



Lexington gets OWRB funding

\$1 million grant will allow needed upgrades to water system

The City of Lexington recently received approval for \$1,000,000 in funding from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the city's water infrastructure.

Construction of upgrades and improvements to the water system will be financed by the Oklahoma American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant program.

The city owns and operates a water distribution system that has under-sized and dilapidated waterlines. These proceeds will be used to replace approximately 5,000 linear feet of waterline with six-inch PVC pipe and add valves and fire hydrants.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB's Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the city's customers will save an estimated \$1,553,200 compared to traditional financing.

The ARPA grant program is administered by the OWRB with funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and appropriated through the Water and Wastewater American Rescue Plan Act grants program.

This OWRB program has been structured to provide communities and other eligible entities with the financial resources necessary to

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Welcome reception

Among the well wishers at the meet and greet for new Purcell City Manager Sam Demel were Purcell banker Donald Sherman. The reception was held at city hall from 1-3 p.m. last Thursday.

February deadline quickly approaching

Absentee ballots for primary election

Voters in McClain County who want absentee ballots mailed to them for the March 5 Presidential Preferential Primary election should apply now.

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

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

The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is 5 p.m. February 19. Voters can submit a request using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp. Request forms are also available at

oklahoma.gov/elections and at the election board office located at 121 N Second Avenue in Purcell.

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

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

Voters exempt from having

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HOMECOMING

Friday night

6 p.m. for crowning Wayne Queen and King



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Wayne royalty

Wayne will hold homecoming coronation Friday, January 26, at 6 p.m. prior to the Konawa basketball games. Members of the court include, from left, crown bearer Rayden Clifton, Alyssa Hobson, Madi Sharp, Faith Brazell, Brysten Shephard, Addison Keeler and flower girl Reese Elizabeth Foshee Lang. On the back row are Bradey VanSchuyver, Wyatt Webster, Casey Kane, Logan Taylor and Ashton Norton.

Wayne's 2024 basketball homecoming will be Friday night starting at 6 p.m.

Queen candidates include Alyssa Diane Hobson, Brysten Shephard, Addison Keeler, Madilyn Sharp and Faith

Brazell.

King candidates are Bradey VanSchuyver, Wyatt Webster, Logan Taylor, Casey Kane and Ashton Norton.

The flower girl is Reese

Elizabeth Foshee Lang and the crown bearer is Rayden Clifton.

Clifton is the six-year-old son of Justin and Codie Clifton. He enjoys building Legos, going trucking

with Dad, watching the semi-trailer truck races and sled pulls, spending time with friends and family

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Wheat announces new program

Chamber's Junior Board Members

The Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce is excited to share news about its new Junior Board Member program.

The program aims to help

young leaders grow.

Chamber president Greg Wheat came up with the idea and worked with a committee made up of Executive Director Elisabeth Baker,

board member James Bowling and Incoming President Melissa Pruitt to formulate

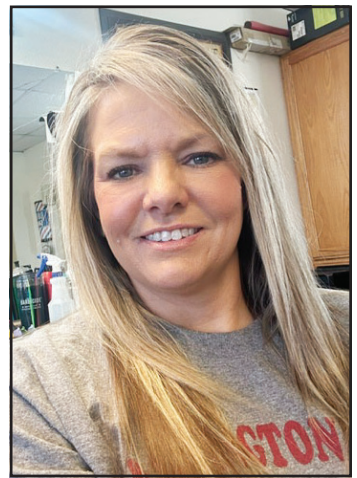
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Board members

Heart of Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Directors and Junior Directors from left, Sherri Sheehy, Makayan Carrizales, Melissa Pruitt, Jennifer Velasco, James Bolling, Carter Goldston, Katy Keith, Jace Woodrow, Gracie Pruitt, Ryan Smith and Greg Wheat.



Andrea Dennis

5 questions with Andrea Dennis

Editor's note: Answering The Purcell Register's five questions this week is Andrea Dennis, the owner of Andrea's Barber Shop in Purcell.

Q. How long have you been a hairdresser?

A. 23 years.

Q. What do you find as the best part of your job and the

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- Display Ads: 12 noon, Tuesday
- Classifieds: 11 a.m., Tuesday
- Legal Notices: 2 p.m., Tuesday

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Half a hundred

Purcell's Kobe Freeman flirted with a school record for points in a single game.



Tuesday Night Ticker

High school basketball

Boys

Purcell 54	Lindsay 50
Dibble 57	Wayne 43
Lexington 54	Davis 27
Washington DNP	

Girls

Purcell 50	Lindsay 29
Dibble 52	Wayne 46
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Washington DNP	

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Milder temperatures on way

After icy Monday

We have seen some very icy conditions to start our week as we saw freezing rain push through the area. The remainder of the week will offer milder temperatures. By Thursday, we will see partly cloudy skies and temperatures in the upper

50s. On Friday, there is a 50% chance of afternoon showers and an embedded thunderstorm with temperatures holding in the upper 50s. Temperatures will drop off into the middle 40s and lower 50s this weekend under a mix of clouds and sun.

Clouds will roll out by the start of next week as temperatures climb back into the upper 50s. These temperatures will remain heading into the middle of the work week as a few clouds enter the picture.

— Hunter Brittingham

7 Day forecast from @PurcellRegister @OUNewsCrowd

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
58° 38°	57° 36°	46° 30°	51° 30°	59° 32°	58° 34°	57° 33°
Partly Cloudy	50% Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy



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Dragging Main

Three Amigos Cristian Esqueda (right), Uriul Soto and Federico Vargas took advantage of some warmer temperatures and calm conditions last Thursday afternoon to do a little horsing around in downtown Purcell. Esqueda is a jockey at Remington Park and was aboard retired race horse Damn Strait, who has career winnings of \$233,855. The horses were from the Stacy Charette-Hill Farm in Lexington. The riders all live in Chandler.

State employee move to telework leads to new Corrections headquarters

Paul Monies Oklahoma Watch

The increased use of work-from-home and hybrid workplaces among state employees was a catalyst in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections' recent move to a new headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Executive staff at the Corrections Department moved before Christmas into the second floor of a building on North Lincoln Boulevard in Oklahoma City occupied by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. They previously were at a complex of buildings on Martin Luther King Avenue.

Separately, the Pardon and

Parole Board signed a sublease last week to occupy 1,500 square feet at the OHCA building, Executive Director Tom Bates said Wednesday. It plans to move in February.

The COVID-19 pandemic drastically changed most workplaces, including those in state government. With higher rates of telework and hybrid workplaces, the Health Care Authority occupied just 55 percent of its headquarters space, said Emily Long, agency spokeswoman. The authority leases the building from Lincoln Plaza/261 LLC, a holding of local property developer Gardner Tanenbaum.

"We were at 100 percent, but when COVID hit, we shifted to more of a work-from-home model that changed what our space needs were," Long said. "We're working on welcoming some other entities to provide opportunities this year so we can reach 100 percent capacity and try to be more fiscally responsible with the building. We'll also be able to share resources like janitorial, too."

The Corrections Department signed a sublease with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority for almost 35,000 square feet on November 17 according to a lease agreement obtained under the Open Records Act. It will pay \$41,500 per month for the space.

Steven Harpe, executive director of the Corrections Department, told lawmakers in budget hearings last week several buildings at MLK had fire damage and mold issues. He said the agency plans to

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OTC shows several communities with increase in sales, use taxes

The January report from the Oklahoma Tax Commission was recently sent out and reflects returns of tax dollars sent back to area municipalities for

purchases made in December. Blanchard, Goldsby, Lindsay, Norman, and Pauls Valley showed significant increases in sales, while McClain County

had a decrease. For Use taxes, Blanchard, Goldsby, Newcastle, Pauls Valley and Purcell showed increases from the previous year.

JANUARY SALES/USE TAX REPORT

Heart of Oklahoma



Sales Taxes

CITY	RATE	2024	2023	DIFFERENCE
Blanchard	.05	\$477,017.05	428,008.18	+49,008.87
Byars	.04	\$2,781.19	1,581.00	+1,200.19
Cole	.04	\$9,506.63	2,841.19	+6,665.44
Dibble	.05	\$20,474.77	23,532.25	-3,057.48
Goldsby	.035	\$215,343.33	169,097.19	+46,246.14
Lexington	.04	\$46,979.48	41,260.13	+5,719.35
Lindsay	.04	\$296,250.49	274,631.36	+21,619.13
Maysville	.04	\$31,727.42	34,946.54	-3,219.07
Newcastle	.04	\$729,373.28	727,651.84	+1,721.44
Noble	.04125	\$171,046.72	180,169.80	-9,123.08
Norman	.04125	\$8,793,356.81	8,639,657.82	+153,698.99
Paoli	.03	\$3,861.21	4,631.12	-769.91
Pauls Valley	.045	\$676,468.30	622,921.67	+53,546.63
Purcell	.05	\$710,311.22	687,648.66	+22,662.56
Slaughterville	.02	\$25,030.20	23,819.48	+1,210.72
Wanette	.035	\$5,947.13	2,946.48	+3,000.65
Washington	.04	\$26,696.18	16,662.42	+10,033.76
Wayne	.035	\$17,515.05	17,984.73	-469.68
McClain County	.005	\$298,137.64	327,245.37	-29,107.73

Use Taxes

CITY	RATE	2024	2023	DIFFERENCE
Blanchard	.05	\$229,082.13	164,384.56	+64,697.57
Byars	.04	\$2,163.33	1,554.47	+608.86
Cole	.04	\$5,280.05	4,609.14	+670.91
Dibble	.05	\$5,609.76	6,762.18	-1,152.42
Goldsby	.035	\$40,307.54	29,943.88	+10,363.66
Lexington	.04	\$21,329.65	18,155.39	+3,174.26
Lindsay	.04	\$32,798.31	28,563.46	+4,234.85
Maysville	.04	\$0	0	0
Newcastle	.04	\$245,654.49	169,100.19	+85,554.30
Noble	.04125	\$75,688.23	68,816.94	+6,871.29
Norman	.04125	\$1,851,389.54	1,463,851.47	+387,538.07
Paoli	.03	\$3,099.15	2,794.73	+304.42
Pauls Valley	.045	\$95,043.07	64,395.83	+30,647.24
Purcell	.05	\$102,973.06	78,884.76	+24,088.30
Slaughterville	.02	\$13,404.18	12,007.33	+1,396.85
Wanette	.035	\$2,412.19	1,128.89	+1,283.30
Washington	.04	\$17,792.87	15,914.10	+1,878.77
Wayne	.035	\$5,847.05	4,726.24	+1,120.81
McClain County	.005	\$87,514.04	93,914.20	-6,400.16

Use tax:

Every state with a sales tax has a companion tax for outside the state. In Oklahoma, this is a "use tax."

When someone purchases items for use in Oklahoma from retailers who do not collect sales tax, the buyer owes the state on those items. The state use tax was first enacted in 1937.

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NEWS In Brief

LHS Show

Choir Dinner

The Purcell Masonic Lodge #27 is sponsoring a baked potato dinner fundraiser for the Lexington High School Southern Accents Show Choir.

The dinner is set for Thursday, February 1, from 5-8 p.m. in the Lexington High School Commons Area.

Proceeds will help the show choir with expenses including Missouri Invitational Competition.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased by calling 405-365-7026.

Livestock Show, Bonus Auction

The 34th Annual Purcell Livestock Show and Bonus Auction is slated.

The Livestock Show will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 18, at the McClain County Expo Center in Purcell.

The Purcell Bonus Auction will be held Thursday, February 22, at the Purcell Agriculture Education Building.

Twenty-six students will be participating.

The public is welcome to attend.

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>.

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.

School Foundation

The Purcell Public School Foundation will hold an open meeting for the public Thursday, February 22, at 12 noon.

The meeting will be held in the Administration Building multi-purpose room in the building that formerly housed Purcell Intermediate School, behind the library.

Celebrate Recovery

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

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

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

For more information contact

Niki Steadman at 405-595-1337 or Mark Rillema at 405-496-5954.

SafeCare

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

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

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

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

Senior Dance at Purcell

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

Join your friends for fun and dancing!

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

Proceeds will benefit the Purcell Senior Citizens Center.

Museum News

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

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



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Coffee cart

Purcell High School students in the coffee cart program took their show on the road last Friday serving up piping hot coffee and hot chocolate to the staff at Purcell Elementary School. On the front row is Matthew Miller. Second row, from left, Monica Rubio, Kaydence Townsend, Adylee Jurado, Shayla Clingan, Anahi Torres, Camdyn Frankenberg and Samantha Schafer. Back row - Dan Smith, Jenny Allen-Price, Payton Bounds, Trent Tressler, Parker Reed, Christina King, Abel Fraire, Rose Allen and Josh Beal.

Voter registration deadline

February 9 to vote in presidential primary

February 9 is the last day to apply for voter registration to be eligible to vote in the March 5 Presidential Preferential Primary election.

That's according to McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley.

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

Applications must be received

by the county election board or postmarked no later than midnight February 9. Applications postmarked after that time will be accepted, but will not be processed until after the March 5 election.

Applications may also be submitted to any motor vehicle agency that is also an official voter registration.

Applicants will be notified in writing when their application has been processed. Approved voters will receive a voter identification card in the mail. Some

may receive a letter that explains the reason or reasons the application was not approved. Haley said those who do not receive a response within 30 days of submitting their application should contact the election board office.

Applications must be approved by the county election board secretary in order to vote.

Registered voters who have moved to McClain County from a different county or state will need to complete a new voter registration application in order to be eligible for elections in McClain County.

If you have moved within the county and need to update your address, you may make changes online using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp or complete a voter registration application, Haley said.

Voter registration applications can be downloaded from the state election board website at oklahoma.gov/elections. You may also complete a form at your county election board. Most post offices, tag agencies and public libraries have applications available upon request.

The McClain County Election Board is located at 121 Second Avenue in Purcell and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For questions, please contact the election board at (405) 527-3121 or mcclain-county@elections.ok.gov.

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refurbish the buildings but needed new office space in the meantime. The Corrections Department will continue to house its Corrections Industries, inspector general and training academy at the MLK complex.

Other agencies, too, have consolidated space as many of their employees move to a telework model. Among them is the Department of Human Services, which employs more than 6,250 people. Almost 90 percent of the agency's workforce either works remotely (one day or less onsite each week) or in a hybrid model (two to four days a week onsite), according to budget documents for fiscal year 2024 provided to lawmakers.

Deborah Shropshire, DHS executive director, said the agency reduced its office footprint by 690,000 square feet in the last few years. Part of that was from pandemic-related budget cuts and a desire to modernize where DHS offers services.

"In doing that, we've brought online new locations that are more efficient and smaller and have the needs for our modern way of working," Shropshire told senators in a January 10 budget hearing. "We've embedded staff in various organizations such as schools and other various access points and community partners instead of everyone having to come to a DHS building to encounter our staff."

The Corrections HQ move was not without criticism. Rep. Justin Humphrey, R-Lane, chairman of the House's criminal justice and corrections committee, said the Corrections Department needed Legislative approval to move its headquarters.

The agency disputed that requirement, saying it was not required to receive legislative approval to enter into a lease with OHCA or move into its office building. Humphrey has been a frequent critic of the Corrections Department, call-

ing this year for an independent investigation of the agency.

Harpe said the agency informed the House Speaker of the headquarters move. He also briefed the Board of Corrections at its November 29 meeting. The agency sent out a request for proposal for new office space in February 2023, according to documents obtained under the Open Records Act.

The Corrections Department spent more than \$588,000 to furnish the new office space. About half of that went to new Dell computers and monitors. Other furnishings such as office chairs came from Oklahoma Corrections Industries.

Humphrey's questioning echoed lawmakers' concerns in

2020 when Gov. Kevin Stitt and the Oklahoma State Department of Health announced the relocation of the state's Public Health Lab to Stillwater in the first year of the pandemic.

Some lawmakers and many health department employees said they were caught off guard by the announcement, which was coupled with now-defunct plans for an Oklahoma Pandemic Center of Innovation and Excellence.

Bates said the Pardon and Parole Board has been holding board meetings at the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Building since last summer. He said the agency signed a lease at \$2,437 per month, about \$100 more per month than its previous lease at the Connors Building near the Capitol.





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office buildings. We started looking at the actual circuit types, how big the pipes were. We had savings as we closed buildings or turned off circuits or if we negotiated and moved them to a different circuit type that had a cost savings."

Moore said offering telework options also helps the state recruit new employees, especially in the IT sector.

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Another successful Heart

Well-run basketball tournaments don't just happen.

From games running on time, to having a well stocked hospitality suite to host coaches and officials, doesn't just happen.

They happen for a reason and that is due to the administration and coaches that put on the 52nd annual Heart of Oklahoma cage tournament his past weekend.

The first HOOT was played in historic Boney Matthews Fieldhouse in 1970.

The tournament, for unknown reasons, took a hiatus in 1975-76 and 1976-77 before turning from an all male tournament to male and female.

The only high school basketball tournament older than the Heart is the Bishop McGuinness tournament so maybe the years of experience help make the event.

But there is no maybe to the planning and execution of put-

Editor's Notebook



John D. Montgomery

ting on a first-rate tournament.

It's one that teams from far and wide want to participate in.

Congratulations to Purcell's staff and volunteers who put on another top-shelf event.

jdm

When we had the deep freeze cold snap with the onslaught of Siberian Air at least we could say "well there is no snow and ice."

Mother Nature made up for it

on Monday when Oklahomans woke up to a nasty, slippery mess on the roads.

As you all know, it was so slick it was dangerous just to walk to your car, much less get in and drive away.

Unofficially, Purcell picked up 1/4" of ice that made travel and walking treacherous.

After the ice turned to rain, .8" of an inch was recorded here bringing the yearly total to 2".

Will Rogers World Airport has recorded 1.06" this year with the normal year-to-date total sitting at .92".

The Oklahoma Mesonet reported .46" of an inch fell in Washington and .50" was recorded in Byars.

Additional rain is predicted in six out of the next 10 days.

At least the temperatures are expected to stay above freezing for the next several days.

jdm

Hello from District 43

• Senator Jessica Garvin •



Update from the Capitol

Approximately 840 new Senate bills have been filed for the 2024 legislative session that begins February 5 at noon with the governor's State of the State Address.

He'll present his executive budget, which is his budget ideas and proposal for the Legislature to consider. Constitutionally, it is our duty, however, to craft and pass a balanced budget.

As I mentioned before the State Board of Equalization met last month and their initial estimate was that we'll have more than \$13.8 billion to appropriate this session. When we remove

apportionments and other statutory spending, however, we'll be left with just over \$11.2 billion to spend, which is around \$264 million in new revenue for FY'25.

At the end of February, the Board will review all revenues and certify the actual amount we're constitutionally required to use to craft the state budget.

This session, I ended up filing just over 60 new bills. Be sure to check out my Facebook page @SenatorJessicaGarvin if you missed any of my recent columns as I went over several of my bills.

I've filed legislation directing the Department of Human Services to develop a universal and user-friendly online eligibility and enrollment application for the State Medicaid program, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

I also have legislation directing the Office of Juvenile

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NEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

Finishing the job

Congressman Tom Cole

Last week, both chambers of Congress passed, and the president signed into law, another continuing resolution to temporarily fund the government and avoid a partial government shutdown.

While this is not where I hoped lawmakers would be at this point in the appropriations process, Congress's annual process to fund government functions and agencies, it has unfortunately been significantly drawn out this past year because of compounding delays.

A continuing resolution (CR), a tool to keep the government open and functioning at current spending levels and policies for a temporary period, is certainly not anyone's first choice to fund the government.

However, this CR was a responsible step forward to ensure Congress finishes the appropriations process and avoids a possible government shutdown as we continue to work with the Senate to complete regular appropriations bills.

We cannot forgo finishing the appropriations process to address the current and evolving needs of our nation.

House Republicans are making a greater effort to spend responsibly and avoid oversized "packages" instead of

individual bills. This allows lawmakers to make necessary policy changes and adjust spending levels, and it also allows Congress to avoid a rushed, massive trillion-dollar spending bill.

We must address the evolving challenges and changing needs both in the Fourth District of Oklahoma and the entire nation.

Just like at a train station, late train after late train creates a ripple effect, causing more and more delays for the rest of the day.

The first late train occurred when President Joe Biden submitted his budget request more than a month after the statutory deadline. This caused a delay in lawmakers' ability to review his request, then hold hearings and markups to craft our own bills.

Next, Democrats' binge spending spree over the last two years created artificial expectations on spending and created inflationary effects that has discouraged the American people in this process.

Recent runaway inflation has reduced the value of the dollar dramatically, creating more holes in the budget.

Unfortunately, weeks apart this fall without a Speaker also contributed. Having said all that, the House did pass eight appropriations bills on time last year while Leader Schumer and the Senate passed none before

the end of the fiscal year.

While the House and Senate work toward finishing the job, there are two paths our country does not want to take in the interim: a government shutdown at any point for any length of time or surrendering to a yearlong continuing resolution.

A government shutdown only negatively affects the economy and critical functions, such as border patrol, military readiness and aviation and air control functions. It is not a viable negotiation tactic, and I do not believe in putting the livelihoods of Americans at stake.

In turn, a yearlong CR would not allow Congress to make policy changes to address changing needs such as the need for a stronger national defense, enhancing protection at the southern border and reeling back spending in bloated areas.

A yearlong CR would be a failure in Congress's and the president's duty to govern.

Lawmakers have a responsibility to the American people to pass individual funding bills that include commonsense policy changes to reflect the current needs of our country.

The process and negotiations will continue to move forward, and I am hopeful the Senate and President will work with us to have everything wrapped up as soon as possible.

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Your Views

News from District 42

• Rep. Cindy Roe •



Bill filing completed

With the clock to session counting down, the State Capitol is bustling with legislators and staff busy preparing for the upcoming session.

Our regular session starts Monday, February 5, but our deadline to file bills was Thursday, January 18.

I have submitted all of my bills, but I am still working on the language for many of them. Several bills will have to be amended in committee.

One of my bills, House Bill 3331, doesn't have language in it yet, but it will address the teen vaping epidemic that is unfortunately so common across our state.

This has been a priority policy area for me over the past few years. Last year, I passed another bill related to the teen vaping epidemic. House Bill 2165, which was signed in May, requires anyone under 21 who purchases or attempts to purchase tobacco to complete a tobacco education program.

According to the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET), one in four Oklahoma high school students reported vaping in the past 30 days. This is an alarming statistic, as vapes can contain more than 20 times the nico-

tine of one cigarette.

Nicotine is highly addictive, and it permanently alters the brains of young users. Youth vape use could lead to a lifetime of addiction struggles and health concerns, and vape users are much more likely to start smoking cigarettes later in life.

Many vapes and vaping products are specifically targeted toward teens. Some vapes are designed to look like normal school supplies, like pencil sharpeners, and there are tons of flavors marketed toward kids, like cotton candy.

I'll provide more details on HB3331 when I officially file the language, but it is just one of thousands of bills that will be voted on before session ends in late May. Just over 1,200 House Bills were filed before Thursday's deadline, and there are still 1,463 House Bills filed last year that are eligible to be considered this year.

This year, the start of session looks a little different because lawmakers will actually return to the State Capitol a week earlier than usual.

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Dry January

Giving up alcohol for the month

For many, Dry January is a commonplace post-holiday season, yet you can start anytime, even in February. The goal is to abstain from alcohol for a month, giving yourself a mental and physical reset.

Excessive drinking is widely accepted during the festive season. Even casual and social drinkers find themselves drinking more than usual during the holidays. A month of sobriety has numerous health and social benefits and helps you re-evaluate your drinking habits. Fortunately, there are practical ways you can accomplish this and make it a success.

The health benefits are significant and noticeable relatively quickly. You will find yourself sleeping better, having more energy, lower blood pressure and cholesterol, and more money. You'll notice you may lose weight, have clearer skin, and feel less depressed, anxious, and stressed. Overall, your mental and physical well-being will significantly improve.

Moreover, it helps you re-evaluate your drinking habits if you feel it got out of hand over the holidays. Consider asking yourself if alcohol is used as a tool to cope with stressful situations. Do you find yourself feeling stressed without alcohol, or have your drinking habits impacted your relationships or your professional life? If the answer is yes, consider a month of not drinking alcohol.

Finally, and most importantly, there is a social benefit. You remove any chance of driving while impaired. Abstaining from alcohol is the backbone of effective drunk driving prevention. Oklahoma is committed to combatting impaired driving and has stepped up its efforts. Alcohol-related crashes injure nearly 2,500 and kill approximately 220 Oklahomans each year.

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Mr. MVP or Mr. MIP

By **Andy Bowman,**
CoffeeTime
Columnist

Most Valuable Player. Depends upon the perspective and opinion of the person watching the game.

Does he believe that it should be the player who scored the most points? Or is he of the opinion that the MVP can be a player who kept successfully setting up the offense for the one who did all the scoring?

Or maybe, it might be the clever and creative coach behind the scenes who taught those players how to be winners? An MVP winner is a varied and ever-moving target—largely depending on the one who is speaking.

But what about the MIP—which one should be called the Most Irrelevant Player of the game? You can certainly gather a range of passionate answers to that one.

Usually based on expectations that were left laying in the mud on the field. When a person has a firm opinion of how a position should be played and the player...ummmm, doesn't, that alone can bring on a verbal attack of

"MIP of the Game."

Even though the player may have played his position exactly as his coach asked of him for that particular game day.

So, to me, these two categories of award winners, MVP and MIP, are pretty nebulous, as they are based upon the beliefs, expectations, and whims of the voter.

And yet, those titles bestowed upon an ecstatic MVP winner or a dejected MIP have enormous power. Power to bolster someone's self-esteem and public popularity. To say nothing of monetizing.

Or conversely, power to harm the player's belief in himself and also leave him wide open to public resentment and ridicule.

All founded upon the varying opinions of the spectators. And their wildly varying degrees of education, training and experience.

My personal opinion? MVPs and MIPs awards are influenced by way too many variables to even be considered as viable to an objective and intelligent person.

Considering the inherent negative power they hold, they should be considered as

'dangerous weapons only to be used sparingly.'

Yes, I am aware, by now many of you are yelling "If a kid is the winner, then acknowledge him as the winner! Quit being someone who encourages kids to be "Snowflakes!"

I agree, we don't need snowflakes who can't stand up to the heat of being a loser, who have to be protected from the pain of not winning. Not what I'm talking about.

I am simply saying that MVP and MIP are extremely subjective. It all depends upon the speaker—the one who has the most powerful lungs and the largest audience. The players those particular loudmouths nominate can easily become the winners of MVP or MIP.

If you have a group who listens avidly to your opinion, be careful. You carry a very big stick and even bigger sway. Sway for which the passing of time will hold you accountable. Use your opinions and your influence wisely.

And I'm not simply referring to sports, but you knew that.

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Stop the hate, start to love

By **Dr. Glenn Mollette**

Anger, resentment, jealousy and hate are terribly draining emotions. If you have any of these going on in your life then you're going to be tired most of the time. They can be mentally exhausting.

Maybe you are free and clear of any of these. If so, you probably have a lot of good days and sleep better at night than people who constantly harbor ill will toward others.

All of these feelings are draining and don't do anything positive for you. They don't make life better. They don't make you sleep or feel better. They don't make you healthy. They end up being a heavy load to carry. Do you need that?

When you hate someone, you are not hurting that person. They are probably very unaware of your feelings. The only person you are hurting is yourself.

I won't try to mention all the hate groups on the planet. We certainly know of too many who are at war with others. They fight and kill each other, continually. We know of hate groups in our own country. We see hate displayed on the news every day.

Terrible things are done to innocent people in our country and around the world from wars, school shootings, bullying, murders, domestic abuse, and the list is long.

Corrie Ten Boom was a Holocaust survivor whose family saved numerous Jewish people by hiding them in their home. She eventually became a prisoner herself and recalled being mistreated by a German soldier.

Sometime after the war the soldier was in an audience where she was speaking. He walked up to her and extending his hand asked her to forgive him.

It seemed like an eternity before she could respond. She knew exactly who the man was as she recalled the horrors of the camp.

With God's strength she said she lifted her hand and gave it to him and said, "I forgive you." It wasn't easy but she knew that carrying the load of hate that she had felt toward the soldier would be too great for the rest of her life.

Only you can determine who you can or can't forgive and maybe there are those you cannot. Most people are not going to condemn you for hating someone who murdered your child or who abused you in some way.

You have to determine what you can live with weighing on your mind and if the burden is worth carrying. Maybe it is, but maybe it's not.

Jesus told his followers, by this shall all people know that you are my disciples if you love one another. He then told them that loving God was the greatest commandment and that loving their neighbors as themselves was the second greatest commandment.

Another word from the Bible says love covers a multitude of sins.

The bottom line is love is greater than hate. Love feels better than hate. Who doesn't love being in love? It's not all about romantic love but it's loving others, family, friends, neighbors, and people in gen-

eral.

I don't know how we will ever stop hate and realistically I guess the world will never be void of hate but it's worth trying.

You can't change the world, but you can change your world and those with whom you routinely connect.

I wrote a song recently. You can find it about everywhere by now. It's titled "Stop The Hate." The words are as follow: "Stop the hate. It's not too late, but we can't wait any longer to stop the hate. Start to love. Look up higher than ourselves to God above. Stop the hurt. It won't work. Stop the hate. We all bleed. We all need help from each other to survive.

"It's past time, to stop the hate. We all need some peace of mind, and we know it's way past time, to stop the hate. Stop the hate. Start to love. Stop the hurt. It won't work. It's past time, to stop the hate. Stop the hate.

"It's not too late, but we can't wait any longer to stop the hate. It's past time, to stop the hate. It's past time to stop the hate." © (Glenn W. Mollette)

Listen to Stop the Hate -> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hc_PKb9yNyg.

Watch the Video Stop The Hate -> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEKhbWWNO3s>.

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legislation that betters the entire state.

I also want to congratulate the City of Lexington on the news that they've received a \$1 million grant from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to improve the City's water infrastructure. The current system is undersized, and this change is much needed.

Additionally, I'm very glad to hear that Lindsay Public Schools was awarded a \$19,000 Healthy Living Incentive Grant from TSET. These funds will go toward im-

proving the school playground and increasing opportunities for students' physical activity.

As always, please reach out to me if there's anything I can help with. My email address is cynthia.roe@okhouse.gov, or you can call my office at (405) 557-7365. Thank you for the honor of representing you at the State Capitol!

Rep. Cynthia Roe, a Republican, represents District 42 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, which includes Garvin and McClain Counties.

2023 immigration news in review

By **Joe Guzzardi,**
Project for Immigration Reform analyst

Scouring calendar year 2023 for good immigration news is a challenge. But a nugget here and there provides a glimmer of hope, however faint, for long-elusive border enforcement to become reality.

The year's highlight came in May when the House passed, 219-213, the Secure the Border Act of 2023, HR-2. The bill's provisions include, among several other pro-enforcement features, a mandate that employers use the legislatively elusive E-Verify that would protect American jobs, require the Department of Homeland Security to restart border wall construction, reinstate Remain in Mexico, end asylum fraud, and close the loopholes that frivolously grant parole.

Another positive in the endless battle for sensible immigration is Mike Johnson's (R-LA) election as Speaker of the House. Since entering Congress in 2017, Johnson has earned A+ immigration grades in strengthening border and interior security as well as ending asylum and refugee fraud.

Johnson and like-minded GOP reps have so far insisted that HR-2 be included in any legislation that may provide funding for Ukraine and Israel. The show-down between House enforcement advocates

and a Senate dominated by open-borders backers was scheduled to begin January 8.

Johnson must not yield an inch, and must absolutely reject the Senate's demand for amnesty as a quid-pro-quo to any agreement.

Unlike finding the positive immigration news during 2023, the bad news stands out like the proverbial sore thumb. The House Homeland Security Committee released a shocking report titled "Startling Stats" that detailed the extent of President Biden and DHS Secretary Mayorkas' illegal, unconstitutional disregard for obeying immigration law and their criminal indifference to defending national security.

In FY23, Customs and Border Protection recorded more than 2.4 million encounters at the southwest border and more than 3.2 million encounters nationwide. During the current fiscal year, 169 individuals on the terrorist watchlist were apprehended attempting to enter the country illegally, and at least 1.7 million known gotaways have evaded apprehension since FY2021.

Since President Biden took office, there have been 7.5 million encounters nationwide and 6.2 million encounters at the southwest border, in addition to 1.7 million known gotaways.

Also in FY 2023, CBP arrested 35,433 aliens with criminal convictions or outstand-

ing warrants, including 598 known gang members, 178 of those being MS-13 members. Including its Air and Marine Operations, CBP also seized enough fentanyl coming across the Southwest border to kill, the House Homeland Security Committee estimates, about 6 billion people.

The report's findings did nothing to influence the administration to end the invasion. Not only did the illegal alien influx remain steady, it accelerated unabated.

Proof that the border crisis will continue unchecked: in December, CBP processed and released a historic monthly high 302,000 aliens. Since the start of FY 2024 which began on October 1, 2023, CBP has encountered more than 785,000 aliens at the southern border alone.

With Johnson serving as speaker, and with HR-2 in place as potential leverage to use in the upcoming Ukraine-Israel funding negotiations, optimism for the first steps toward border enforcement can be harbored.

But as long-time veterans of immigration enforcement versus immigration chaos conflicts can attest, there's many a slip twixt the cup and the lip.

Joe Guzzardi is a Project for Immigration Reform analyst who has written about immigration for more than 30 years. Contact him at jguzzardi@ifsp.org.

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Dry:

If you want to reap the benefits of an alcohol-free month, consider some of the following tips to help you out along the way.

Create a supporting environment where you know you will succeed. Thoroughly purge all the booze around you; either dump it, hide it or give it away. Moreover, find a suitable non-alcoholic drink for social situations.

Recruit a friend or family member to participate and help avoid temptations. Not only will you support one another, but you can also plan activities that do not involve alcohol, and you can speak about the successes and challenges of abstaining from alcohol.

Stay busy and active and take this time to focus on your mental and physical well-being; take advantage of having more energy and sleeping better. Utilize Dry January or sobriety apps that will help you track your progress and find practical ways to hold yourself accountable.

During the month, you will begin to lose alcohol cravings, and you may realize alcohol does not need to take up such ample space in your life. If the benefits make you feel great physically and mentally, consider continuing for another 30 days. Embrace your new attitude to alcohol use.

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A year in review with the Oklahoma Insurance Department

By **Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner Glen Mulready**

Last year began as I was sworn into my second and last term as your Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner. I am always grateful for your continued trust and the unique opportunity it is to serve my fellow Oklahomans.

Last year was also an eventful year from an insurance standpoint. From severe weather to changes in the insurance market, the Oklahoma Insurance Department (OID) was here with you through all of it. I want to highlight some of our work from 2023 and discuss what's in store for this year.

We were here to help

As we state in our vision, OID's top priority is to protect Oklahoma consumers. Last year, our Consumer Assistance division assisted with 13,157 phone calls and 2,784 complaints, resulting in 327 external reviews and \$8,295,011 recovered for consumers.

Our Anti-Fraud division also assisted with 1,414 complaints. With the Life Insurance Policy Locator, we matched Oklahoma beneficiaries with \$49 million in life insurance benefits...that they didn't know they had!

Additionally, through all the winter weather, wildfires, hail and tornadoes, we were ready to provide assistance and answer your insurance questions. We help Oklahomans in their time of need, and I want to reiterate that if you need assistance or would like to file a complaint, please contact us at 800-522-0071 or visit oid.ok.gov.

We met with those we serve

My team and I love getting out in the communities we serve and meeting consumers and insurance industry professionals. We arranged Coffee

with the Commissioner and attended Mix and Mingle events across the state, where we met with chambers of commerce, licensed agents, Rotary Club chapters and other organizations to learn ways we can better serve the community.

In September, we set up a booth at the Oklahoma State Fair to inform thousands of consumers about our services while having fun in the process. In addition to these events, our Medicare Assistance Program (MAP) was active, giving 303 community presentations and engaging in 19,254 one-on-one client contacts, leading to 27,164 people reached.

If you'd like to host an event with us, visit <http://www.oid.ok.gov/speaker> or call our office at 800-522-0071.

We informed and advocated for Oklahomans

In 2023, we looked for new ways to reach consumers and licensed producers. We launched campaigns like Here to Help, Ask OID and Winter Weather to give guidance on what Oklahomans should know about insurance.

We brought you 13 new episodes of the Mulready Minutes podcast, where we featured informative guests to share perspectives and information on topics such as Medicare Open Enrollment, captive insurance and the different divisions at OID.

Our team also produced six episodes of the Medicare Monday webinar, and we hosted our first Insurance Day, where we connected with 125 industry professionals on issues affecting the insurance industry

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Roe:

This week, Gov. Kevin Stitt called the Legislature into a special session, set to begin Jan. 29, to vote on a 0.25 percent reduction in the personal income tax rate. The House is prepared to answer the call and put this tax cut to a vote once again.

A week later, on Monday, February 5, our regular legislative session is set to begin with the Governor's annual State of the State address. I'm looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting back to work to pass thoughtful

Society



It's a Small World

Gracie Montgomery

Happy birthday to **The Register's** own Vickie Foraker. Vickie celebrates her birthday Sunday, January 28.

Happy birthdays also go out to Jim Montgomery, Melissa Carry, Jesse Bain, Judge Leah Edwards, Tom Jobe, Mike Eubank, Andy Woods, Ashlee Pollard, Hartly Wollenberg, Shelley Richards, Michelle Smith, Carolyn Cummings, Taylor May, Lauren Moore, Ted Yates, Alfredo Arriaga, Heather Bennett, Ashleigh Carel, Zachary Clark, Maria Montelongo, Raul Alamos Jr., Martina Chavez and Carime Espinoza.

The Purcell Masonic Lodge #27 is sponsoring a baked potato dinner fundraiser for the Lexington High School Southern Accents Show Choir.

The dinner is set for Thursday, February 1, from 5-8 p.m. in the Lexington High School Commons Area.

Proceeds will help the show choir with expenses including Missouri Invitational Competition.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased by calling 405-365-7026.

The Purcell Public Library will present "STEAM Kids" Tuesday, January 30, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Ignite your curiosity and creativity through this explo-

ration of all things STEAM. The program is designed for children ages 6-11.

Did you know, almost everything we use connects back to STEAM? Discover the elements of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math through hands-on activities and exploration. Boost your problem-solving and teamwork skills in this program.

For more information call 405-527-5546 or online at pioneerlibrarysystem.org.

Crock pot recipes are a favorite of mine and this is a good one.

Slow Cooker Chicken and Mushroom Stroganoff

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, cubed
8 ounce sliced mushrooms
8 ounce cream cheese, softened
10 ounce can cream of chicken soup
1 envelope dry onion soup mix
Salt and pepper to taste
1 pound large egg noodles for serving

Place the chicken in the bottom of a lightly greased slow cooker. Add the mushrooms.

In a medium sized bowl add cream cheese, cream of chicken soup, and dry onion soup mix. Mix until incorporated and spread on top of chicken and mushrooms.

Cook on low for 4-6 hours or high for 3-4. Serve over noodles and top with salt and pepper.

School Menus

Week of January 29

Wayne

MONDAY BREAKFAST

French toast, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Fish sticks, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, hush puppy, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken fajita, pinto beans, chips and salsa, pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

Pancake, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Hot ham and cheese sandwich, pickles, potato soup, mixed fruit, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Beef casserole, chips and salsa, broccoli, pears, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Pop tart, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Pizza pocket, corn, salad, apple, milk.

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MONDAY BREAKFAST

Pancake on a stick or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, cucumber slices, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Scrambled eggs and toast or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Pizza, Caesar salad, baby carrots, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

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

LUNCH

Barbecue pork loin, corn, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Ham and cheese biscuit or cereal and toast, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, cucumber slices, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

No School.

Lexington

MONDAY BREAKFAST

Whole grain cereal or breakfast pizza, peaches, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Popcorn chicken or yogurt meal, potatoes and gravy, English peas, applesauce, milk

TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Whole grain cereal or omelette with biscuit, mixed fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Beefy macaroni or chef salad, blackeyed peas, steamed carrots, strawberry cups, cornbread, milk.

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST

Chef's choice, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Pizza or sandwich, whole kernel corn, steamed broccoli, pineapple tidbits, milk.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST

Whole grain cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Cook's choice, milk.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Whole grain cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Cook's choice, milk.

Purcell Senior Citizens

By Val Blackburn

A dance and live music is held every Friday night from 7 to 9 p.m. Entry is \$8 and refreshments are available to purchase. This event helps support the Senior Center and provides an evening of entertainment for the community at a reasonable cost. Refreshments are available. Come and enjoy the fun and good times! Family friendly atmosphere!

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

The Grief Support Group has been rescheduled for Tuesday,

January 30, at 10 a.m.

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

Everyone over 60 has a standing invitation to come visit the senior center. Enjoy new friends, activities, lunch and a few laughs. Our library has a variety of books to take home and enjoy. Coffee, tea and cookies are always available! New things to do are being added this year. We are always open to new ideas for activities from everyone who attends.

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

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• Photo provided

Special guest

Lucas Ross will be the narrator for *Peter and the Wolf*.

Peter and the Wolf to be performed in Pauls Valley

Peter and the Wolf, a musical tale for children of all ages, is being presented by the Garvin County Sinfonietta.

The show will be held in Pauls Valley on Sunday, February 18, at 4 p.m. in the Pauls Valley High School Auditorium, 601 North Street.

The story is narrated by Oklahoma personality Lucas Ross. Additional performances will be presented by the award-winning Moore High School choir and area school children.

Tickets are available online at www.GarvinCountySings.com.

Winter weather extends OBI's blood shortage

Below freezing temperatures and winter precipitation continue to impact Our Blood Institute's blood collections systemwide.

For a second week, OBI is facing canceled donation appointments and blood drives. The extended Emergency Blood Shortage could impact hospitals and patients desperately in need.

Our Blood Institute continues to stay open and is asking donors to reschedule appointments and come in to donate as soon as it is safe to travel.

While bad weather is keeping donors at home, the demand for essential blood products to meet hospital and patient needs remains constant. Accidents are still happening, blood transfusions for cancer patients continue and the need never stops. OBI greatly appreciates its donors who have heard the call and stepped up to donate in recent days.

OBI is the primary blood supplier for the state of Oklahoma,

exclusively servicing more than 95 percent of Oklahoma's hospitals, medical facilities, and air ambulances, including other local health systems as Saint Francis, OU Health, SSM St. Anthony, Integris Health and Mercy.

Successful donors will receive a short-sleeved, glow-in-the-dark "When I'm Not Hibernating, I'm Donating Blood" T-shirt.

Blood can be donated every 56 days. Platelets can be donated as often as every seven days, up to 24 times a year.

Anyone who is healthy and 16 years old or older can give blood. Sixteen-year-olds must weigh at least 125 pounds and provide signed parental permission; 17-year-olds must weigh at least 125 pounds; 18+ year olds must weigh at least 110 pounds.

Photo ID required.

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Wayne Senior Citizens

By John Webb

Hello again everyone. I hope you all were able to stay safe and warm during these last few days. I don't mind the extra days off, but it can sure make meal planning and preparation difficult.

The Wayne Senior Citizens Center garage sale will likely start up again mid-February, provided we have a couple of good Saturdays for clean up and reorganization. I will keep you posted regarding reopening.

Delta Senior Nutrition is the provider of a delicious meal served promptly at 11:30 a.m. each Monday through Friday, excluding some holidays and business closure days. Our cooking site is Purcell and we transport Wayne's meals from there. We cook to the number of reservations we have, plus two. If you would like to make, or cancel a reservation, or would like information about how to qualify for the Delta meal program, please call 405-527-9462 for details.

Here is the menu for January 29-February 2:

Monday—Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes and cream gravy, broccoli and cauliflower, sliced bread or dinner roll, chocolate cake.

Tuesday—Steak sandwich with mayo, lettuce and tomato, vegetable soup, strawberries and bananas, sugar cookies.

Wednesday—Tater tot casserole, green beans, carrots, sliced bread or roll, fruit salad.

Thursday—Brown beans with ham, sliced onions, oven browned potatoes, greens or spinach, cornbread, pie.

Friday—Biscuits with sausage gravy, hash browns, tomato spoon relish, double orange gelatin.

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

Menus are subject to change based on product availability. We try to keep changes to a minimum.

We have a wonderful, fun bunch of seniors here in Wayne. If you would be interested in joining us, or if you are in need to home delivered meals, please call 405-527-9462 to see how to qualify.

I appreciate all of my volunteers and to all who contribute to the success of your Wayne Senior Citizens Center.

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February 13 election

Sample ballots are now available for the February 13 Washington and Wayne Board of Education/Purcell Municipal Primary Elections.

Ballots are in the February 1 issue of **The Purcell Register**, voters can download a sample ballot using the State Election Board's OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp or pick up a copy at the McClain County Election Board during normal business hours.

McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley, reminds voters that sample ballots are specific to each person.

"If the OK Voter Portal indicates that you have no sample ballots available, it means you

are not eligible to vote in an upcoming election. We recommend checking the OK Voter Portal to make sure you have an election before heading to the polls."

Haley said sample ballots will also be posted outside every precinct polling place on election day, so voters can review them before casting their votes.

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

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

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 January 11-17, 2024.

Traffic

None filed.

Misdemeanors

None filed.

Felonies

Milo M. Jones, burglary, second degree.

Laranda D. M. Hatler, burglary, second degree.

Jesus A. P. Mendoza, burglary, first degree.

Daniel L. Lusk, burglary, second degree.

Small Claims

Arthur D. Jones vs. Camishia Dobbins, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Robert Arnold vs. Jessica Joslin, small claims over \$5000.

Stonewall Plaza Apts. vs. Clinton Teague, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Diana Daniels vs. Linn Pierce, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Adkins Hill Mobile Home Park vs. Matthew McCarty, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Kaiser Holdings LLC vs. Lane Coquillet et al, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Newcastle Affordable Housing vs. Sharon Benford et al, forcible entry and detainer under \$5000.

Civil

State of Oklahoma Ex Rel vs. Shawn Judkins, civil action \$10,000 or less.

LNVV Funding LLC vs. Eileen A. Sipe, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Kino Financial Co vs. William Roark, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Discover Bank vs. Krysta R. Wooten, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Citibank NA vs. John E. Rosner Jr., civil action \$10,000 or less.

Citibank vs. Brandi Jeffries, civil action \$10,000 or less.

Mutual of Omaha Mortgage, Inc vs. Jose J. Munoz et al, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Supershed, LLC vs. Manh Bui, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Utility Technology Services, Inc vs. CK Utility Construction, LLC, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Discover Bank vs. Alex Cazares, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Kino Financial Co vs. Robby Roberts, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Capital One, N.A. vs. Brian J. Belveal, civil action \$10,000 or more.

Marriages Filed

Kolby M. Halcomb, 22, and Emily A. McNeill, 23, both of Blanchard.

Divorces Granted

Zelinda C. Tolbert vs. Ricky K. Tolbert.

Amy Harryman vs. James Harryman.

Purcell High School has announced honor rolls for the fall semester of the 2023-2024 school term.

Superintendent's Honor Roll students have a GPA of 4.0 or greater and no grade lower than a B. Students named to the Principal's Honor Roll have a GPA of 3.0-3.9 with no grade lower than a B.

Seniors

Superintendent's

Jenifer Allen, Kelly Anderson, Jenna Avery, Avery Barrett, Zoe Bumpass, Sophia Butler, Lillian Calixto, Sabrina Carrillo, Payci Constant, Derek Cravens, Eliut Duque, Savanna Edwards, Ryker Fink, Camdyn Frankenberg, Denise Garanzuay-Banuelos, Carter Goldston, Noah Gracey, Caleb Hamilton, Joshua Hamilton, Kylie Hamilton, Kailynn Helton, Brody Holder, Katy Keith, Callie Larman, Noah Mason, Avery McWhirter, Matthew Miller, Amy Munoz, Carlos Pacheco, Allison Pendley, Adison Perez, Gracie Pruitt, Parker Reed, Payton Rivera, Alicia Salazar, Hannah Shea, Cole Smedley, Aubrey Stanford, Noria Stell, Katlynn Tamez, Colt Taylor, Bryson Teel, Alyssa Thompson, Karlee Tolle, Brooklynn Torres, Jett Tyler and Jennifer Velasco Comayagua.

Principal's

Isaiyanna Aleman, Eli Blazek, Kylan DeFreeze, Araceli Garcia-Aguinaga, Cristian Giron-Deleon, Waylen Hope, Drew Kimbrell, Ashleigh Langan, Johanna Lara, Sierra Linker, Brian Luna, Rigoberto Medina-Martinez, Habraam Pablo Ramirez, Ramiro Perez, Mariabel Ramirez Hernandez, Jason Stewart, Kylee Weatherford and Shakya Winlock.

Juniors

Superintendent's

Esmeralda Aguinaga, Hudson Andrews, Thalia Antonio, Kaleb Bailey, Ethan Berger, Lilyann Brown, Haven Buchanan, Seth Bunch, Amy Caralampio, Odesa Clevenger, Caitlynn Coulter, Marcia Duque, Emanuel Escobedo, Madilynne Esparza, Eleanor Feroli, Zoe Gaddis, Kate Ginn, Kash Guthmueller, Hadleigh Harp, Leilani Hartleroad, Aubry Howsley, Gavin Johnson, Mia Jones, Abbygail King, Adyson Knighton, Leslie Langan, Payton Lawson, Tatum Lester, Logan Lovett, Ashlee McClung, Parker Page, Joselyn Ramirez, Ella Resendiz, Fernando Re-

sendiz, Kevin Resendiz, Bianney Resendiz-Guerrero, Emily Shields, Madelyn Smith, Rayna Smith, Ava Stauffer, Brayden Tharp, Alec Thompson, Lillian Venegas, Landon Ward, Hannah Whitaker, Tinley Winters and Brianah Wren.

Principal's

Andrew Anderson, Lawrence Benton, Meghan Berry, Allison Booker, Ross Brock, Jaci Deaton, Kenna Esparza, Trenton Ford, Kyleigh Green, Brynley Jennings, Christian Kirk, Boston Knowles, Paisley Knowles, Haley Kretchmar, Jude Leggett, Cameron Lewis, Eric Luna, Kylie Macarthur, Ethan McKnight, Colby Nimsey, Samantha Percey, Colby Pledger, Anika Raper, Jonathan Resendiz, Linzee Ruggles-McMullen, Cameron Scales, Hunter Shaw, Erick Suarez Ricardo Howe, Kaleigh Thrash and Zachary Vermillion.

Sophomores

Superintendent's

Chase Anderson, Sakoda Andrews, Claire Brady, Shayla Clingan, Liliana Del Toro, Andrew Dobbins, Aubrey Elmore, Emileigh Esparza, Abel Fraire Marin, Alyssa Godwin, Klynn Guthmueller, Addyson Haynes, Cara Idlett, Erica Irwin, Adylee Jurado, Mandolin Keely, Bryar Kelley, Christina King, Josie Kretchmar, McKenna Martin, Mackenzie McKay, Owen Milner, Riley Moore, Kayden Moss, Paisley Nichols, Jasmin Olguin, Shiv Patel, Kaden Pliker, Ellie Reed, Emma Renfro, Veronica

Rojas-Salas, Alexis Rojo, Aylin Salazar, Burkley Saunders, Dylan Smith, Jaden Stafford, Selina Suarez Ricardo Howe, Carli Thomas, Karsyn Thomas, Kaylin Vazquez, Derin Walker, Isabella Walker, Maddox Ward, Ryder Ward and Nicholas Westmoreland.

Principal's

Gunnar Baker, Carter Bennett, Bryce Blair, Ignacio Diano, Zharla Elam, Reese Fleming, Michael Heck, Kasey Henderson, Bailey Lewis, McKinly Miller, Kyler Rangel, Jason Rubio, Rocelyne Smith, Jaxson Staggs and Caleb Williams.

Freshmen

Superintendent's

Brody Anderson, Addison Arnold, Aidan Blankenship, Halle Buchanan, Jalyn Busche, Asa Byrne, Keegan Featherston, Genesis Guerra, Rafael Gutierrez, Parker Lovett, Halle Madden, Savannah Mauzerall, Brayden McGee, Josmar Munoz, Zander Reynolds, Maria Rodriguez, Mason Rogers, Carter Thomas and Grace Van Oort.

Principal's

Jasey Baker, Kylee Barrett, Drew Blair, Jeffrey Carlile, Brian Cazares-Miranda, Yandel Chavez, Cash Cook, Ivanna Coronel-Guzman, Francis Braylon, Curtis Herr, Avery Hines, Ethan Jones, Kash Knowles, Matthew Langan, Greyson Lester, Keston Martin, Vanessa Montoya, Bryson Perkins, Jayden Polk, Brenda Resendiz, Kevin Resendiz, Cooper Selman, Anahi Torres and Constance Uhl.

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT
February 13, 2024
McCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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WASHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
No. 005

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MEMBER—BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR OFFICE NO. 4
(Vote for One)

ADAM PRICE

ASHLEY TEEL

CLAYTON COLLEY

SAMPLE BALLOT

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February 13, 2024
McCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

PRECINCT 440001-101044
WAYNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
No. 010

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FOR OFFICE NO. 4
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HARVEY FISHER

RYAN MORRIS

SHAD BLACKWELL

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February 13, 2024
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INDEPENDENT MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

FOR COUNCILMEMBER DIVISION 2
(Vote for One)

GREG WHEAT

CHRIS HURT



- ### McClain County Polling Places
1. Byars Community Center, 282 E. Ripley St., Byars 74831
 2. Rosedale First Baptist Church, 37740 Arkansas Ave., Rosedale 74831
 3. Mid-America Technology Center, 27438 State Highway 59, Wayne 73095
 5. Banner Baptist Church, 13635 State Hwy. 76, Lindsay 73052
 6. McClain County Community Center, 1721 Hardcastle Blvd., Purcell 73080
 8. Washington First Baptist Church, 100 S. Main St, Washington 73093
 10. Criner Baptist Church, 17943 May Ave., Lindsay 73052
 11. Dibble Freewill Baptist Church, 22275 Old Town 1st St., Dibble 73031
 19. Cole Community Center, 26887 Main St., Cole 73010
 20. Goldsby Community Center, 164 E. Center Rd, Goldsby 73093
 21. Purcell First Baptist Church, 400 Main St., Purcell 73080
 22. Union Hill Baptist Church, 20441 Bryant Ave., Purcell 73080
 23. Purcell Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2705 N. 9th Ave., Purcell 73080
 24. Memorial Assembly of God Church, 701 W. Monroe St., Purcell 73080
 26. Purcell New Mission Holiness Church, 20578 180th St., Purcell 73080
 28. Goldsby Baptist Church, 153 W. Center Rd., Goldsby 73093

Pinkie's Forest

124 West Main St
Purcell, OK 73080

405-955-0005 Mon-Sat 11AM-8PM
Closed Sunday

Purcell High School announces honor roll students

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Purcell:

occur making it a necessity to close. We apologize for this, but sometimes things happen beyond our control. Please be understanding when this situation arises.

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

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

you for being understanding of their policies.

Please be aware the menu may have to be changed at times due to unavailability of items or delivery issues.

Menu for January 29-February 2:

Monday—Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli and cauliflower, bread, chocolate cake.

Tuesday—Steak sandwich, vegetable soup, strawberries and bananas, cookies.

Wednesday—Tater tot casserole, green beans, carrots, fruit salad.

Thursday—Brown beans with ham, oven browned potatoes, greens, cornbread, pie.

Friday—Sausage gravy, hash browns, tomato relish, biscuit, orange gelatin.

One milk per person is served with every meal.

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

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NEWS

from the
City of Purcell

Maintaining Alleys

From: Code Enforcement

We will now be enforcing the City of Purcell Ordinances in regards to maintaining the alleys.

It is the responsibility of the homeowner and or renter to maintain from the curb to the center of the alley. You are required to keep mowed any grass, weeds or similar vegetation from the curb or edge of the roadway to the center of the alleyway.

This includes keeping trees trimmed, brush and limbs removed. Vehicles, trailers, tractors etc. are not allowed to be parked in the alley.

Request emergency ballot for February 13 election

Registered voters who become physically incapacitated after 5 p.m. Monday, January 29, and are unable to make it to the polls, still have an opportunity to cast their ballot.

McClain County Election Board Secretary Karen Haley said that state law permits voters who become emergency incapacitated after 5 p.m. Monday, January 29, to vote under special provisions.

Haley said emergency incapacitation is something most voters don't think about.

"Voting is our constitutional right, but life happens. Injury, illness or even childbirth can prevent a voter from being able to go to the polls. That's why it's important to make sure voters know their rights in the event of an emergency."

If you or someone you know becomes physically incapacitated after 5 p.m. January 29, contact your county election board as soon as possible. Haley says election board officials will work with you to make sure you have all of the necessary information to cast your ballot.

Forms and information can also be found on the Oklahoma State Election Board website at oklahoma.gov/elections.

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

Election board officials can be reached at 405-527-3121 or by email at mcclaincounty@elections.ok.gov.

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Garvin:

Affairs to develop a pay-for-performance rate plan for youth services agencies and other contractors to improve accountability and efficiency.

Another one of my measures seeks to protect the privacy of journalists and reporters by adding them to the list of the State Election Board of registered voters whose residence and mailing address are kept confidential.

Currently, this includes members of the judiciary; district attorneys; assistant district attorneys; Uniformed Services members; law enforcement personnel and their immediate family members; correctional officers; the secretary, assistant secretary, employees, and members of a county election board or the State Election Board; persons who are protected by victim's protection orders; and the spouses and dependents of these various individuals, along with others who are certified by the Secretary of State as participants in the Address Confidentiality Program.

Journalists have an important job of keeping the public informed about various issues and topics, and sometimes their work can put them in danger. We need to ensure they can do their work without fear of retribution.

I'll discuss more of my bills next week. We'll be convening in special session Monday at the governor's request to consider a .25 percent income tax decrease. This is unnecessary as both chambers have numerous tax relief plans that will be considered during the regular session but unfortunately, we are constitutionally required to answer his call, which will cost taxpayers additional money. I'll keep you posted as we move forward.

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

From page 5A

Mulready:

in Oklahoma and across the country.

As a reminder, you can keep up with the latest news and events with us by following us on social media and subscribing to email news updates at oid.ok.gov/subscribe.

We're looking forward to 2024

Before looking ahead, I'd like to thank the OID team, who are dedicated state employees who make all of this possible.

We expect 2024 to come with unique challenges and opportunities, but our commitment to serving Oklahomans will not change.

We will keep you informed by bringing you new podcast episodes, webinars, campaigns and events in your own community. Check out our 2023 Annual Report for more information on all the work we do at OID.

Here's to a successful 2024!

Obituaries

Phyllis Kay (Thurman) Henagar Albert (Al) Dee Henagar

Phyllis Kaye (Thurman) Henagar, 77, of Mustang, Okla., passed away on January 16, 2024, and one day later her love of 62 years, Albert (Al) Dee Henagar, 80, of Mustang, Okla., passed.



Phyllis was from Purcell, Okla., and Al was from Wayne, Oklahoma. They met each other when they were 15 and 18 at the Purcell First Baptist Church, and that is where my mom stole his seat when he got up to get a drink. They started dating and ended up getting married on Sept. 7, 1962 in Purcell, Okla.

Al joined the Army out of high school, and then later Phyllis and he moved to Shawnee, Okla., to start a family and career. They both got their brokerage license and worked for JoEllen Watson Real Estate for years, and Al also began working for the **Daily Oklahoman** as a District Manager.

Things with the market changed and they both wanted to venture out somewhere new, and so they moved with their two young daughters to Colorado, settling in Golden, Colorado. Al worked as a District Manager for the Colorado Springs paper and then eventually transferred as a District Manager to the **Denver Post**. He worked for the **Denver Post** for 10 years, and decided to move back to Shawnee due to missing family.

They returned to Shawnee, Oklahoma, in May 1981, and he picked up where he left off working as a District Manager for the **Daily Oklahoman**. Mom was a homemaker and enjoyed participating in the Dale Home Extension Club for years. Later in 1993, the family made their final home in Mustang, Okla. Al retired from the **Daily Oklahoman** after 53 years of being in the paper service on May 1, 2017.

Dad loved talking about the paper, vacationing and being active in their church, and Mom enjoyed crafting, cooking, gardening and being active in the church. They were always together and very seldom apart, and I believe that is why he joined my mom. They are kicking it up in Heaven with family and friends, but I know I will see them again soon.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Mattie Weeks Henagar; brothers, Ralph and Ray Henagar and sister, Helen Henagar Roberts.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, Elza Howell Thurman and Clara Christine Austin Thurman.

They are survived by their daughter, Kayla Henagar; daughter, Suzette Pope and husband, James, and granddaughters, Abigail, Isabelle, and Rochelle, and cousin, Francille Wilson, Bruce Strait.

Iris Irwin

Funeral services for Iris Irwin, 80, of Moore will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, January 29, 2024 at the Redeemer Church, 3651 Cascade Blvd, Norman, Okla. 73072. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Ms. Irwin passed away on January 22, 2024. Iris Claudine Blackwell was born on September 10, 1943 in Lexington, Oklahoma, the third of six children born to Claude (Jodie) Blackwell and Gwendola Delora (Wade) Blackwell.

When Iris was around 15 years old, the Blackwell family moved to Valley Brook, Oklahoma. Iris finished her education at SE High School and graduated with the Spartan Class of 1961.

She married young to Alvin L. Irwin, and together they had three wonderful sons: Eugene, Tim, and Johnathan. Iris was driven and dedicated to working hard every single day. She worked several jobs, and at times had more than one job, to support her family. Iris served as a crossing guard for Moore Public Schools before transitioning into an Indian Tutor position.

She truly had a servant's heart and was passionate about shaping the minds of the future generations. She retired from Moore Public Schools in 2013. Iris also worked as a cashier at Walmart for 20 years, before retiring in 2020. Her work ethic was a true testament of her core values and beliefs.

In her free time, she enjoyed reading a good book or watching TV (especially "Little House on the Prairie" and the Hallmark Channel). Iris always looked forward to her weekly Friday lunches with the "Lunch Bunch Crew."

More than anything, Iris was a family woman. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. She truly cherished every moment with them. Iris was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, sister, and a true friend. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Gwendola Blackwell; and sisters, Jonell Orr and Joy Teel.

Iris is survived by her sons, Eugene Irwin and wife, Karrie, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Tim Irwin and wife, Annie, of Guthrie and Johnathan Irwin and wife, Shannon, of Norman; brothers, Claudie Blackwell and wife, Darla, of Moore and Joe Blackwell and wife, Donna, of Tuttle; sister, Brenda Krausse of Wetumka; 11 grandchildren, Justina Irwin, Sierra Morgan and husband, Matt, Rachael Broussard, Sarah Broussard, Allison Irwin, Tremayne Wells Sr. and wife, Jesse, Nathan Wells Sr. and wife, Misty, Brittainy Goss and husband, Casey, Shelbi Irwin, Samuel Irwin and Jaycee Irwin; nine great-grandchildren, Jax Martin, Lux Broussard, Seager Hobbs, Nicholas Morgan, Tanae Wells, Britney Finney, Nathan Wells Jr., Tremayne Wells Jr. and Courtney Goss; seven great-great-grandchildren, Katelynn Munoz, Cassidy Munoz, Makayla Munoz, Ayleana Irwin, Abel Wells, Kaiser Finney and Eliza Wells and a host of other family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Peggy Haley

Funeral services for Peggy Haley, 75, of Lexington were held Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at the Lexington Cemetery under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mrs. Haley passed away at her home on January 16, 2024.

Peggy Lou Kelley was born to Arlis Lee Kelley and Uarda Mae Kelley (Lane) on December 6, 1948 in Lexington.

Peggy's father was a pipeline worker, so most of her childhood was spent on the move, always going wherever work may lead him. Some of her favorite stops along the way included Idaho, West Virginia, and the Black Hills of South Dakota. She eventually made her way back to Lexington, where she finished high school and graduated with the Bulldog class of 1967.

Peggy was blessed with two children, and she spent her time caring for them and her home in Norman. Peggy and her husband, Robert, moved back to Lexington, started a peach orchard, and successfully ran Haley's Peach Farm for a number of years. She also helped her husband work their cattle and provided daily care for the livestock.

In retirement, Peggy loved traveling with family and friends in their RV, having adventures and making memories. She'll always be remembered for her fried chicken, her feisty attitude, and her way with hummingbirds which earned her the title "Hummingbird Whisperer."

The light of her life was being a mother and nana to her family, who will miss her deeply.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, Arlis and Uarda Mae Kelley. Her sisters Betty Kelley and Patricia Parker, and her husband Robert Haley.

She is survived by her brother, Arlin "Buster" Kelley of Moore; her children, Jeff Farley and wife, Jennifer, of Lexington and Susan Phelps of Lexington; her grandchildren, Alexandria Rasor and husband, Alexander, John Dean and wife, Anna, Joshua Farley and wife, Cassidy, Mikayla Farley and fiancé, Jake Dyer, and Kendall Phelps and fiancé, Jaycie Brown. She also leaves behind six great-grandchildren Bryson, Faith, Colton, Scarlett, Jack, and Miles and her best friend of 60+ years, Mary Gay Newville and her husband, Mike.

Online condolences may be made at wilsonlittle.com.

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Dora Lu Ellen "Ludie" Rush

Funeral services for Dora Lu Ellen "Ludie" Rush, 80, of Noble were held Jan. 19, 2024 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.

Mrs. Rush died Jan. 8, 2024.

She was born on April 8, 1943 in Purcell, Okla., the middle child of three children of Gorman and Lucille (Jones) Green.

Survivors include her dog-daughter, Angel; daughter, Debbie Black of Noble; son, Donnie Rush of Oklahoma City; three grandchildren; one bonus granddaughter; six great-grandchildren; brother, Gorman Green Jr. and wife, Karen and brother-in-law, Eugene Rush and wife, Barbara.

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

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Jean Champeau

Memorial services for Jean Champeau, 96, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 29, 2024 at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel. Services will be under the direction of the Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell.



Mrs. Champeau, storyteller, bread maker, mother and grandmother died January 1, 2024.

A lover of stories, Jean made up countless stories for her three grandchildren and read them many more besides. She read also for her own enjoyment, reading late into the night devouring whole books in single sittings.

As many stories could be told about her. She used her late-night reading ability to help her friend Joaquin Giron study to earn US citizenship. She said her parents "spoiled" her even as they endured the hardships of the great depression and the Oklahoma Dust Bowl.

She stayed up too late, drove her car too fast, ate peppers too hot, played old time country music too loud, and survived decades on a diet of chocolate, bacon and diet soda. She might still be alive if the Coca Cola Company hadn't discontinued Tab.

She is survived by her daughter, Louise; her three grandchildren, Jacques, Brandi, and Monique, and her great-grandchildren Astrid and Blake.

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Testing, sharing and saving leftover seeds

Melinda Myers
For The Purcell Register

As you scour the seed catalogs and websites for new and favorite flower and vegetable seeds, take time to inventory the seeds you have saved from previous years.

You'll save money by not buying more of the seeds you already have so you'll have more to spend on something new.

Starting with fresh seeds from a reliable seed company helps boost your growing success. But what gardener can resist getting the most out of every purchase by saving and planting seeds left from previous years?

Seeds stored in a consistently cool, not freezing, dry, dark location can last for one to five or more years. Start by checking the packaging or expiration date on the packet.

Onions, parsley, parsnips, and salsify seeds usually last one year while corn, okra, and pepper seeds last an average of two years.

Beans and peas generally last for three years; tomatoes, turnips, beets chard, and watermelon four; and Brussels sprouts, cabbage, muskmelon, radishes, and spinach are the longest lasting at five years.

Perennial flower seeds last an average of two to four years while annual flower seeds last from one to three years depending on the species.

There are always exceptions with a few seeds that were found lasting more than a hundred years.

You may find your properly stored seeds last longer than the averages. But once seeds pass their average life expectancy you may see a reduction in germination.

Use this quick and easy test

to see if your stored seeds will sprout and grow. Place 10 seeds on a damp paper towel. Roll up the towel with the seeds safely tucked inside. Set the paper towel in a plastic bag and store it in a warm dark location.

After a week or so, unwrap the paper towel and check the seeds for sprouting. If nothing has happened, rewrap the seeds and wait a few more days.

If all the seeds have sprouted, you have 100 percent germination and can plant the seeds according to the label directions. If only half the seeds sprout, you should plant the seeds twice as thick to compensate for the lower germination.

You can plant these sprouted seeds if you have the available gardening space and the growing conditions are right for the seeds to grow.

If none of the seeds sprout, consider breaking out the glue and getting the family involved in turning these nonviable seeds into seed art. Then make some adjustments to your seed storage strategies in the future.

Leave seeds in their original package so you have all the information you need when inventorying and planting the seeds the following season. Place the envelope in an airtight container and store it in the refrigerator or a consistently cool, not freezing location.

If you've lost seeds to hungry rodents try storing them in the refrigerator or metal or glass containers. Sealed plastic containers are fine for the seeds, but hungry mice can eat their way through the plastic to your stored seeds.

You, like many gardeners, often end up with more seeds than you will ever grow. Con-

sider sharing these with others by donating them to school groups, community gardeners, and master gardeners who will put them to use in various gardens in your community.

Or organize a seed swap. Just gather your gardening friends or work colleagues, the seeds and catalogs, and throw a garden party. The last Saturday in January is National Seed Swap Day and a good excuse to gather and share.

Seed swaps are a great way to find unusual or unique seeds. It is also a great way to save money and get the greatest value by sharing extra seeds with friends and family.

Once the seed swapping is done you may want to break out the catalogs, check online seed retailers, and place a group seed order. Working together you'll be able to order a wider variety of seeds for greater diversity in the garden.

Everyone can take what they need so there will be fewer seeds to save in the future. Plus, ordering larger packets is usually more economical. And you'll have an excuse for another party when you meet to divide up the goods.

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Reserve grand champion pen

Linz Heritage Angus of Byars, Okla., won reserve grand champion pen of three heifers at the 2024 Cattlemen's Congress Angus Pen & Carload Show January 5 in Oklahoma City. The November 2022 heifers posted an average weight of 1,054 pounds and are sired by Connealy Vindicate 0366, Linz Exemplify 71124 and LAR Man In Black. Matt Perrier, Eureka, Kan.; David Dal Porto, Anselmo, Neb.; and Brian McCulloh, Viroqua, Wisc., evaluated the four carloads and nine pens.

Purcell Junior High honor roll students for first semester

Purcell Junior High School Honor Rolls, Superintendent's and Principal's, have been announced through Principal Carol Testa's Office for the first semester of the 2023-24 school term.

Superintendent's Honor Roll students have no grade lower than an A.

Students named to the Principal's Honor Roll have no grade lower than a B.

Eighth Grade Superintendent's

Kendra Anderson, Grady Andrews, Kylee Beasley, Aidan Brown, Cynthia Calixto, Harold "Wyatt" Downing, Kori Doyal, Tripp Eck, Mia Garduno, Eli Gracey, Cole Guinn, Lyric Harding, Cannan Haynes, Yamilet Hernandez Montes, Leah "Louis" Jones, Jace Klein, Lilith Leopard, Kelik Lewis, Ayden Little, Chloe Morrow, Emilie Munoz, Teague Owen, Pedro Paez, Kaylee Peoples, Rylee Peoples, Antonio Ramos, Jeidy Resendiz, Valeria Salinas, Emma Schlotthauer, Ezra Stell, Alexys Swain, Baya Thomas, Van Austin Williams and Taygan Winters.

Principal's

Allison Aguinaga Villegas, Journey Balkema, Anna Berg-

er, Jaxson Bradshaw Dick, Whitney Bruehl, Brecken Burson, Fatima Diaz, Justus Fulbright, Hendrix Hayes, Mason Holmes, William "Liam" Hopkins, Teah Howe, Emilie Howsley, Thomas Hubbell, Alexis Jurado, Taylor Leggett, Valeria Marquez Estrada, Miaca Martinez, Bradley McCart, Madison Miller, Emily Moody, Maliya Moody, Jose Salinas, Kamdyn Stokes, Aubrey Swain, Jae Swanner, Aubrey Thurston and Kylie Thurston.

Seventh Grade Superintendent's

Isai Barraza, Adlee Croslin, Tyler Featherston, Mylan Fleming, David Fraire, Lilly Gwin, Juliet Lambert, Kiernan Meigs, Ava Midkiff, Holiday Napier, Nora O'Donnell, Belen Resendiz, Brody Rivera, Axel Shobert, Matthew Swanner and Lyrik Wilkins.

Principal's

Izak Auz, Emery Bourassa, Alison Brady, Isabella Carmo, Josue Chavez Cervantes, Jaycee Holman, Bruce "Grant" Holt, Michael Little, Kheanna Martin, Ayelen Martinez, Joshua McAnally, Dante McGee, Tristan Miller, Jesus Ocampo, Riya Patel, Zulet Ramirez,

Julissa Rojo, Addison Thompson and Keelyn White.

Sixth Grade Superintendent's

Hayes Anderson, Dylan Caralampio, Westin Cunnius, Baileigh Driskill, Brielle Gardner, Taryn Knowles, Kiley Leonard, Paisley Lopez, Aryan Marfatia, Aidan Mathis, Jack Montgomery, Alivia Nichols, Blane Nicklas, Alexandria Rangel English, Leah Segoviano, Brynlee Shephard Maxwell, Spencer Stone, Zoey Walker, Kenzigh Waterman, Ilyia Webster, Klaire Wilhoit, Chandler Wilken and Peyton Wilson.

Principal's

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Homecoming:

and learning and growing a relationship with God.

Lang is the five-year-old daughter of Brent and Adrienne Lang. She enjoys climbing trees, roller skating and watching her favorite TV show, "Tom and Jerry." She also enjoys spending time with her family and playing with her dog, Theo.

Hobson is the 16-year-old daughter of Tricia Hobson and Chris Hobson. The sophomore plays basketball, slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball, is in book club, sheep showing, pig showing, working at Royal Vista Ranch, FFA, weightlifting and welding. She goes to church when she is free and works on a farm. Hobson was named the Most Improved player in slow-pitch in 2022-23 and played in the All-Star game. Shephard is the 17-year-old junior daughter of Dan and Misty Shephard and Krystal and Casey Marlow. She is in 4-H, NHS, basketball, slow-pitch, fast-pitch and studies Therapeutic Health at Mid-America Technology Center. She earned the Bulldog Pride award in basketball.

Keeler is the 16-year-old daughter of Brian and Jennifer Keeler. The junior plays fast-pitch, slow-pitch and basketball. She is in NHS, the book club, is on student council and is on the prom committee. She earned a Bulldog Pride award in basketball, served as class vice president three years, is on the superintendent's honor roll and was Athlete of the Month in fast-pitch.

Sharp is the 17-year-old junior daughter of Brian and Julie Sharp and Lindsey and Mac Baker. She plays fast-pitch and basketball. She is on the student council and is in NHS. Sharp was most improved in fast-pitch defense, was Player of the Year in basketball and is on the principal's honor roll.

Brazell is the 18-year-old

senior daughter of Jennifer Womack and Mark Brazell. She is in NHS, on the student council, FCA Leader, book club, senior class treasurer, plays fast-pitch and slow-pitch and basketball and is a football manager. She is on the superintendent's honor roll, was four times fast-pitch All-Conference, 2021 fast-pitch MVP, two times Offensive Player of the Year, 2022 Defensive Player of the Year, 2022 fast-pitch Gold Glove and 2023 Rebounder of the Year.

VanSchuyver is the 18-year-old senior son of Stephen and Trina VanSchuyver and Tasha Creswell. He is on the student council, is senior class president and plays football and basketball. He was Rebounder of the Year in basketball and earned a Bulldog Pride award in football. He is also on the principal's honor roll.

Webster is the 17-year-old son of Scottie and Brandi Webster. The senior is on the student council, is in FCA and plays basketball and baseball. He was the Rebounder of the Year in basketball and was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Taylor is the 17-year-old senior son of Jason and Amber Taylor. He plays basketball for the Bulldogs.

Kane is the 18-year-old son of Joselyn and Jason Kane. The senior plays baseball, basketball and football and is the senior class vice president. He has been on both the superintendent's and principal's honor rolls, was Player of the Week in football and Athlete of the Month in football.

Norton is the 18-year-old senior son of Joe Norton and Kateleen Norton. He plays basketball and is on the principal's honor roll.

Wayne school officials report the girls game will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the boys.

From page 1A

Andrea:

worst part?

A. The best part is the people and making them look their best. Your clientele become part of your family so when you lose one it is the worst part.

Q. When did you know you wanted to become a hairdresser?

A. Senior year of high school. I started at Duncan Brothers

School of Hair Design a month after graduating from high school.

Q. How do you refer to yourself, hairdresser, beautician, barber?

A. I refer to myself as a barber.

Q. What has changed the most about your profession over the years?

A. The hairstyles!

Gear up for the 2024 garden season

Melinda Myers
For The Purcell Register

It's never too early to prepare for the garden season ahead. Having the right tool for the job saves time, reduces the frustration of trying to make the wrong tool work, and allows you to garden longer with less muscle fatigue.

Take an inventory of all your tools. Be sure to check the shed, garage or tool caddy. Make a list of those that need to be replaced or need an update.

This is also a good time to clean and sharpen those tools you plan to use in the coming growing season.

As you update your tools, you may want to purchase a few hand tools with comfortable wooden handles and carbon steel heads. The wood adds a natural aesthetic that goes hand in hand with gardening.

Make sure you have the right shovels for those frequent digging tasks. Perhaps it is time to invest in a long-handled shovel with a narrow head that allows you to dig in small spaces.

Corona's DigMaster Nursery Shovel has a hardened steel blade and a handle for durability and long life. The ComfortGel grip allows you to keep working longer.

Like digging with the right-sized shovel, deadheading flowers with the right tool makes it easier and you're more likely to get the job done. For those that do a lot of deadheading, select one with an ergonomic design, a finger loop for better control, and an easy-release lock like Corona's Ergo Dead Header Snips.

And don't forget about the young gardeners in your life. Having their own set of properly sized hand tools, long-handled

tools, and of course, a wheelbarrow will make working with you in the garden even more special.

Kids, like adults, benefit from spending time in the garden. Give them their own garden patch or row to dig, plant, and tend. You'll all have more fun.

When upgrading your garden tools, consider donating those that are still in good working order to a nearby community garden, school garden, or master gardener group. They can always use extra tools to help them grow gardeners of all ages.

And those that have reached the end of life can be turned into

garden art. It's a great way to save memories of gardens' past.

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Handy nursery tool

The long-handled Digmaster nursery shovel with its narrow head allows for digging in small spaces with ease.

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Water:

address water and wastewater infrastructure needs within their systems.

Since 1983 the Water Resources Board has approved over \$7.1 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.

"We are grateful to state legislators from the Lexington area for their continued support of our financial assistance programs," said Julie Cunningham, Executive Director of the OWRB.

"I am so pleased that the City of Lexington will soon see upgraded water services for their area," Representative Cynthia Roe said. "I want to thank the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for their work, and I look forward to seeing this change improve the lives of the Lexington community for years to come."

From page 1A

Chamber:

the program.

Junior board members, like Carter Goldston, Katy Keith, Gracie Pruitt and Jennifer Velasco, went through a process where they applied and interviewed to get selected for this special role.

Each junior board member is assigned a chamber board member mentor and joins chamber board meetings to learn how the chamber helps our community.

During the program, they'll discover how board meetings work, assist with planning events and improve their presentation and networking skills.

"We're excited to see these young leaders, and we believe they'll make a positive impact on our community," Wheat said.

From page 1A

Absentee:

an absentee ballot affidavit notarized include those who are physically incapacitated and those who care for physically incapacitated individuals that cannot be left alone. Voters who request a "physically incapacitated" ballot must have the signature on their absentee ballot affidavit witnessed by two people.

Military personnel and resi-

dents living overseas, along with their spouses and dependents are also eligible for certain allowances. Military personnel should contact the Voting Services Officer in their unit for an absentee ballot application.

Residents living overseas may obtain absentee ballot applications from any United States military installation

or United States Embassy or Consulate. Military personnel and overseas citizens who are already registered voters in Oklahoma may apply for absentee ballots using the OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp.

Those who need to complete a new voter registration application should apply through the federal voting assistance

program at FVAP.gov.

All completed absentee ballots must be in the hands of the county election board no later than 7 p.m. on election day.

The McClain County Election Board is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For questions, please contact the election board at 405.527.3121 or mcclain-county@elections.ok.gov.

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Wayne wins Bulldog Bash

Lady Bulldogs beat Wynnewood to earn Consolation

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Wayne Bulldogs got wins over Ringling (66-31), Healdton (61-50) and Wynnewood (55-30) in the championship game to win the Bulldog Bash.

Jaxon Dill and Wyatt Webster

ster were named to the All-Tournament team. Webster finished the tournament with 63 points through three games and Dill finished with 56.

“I’m proud of our defense. Overall we played well – for 10 of 12 quarters – and the timing is good to be playing

our best basketball,” head coach Jackson Embry said.

Wayne scored the first eight points against Wynnewood and never looked back.

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• Photo provided

Healdton champs

The Wayne Bulldogs got wins over Ringling (66-31), Healdton (61-50) and Wynnewood (55-30) to take home the Healdton tournament trophy. Jaxon Dill and Wyatt Webster were named to the All-Tournament team.



• Photo provided

Consolation champs

The Wayne Lady Bulldogs beat Wynnewood 50-30 to take home the Consolation in last weekend’s Grady County Tournament. Freshman Taelyn Ringwald was named to the All-Tournament team.



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Defensive posturing

Washington sophomore Emersyn Massey defends a Casady ball handler during the Warriors’ 61-27 win. Washington defeated North Rock Creek in the finals of the Rocky Clarke Invitational to claim the tournament championship. They played menacing defense through their three wins.

Washington girls claim Rocky Clarke championship

Boys take third place in event’s second year

John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

The Washington girls basketball team defended their home court during the Rocky Clarke Invitational basketball tournament, picking up three wins and first place hardware along the way.

They defeated Casady (61-27), Elk City (59-24) and North Rock Creek (40-27).

It was the second edition of the tournament, which is named in honor of former Washington girls basketball coach Rocky Clarke.

Clarke coached girls basketball for 45 years and is the third most winningest coach in Oklahoma girls high school basketball.

Clarke coached at Claremore, Byng, Dale and Velma-Alma before coaching at Washington.

Casady Washington opened the tournament against Casady on Thursday.

Kelby Beller led all scorers with 20 points.

Breanna Lindert scored 15 points and Preslee Johnson was also in double figures with 13.

Johnson opened the game with three treys in the first quarter and the Warriors had a 28-12 lead by halftime.

They never took their foot off the gas and allowed only 13 points the rest of the game.

Casady scored no more than

eight points in any quarter.

Elk City

The strong defensive effort carried over Friday into the Warriors’ win over Elk City.

Washington held Elk City sophomore guard Abby Brown to eight points in the contest.

“Emersyn (Massey) contained No. 30 and did a really good job,” said Washington head coach Kale Simon. “She and Jayden Wells kept her at bay.”

Again, Washington held an opponent to under 10 points a quarter, only nine or fewer – including only three in the third quarter.

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John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Half a hundred

Purcell junior Kobe Freeman scored 50 points in the Dragons’ 73-46 win over the OKC Knights in the second round of the Heart of Oklahoma basketball tournament. Purcell finished fifth in the tournament.

Girls third, boys fifth in HOOT

Bethany girls, Anadarko boy take titles

John D. Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Bethany upset Anadarko’s girls in the finals of the Heart of Oklahoma Tournament last Saturday night, 64-32 snapping a streak of 13 straight titles for the Lady Warriors.

Anadarko’s boys defeated Byng 45-39 for the championship on the boys side.

“We were excited to play in the tournament after coming off our worst performance of the season,” head coach Toney Cooper said. “Our girls jumped on them early and never let up. We got great production off our bench with several girls providing points and rebounds. It was a great bounce game for us.”

It’s rare to take a loss and walk away feeling good about your team, but this game showed the heart of our team.

— Toney Cooper, on loss to Anadarko

Purcell’s girls finished third knocking off Elgin 61-51 in the game on Saturday. The Dragons topped Dickson 65-21 to open the tournament and faced Anadarko in the semifinals.

Purcell built a 23-18 lead at halftime only to have it washed away with the Lady Warriors out-scoring the Dragons 23-11 in the third period to win 46-42.

That set up the third place game with Elgin.

Jenna Avery’s 13 points led all scorers while Alyssa Thompson and Hannah Whitaker were right on her heels with a dozen each in the Dickson game.

Avery, Haven Buchanan, Hadleigh Harp and Bri Wren all had seven points to lead the offense against Anadarko.

“They were a familiar team for us, a rematch of last year’s HOOT final,” Cooper said.

“We were able to get out in transition and really control the pace of the game in the first half. The second half was reversed with them controlling the pace using their size and getting easy buckets.”

The Dragons added fuel to the fire committing 15 turnovers.

“But our girls came out ready to play and were not at all intimidated by their size or ranking. It’s rare to take a

loss and walk away feeling good about your team, but this game showed the heart of our team,” Cooper said. “Our kids competed at such a high level from the opening tip until the buzzer sounded. We are trying to make the jump from good to great and this was a big step in that direction.”

Cooper said Buchanan and Avery carried the load offensively but the Dragons got a big boost off the bench with the play of Wren and Thompson. “Tinley Winters battled three bits to own the boards while Kenna Esparza had key assists and steals that kept us in the game. I’m extremely proud of our team.”

The Dragons had three girls in double figures against Elgin led by Haven Buchanan’s game-high 16 points. Right on her heels was Avery with 15. Winters finished with 10.

Buchanan scored all her points in the second half including nine in the fourth period. Avery scored seven on her total points in the final stanza when the Dragons pulled away with a 24-17 quarter.

“Coming off a tough game against Anadarko I was not sure how my our girls had left

Please see **Dragons**, page 2B

Lady 'Dawgs win Consolation

43-42 overtime win over Verden

Emily Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Last week the Lexington Lady 'Dawgs picked up the overtime 43-42 win over Verden to win the Consolation in the Grady County tournament.

"Verden is long and tough and thankfully Abby Sample had a big game. We played hard," head coach Jacobi Couch said.

Verden got an and-1 to put the game into overtime. Kiely Givens was fouled late and knocked down her two free throws to take the lead.

Then, according to the coach, Sample blocked a late Verden shot to get the Lexington win.

"We overcame adversity and it showed our growth as a team," Couch said.

Rush Springs

On Friday, Lexington got a 47-35 win over the Lady Redskins.

Sample led her team with 23 points while Addi Lippel joined her double figures with 15.

"Abby and Addi are a great one-two punch when they're firing at the same time," Couch said.

Rush Springs held a 27-21 halftime lead. But the third quarter was all Bulldogs as Lexington outscored Rush Springs 19-3.

"We had our way in the third quarter. Abby and Addi played fast and tough and helped us get the lead."

Lexington outscored Rush Springs 7-5 in the fourth to keep their lead and get the win.

Earlier in the week, Lexington fell to Dibble, 56-40, in their first game of the tournament.

Wynnewood

Last Tuesday Lexington picked up a 20-point, 56-36, win over Wynnewood.

Eleven girls scored in the win, led by Mackenzie Manuel's 10 points and Lippel's eight.

"We really struggled at first, but pulled it together to get a good team win. Everyone contributed to give us a good team win and some momentum for a late push as we near the postseason," Couch said.

Lexington was scheduled to be in Davis on Tuesday night and host Little Axe on Friday.

Boys

Last Friday and Saturday the Bulldogs finished out their run in the Grady County Tournament with losses to Minco (88-60) and AmPo (65-42).

Earlier in the week, the Bulldogs picked up a 56-33 win over Dibble in their first game

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John Denny Montgomery
The Purcell Register

Dribble penetration

Purcell senior Jenna Avery dribbles the ball into the lane for the Dragons. Avery and her Purcell teammates finished third in the Heart of Oklahoma basketball tournament over the weekend.

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Dragons:

in the tank," Cooper said. "We wanted to finish the tournament on a successful note and did just that. We needed a spark in that game and Haven was just that and more.

"She had several steals, rebounds and assists. Her growth as a player has been special to watch," the coach said. "It was an extremely competitive game and we were fortunate to come away with the win."

The flu bug flew through Purcell High School so key players were missing and others played while fighting illness.

"Overall, I saw such growth in our team in this tournament," Cooper said. "The way our team rallied, focused and



competed made this one of the best basketball experiences for me as a coach."

Washington jumped on to a 30-15 first half lead on the Cooper's Dragons January 16 and cruised to a 59-41 victory.

Boys

Roger Raper's Dragons also won two of three games in the tournament.

After stubbing their toe against Byng in the opener, a

57-54 loss, the Dragons came back to post wins over the OKC Knights, 73-46 and Elgin for fifth place, 57-52.

Kobe Freeman continued to scorch the nylons in the three-game set scoring 106 points in the tournament including 50 against the OCK Knights on Friday afternoon.

The school record is 51 points by Cornell Haley against Newcastle in the 1990-91 season.

Freeman missed four shots down the stretch that could have broken the 33-year-old record. Freeman led all scorers with 30 in the fifth place victory over Elgin.

Freeman, who had 26 in the Byng game was joined in double figures by Jaime Resendiz with 11 and Kylen DeFreeze with 10.

"I was very proud of our team at the HOOT," Raper said. "Being able to win two games in a very tough tournament was extremely positive. We played well in all three games but just had a 90 second unraveling in the Byng game that made the difference."

"I thought we had very aggressive play not only from Kobe but from everyone," the coach said.

"Senior Kylen DeFreeze and sophomore Jaime Resendiz had very tough matchups against 6'10" and 6'7" players but never backed down and played very well."

Raper labeled Freeman's 50 point game against Oklahoma City as "incredible."

"I was so proud of our team being completely unselfish in helping Kobe achieve such a great accomplishment."

"The flu has hit our team and we were missing a starter and the first two subs in the Elgin game."

"After being down five at halftime we were able to drive their zone and battle back for the victory."

"Kylen DeFreeze was a huge part of our win scoring all 15 of his points in the second half," Raper said.

"We defended much better in the second half. We are back to .500 at 8-8 and hope we can now defeat this flu from going through the whole team."

Washington pinned a 75-69 loss on Purcell at The Reimer Center January 16 despite double digit scoring from DeFreeze, Freeman and Resendiz.

Dragon notes:

Cornell Haley's record of 51 points in a game was in jeopardy when **Kobe Freeman** got to 50 with four attempts left in the OKC Knights game.

John McCurdy broke **Lester Lane's** record of 43 against Pauls Valley in the 1950-51 season.

McCurdy poured in 45 against Lexington in the 1989-90 season.

Mike Edge scored 42 against Sulphur and 41 against Jones in back-to-back games in the 1981-82 season.

Roger Raper was tied with Jim Conger for third in all-time wins as Purcell's coach at 120 but after the weekend he moved into third place alone with 122 wins behind only **Boney Matthews** and **Lee Reimer**.

1/16
Washington 59
Purcell 41

Washington ..	16	14	14	15	—59
Purcell	7	8	11	15	—41

Player	Points
Tinley Winters	10
Hadleigh Harp	8
Haven Buchanan	7
Kenna Esparza	6
Hannah Whitaker	5
Jenna Avery	3
Ella Resendiz	2

1/18
Dickson 21
Purcell 65

Dickson	6	6	5	4	—21
Purcell	20	9	20	16	—65

Player	Points
Jenna Avery	13
Hannah Whitaker	12
Alyssa Thompson	12
Haven Buchanan	9
Tinley Winters	8
Bri Wren	4
Hadlee Buchanan	3
Kenna Esparza	2
Emma Renfro	2
Lili Del Toro	2

1/19
Anadarko 46
Purcell 42

Anadarko	10	8	23	5	—46
Purcell	14	9	11	8	—42

Player	Points
Jenna Avery	7
Haven Buchanan	7
Hadleigh Harp	7
Bri Wren	7
Alyssa Thompson	6
Tinley Winters	3
Kenna Esparza	3
Hannah Whitaker	2

1/20
Elgin 51
Purcell 61

Elgin	8	9	17	17	—51
Purcell	13	11	15	22	—61

Player	Points
Haven Buchanan	16
Jenna Avery	15
Tinley Winters	10
Hadleigh Harp	7
Kenna Esparza	6
Hannah Whitaker	4
Bri Wren	3

1/16
Washington 75
Purcell 69

Washington ..	19	15	13	28	—75
Purcell	16	23	12	18	—69

Player	Points
Kylen DeFreeze	22
Kobe Freeman	21
Jaime Resendiz	10
Seth Bunch	9
Brayden Tharp	5
Kyler Rangel	2

1/18
Byng 57
Purcell 54

Byng	12	13	13	19	—57
Purcell	14	18	8	14	—54

Player	Points
Kobe Freeman	26
Jaime Resendiz	11
Kylen DeFreeze	10
Seth Bunch	4
Brayden Tharp	3

1/19
OKC Knights 46
Purcell 73

OKC	10	9	9	18	—46
Purcell	26	9	23	15	—73

Player	Points
Kobe Freeman	50
Jaime Resendiz	8
Kylen DeFreeze	6
Brayden Tharp	5
Ryder Ward	2
Kyler Rangel	2

1/20
Elgin 52
Purcell 57

Elgin	17	12	7	16	—52
Purcell	13	11	13	20	—57

Player	Points
Kobe Freeman	30
Kylen DeFreeze	15
Brayden Tharp	5
Kyler Rangel	4
Jaime Resendiz	3

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Headed to the basket

Wayne junior Jaxon Dill blows by a Wynnewood defender in the championship game of the Bulldog Bash in Healdton. Wayne defeated Wynnewood 55-30 to take home hardware. Dill had 12 points in the win and was named to the All-Tournament team.

1/18

Wayne 66 Ringling 31

Wayne	19	17	21	9—66
Ringling	9	14	8	0—31

Player	Points
Wyatt Webster	24
Jaxon Dill	15
Ty Kemp	15
Ben Fisher	4
Maverick Danker	3
Logan Taylor	3
Bradey VanSchuyver	2

1/19

Wayne 61 Healdton 50

Wayne	22	12	10	17—61
Healdton	5	8	16	21—50

Player	Points
Jaxon Dill	26
Wyatt Webster	16
Ben Fisher	9
Ty Kemp	6
Bradey VanSchuyver	3
Sloan Jackson	1

1/13

Wayne 55 Wynnewood 30

Wayne	11	12	16	16—55
Wynnewood	6	7	10	7—30

Player	Points
Wyatt Webster	23
Ty Kemp	15
Jaxon Dill	12
Ben Fisher	5

1/18

Ringling 47 Wayne 41

Ringling	15	8	4	20—47
Wayne	11	12	7	11—41

Player	Points
Taelyn Ringwald	23
Faith Brazell	12
Madi Sharp	5
Audra Watts	1

1/19

Wayne 48 Temple 21

Wayne	13	22	10	1—48
Temple	2	5	5	9—21

Player	Points
Faith Brazell	13
Madi Sharp	11
Audra Watts	8
Taelyn Ringwald	8
Addison Keeler	4
Dakota Martin	2

1/13

Wayne 50 Wynnewood 36

Wayne	14	11	12	13—50
Wynnewood	10	10	5	11—36

Player	Points
Taelyn Ringwald	22
Faith Brazell	9
Audra Watts	8
Madi Sharp	7
Addison Keeler	4

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Wayne:

At halftime they held a 23-13 lead, a closer game than it had been thanks to a couple Wynnewood three pointers late in the second quarter.

A 12-1 run opened the third quarter for Wayne. They scored 16 points and held Wynnewood to just 10 going into the final stanza.

Wayne outscored Wynnewood 16-7 in the final eight minutes to get the championship game win.

Webster (23), Ty Kemp (15) and Dill (12) all finished in double figures. Ben Fisher added five.

Healdton

Another dominating performance for the Bulldogs. Wayne jumped out to a 34-13 halftime lead.

Things got interesting in the second half as Healdton outscored Wayne 16-10 in the third quarter and 21-17 in the fourth. But, they weren't able to overcome the large lead Wayne had already built.

"This was a back and forth game and in the second half we were more playing not to lose than playing to win. We should have been playing our basketball game."

Wayne won 61-50.

Dill led all scorers with 26 points. Webster had a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Fisher added nine points.

Ringling

Wayne kicked off the Bulldogs Bash with a 66-31 win over Ringling. Three guys were in double figures led by Webster's 24 points. Dill and Kemp each added 15.

It was an overall dominating game for Wayne. The Bulldogs led 36-23 at halftime and outscored Ringling 30-8 in the final two quarters.

Wayne was scheduled to be at Dibble on Tuesday, at Asher on Thursday.

"Our games this week will be tough. Dibble is always a rivalry game and Asher is well-coached by Lee Reimer. I have a ton of respect for him," Embry said.

Wayne will host Konawa on Friday for Homecoming. The ceremony will start at 6 p.m.

Girls

The Lady Bulldogs lost a close one to Ringling on Thursday, 47-41, in their first game of the Bulldog Bash.

Freshman Taelyn Ringwald

and senior Faith Brazell combined for 35 points in the loss.

The scored was tied at 23-all at the break.

Ringling outscored Wayne 24-18 in the final 16 minutes to pick up the win.

"We scrimmaged Ringling over the break and they really put it to us. And we knew we would have to play hard. We were up four late in the game and we just made some mistakes. They closed the gap and hit a buzzer-beater to win by six," head coach Embry said.

Temple

Wayne was led by Brazell's 13 points and Madi Sharp's 11 in their 46-21 win over Temple.

Audra Watts and Ringwald both finished with eight points. Watts also had 11 rebounds and Ringwald had 10.

"Madi Sharp really stepped up in the Temple game when others were having an off night. She and Faith played well in the win."

The Lady Bulldogs held a 35-7 halftime lead and never looked back.

They were outscored in the fourth quarter, 9-1, but the game was firmly in their control by then.

Wynnewood

A tight first-half made for an exciting Consolation game. Wayne led 25-20 at halftime. They outscored Wynnewood 25-16 in the final two quarters to beat the Lady Savages 50-36.

Ringwald was the leading scorer with 22 points. Brazell added nine points, Watts had eight and Sharp had seven.

"Taelyn is starting to understand that when she gets open she gets things going for us. And the rest of our team is getting better at working to get the ball to Taelyn.

"In the second half, she went to work and we picked up the win."

Brazell also had 12 rebounds, while Watts and Sharp had seven apiece.

Ringwald was named to the All-Tournament team.

The Lady Bulldogs were scheduled to be in Dibble on Tuesday and Asher on Thursday.

"Both Dibble and Asher are ranked so we'll have to play tough and be patient offensively," Embry said.

They will host Konawa on Friday. Homecoming festivities will start at 6 p.m.

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Warriors:

"I was really proud of them," Simon said. "They played hard and continue to do the right thing. The game went from a 15-point lead to a 35 point lead in a hurry."

Beller and Lindert led all scorers with 14 points each.

Addy Lanham and Shelbie Caveness each had 10 points in the contest.

North Rock Creek

The Warriors faced Class 4A's No. 18 team in the finals Saturday night in a low-scoring game.

"We struggled to make a shot and to get into a flow on offense," Simon said. "Credit Rock Creek for some of that."

With the offense not firing as it normally does, the Warriors leaned on their stingy defense to capture the victory.

"I told them you may not always be good on offense but if you're good on defense you can still get the win," Simon said.

Lindert had a strong performance on the defensive side of the ball in the game.

"She played really good defense both Friday and Saturday," Simon said. "She bailed us out on several occasions on Saturday."

Caveness and Johnson led the Warriors in scoring with 14 and 12, respectively.

Purcell

Washington picked up a conference win against Purcell (59-41) on the Tuesday before the start of the tournament.

Washington was in control of the game virtually from start to finish.

They led by nine points after the first quarter and extended their lead to 15 by halftime.

Their defense kept the Dragons from crawling back out of the first-half hole.

Lindert had a game-high 23 points, followed by Beller with 15 and Johnson with 10.

With only three weeks worth of game remaining before the playoffs begin, Simon likes where his team is to this point.

"The things we can get better at are controllable," he said. "And that's a great position to be in."

Washington is ranked No. 1 in Class 3A with a 17-1 record.

Boys

The Washington boys team picked up a pair of wins in the tournament.

Overall, they had a good week of basketball, going 3-1.

"I was really happy with the way they competed," head coach Trevor Smith said. "Two weeks ago we went 0-4 on the week. I wasn't sure how they'd



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Breaking ankles

Washington junior Teagen Foster sizes up a defender before making his move during the Warriors' 64-47 win over Cache. Foster scored a team-high 15 points in the game.

respond with this being a tough week. They played with a lot of heart."

They defeated Cache (64-47) and Casady (43-42) while dropping their semi-final game to eventual champion North Rock Creek (55-42), who were ranked No. 2 in Class 4A at the time.

The win over No. 3 ranked Casady clinched third place for the Warriors.

Cache

Washington got off to a hot start on offense while holding Cache's offense to fewer than 10 points both of the first two quarters.

Teagen Foster led the Warriors in scoring with 15 points, followed by senior Noah Ladlee with 10.

Ladlee has been playing well on offense as of late.

North Rock Creek

Washington had a lead early in the game but the shooting of North Rock Creek was too much to overcome.

"We played them really well and competed really well," Smith said. "I was really pleased with our guys."

Casady

The Warriors were short-handed against Casady after Mason Adams and Teagen Foster were banged up in the North Rock Creek game.

"I was really proud of the guys," Smith said. "We always talk about having good depth and we showcased that on Saturday."

Purcell

Washington beat Purcell 75-69 in their conference game prior to the tournament.

The game was tightly played through three quarters.

Down four points going into the fourth quarter, the Warriors outscored the Dragons 28-18 in the final period.

Jeremiah Tontz led Washington's scoring output with 22 points.

Mason Adams had 20 and Ladlee finished the night with 11 points.

Tontz, a senior is playing with a lot of urgency right now, according to Smith.

"Every little detail matters to him and it's carrying over to the other guys," he said.

The team is 8-9 this season.

Washington box scores

1/16 Girls

Washington 59 Purcell 41

Washington	16	14	14	15—59
Purcell	7	8	11	15—41

Player	Points
Breanna Lindert	23
Kelby Beller	15
Preslee Johnson	10
Jayden Wells	5
Shelbie Caveness	4
Addy Lanham	2

1/19 Girls

Washington 59 Elk City 24

Elk City	9	6	3	6—24
Washington	13	15	14	17—59

Player	Points
Kelby Beller	14
Breanna Lindert	14
Addy Lanham	10
Shelbie Caveness	10
Jayden Wells	3
Aubrey Grimes	3
Andi Thomas	2
Emersyn Massey	2
Laney Gay	1

1/18 Girls

Washington 61 Casady 27

Casady	8	4	7	6—27
Washington	14	14	18	15—61

Player	Points
Kelby Beller	20
Breanna Lindert	15
Preslee Johnson	13
Shelbie Caveness	4
Jayden Taylor	3
Aubrey Grimes	3
Aubri Clary	2
Addy Lanham	1

1/20 Girls

Washington 40 N. Rock Creek 27

North Rock Creek	8	8	6	5—27
Washington	8	10	12	11—40

Player	Points
Shelbie Caveness	14
Preslee Johnson	12
Kelby Beller	7
Breanna Lindert	6
Addy Lanham	1

1/16 Boys

Washington 75 Purcell 69

Washington	19	15	13	28—75
Purcell	16	23	12	18—69

Player	Points
Jeremiah Tontz	22
Mason Adams	20
Noah Ladlee	11
Teagen Foster	9
Miller Orr	6
Jack McKimmey	5
Jace Myers	2

1/18 Boys

Washington 64 Cache 47

Cache	9	9	8	21—47
Washington	14	18	15	17—64

Player	Points
Teagen Foster	15
Noah Ladlee	10
Jeremiah Tontz	9
Jack McKimmey	7
Mason Adams	5
Cage Morris	4
Miller Orr	4
Jace Myers	3
Jace Cole	3
Gavin Davidson	2
Slade Flora	2

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Let's chat

Lexington head girls basketball coach Jacobi Couch talks to his team during a time-out. Lexington won the consolation bracket of the Grady County basketball tournament.

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Lex:

of the tournament.

A slow first quarter put the Bulldogs in an early hole against Minco. They were outscored all four quarters and fell by 28.

Drew Dierking (30), Zeke Faulkenberry (14) and Ty Mixon (12) were all in double figures in the loss.

The AmPo game was close in the first quarter with Lexington down 20-16 after the first stanza. But, shots were not falling and the Bulldogs were outscored the rest of the way.

Dierking led the team with 15 points. Faulkenberry and Colt Mixon added six apiece.

Wynnewood

Last Tuesday, Lexington picked up a lopsided, 70-47, win over Wynnewood.

Faulkenberry had a team-high 17 points. Skylar Rollins was in double figures also, with 15. Ty Mixon added 12 and Dierking had nine.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 36-14 halftime lead.

Wynnewood and Lexington's third and fourth quarter scoring was nearly identical as Lexington pulled out the 23-point win.

The Bulldogs were in Davis on Tuesday night and will host Little Axe on Friday.

1/16

Lexington 56 Wynnewood 36

Lexington	.....	13	14	14	15	—56
Wynnewood	.....	6	9	6	15	—36

Player	Points
Mackenzie Manuel	10
Addi Lippel	8
Kiely Givens	7
Landri Bean	6
Marleigh Givens	6
Lexie Torres	5
Abby Sample	5
Emma Stone	3
Ryleigh Markovich	2
Charli Moore	2
Jordan Hardy	2

1/19

Lexington 47 Rush Springs 35

Lexington	.....	11	10	19	7	—47
Rush Springs	.....	10	17	3	5	—35

Player	Points
Abby Sample	23
Addi Lippel	15
Natalie Dickson	6
Lexie Torres	3

1/20

Lexington 43 OT Verden 42

Lexington	.....	9	11	7	12	4	—43
Verden	.....	6	7	11	15	3	—42

Player	Points
Abby Sample	15
Addi Lippel	11
Natalie Dickson	5
Kiely Givens	5
Marleigh Givens	4
Ryleigh Markovich	2
Landri Bean	1

1/16

Lexington 70 Wynnewood 47

Lexington	.....	15	21	22	12	—70
Wynnewood	.....	2	12	21	12	—47

Player	Points
Zeke Faulkenberry	17
Skylar Rollins	15
Ty Mixon	12
Drew Dierking	9
Elijah Pearman	7
Colt Mixon	4
Reagan Smith	4
Hunter Olson	2

1/19

Minco 88 Lexington 60

Minco	.....	15	29	24	20	—88
Lexington	.....	4	19	23	14	—60

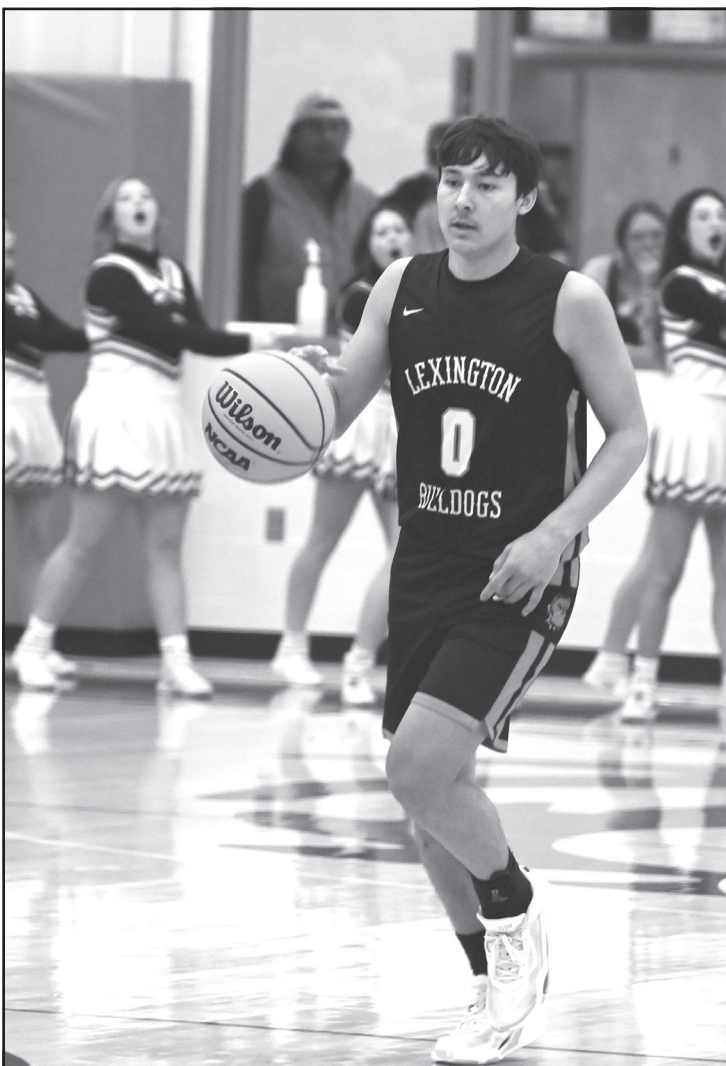
Player	Points
Drew Dierking	30
Zeke Faulkenberry	14
Ty Mixon	12
Colt Mixon	2
Elijah Pearman	2

1/20

AmPo 65 Lexington 42

AmPo	.....	20	12	19	14	—65
Lexington	.....	16	8	8	10	—42

Player	Points
Drew Dierking	15
Zeke Faulkenberry	6
Hunter Olson	6
Ty Mixon	5
Skylar Rollins	4
Elijah Pearman	4



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Bring it up

Lexington senior Zeke Faulkenberry brings the ball up the floor for the 'Dawgs. Lexington will host Little Axe on Friday night.

No. 39-January 25-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA SUNBURST FARMS, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. SARAH DURANT, Deceased, a Full Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 6407, and the Unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of SARAH DURANT, Deceased, a Full Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 6407, Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2024-13 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Sarah Durant, Deceased, a Full Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 6407, and the unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Sarah Durant, Deceased, a Full Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 6407

The above-named Defendants will take notice that in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in the above-styled and numbered case, an action has been filed by Sunburst Farms, LLC to quiet any right, title, or interest in and to the real property described hereinbelow which you have or may claim to have, and you must answer the Petition of said Plaintiff on file in said cause on or before March 15, 2024, or the allegations of said Petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly, adjudging and decreeing that the Plaintiff is the owner of, and that the Plaintiff is the actual owner of the legal and equitable title of the surface in fee simple of the following described property situated in McClain County, Oklahoma as follows, to-wit (the "Property"):

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) and the North-east Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 SW/4 SW/4) and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (N/2 SE/4 SW/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 SE/4 SW/4) of Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 2 West, I.M., McClain County, Oklahoma

free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances, Sarah Durant, Deceased, a Full Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 6407, and the unknown Successors, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Trustees and Assigns of Sarah Durant, Deceased, a Full Blood Choctaw Indian, Roll No. 6407, have no right, title, interest, lien, estate, encumbrance, claim, or assessment in or to said hereinabove described real property, and a Decree quieting and confirming the Plaintiff's title and possession thereto, as against said Defendants and their unknown successors, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns and forever barring and enjoining the Defendants and their unknown successors, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns from any and all right, title, estate, interest or equity of redemption in and to the said lands and premises, or any part thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL this 23rd day of January 2024.

(Seal)
McClain County Court Clerk
By: /s/ Karen Weltmer
Deputy Court Clerk
APPROVED:
/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731

No. 36-January 25-1 Time Board of McClain County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, 1/8/2024 at 8:16 a.m. in Room 111 of the McClain County Courthouse. Vice Chairman Glen Murray called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. County Clerk Deputy Rebekah Couch called the roll and those present were: Vice Chairman Glen Murray, Member Wilson Lyles, and District Three Foreman Joe Southern represented Chairman Terry Daniel who was absent.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on 1/2/2024, Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved to approve the following maintenance and operation claims, seconded by Joe Southern. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

CLAIMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AS FOLLOWS:
ARPA 2021—134, Turn Key Health Clinics, 8496.63, Medical Staffing.

CLAIMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 AS FOLLOWS:
ARPA 2021—8, P & K Equipment, Inc., 53281.72, Equipment. Emergency Mgmt—6, COPS, 743.88, Uniforms.

Extension-ST—68, ODP Business Solutions, 58.72, Supplies; 69, Oklahoma Copier Solutions, 286.78, Service; 70, Dumas, Emily, 260.36, Travel; 71, Vandaveer, Laura, 158.71, Travel; 72, Wollenberg, Connie, 534.49, Travel; 73, McDaniel, Justin, 458.64, Travel.

General—1073, Amazon 69.39, Supplies; 1074, Amazon 23.99, Supplies; 1075, Mollman's Water Conditioning, 520.75, Supplies; 1076, Garvin County Sheriff's Office, 6500.00, Detention Services; 1077, Turn Key Health Clinics 11435.92, Medical Administrative Services; 1078, City Of Purcell, 21362.36, Dispatch Service; 1079, Clearly, 288.12, Service; 1080, McClain County Election Board, 485.00, Pre-Election Expense; 1081, Purcell Public Works, 742.94, Service; 1082, Tisdal And O'Hara, 22.50, Legal Services; 1083, CODA, 255.00, Conference; 1084, Comdata MasterCard Program, 469.97, Fuel; 1085, Classic Paper, 139.17, Supplies; 1086, Classic Paper, 572.69, Supplies; 1087, Eureka Water, 28.89, Supplies; 1088, Eureka Water, 36.34, Service; 1089, Purcell Register, 1100.00, Supplies; 1090, Verizon, 160.04, Service; 1091, Davison Fuels & Oil, 4164.22, Fuel; 1092, Eureka Water, 73.84, Service; 1093, Galls, 68.93, Jackets; 1094, Pontotoc County Sheriff Office, 480.00, Detention Services; 1095, Sysco Oklahoma, 5780.63, Supplies.

Health—133, Eureka Water, 47.44, Service; 134, Facility Care, 880.00, Service; 135, Facility Care, 1025.00, Service; 136, Purcell Mini Storage, 120.00, Rent; 137, Purcell Public Schools, 1696.84, Rent; 138, PitneyBowes, 144.93, Lease.

Highway—1071, Dolese Bros. 9618.18, Chips & Rock; 1072, OEC, 309.00, Service; 1073, Wayne Public Works, 92.50, Service; 1074, T H Rogers, 82.20, Building Supplies; 1075, P&K, 31438.52, Equipment; 1076, Amazon, 29.98, Supplies; 1077, CashSaver, 28.06, Supplies; 1078, Dub Ross, 3427.20, Tin-horns; 1079, Daves Small Engine, 211.90, Service; 1080, Dolese Bros., 4883.87, Chips & Rock; 1081, Dill Oil, 18966.32, Fuel; 1082, Pontotoc Sand & Stone,

361.28, Chips & Rock; 1083, Roth, Sandra, 200.00, Service; 1084, Bruckner's, 784.75, Parts; 1085, Cintas, 848.30, Service; 1086, Eureka Water, 30.44, Supplies; 1087, Great Western Trailer, 5724.53, Parts & Labor; 1088, Kimball Midwest, 48.37, Parts; 1089, Lowes, 2601.10, Water Softener; 1090, WW Tire, 45.00, Tires & Tubes/Service & Supplies; 1091, T H Rogers, 182.25, Supplies; 1092, Tractor Supply, 137.94, Supplies.

Preservation—10, Mid-West Printing, 2311.32, Index Pages.

Rental of County Property - Expo—118, Lowes, 443.73, Supplies.

Rural Fire-ST—118, Conrad Fire Equipment, 1008.21, Parts & Labor; 119, Conrad Fire Equipment, 1052.46, Parts & Labor; 120, Garrett's Creative Solutions, 7300.98, Lightbars & Accessories; 121, Sid's, 377.94, Fuel; 122, OG&E, 113.75, Service; 123, AT&T, 834.42, Service; 124, Emergency Medical Products, 1537.32, Supplies; 125, McClain County RWD 8, 35.09, Service; 126, PEC, 25.00, Service; 127, Conrad Fire Equipment, 1524.43, Parts & Labor.

Sheriff Commissary—23, Idemia Identity & Security, 3106.00, Maintenance Agreement; 24, Charm Tex, 329.00, Supplies.

Sheriff Service Fee—175, Verizon, 80.02, Service; 176, Trans Union, 100.00, Service.

SR Cit-ST—209, OG&E, 208.35, Service; 210, Tankersley Food Service, 1876.26, Supplies; 211, Burgess, Sheila, 500.00, Contract Labor; 212, Pena, Jennifer, 1540.00, Contract Labor; 213, Amazon, 745.78, Supplies; 214, Cox, Charles, 382.50, Contract Labor; 215, CashSaver, 461.52, Supplies; 216, OEC, 224.29, Service; 217, ONG 102.98, Service; 218, Classic Paper, 595.83, Supplies.

The preceding warrants were initiated by County Clerk First Deputy Rebekah Couch due to the County Clerk Pam Beller and BOCC Chairman Terry Daniel being absent.

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

No transfers or road crossing permits requested.

Wilson Lyles moved, Joe Southern seconded to approve the November 2023 monthly reports for the Assessor, Sheriff, Treasurer, County Clerk, Health Dept, Election Board and Court Clerk. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Joe Southern seconded to approve of the following Resolutions to Dispose of Equipment: County Judge: P-102.1, Chair, acquired on 04/1/1995, junked. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Joe Southern seconded to approve of Any Commissioner and Ron Johnson as Requisitioning Officers and Misty Scott as Receiving Officer for Emergency Management. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Joe Southern seconded to approve of Justin McDaniel and Emily Dumas as Requisitioning Officers for OSU Extension. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles,

George W. Velotta, II, OBA 9223 Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC 138 W. Main/P. O. Box 1565 Purcell, Oklahoma 73080 PHONE: (405) 527-7575 FAX: (405) 527-7574 Attorney for Plaintiff

No. 28-January 25-3 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

WAKEFIELD & ASSOCIATES, LLC assignee of Emergency Medical Services Authority a/k/a EMSA, Plaintiff, v.

CHASE J. BRAVENEC, Defendant.

Case No. CS-23-303 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Chase Bravenec you are hereby notified that you have been sued by Wakefield & Associates, LLC assignee of Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) and you must answer Plaintiff's Petition on or before March 25, 2024 or a money judgment in the sum of \$1,319.00 plus interest will be rendered accordingly.

Dated this day 1-11-24
By: /s/ Kristel Gray
Court Clerk For
McClain District Court Clerk
(seal)

APPROVED BY:
/s/ Brent A. Austin
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Southern. Motion carried.

Bids for Granite Chips & Rock, and Re-Bid of Limestone Chips & Rock were received by 4:00 p.m. on January 5, 2024 and opened at 8:30 a.m. on January 8, 2024.

Wilson Lyles moved to award the bid for Granite Chips & Rock to the only bidder P&K Stone, LLC; the Re-bid of Limestone Chips & Rock was awarded to Pontotoc Sand & Stone, Dolese Bros. Co., and Ada Aggregates due to availability, high quality, ability to provide all materials, and/or location, no other bidders, Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Glen Murray seconded to resolve to advertise to bid for the purchase of (1) or more 2024 or newer forty-foot belly dump trailer(s) for Districts One and Two with bids to be received by 4:00 p.m. on January 26, 2024 and opened at 8:30 a.m. on January 29, 2024. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Joe Southern seconded to approve of Resolution No. 19-2023-2024 for the following Declaration of Surplus: District Two: D2-432-002, 2000 Distributor Truck, serial # 1FV6H-FAA5YHF21491, \$45,000.00 acquired on 5/13/2010. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

Glen Murray moved, Wilson Lyles seconded to approve of Title Sheet for Resurfacing Project at Cotton Gin Ave, State Job No. 34439(04) in District One. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved, Joe Southern seconded to approve of Sheriff's Commissary Report for 2023 calendar year. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the final plat for 39 Ranch Estates Phase II in District Three.

Glen Murray moved to approve of invoice from Drennan Electric, LLC for \$9,175.00 to install electric to the new District One Office to be paid in partial payments, Wilson Lyles seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved to rescind motion from December 5, 2022 that awarded ARPA Funds to the Town of Wayne, McClain County for water and sewer infrastructure projects, specifically for relocating water main, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

Wilson Lyles moved to award ARPA Funds to the Town of Wayne, McClain County for refurbishing and repairing water treatment plant, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

With no further business Wilson Lyles moved to adjourn at 9:29 a.m., Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

Attest:
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MCCLAIN COUNTY,
OKLAHOMA
Terry Daniel, Chairman
Glen Murray, Vice Chairman
Wilson Lyles, Member

Attest:
Pam Beller
County Clerk

Washington Elementary Honor Rolls

AngieSteele Washington Correspondent

The following students have made the honor roll for the second nine weeks of school. Students on the Superintendent's honor roll have all A's and students on the Principal's honor roll have all A's and B's. Congratulations to all!

Superintendent's Honor Roll Third Grade

Teacher: Cline
Skylar Hatley and Cooper Kuehn.

Teacher: Comer
Daryl Cooper, Kate Ham, Lucy Ham, Bryer Hey, Sophia Lopez and Caleb Pogue.

Teacher: Deason
Kiersy Jackson, AD Anderson, Tyler Lewis, Asher Mize and Wesson Phipps

Teacher: Haynes
Harper Arcana, Landn Lucas, Addie Still, Nixon Lewis and Harrison Sloan.

Fourth Grade

Teacher: Beard
Tyson Babb, Tatum Bilyeu, Colt Carpenter, Miles Cowart, Aiden Gibbs, Reagan Grimsey, Laniyah Holland, Lucy Kelley, Yamilet Morales, Christian Murphy, Maika Palacol, Janesia Taylor and Phynn Taylor.

Teacher: Keith
Ava Ashbridge, Landry Hatley, Gianna Higgins, Braylon Lang, Kade Lawrence, Jace Massey, Jude McKimney, Avery Mayer, Ellie Mendell, Averi Simpson, Jaxton Smith, Raely Tims, Jett Wilson and Cruz Zamora.

Teacher: Kulbeth
Audrey Birney, Mila Carothers, Connor Geionety, Jadon Lee, Cora Lloyd, James Morton, Yaleen Pena, Haven Robertson, Nathan Sandusky and Emma Touchette.

Teacher: McPhearson
Bryson Andrews, Braxton Blackburn, Mason Carr, Trevin Gordon, Saylor Keck, Wrynn Mariott, Rayln Richardson, Sadee Trejo, Maleah Woods and Jack Zerby.

Teacher: Six
Easton Foreman, Karlie Fox, Matthew Grisham, Keagan Hardcastle, Alli McGee, Grayson Moss, Gwen Plank, Charlee Stevens, Hunter Thomas, Kalon Wadley and Jenna Wells.

Fifth Grade

Teacher: Brewer
Journey Brizendine, Abigail Hulse, Amirah Maxey, Rutilio Lopez, Selah Metcalf and Kenzleigh Wilson.

Teacher: Byrd
Landry Adams, Reese Andrews, Harper Dode, Bowen Harris, Rylan Haxel, Kellen Jacobs, Annabelle Kuehn, Quin Larman, Ahlivia Sloan and Kynlee White.

Teacher: Warren
Seth Flora, Madison Glasco, Mason Hastings, Klaira Haxel, Paisley Idlett, Mollie McConathy, Hadley Overman, Haddy Sizelove, Saylor Siria, Tessa Steveson, Ava Vaughn and Daphne Walkup.

Teacher: Wilk
Baylor Beard, Easton Blackburn, Stella Cheek, Camdyn Geionety, Lariat Hale, Callen Hendrix, Sydney Johnson, Alex Miller, Beckett Podany, Kelbie Simon, Carson Wesley and Grayson Wesley.

Principal's Honor Roll Third Grade

Teacher: Cline
Henry Bacon, Hack Benson, Claire Cheek, Raelyn Fraijo, Cash Holder, Coy Hyde, Sadie Isbill, Cozie Keck, Isabel Lawrence, Carter Maynard, Brandon Morales, Cohen Sandusky, Tucker Siria and Cam Wilkerson.

Teacher: Comer
Reed Babcock, Loralei Barnes, AJ Blevins, Maddox Frost, Aalea Hensley, Noah Moore, Kooper Parker, Lucy Reagan and Josalynn Shepard.

Teacher: Deason
Nora Allison, Rafe Beller, Matthew Green, Olivia Huey, Waylin Hurt, Lilianna Lopez, Daisy Rodarte, Colton Roof,

Claire Salcedo and Katie Vaughn.

Teacher: Haynes
Dawsyn Adkins, Vivi Andrews, Aspen Brakefield, Darby Bridges, Halleigh Hayden, Jesus Hernandez, Landen Johnston, Truett Mitchell, Nolan Nelson, Presley Orendain, Owen Self, Brantley Simon and Riggan Teel.

Fourth Grade

Teacher: Beard
Samuel Angeles, George Rapp and Liam Vaughn.

Teacher: Keith
David Berg, Isaac Maxey, Khloe Phillips, Desirae Ross and Raina Smith.

Teacher: Kulbeth
Barrett Bracksieck, Jayse Dowden, Jocelyn Gilbert, Corbin Jones, Reece Shepard, Conrad Simon and Kendall Strunk.

Teacher: McPhearson
Maddie Austin, Brody Baker, Austin Blackburn, Penny Herrmann, Kace Madden, Cami Mallory and Hunter Powers.

Teacher: Six
Shelbie Albert, Jentri Grissom, Brielle Porras, Kaleb Riggs, Kaylee Saldana and Aiden Smiley.

Fifth Grade

Teacher: Brewer
Tatum Beverly, Reed Hamilton, Malakai Landers-Quickel, Chance Riley, Liam Rorick, Averie Sherrell, Layken Taylor, Addisyn Whatley and Hunter Zordel.

Teacher: Byrd
Chloe Baker, Roxy Beller, Dalton Burch, Addilyn Grimes, Kye Kelley, Easton Price and Jude Rodarte.

Teacher: Warren
Strydr Flora, Garrett Harryman, Dallas Lockwood, Anya McDonald, Luke Wells and Annalise Winters.

Teacher: Wilk
Easton Blackburn, Kyan Griffin, Brynlee Hey, Ace McCargish, Silas Tanquary and Oliver Taylor.

Rocky Clarke Invitational Results

The Washington Lady Warriors took the Championship in the Rocky Clarke Invitational held last week at Washington. The boys team came away with third place.

Congratulations to both teams for a fantastic showing and success.

Washington Local Livestock Show

The Annual Washington Livestock Show and Bonus Auction will be held on Saturday, February 24.

The show begins at 10 a.m. at the Clyde Ward Ag Complex. The Bonus Auction will be held the following Tuesday evening, February 27.

Bring your family out to support Washington Ag and enjoy the show!

Canned Food Drive

Washington Middle School Leadership class is sponsoring a canned food drive for January for Poverty Awareness Month. All donations will be donated to a local charity.

Drop your canned goods off at the Middle School to help. Thank you for the support!

Washington Little League

Registration is now open for Little League Baseball and Softball. Please follow this link to register: https://wasasports.demosphere-secure.com/_registration.

This is a new online system, and the league will do their best to help everyone through the process.

Please follow up with any questions or concerns.

Washington Sew-In

On Friday, January 26, from 4-9 p.m. and Saturday, January 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Washington Quilters will have a "Sew-In" to make Positive Bags for the Eden Clinic. Bring a covered dish.

Don't sew? No problem. We need ironers too! Come to work, stay for the fun!

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 January 25-February 2:

Thursday, January 25—Ground beef stew, corn.

Friday, January 26—Chicken and dressing casserole, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans.

Monday, January 29—Hamburgers, baked beans, oven fries.

Tuesday, January 30—Fried chicken, macaroni and tomatoes.

Wednesday, January 31—Beans, rice, spinach, cornbread.

Thursday, February 1—Chicken tetrazzini, mixed vegetables.

Friday, February 2—Beef roast, carrots, potatoes, hot rolls.

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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 February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 5, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 4 and December 9.

Washington Public Schools Calendar

January 24—HS Girls Powerlifting at Dibble.

January 25—7/8/9 BBK Lindsay, Girls home, Boys away, 5 p.m.

January 26—HS BBK at Bridge Creek. (order: JV boys, JV girls, V boys, V girls); HS Boys Powerlifting at Dibble; Circle the State with Song.

January 27—Little League Basketball-McAlister, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

January 29—7/8/9 BBK Marlow, Girls away, Boys home, 5 p.m.

February 1—7/8/9 BBK Comanche Girls home, Boys away, 5 p.m.; HS Powerlifting at Bethel.

February 2—HS BBK, Pauls Valley, homecoming, JV Boys 4 p.m., JV Girls, 5:15 p.m., Homecoming 5:55 p.m., V Boys, 6:30 p.m., V Girls 8 p.m.

February 3—Little League Basketball-McAlister, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

February 4—Little League Basketball-McAlister, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

February 5 7/8/9 BBK Purcell, Girls away, Boys home, 5 p.m.; Elementary Book Fair.

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation

As we move forward in 2024, I would like to say that our volunteers and staff are working every day to improve the lives of all veterans and their families. We know that over 6,000 veterans and surviving spouses made their way to our location in Norman for assistance with their VA claims.

During 2023 we assisted veterans from many different countries with one of them traveling from his home in Viet-Nam. When I asked him why he traveled so far for help with his VA claims, he said that our reputation for helping so many veterans. Another point he made was the fact that we do not charge veterans or surviving spouses for our assistance.

I believe the main reason veterans who we help are approved for benefits is our evidenced based claims system. In other words, we encourage veterans to obtain a VA Disability Benefits Questionnaire (DBQ) that supports their application for VA benefits. The only time we don't ask veterans to obtain medical evidence from a medical provider is when they have been released from active duty in the last 12 months.

As a 501-3C Non-Profit we do not charge for the services that we provide to veterans and their families.

If we have helped you before, or if this is your first visit, I encourage all veterans to go to www.va.dkgvf.org to register in our Digital Intake system. By doing so, it will help us to assist your spouse or dependents when something happens to you.

Did you know that if a veteran's service-connected disability is listed on their death certificate as the primary or contributing condition to death that most likely your spouse and dependents will be eligible for VA benefits.

I have been writing about the Pact Act that was enacted in 2022 that adds several locations where Agent Orange was used. For those of you who served in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Guam and Johnston Atoll you are now presumptive to the diseases that are listed on the VA website at www.va.gov. The Pact Act also covers veterans who served in the Gulf Wars, there are numerous conditions that are presumptive to exposure to burn pits and other chemicals.

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

Using our digital system some of them will not need to visit us in person as we can triage them electronically or by phone. We encourage veterans or surviving spouses who we have previously assisted to register in our dkgvf.org 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.

We are a 501c-3 non-profit organization and there is never a charge for the services we provide to veterans and their families. We do accept financial contributions to be used to support veterans and this organization.

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

We are open to active clients Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

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

calling 405-550-8806.

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

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

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

Angie Steele

Legal Publications

No. 33-January 25-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF McClAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD RAY PERRY, Deceased.

Case No. PB-22-112 ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR SELL REAL PROPERTY

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the verified Petition for Sale of Real Property of Michael Tolle, on behalf of Wilson-Little Funeral Home, Inc., Personal Representative of the Estate of Harold Ray Perry, Deceased, on file herein, that it is to the best interests of the estate to sell the property, belonging to said estate, and described in said Petition, for the following reasons and purposes: to pay Decedents' creditors;

Therefore, it is ordered by the Court that all persons interested in the Estate of Harold Ray Perry, Deceased, appear before Judge Charles Gray in his Courtroom in the District Court of McClain County, City of Purcell, State of Oklahoma, on the 8th day of February 2024 at 9:30 o'clock a.m., then and there to show cause, if any they have, why an Order, as prayed for in said Petition should not be granted to the Personal Representative to sell said real property of said Decedent described as follows:

Part of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (N/2 NE/4 NE/4 NE/4) of Section Twenty-Seven (27), Township Eight (8) North, Range One (1) West, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning 264 feet West of the Northeast Corner of the NE/4; thence South 330 feet; thence West 198 feet; thence North 300 feet; thence East 198 feet to the point of beginning.

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
10650 E. Etowah Rd., Noble,

No. 26-January 25-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR R. MERCER, JR., Deceased.

Case No. PB-2024-4 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE,

DETERMINATION OF HEIRS Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Arthur R. Mercer, Jr., Deceased, that on the 16th day of January 2024, there was filed with this Court the Petition of Stephanie Mercer praying that Letters of Administration be issued to her as Personal Representative of the Estate, to serve without bond, for a judicial determination of the heirs of the Decedent.

Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 16th day of

No. 34-January 25-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA In the Matter of the Estate of Lucretia Fleming, Deceased.

No. PB-2023-97 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR ORDER WAIVING FINAL ACCOUNT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 12th day of January, 2024, Bryan Keith Fleming, Personal Representative of the Estate of Lucretia Fleming, deceased, has filed in this Court his Petition for Order Waiving Final Account, Determination of Heirs, and Final Distribution; the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for the 15th day of February, 2024, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., in the District Courtroom

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at either public or private sale, for the reasons and purposes mentioned in said Petition, as the shall judge to be for the best interests of said estate and of all parties interested therein.

It is the further order of the Court, that copies of this Order be mailed to all heirs, legatees, devisees, or guardians thereof, with postage thereon prepaid, at their last known addresses; and that a copy of this order to show cause be published once in some newspaper published in this county, the first publication of which notice shall not be less than ten days before the time fixed for said hearing.

Dated this 18 day of January 2024.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731
Blevins and Associates Law, PLLC
138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565
Purcell, OK 73080
Phone: 405-527-7575
Fax: 405-527-7574
Attorney for Personal Representative

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed this 18 day of January, 2024, to:

Randy Perry, 10650 E. Etowah Rd., Noble, OK 73068
Cindy Hornbuckle, 6200 E. Etowah Rd., Noble, OK 73068
Cathy Schoenbaum, 976 Barkley Cir., Norman, OK 73071
Bart A. Boren, Williams, Boren & Associates, PC, 401 N. Hudson Ave., Ste. 200, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, Attorney for Tinker Federal Credit Union

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
James B. Blevins, Jr.

January 2024, notice is given that the 8th day of February 2024, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. is the day and time that the Petition will be heard in the Courtroom of Judge Charles Gray in the County Courthouse at 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 16th day of January 2024.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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of the Honorable Charles Gray, in the County Courthouse in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said Final Account should not be waived, the heirs, devisees and legatees determined, and the said estate distributed.

DATED this 19th day of January, 2024.

CHARLES GRAY ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE Charles Gray, Associate District Judge Gregory T. Tontz - OBA NO. 16323

TONTZ LAW, PLLC
301 E. Eufaula St.
Norman, OK 73069
(405) 701-1600 - Phone
Attorney for Bryan Keith Fleming, Personal Representative of the Estate of Lucretia Fleming

Religion

Sunray Baptist Church

James Kyzer sang an a cappella version of "Pass Me Not" for the morning special.

Brother John preached from Mark 3:20-30. He explained that these are incredibly serious, grave, and sobering verses which speak about "The Unpardonable Sin."

The religious leaders spoke against Jesus with a baseless accusation, trying to discredit Him. They said that He cast out demons by the power of Beelzebub.

Jesus answered, showing the absurdity of their accusation, "How can Satan cast out Satan?" A house divided will fall.

It takes someone more powerful than Satan to cast out Satan. Jesus acted in opposition to Satan.

Jesus said one could commit a sin that is unpardonable. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, a deliberate rejection of the Lord when the Spirit is calling one to salvation, is subject to eternal condemnation.

Following worship, our youth sponsored their annual Men's Chili Cook-Off. Many stayed for good food and fellowship. Winners in the competition were Rodney Solomon, third; Jeff Dubbs, second; and John Butler, first.

The devotion following lunch was from Acts 4. Praise, prayer and preaching should occur when we meet for worship. We are to worship with our inward person and in truth. It should be from the heart, authentic and true.

We completed our day with a short quarterly business meeting.

This Saturday at 10 a.m., we will be hosting a WMA district meeting with featured speaker Rhonda Wylie, our pastor's wife. On February 3 at 11 a.m., there will be a Ladies Winter Party. On February 10 from 1-3 p.m., Sunray will host a "Jesus Loves You" Kids Carnival with games, crafts and snacks.

You are always welcome to join us for Sunday School, worship and all activities at Sunray Baptist Church.

John Wylie serves as our pastor.

We are located at 2223 North 9th Street in Purcell. For more information, call 405-527-6808.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

By Stella Bledsoe

January 28, 2024 is the fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The readings for this Sunday center on listening.

In Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Moses tells the people to listen attentively and docilely to the prophet who God will send them. In 1 Corinthians 7:32-35, St. Paul stresses the importance of an undivided heart to serve God.

Finally, in the gospel, Mark 1:21-28, St. Mark stresses Jesus' extraordinary authority which separates him from the scribes. His authority left the crowds in the synagogue astonished not only by his word but through his deeds.

We need to be attentive to Jesus' instruments. Our Christian leaders, our parents, spiritual

directors, and friends or mentors are those instruments and can help us in our spiritual life.

When listening, we should practice humility. It enables us to receive and accept advice and help from another person. If we allow pride to interfere, we tend to think we are self-sufficient and do not need to receive advice from others.

Pride blinds us and makes us incapable of receiving God's grace and help from the people God has placed by our side to help us grow in our Christian life.

God the Father said, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him." (Matthew 17:5)

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

of Victory parish.

All Masses will be in the parish hall while the sanctuary is under renovation.

Our Lady of Victory parish is located at 307 West Jefferson in Purcell.

The church administrative office is located at 501 N. 4th, and it is open weekday mornings. The office number is 405-527-5077.

Weekend mass services are Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 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. Daily masses will be held in the Juan Diego room in the parish hall.

Peace be with you.

Lexington Westside Church of Christ

Good day to all. Welcome to the "front porch."

With the calendar's turning over to a new year comes naturally a great degree of nostalgia, of looking back – and looking forward, too, for that matter.

The work at the Westside Church of Christ in Lexington is going well as we enter our 17th year of beating down the bushes and the back roads of this part of Oklahoma.

We continue our "Conversations in Revelation" on the first Sunday of each month, a project in which we have two major objectives: one, teach that which we know – without a great deal of conjecture – and, two, make the teaching each session practical and edifying to those of all levels of Bible knowledge.

We hope we are accomplishing both of those tasks.

Regarding Bible knowledge, I hope your Bible study and reading are going well. I just noticed that on Sunday of the reading schedule you see below

is the 23rd Psalm, perhaps the most familiar scripture in all the Bible.

Without a doubt, the first part of the year is a good time to remind ourselves that the Lord, indeed, is our Shepherd.

The themes are powerful and many: there is the theme of faith – "The LORD is my Shepherd" – the theme of divine provision – "I shall not want," and "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies" – the theme of leadership – "He leads me beside the still waters" – the theme of comfort – "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" – and the theme of overflowing joy and bliss in God's presence, "My cup runneth over."

What a great reading to run across as we read on in the following Bible reading schedule!

January 25 ~ Gen. 50:1 – Ex. 2:10 ~ Matt. 16:13 – 17:9 ~ Ps. 21:1-13 ~ Prov. 5:1-6

January 26 ~ Ex. 2:11 – 3:22 ~ Matt. 17:10-27 ~ Ps. 22:1-18 ~ Prov. 5:7-14

January 27 ~ Ex. 4:1 – 5:21 ~ Matt. 18:1-20 ~ Ps. 22:19-31 ~ Prov. 5:15-21

January 28 ~ Ex. 5:22 – 7:25 ~ Matt. 18:21 – 19:12 ~ Ps. 23:1-6 ~ Prov. 5:22-23

January 29 ~ Ex. 8:1 – 9:35 ~ Matt. 19:13-30 ~ Ps. 24:1-10 ~ Prov. 6:1-5

January 30 ~ Ex. 10:1 – 12:13 ~ Matt. 20:1-28 ~ Ps. 25:1-15 ~ Prov. 6:6-11

January 31 ~ Ex. 12:14 – 13:16 ~ Matt. 20:29 – 21:22 ~ Ps. 25:16-22

So, let us live under the vast providential umbrella of the Lord's Word and His unfaltering leadership, and we will be able to say with the psalmist of old today, tomorrow and all the tomorrows ahead, "... and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Amen.
coachbowen1984@gmail.com

The Purcell Register

Church DIRECTORY

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
405 W. Grant, Purcell
Rev. Bill Crawford
405-820-8184
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Adult Studies: 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Memorial Assembly of God
7th & Monroe, Purcell
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Services 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 6:30 p.m.
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Goldsby, OK 73093
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Worship - 10:45 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening - 6:30 p.m.

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

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

No. 31-January 25-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF OIL AND GAS LEASES EXECUTED BY RESTRICTED HEIRS OF ROSIE HAYES, NOW ATKINS, FULL BLOOD CHICKASAW ROLL NO. M-270, DECEASED.
No. FB-2024-001 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF OIL AND GAS LEASES TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that David Darnell Atkins, Loretta Jane Atkins Yepa, Stanton David Atkins, Anna Marie Hulsey f/k/a Anna Marie Atkins Parish, Forrest W. Atkins, Pamela M. Hurst nee Atkins, John Micah Atkins and Ashley Nicole Penot nee Atkins, owning Restricted Lands, have filed in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, their Petition for the approval by the Court of certain Oil and Gas Leases executed in favor of Capstone Land Company for a primary term of three (3) years from the date thereof, for a cash bonus of \$100.00 per acre, One Dollar per acre paid up delay rentals and covering their interest in and to the oil, gas and other minerals owned by them, by inheritance, in and to the following lands located in McClain County,

Oklahoma, which lands were originally a part of the allotment of Rosie Hayes now Atkins, a full blood Chickasaw Indian, Roll No. M-270, deceased, to-wit:
The Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 SW/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Five (5) North, Range One (1) West, McClain County, Oklahoma and North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (N/2 NE/4 NW/4), of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Five (5) North, Range One (1) West, McClain County, Oklahoma and The South Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (S/2 NE/4 NW/4) and The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/4 NW/4) and The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 SW/4) of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Five (5) North, Range One (1) West, McClain County, Oklahoma.
The Leases offered to the Petitioners and for which Petitioners seek approval by this Court are upon the usual and customary form and reserve unto the lessors 3/16th for all oil, gas and petroleum produced from said lands and tenements.
The hearing on the Petition has been set and will be heard in the

District Courtroom No. 2 in the McClain County Courthouse in the City of Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma on the 23rd day of April, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Judge Charles Gray of the District Court, at which time and place any objections to the approval of said Oil and Gas Leases of Petitioners may be duly presented and made to the Court, and such hearing competitive bidding may be had on said Oil and Gas Leases of said Petitioners, and same may be confirmed in the name of the person offering the highest bid therefore, the purchaser to pay, in addition to the bonus money for said Leases, all court costs, publications fees, revenue stamps, if any, recording fees and attorneys' fees attributable to the sale of said Leases.
All interested parties may appear and be heard at said hearing.
Dated this 18th day of January, 2024.
CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE
/s/ Bill C. Lester
BILL C. LESTER
212 W. Main - P.O. Box 1407
Purcell, OK 73080
(405) 527-5623
Attorney for Petitioners

No. 29-January 25-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN L. CAMPBELL, Deceased.
Case No. PB-2024-7 NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Helen L. Campbell, Deceased, that on the 18th day of January 2024, there was filed with this

Court the Petition of Diane L. David praying that Letters of Administration be issued to her as Personal Representative of the Estate, to serve without bond, for a judicial determination of the heirs of the Decedent.
Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 18th day of January 2024, notice is given that the 8th day of February 2024 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. is the day and time that the Petition will be heard in the Courtroom of Judge Charles Gray in the County Courthouse at 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 18th day of January 2024.
CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
Carrie Kopp, OBA #21731
George William Velotta, II, OBA #9223
Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC
138 W. Main/P.O. Box 1565
Purcell, OK 73080
Phone: 405-527-7575
Fax: 405-527-7574
Attorney for Petitioner

No. 23-January 18-2 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
WITHIN AND
FOR MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
DAVID A. JETER;
CAROL M. JETER;
OCCUPANT(S) OF THE PREMISES;
Defendants.
CASE NO. CJ-2023-37
NOTICE OF SALE

Attention: Defendants and all parties with interest in the listed real property
The McClain County Sheriff will sell the below-described real property to satisfy a judgment for the indicated action.
LOT TWENTY-FOUR (24), IN BLOCK TWO (2), OF SCHWARTZ SUNSET HEIGHTS ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF PURCELL, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF
Common Address: 303 Sleepy Hollow Street, Purcell, OK 73080

The property will be sold to the highest cash bidder at the public auction:
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Date: February 27, 2024
Place: Sheriff Office, 121 N.2nd, Suite 121, Purcell, OK
Appraised real value: \$75,000.00
The sale adheres to the Special Execution and Order of Sale issued per the judgment in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2023-37, titled Plaintiff, v. DAVID A. JETER; CAROL M. JETER; OCCUPANT(S) OF THE PREMISES; all those

holding or claiming any interest in the property.
/s/ Landy Offolter
Sheriff of McClain County
Sally E. Garrison, OBA #18709
Matthew Eads, OBA #35103
Alex S. Rivera, OBA #32269
THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLLC
421 NW 13th Street, Suite 300
Oklahoma City, OK 73103
Telephone: (405) 246-0602
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

No. 27-January 25-1 Time
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLARD M. SMITH, DECEASED
CASE NO. PB-2024-5
NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF FOREIGN WILL AND FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, LEGATEES, AND DEVISEES
Notice is given to all heirs, legatees, and devisees of Willard M. Smith, Deceased ("Decedent"), that on the 17th day of January, 2024, Petitioner Steven E. Grubbs ("Petitioner") filed in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma an instrument in writing purporting to be a certified copy of the Last Will and Testament of Decedent, as admitted to probate by the Scott County, Iowa District Court on the 21st day of June, 2023, in Case No. ESPR082085 in said County, together with a certified copy of the Order Nunc Pro Tunc Admitting Will to Probate and Appointing Executor issued in the above-referenced Iowa domiciliary probate action. The Petitioner also filed a Petition asking that the Court admit to probate the Will, issue Letters Testamentary to Petitioner without the requirement of any bond, determine the identity of all heirs, devisees, and legatees

of Decedent for purposes of filing waivers or consents as permitted by law, and relieve the Petitioner from the duty of returning to the Court an inventory and appraisal of the Estate of Decedent.
Pursuant to an Order of the Court, notice is given that the 8th day of January, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., has been appointed as the time for hearing the Petition and proving the Will, before the Honorable Charles N. Gray, at the County Courthouse at Purcell, McClain County, State of Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 17th day of January, 2024.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

/s/ Steven C. Davis
Steven C. Davis, OBA #10267
Abigail J. Ray, OBA #34264
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ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

No. 25-January 18-2 Times
TRUE SKY CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,
v.
GAIL TUCKER A/K/A GAIL S. TUCKER; SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF GAIL TUCKER; JOHN DOE, OCCUPANT; AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EX REL. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
Defendant(s).
Case No. CJ-2023-139
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN to Gail Tucker; Spouse, if any, of Gail Tucker; John Doe, Occupant; United States of America ex rel. Internal Revenue Service, and their unknown successors and assigns,

that on the 27 day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at Sheriff's Office of the County Courthouse at the County Courthouse in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, the Sheriff of said County will offer for sale and sell for cash at public auction to the highest and best bidder, with appraisal, all that certain real estate in McClain County, Oklahoma, to wit:
THE WEST HALF (W 1/2) OF LOTS TWENTY-ONE (21), TWENTY-TWO (22), TWENTY-THREE (23), AND TWENTY-FOUR (24), BLOCK FIFTY-ONE (51), IN THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORD-

ED PLAT THEREOF.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 217 N.E. 4th, Blanchard, OK 73010 subject to taxes and tax sales, said property being duly appraised at \$70,000.00.
Sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Sale issued upon a judgment entered in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma, in Case No. CJ-2023-139, wherein True Sky Credit Union is Plaintiff and Gail Tucker is/are Defendant(s) to satisfy said judgment in the sum of \$15,958.76 together with interest at 6.5% per annum from January 1, 2023, including late charges, a reasonable attorney's fee, and all necessary funds advanced by

said Plaintiff accrued or accruing hereafter through completion of this action.
The addresses of the Defendant(s), Gail Tucker, a/k/a Gail S. Tucker and Spouse, if any, of Gail Tucker, and her/his/their unknown successors are unknown to the Plaintiff.
WITNESS MY HAND this 12 day of January, 2024.
BY: /s/ Landy Offolter
Sheriff
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP
770 NE 63rd St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-6431
(405) 848-1819
Attorneys for Plaintiff
File No. 23-139556

No. 32-January 25-1 Time
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF LOY LAMIRAND, Deceased, and NAOLMA ANN LAMIRAND, Deceased.

OK, 74878
at either public or private sale, for the reasons and purposes mentioned in said Petition, as he shall judge to be for the best interests of said estate and of all parties interested therein.

Case No. PB-22-114
ORDER FOR HEARING
PETITION FOR SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the verified Petition for Sale of Real Property of Michael Tolle, on behalf of Wilson-Little Funeral Home, Inc., Personal Representative of the Estates of Loy Lamirand, Deceased, and Naolma Ann Lamirand, Deceased, on file herein, that it is to the best interests of the estate to sell the property, belonging to said estate, and described in said Petition, for the following reasons and purposes: to pay Decedents' creditors;

It is the further order of the Court, that copies of this Order be mailed to all heirs, legatees, devisees, or guardians thereof, with postage thereon prepaid, at their last known addresses; and that a copy of this order to show cause be published once in some newspaper published in this county, the first publication of which notice shall not be less than ten days before the time fixed for said hearing.
Dated this 18 day of January 2024.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
James B. Blevins, Jr., OBA #881
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Purcell, OK 73080
Phone: 405-527-7575
Fax: 405-527-7574
Attorney for Personal Representative
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed this 18 day of January, 2024, to:
Kevin Lewis
219 E. Main Street
Shawnee, OK 74801
/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
James B. Blevins, Jr.

No. 14-January 11-3 Times
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
WITHIN AND FOR
MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DESCENDANTS, TRUSTEES AND ASSIGNS OF HAROLD AKERMAN, DECEASED; SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF HAROLD AKERMAN; OCCUPANT(S), IF ANY, OF THE PREMISES; ASHLEY ALEXANDER;
Defendants.
CASE NO. CJ-23-200
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: the unknown heirs, devisees, descendants, trustees and assigns of Harold Akerman, deceased, and Spouse, if any, of

Harold Akerman.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition has been filed against you in the District Court of McClain County, Oklahoma in an action entitled Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. The unknown heirs, devisees, descendants, trustees and assigns of Harold Akerman, deceased, et al., Case No. CJ-23-200, by Plaintiff, Freedom Mortgage Corporation. This summons by publication is specifically directed to the unknown heirs, devisees, descendants, trustees and assigns of Harold Akerman, deceased, and Spouse, if any, of Harold Akerman, whose whereabouts and existence are unknown.
The nature of this suit against you is regarding any title or interest you may have in the following described real estate ("Property")

situated in McClain County, Oklahoma, specifically:
THE EAST 20 FEET OF LOT ELEVEN (11) AND ALL OF LOT TWELVE (12) IN BLOCK FOUR (4) SILVER CITY, MCCLAIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED MAP AND PLAT THEREOF
in the amount of \$76,026.28, combined with interest and all abstracting and title costs incurred by Plaintiff to enforce the Note and Mortgage; all late charges; NSF fees; escrow advances; corporate advances; taxes; insurance premiums; property preservation charges; attorney fees; and other fees and costs associated with this action. Unless you answer the petition on or before February 28, 2024, a judgment will be entered, and your interest in the property will be foreclosed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 27th day of December, 2023.
McClain Court Clerk
By: Karen Weltmen
Deputy Court Clerk
Sally E. Garrison, OBA #18709
Matthew Eads, OBA #35103
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
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01/18/2024, 01/25/2024

Therefore, it is ordered by the Court that all persons interested in the Estates of Loy Lamirand, Deceased, and Naolma Ann Lamirand, Deceased, appear before Judge Charles Gray in his Courtroom in the District Court of McClain County, City of Purcell, State of Oklahoma, on the 8th day of February 2024 at 9:30 o'clock a.m., then and there to show cause, if any they have, why an Order, as prayed for in said Petition should not be granted to the Personal Representative to sell said real property of said Decedents described as follows:
Lot One (1), also described as the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4 NW/4), of Section Seven (7), Township Five (5) North, Range Three (3) East, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. SURFACE ONLY.
44169 Drummond Rd., Wanette,

No. 35-January 25-1 Time
Board of McClain County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, 1/16/2024 at 8:17 a.m. in Room 111 of the McClain County Courthouse. Vice Chairman Glen Murray called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. County Clerk Deputy Rebekah Couch called the roll and those present were: Vice Chairman Glen Murray, Member Wilson Lyles, and District Three Foreman Joe Southern represented Chairman Terry Daniel who was absent.
Wilson Lyles moved to approve the minutes of the 1/8/2024 meeting, Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Wilson Lyles moved to approve the following maintenance and operation claims, seconded by Joe Southern. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

Tin horns; 1098, Edwards Canvas, 129.00, Tarps; 1099, Lindsay Auto 285.18, Batteries; 1100, McClain County District 1,419.74, Fuel; 1101, Pioneer, 249.15, Service; 1102, AEG Petroleum, 1599.40, Oil; 1103, Dolese Bros., 6238.05, Chips & Rock; 1104, Cintas, 232.11, Service; 1105, Cintas, 749.66, Service; 1106, WW Tire, 102.90, Tires & Tubes/Service & Supplies; 1107, Windy Chevrolet, 460.68, Parts & Labor; 1108, Windstream, 78.65, Service; 1109, P&K Stone, 2662.74, Granite; 1110, Haskell Lemon, 221170.30, Type B; 1111, P&K, 22100.00, Track Loader.
ML Fee—24, Mid-con, 46.00, Service; 25, Quill, 295.34, Supplies.
Mtg Cert—23, Windstream, 164.55, Service.
Rental of County Property - Expo—119, Purcell Public Works, 942.34, Service; 120, Windstream, 156.57, Service; 121, Atwood's, 149.99, Supplies; 122, Purcell Public Works, 1722.47, Service; 123, TH Rogers Lumber, 21.98, Supplies; 124, TH Rogers Lumber, 7.99, Supplies; 125, Windstream, 334.64, Service; 126, Classic Paper, 309.56, Supplies; 127, ONG, 548.77, Service.
Rural Fire—ST—128, Casco Industries, 2542.00, Facepieces; 129, Renegade Diesel, 473.59, Parts & Labor.
Sheriff Commissary—25, Charm Tex, 144.50, Supplies; 26, Tiger Commissary, 4155.34, Supplies.
Sheriff Service Fee—177, AT&T, 1166.20, Service.
SR Cit-ST—219, OEC, 159.00, Service; 220, Spencer's, 1135.81, Supplies; 221, Town of Dibble, 34.99, Service; 222, Waste Connections of Oklahoma, 190.15, Service; 223, OEC, 183.00, Service; 224, Dibble Senior Citizens, 1327.50, Payroll; 225, Rush, Shirley, 150.00, Bookkeeping; 226, Pioneer, 101.53, Service; 227, Ben E Keith, 1783.80, Supplies; 228, Eureka Water, 85.19, Service; 229, Pioneer, 103.51, Service.

Tractor 7230 MFWD, serial # 603821, \$38,000.00, acquired on 3/14/2020; D1-441-6, 2012 John Deere CX15 Rotary Cutter Flex Wing, serial # 1POCX-15EJCPO023173, \$16,153.83, acquired on 6/28/2012; D1-441-9, 2012 John Deere Rotary Cutter CX15 Flexwing, serial # 021838, \$7,000.00, acquired on 3/14/2020. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Wilson Lyles moved, Joe Southern seconded to approve of the following Resolution to Dispose of Equipment: District One: D1-441-5, 2012 John Deere CX15 Rotary Cutter Flex Wing, serial # 1POCX-15EJCPO023093, \$16,153.83, acquired on 6/28/2012 from John Deere Co, Cary, NC sold to Purple Wave Auction for \$8,600.00; D1- 304-12, 2009 John Deere Tractor 7230 MFWD, serial # 603821, \$38,000.00, acquired on 3/14/2020 from Mike Graham Auction, Marlow, OK sold to Purple Wave Auction for \$45,500.00; D1-441-6, 2012 John Deere CX15 Rotary Cutter Flex Wing, serial # 1POCX-15EJCPO023173, \$16,153.83, acquired on 6/28/2012 from John Deere Co, Cary, NC sold to Purple Wave Auction for \$8,400.00; D1-441-9, 2012 John Deere Rotary Cutter CX15 Flexwing, serial # 021838, \$7,000.00, acquired on 3/14/2020 from Mike Graham Auction, Marlow, OK sold to Purple Wave Auction for \$8,100.00 Sheriff: B-608.13, Whirlpool Washer, serial # CX4402037, \$521.55, acquired on 2/19/2021 from Lowes, Junked; B-608.14, Whirlpool Top Loader Washer, serial # CX3400389, \$799.00, acquired Supplies; 221, Town of Dibble, 34.99, Service; 222, Waste Connections of Oklahoma, 190.15, Service; 223, OEC, 183.00, Service; 224, Dibble Senior Citizens, 1327.50, Payroll; 225, Rush, Shirley, 150.00, Bookkeeping; 226, Pioneer, 101.53, Service; 227, Ben E Keith, 1783.80, Supplies; 228, Eureka Water, 85.19, Service; 229, Pioneer, 103.51, Service.

Resolution No. 22-2023-2024 for accepting a donation of \$6,000.00 from Rodney Thornton to McClain County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of (4) ballistic protection shields and carrying cases. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Wilson Lyles moved to approve Consortium Member Agreement between Local Government Testing Consortium (LGTC) and McClain County for federal DOT & Non-DOT Drug/Alcohol Testing, Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Joe Southern moved, Wilson Lyles seconded to rescind Purchase Contracts from October 30, 2023 to acquire equipment for District Three to Lease/Purchase through the County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund due to needing to use a different vendor. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Joe Southern moved, Wilson Lyles seconded to approve of Purchase Contracts to acquire equipment for District Three to Lease/Purchase through the County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund per the authorization of ODOT. District Three is lease/purchasing (1) 2024 Pinnacle Truck in the amount of \$176,937.00 less down payment of \$8,337.00, and (1) 2025 Pinnacle Truck in the amount of \$173,768.00 less down payment of \$5,168.00. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Wilson Lyles moved to amend the ARPA Subrecipient Award Agreement dated as of December 5, 2022 between McClain County and the Town of Washington, for the purpose of water and sewer system improvements within the Town, amending the Agreement being for the purpose of extending the term of the Agreement, Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
No action was taken on the Plat for Cedar Ridge II or 39 Ranch Estates Phase II.
Matt Graves with Architects In Partnership met with the Board and toured the courthouse to view the public restrooms in order to have an idea of the updates and improvements that are needed.
With no further business, Wilson Lyles moved to adjourn at 9:55 a.m., Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.

No. 37-January 25-2 Times
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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

The Town of Wayne will receive separate sealed bids at Town Hall, located at 117 N. Shannon, Wayne, Oklahoma 73095, until 11:00 AM, on Thursday, February 15, 2024. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, at 11:00 AM at Town Hall.
Water System Improvements
West Standpipe
The project includes power washing, surface prep and painting the interior and exterior of the west standpipe.
There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 11:00 am, at Town Hall.
All work shall be performed, and all construction and material used and furnished shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc., and on file in the office of the Town Clerk, located at Town Hall.
The Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans and Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Statutory Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following:
1. Town Hall
117 N. Shannon
Wayne, Oklahoma
73095
(405) 449-3451
A complete set of Plans and Specifications, to prospective bidders, may be obtained from Glenn Sullivan & Associates, Inc. upon receipt of non-refundable fee of \$50.00. An electronic set of Plans and Specifications is available at no cost and may be obtained by emailing a request to planroom.gsa@gmail.com.
Each bidder shall accompany his original bid, with a certified or Cashier's Check on a solvent bank located in Oklahoma or a Bidder's Bond, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount bid, as a guarantee of his ability to perform the contract bid upon, and that he will enter into a written contract with the Owner to perform said work and/or furnish said materials

The deposit will be retained by the Owner as, and for, liquidated damages in case the successful bidder fails to enter in said contract and furnish the required bonds provided for in the specifications within the time required. Deposit of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the execution of the Contract and required bonds.
Each bidder shall accompany his bid with a sworn statement in writing that the Bidder has not directly or indirectly entered into an agreement, express of implied, with any other bidder or the price or amount of such bid or any bids, the limiting of the bids or bidders, the paying to anyone any money for promotion expenses, the parceling or farming out to any bidder or bidders or other persons of any part of the contract or any part of the subject matter of the bid or of the profits thereof.
A Performance, Maintenance and Statutory Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract price with a Corporate Surety licensed in Oklahoma and approved by the Owner and Engineer, will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and the bidder shall state in the proposal the name and address of the Surety or Sureties who will sign this bond in case the contract is awarded to him. The Maintenance Bond required will guarantee the repair of all damage due to improper materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year after the acceptance of the work by the Owner.
All bids shall remain on file at least forty-eight (48) hours. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the Bid Opening will be returned.
Contract to be awarded to low responsive responsible bidder. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids in accordance with the Oklahoma Competitive Bidding Act. Conditional bids shall not be accepted.

Em Mgmt-ST—64, Ben the Mechanic, 100.00, Service; 65, Verizon, 240.06, Wireless Devices. Extension-ST—74, Amazon, 771.52, Supplies; 75, Amazon, 177.69, Supplies; 76, Career Tech (CIMC), 809.00, Service.
General—1096, Purcell Public Works, 13350.77, Service; 1097, Mid-con, 22.15, Service; 1098, J&J Cleaners, 20.60, Service; 1099, Purcell Register, 236.00, Publication; 1100, Purcell Register, 21.90, Publication; 1101, WW Tire, 611.72, Tires & Tubes/Service & Supplies; 1102, Community works Cleveland Co, 955.50, Juvenile Service; 1103, Mid-con, 22.50, Service; 1104, Purcell Register, 177.20, Publication; 1105, Oklahoma Sheriffs Association, 1200.00, Annual Membership; 1106, Windstream, 307.15, Service; 1107, Windstream, 528.67, Service; 1108, OK Cremation & Funeral Home, 500.00, Indigent Cremation; 1109, ONG, 197.68, Service; 1110, Scott, Cindy, 176.85, Travel; 1111, Sharp, Amy, 43.89, Travel 1112, McClain County Treasurer, 27644.73, Error Correction; 1113, Hammon, Bill, 294.75, Travel;
Health—139, Collins, Julie, 201.74, Travel; 140, City Of Blanchard, 21.00; 141, City Of Blanchard, 72.16; 142, Garrett, Sarah, 224.67, Travel; 143, Standley Systems, 192.37, Copier Lease; 144, Standley Systems, 240.85, Copier Lease; 145, Stericycle, 93.45, Service; 146, Arrowpoint Interactive, 5659.00, Floor Mats w/Projector; 147, Gil-Bennett, Crystal, 280.34, Travel; 148, NALBOH, 250.00, Annual Dues.
Highway—1093, Drennan Electric, 9175.00, Electrical; 1094, Purcell Public Works, 597.26, Service; 1095, Delta Foremost Chemical Corp, 430.54, Chemicals; 1096, Dolese Bros. Co., 2407.82, Chips & Rock; 1097, Dub Ross, 3441.24,

Wilson Lyles moved to approve Blanket Purchase Orders as on file in the County Clerk's Office, seconded by Joe Southern. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
There were no Transfers or Road Crossing Permits requested.
Glen Murray moved, Wilson Lyles seconded to approve of Resolution No. 20-2023-2024 for the following Declaration of Surplus: District One: D1-441-5, 2012 John Deere CX15 Rotary Cutter Flex Wing, serial #1POCX-15EJCPO023093, \$16,153.83, acquired on 6/28/2012; D1-304-12, 2009 John Deere

Wilson Lyles moved, Joe Southern seconded to approve of the following Resolution to Dispose of Equipment: District One: D1-441-5, 2012 John Deere CX15 Rotary Cutter Flex Wing, serial # 1POCX-15EJCPO023093, \$16,153.83, acquired on 6/28/2012 from John Deere Co, Cary, NC sold to Purple Wave Auction for \$8,600.00; D1- 304-12, 2009 John Deere Tractor 7230 MFWD, serial # 603821, \$38,000.00, acquired on 3/14/2020 from Mike Graham Auction, Marlow, OK sold to Purple Wave Auction for \$45,500.00; D1-441-6, 2012 John Deere CX15 Rotary Cutter Flex Wing, serial # 1POCX-15EJCPO023173, \$16,153.83, acquired on 6/28/2012 from John Deere Co, Cary, NC sold to Purple Wave Auction for \$8,400.00; D1-441-9, 2012 John Deere Rotary Cutter CX15 Flexwing, serial # 021838, \$7,000.00, acquired on 3/14/2020 from Mike Graham Auction, Marlow, OK sold to Purple Wave Auction for \$8,100.00 Sheriff: B-608.13, Whirlpool Washer, serial # CX4402037, \$521.55, acquired on 2/19/2021 from Lowes, Junked; B-608.14, Whirlpool Top Loader Washer, serial # CX3400389, \$799.00, acquired Supplies; 221, Town of Dibble, 34.99, Service; 222, Waste Connections of Oklahoma, 190.15, Service; 223, OEC, 183.00, Service; 224, Dibble Senior Citizens, 1327.50, Payroll; 225, Rush, Shirley, 150.00, Bookkeeping; 226, Pioneer, 101.53, Service; 227, Ben E Keith, 1783.80, Supplies; 228, Eureka Water, 85.19, Service; 229, Pioneer, 103.51, Service.
Wilson Lyles moved to approve Shelly Absher and Richard Ward as receiving officers for District Two, Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Wilson Lyles moved to approve of Invoice #185007 from Crafton Tull for professional services rendered through 1/5/2024 for \$8,117.50 for May Avenue resurfacing in Districts Two and Three; Invoice# 185009 for professional services rendered through 1/5/2024 for \$4,370.00 for 240th Street resurfacing in District Three; both invoices payable through CBRI funds, Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Glen Murray moved to approve of Resolution No. 21-2023-2024 for accepting a donation of a Craig DVD player to McClain County Sheriff's Office for the jail, Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Wilson Lyles moved, Glen Murray seconded to approve of


Resolution No. 22-2023-2024 for accepting a donation of \$6,000.00 from Rodney Thornton to McClain County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of (4) ballistic protection shields and carrying cases. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Wilson Lyles moved to approve Consortium Member Agreement between Local Government Testing Consortium (LGTC) and McClain County for federal DOT & Non-DOT Drug/Alcohol Testing, Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Joe Southern moved, Wilson Lyles seconded to rescind Purchase Contracts from October 30, 2023 to acquire equipment for District Three to Lease/Purchase through the County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund due to needing to use a different vendor. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Joe Southern moved, Wilson Lyles seconded to approve of Purchase Contracts to acquire equipment for District Three to Lease/Purchase through the County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund per the authorization of ODOT. District Three is lease/purchasing (1) 2024 Pinnacle Truck in the amount of \$176,937.00 less down payment of \$8,337.00, and (1) 2025 Pinnacle Truck in the amount of \$173,768.00 less down payment of \$5,168.00. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
Wilson Lyles moved to amend the ARPA Subrecipient Award Agreement dated as of December 5, 2022 between McClain County and the Town of Washington, for the purpose of water and sewer system improvements within the Town, amending the Agreement being for the purpose of extending the term of the Agreement, Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
No action was taken on the Plat for Cedar Ridge II or 39 Ranch Estates Phase II.
Matt Graves with Architects In Partnership met with the Board and toured the courthouse to view the public restrooms in order to have an idea of the updates and improvements that are needed.
With no further business, Wilson Lyles moved to adjourn at 9:55 a.m., Joe Southern seconded. Vote Aye: Murray, Lyles, Southern. Motion carried.
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Glen Murray, Vice Chairman
Wilson Lyles, Member
Attest:
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No. 40-January 25-2 Times IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS ANN HORN, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2023-88
NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, DISTRIBUTION AND DISCHARGE

NOTICE is hereby given that Laura Lynne Peterson, formerly Brandenburg, Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF PHYLLIS ANN HORN, Deceased, having filed in this Court her Final Account of the Administration of said estate, and her Petition for Distribution of said estate and for Final Discharge of said Personal Representative, the hearing of the same has been fixed by the Judge of said Court for 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 15th day of February, 2024, before Judge Charles Gray in his chambers in the McClain County Courthouse in Purcell, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs of PHYLLIS ANN HORN, Deceased, determined, said estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.

WITNESS MY HAND this 23rd day of January, 2024.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE

Judge of the District Court
BILL C. LESTER (OBA #5389)
Attorney for Personal Representative
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No. 38-January 25-1 Time IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MODEAN HUDDLESTON MITCHELL, Deceased.

Case No. PB-2024-10
NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the Estate of Modean Huddleston Mitchell, Deceased, that on the 23rd day of January 2024, there was filed with this Court the Petition of Randy L. Mitchell praying that Letters of Administration be issued to him as Personal Representative of the Estate, to serve without bond, for a judicial determination of the heirs of the Decedent.

Pursuant to an Order of this Court made on the 23rd day of January 2024 notice is given that the 8th day of February 2024, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. is the day and time that the Petition will be heard in the Courtroom of Judge Charles Gray in the County Courthouse at 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 23rd day of January 2024.

CHARLES GRAY
ASSOCIATE
DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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No. 30-January 25-2 Times 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 TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of Linda S. Brooks, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Linda S. Brooks, 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 Randy Tolliver Brooks, Personal Representative, at the law office of Blevins & Associates Law, PLLC, 138 W. Main, Purcell, OK 73080, addressed to James B. Blevins, Jr., attorney for the Personal Representative, on or before the following presentment date: 18th day of March 2024, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 18th day of January 2024.

/s/ James B. Blevins, Jr.
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