those who love the Lord."

It still amazes me how the events of half a century ago unfolded and where they led us. You will love the story, as it is three-fold: a tragedy, a comedy, and a romance, and

probably more.

We will continue to write that 1973 account of life for the better part of 2024, too, as we are probably a little past halfway. Then again, as you continue telling a true account of life -- something that reminds you that truth is, indeed, still stranger than fiction -- you hardly know where your mind goes.

Perhaps along the way here in the Front-Porch Gospel we can show you snippets of events that will help inspire and encourage you. We'll try to do that.

All of the chapters of our lives become amazing, as you look back. You understand that, I know.

I think back just to our journey to Purcell, Oklahoma, and to the little church in Lexington that all began in 2008. We have continued to be blessed by that work and those people for fifteen years now. We have sat down here on the front porch and shared "this and that" every week for those 15 years.

We will be back, Lord willing, up your way the first Sunday in January; and we look forward to starting a new year. If you have

any questions you would like for us to address or any suggestions or encouragements, feel free to write us: coachbowen1984@gmail.com.

Until then, be safe, and enjoy all of your family time and your time of reflection and thanksgiving.

Oh, and thanks for traveling along with us, reading along, thanks for scrolling the paper until you see that "Front Porch Gospel" script. The Lord be

willing, you will see it again in 2024, so get the hot chocolate ready and get ready to prop your feet up and see where life takes us all this year.

God bless! ~ Coach
P.S. Many thanks are in order to **The Register** for carving out a space for us to meet weekly. God's blessings on them, too. That is good work, for sure!
(December 25, 2023).
coachbowen1984@gmail.com

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

On December 31, 2023, we celebrate The Feast of the Holy Family. The Feast of the Holy Family, is a Roman Catholic religious festival falling on the first Sunday after Christmas.

Although major feast days dedicated to each member of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—also exist, the Feast of the Holy Family commemorates their life together, and the celebration focuses on religious family life.

Luke 2:22-40 is the gospel reading. Joseph and Mary took the baby Jesus to be consecrated to the Lord and to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what was prescribed in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

While they were in Jerusalem, a devout and upright man, Simeon, was prompted by the holy spirit to go to the Temple. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not see death until he had set eyes on Christ.

A prophetess, Anna, had lived in the temple for decades, and she, too, began to praise God, and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to

the deliverance of Jerusalem. We must not forget that the Holy Family was not a "painless, everything is perfect," family. They also had their share of concerns.

Joseph was at the very least perplexed about the events leading to Mary's pregnancy. He was probably saddened by his inability to find a suitable place for Mary to give birth. And because of a warning in a dream, he did not return them to their home but instead sought refuge in a foreign land.

As Christians, we are also called to have holy families. In Colossians 3:12-21, St. Paul reminds the followers that as chosen people of God, we are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion and humility, gentleness, and patience.

Whatever is said or done should be in the name of the Lord Jesus. From Paul we also learn that we need to cultivate all the virtues characteristic of a Christian, but above all, Love. Life in the Christian family is rooted in compassionate love.

Our obedience to God's direction is not like the military

in following orders without question. Instead, Christian obedience means to listen attentively.

Finally in Colossians 3:20-21, St. Paul says, "Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, do not irritate your children or they will lose heart."

While my child-rearing days have passed, I recall clearly trying to balance firm direction with love. Maybe this reminder will help you, too.

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.

The Purcell Register

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Sunday Morning 10:30 am
Sunday Evening 3:00 pm
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NOTICES
CYNTHIA GARCIA was last seen leaving her job at the FAA in OKC on June 2, 2016. On February 1, 2018 her body was found on a drilling site southeast of the Wayne/Payne exit. OSBI 1-800-522-8017. 12/14/3tp

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Legal Publications

No. 883-December 28-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACK W. HARNSBERGER, DECEASED.
Case No. PB-23-94
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE AND DISCHARGE JACK RANDAL HARNSBERGER, having on this day presented for settlement and filed in this Court his Final Account of the administration of the Estate of JACK W. HARNSBERGER, Deceased, and having filed with his account a Petition for Distribution of the Estate of JACK W. HARNSBERGER, Deceased, and Discharge as Personal Representative.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 18th day of January, 2024, at the hour of at 9:30 o'clock A.M. of said date in the Courtroom of the undersigned Judge, or the Judge to whom this cause is assigned on said hearing date, in the County Courthouse in the city of PURCELL, McClain County, Oklahoma, has been duly fixed and appointed by the Court for the hearing thereon, at which time and place any person interested may appear, and show cause, if any they have, why said account should not be approved, the heirs of said Decedent should not be determined, the distribution of said Estate should not be made as prayed for, and said JACK RANDAL HARNSBERGER discharged as Personal Representative.
/s/ Charles Gray
CHARLES GRAY
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

DON FRANKENBERG, 3095 FRANKENBERG LAW FIRM 502 S MAIN LINDSAY, OKLAHOMA 73052 Telephone: (405) 756-2000 Facsimile: (405) 756-4316 dfrankenberg@aol.com Attorney for Personal Representative

No. 869-December 21-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLENN WAYNE BOYDSTON, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-133
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To the Creditors of Glenn Wayne Boydston, Deceased:
All creditors having claims against Glenn Wayne Boydston, 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 Jerry Boydston, Personal Representative, at the law office of Blevins and 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: 14th day of February 2024, or the same will be forever barred.
DATED this 14th day of December 2023.

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
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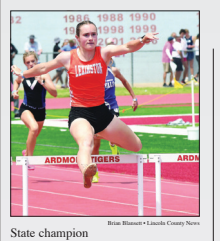
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Top stories of 2023



SUSPICIOUS FIRES

State Fire Marshal scrutinized

The State Fire Marshal's office is actively investigating suspicious fires that occurred in the area of the State Fairgrounds in Ardmore, Okla., on May 10. The fires occurred in the Ardmore area of the State Fairgrounds in Ardmore, Okla., on May 10. The fires occurred in the Ardmore area of the State Fairgrounds in Ardmore, Okla., on May 10.

State champion

Back-to-back-to-back 300 meter hurdle State Championships

Winterton wins third hurdle title

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Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger food drive this Saturday

Brush pickup schedule

Class of 2023

Opinion: Thanksgiving, community, family and treasured memories

First grade chefs on cooking Thanksgiving turkey

Rain falls here



Autism doesn't keep Zachary down

Wayne welcomes Sunshine Shaved Ice

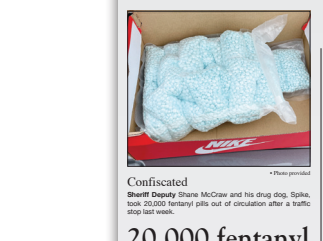
Shaved ice

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SEEING RED

Purcell Alumni Reunion Returns

20,000 fentanyl pills seized here

Routine traffic stop results in big catch for deputy McCarroll

Successful Crisswell car show

Proceeds donated to family in need

Shower stoppers

PAULS VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL

Deadly accident

Area couple were in Lahaina

Two local high school grads on honeymoon in Maui during wildfires

June 23 deadline for filing for assistance from FEMA

after April 19 storm

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ESPORTS lab is top shelf

State-of-the-art facility has all the bells and whistles

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Huge turnout

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DEMEL named City Manager

POP Art

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Quarterfinals

Holiday closings

Area prepared to observe Thanksgiving

PMH Foundation Board

New safety app hitting the mark

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DRAGONS State Runners-up

Fan support tremendous at State Tournament

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Books for Operation Christmas

Brush pickup

Main StreetScape still on schedule

Veterans Day program

Lex homecoming Friday

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PURSUIT ends with CAR CRASH

Speeds reach over 100 mph before car flips on its top

Two murder trials on docket

For Joshua Finkbeiner expected to take 5-7 weeks

Citizen of Year nomination time

Tiny bit of rain

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