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2021-22 Santa Baby



2021-22 Miss New Year



Dreamstar Connections 2021-22 Winter Supreme Court



Dreamstar Connections 2021-22 Christmas Court

Dreamstar Connections holds 13th Annual Christmas Pageant

Story by John Bankel

On Saturday, December 4, at 1:30 pm, I walked into the Community Center at the invitation of Lora Gallardo, Dreamstar Connections' Director. I was astounded, as I looked to my right, by the number of people that had gathered. It was standing room only! To my left was the well-lit stage, beautifully decorated in Christmas array.

In front of the stage, at a table, sat a panel of 4 judges, busily making notes as a little girl, holding the hand of her mother, showed off her red taffeta gown. I had come as the last segment of the show was finishing up. The room was all abuzz with excitement, laughter and anticipation as Lora Gallardo and her daughter, Rosita Gallardo Boyce, were getting

themselves ready to award the coveted prizes.

It was 13 years ago when Lora and Rosita dreamed up the Dreamstar Connections Pageants and held their first event. Lora went all out in making sure that the prizes would be first-class. The pageants continued to grow under the loving and tireless efforts of Lora and Rosita. And today, the Dreamstar Connections Pageant is bigger and better than ever!

Here is what one parent, whose child won Santa Baby, had to say: "... we had a blast! It was Emersyn's first and definitely won't be her last..."

And, what's more, you can be sure this will not be the last Dreamstar Connections Christmas Pageant. Number 14 is waiting in the wings.



Stilwell FFA members in the Ag Building ready to head to Tulsa! From left to right: Odell Parker, Avery Gilstrap, Brooklyn Vann, Lily Workman, Kashy Eagleton, Hanna Glenn, Joshua Wilson, Jonathan Wilson, Chandler Trentham.

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Stilwell FFA Members Attend Personal Growth Conference

By Kaylee Stewart,
Stilwell FFA Reporter

Members of the Stilwell FFA chapter attended the Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership conferences on Dec. 4-5 in Tulsa, OK. These conferences are presented by the Oklahoma FFA Association and sponsored by McDonald's of Oklahoma. The conference mission is to provide members the chance to develop and refine skills that will create a lifetime of leadership.

The Made for Excellence conference is designed for 8th, 9th, and 10th grade FFA members to meet them where they are: thinking about the future, understanding themselves

and considering choices ahead. With a thoughtful mix of activities, large and small group interaction, direct instruction and personal reflection, MFE is designed to be engaging and meaningful for FFA members.

The Advanced Leadership Development conference is intended for 11th and 12th grade FFA members. This conference is designed to develop better leaders who will build stronger FFA chapters. ALD introduces FFA members to the concept that leadership is influenced in a real-life and in a purposeful way. Students will work in small groups to solve challenges, have discussions and plan for the success of their lo-

cal FFA chapters as they learn about team building, problem-solving and service to others.

FFA is an integral part of the Agricultural Education division in the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education system. With more than 27,500 members and 366 chapters, the Oklahoma FFA Association is the fifth-largest state FFA association. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. To learn more about the Oklahoma FFA, visit okffa.org.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

WHERE ARE THE HEROES

It has become evident that the values and sense of right and wrong have drastically declined in our country. For those of us who have been educated on the founding of our great nation, it is easy to see the values that our founding fathers being washed away on a daily basis. A likeminded conservative friend of mine once told me that in his estimation there probably would be no more than 10% of the population in our home county that shares the beliefs we have. It is easy to rack your brain trying to figure out why people make the decisions they do; the answer is simple, they are incapable of thinking conservatively. While watching the Kyle Rittenhouse trial in Wisconsin, I was astonished by some of the comments of the lawyers on the prosecution side.

In one comment the prosecutor referred to the rioters on the night in question as being heroes. In my opinion that is one of the most stupid comments made in the trial; since when are people heroes when they are looting, burning and destroying public and private property. It is also my opinion that charges should have never been brought against the young man who was forced to defend himself against an out-of-control mob. This change of attitudes in our nation has changed over the years and, whether we want to admit it or not, we have been manipulated by people who are intent upon destroying our constitutional republic and replacing it with a socialist form of government.

In 1970 a soviet spy named Yuri Bezmenov defected to the United States, he proved to be a huge source of information on how the communist nations would destroy the United States. He warned us of 45 goals for America; those 45 goals can be viewed on the internet, however I will only share some of them in this column. Number 28 - Eliminate prayer or any phase of

religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state." Number 31 - Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching of American history on the ground that it was only a minor part of the "big picture." Give more emphasis to Russian history since the Communists took over. Number 38 - Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorders which no one but psychiatrists can understand [or treat]. Number 41 - Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents. Attribute prejudices, mental blocks and retarding of children to suppressive influence of parents. And finally, number 42 - Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use [""] united force [""] to solve economic, political or social problems.

Those of us who believe in the Judeo Christian foundation of our nation have the ability to see through all of the garbage such as Critical Race Theory and a host of other socialist doctrines. We are not teaching God's moral compass and truth detector to the younger generations. These new ideas left us to determine what we individually believed was right and wrong. What we Americans are failing to see is we are in a war with the powers of evil; we humans are flawed beings that are susceptible to corruption unless we armor up with the Word of God, and we often make pro-Satan choices. Our country is in sad shape when we call a bunch of perverts and individuals destroying property heroes, the true heroes are the people who understand the foundations of this country and strive to preserve them.

THE KIPLING KORNER

"You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams."

Vocabulary
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Ransom

Example: The baby Jesus came to ransom all who would believe.

• a sum of money or other payment demanded or paid for the release of a prisoner.

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PROVERBS 29:2-"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."

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The Lady in the Blue Sari

Part 23

By Donna Boecher

Settled in their home with its office, they waited. The Delta Airline morning flight would bring Lydia to coordinate the wedding plans. She had already set several local seamstresses to embroider the wedding dress overlay. Teresa had already had her first fitting of the lining to ensure the dress would fit perfectly. Lydia was planning a

zoom of the wedding for those in responsible positions who could not leave New Orleans. The church would have gardenias fixed with draping white satin bows at the end of each pew. The base of the altar, where they would kneel, would be embellished with wall-to-wall gardenias. Outside, vertical strands of gardenias would be strung from magnificent neem tree limbs throughout the reception area. As

the last preparation of the day, Lydia took Teresa to the small jewelry store to select her Christian wedding necklace. A tiny mangalsutra on a chain, with a gold heart-shaped base was covered with a Christian cross - of 7 small dots of gold symbolizing the relationship of Jesus with his church in LOVE and UNITY. Marriage, once again, a repeat of Jesus's and His bride the Church. Tucking the mangalsutra in a velvet bag, and then into her purse, Teresa followed Lydia out of the store. The wedding would be soon.

Health Tips from Larkin...

By Larkin Fouse, CHHP

Holistic First Aid, Part 3-Heart Attack: Heart attacks are serious business and must be treated as such. A major key to surviving a heart attack is being able to start the internal compensation and healing mechanisms of the person having the heart attack as fast as possible. So here is how to help someone who has a heart attack from a holistic perspective. If you think a heart attack is happening, do what you can to stabilize the person and of course get the ambulance on call as soon as possible. Then get cayenne pepper powder, and place a pinch on the sufferers tongue and grab the tips of their pinky fingers and begin to rub, pinch and if necessary bite

them to activate the acupuncture points there, which tie directly to the heart so the healing process is immediately activated in the heart area. If the sufferer goes unconscious, begin chest compressions and every minute, add another pinch of cayenne pepper to their tongue to flush their blood hot, and open all their arteries as much as possible, till the medics get to them. This technique can save lives as it helps the initial healing process get started, and in a situation like that, time is of the essence!

Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell. See advertisement in this paper for more information.



Dear John, my husband and I have been married for 31 years. We are both in our third marriages. He brought 5 stepchildren with him, from 2 different mothers. As a stepmother, I have tried and tried over these many years to build a relationship with his children, who are now all grown. They do not like me one bit and are not afraid to show it. I tried to instill Christmas tradition in them, like gathering around the tree, singing Christmas carols and a reverence for the "reason for the season", when it comes time for the Christmas holidays. Traditions that I loved when I was young. They want no part of it. For them Christmas is a free-for-all, a grab for presents and a rowdy presence. It is awful to watch. My husband is completely laid back and does nothing to help me. I am ready to give up. Do you think that I should back off and quit trying?

At Wits' End

Dear At Wits' End, you need a medal of commendation for having tried to teach these children something of value. Yet it seems you are banging your head against the wall, to your hurt. As a step-parent, it is virtually impossible to gain much respect from your spouse's children if they were already past the age of 8 when you come onto the scene. You have done your best to form a relationship but it is not working. My advice to you is that the next time, when they or any one of them comes around, you make up an excuse to "take a powder" for the sake of your mental well-being. Go visit a friend in whom you have full confidence and spend some quality time where you are appreciated. So, in a sense, I am advising you to "give up." Peace and rest to you. Your husband is blessed to have you.

Sincerely,

Dear John

Got a question for Dear John? Email to: dearjohn@writeme.com. Real names are not used.

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Mullin It Over: 'Tis the Season of the Supply Chain Crisis

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

There are many traditions in my family that mark the beginning of the Christmas season. Picking out our tree, listening to Christmas music, and decorating our home are among the ones we enjoy together as we prepare to celebrate the holiday. Unfortunately, President Biden and his Democrat party are creating worry during this important season.

This holiday season will be plagued by one of the worst supply chain crises our country has ever seen. High prices and low inventory will be what you see in the stores as you struggle to shop for your loved ones and it is all thanks to the Democrats' disastrous policies. I am sure many of you felt the impact of rising prices and empty shelves while preparing for Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, Christmas is shaping up to be the same way.

Due to this crisis, almost all of the gifts you purchase will cost more this Christmas. The average shopper is expected to pay nine percent more this holiday season and out-of-stock messages are up 124 percent from pre-pandemic levels. Even Christmas trees will cost more if you're able to find one. According to the Associated Press, both real and artificial trees are projected to cost anywhere between ten to thirty percent

more.

Democrats are only making matters worse. Instead of working to decrease inflation and stop the backlog at our nation's ports that are causing these shortages, they are passing legislation that bankrupts our country and prioritizes their socialist wish list.

To ensure you can get presents under the tree this year, be sure to shop at local small businesses and buy products that are made in the USA. You may even want to try your hand at making a homemade gift instead of waiting on packages to arrive from large retailers.

And while gift giving may bring a challenge this year, we must keep in mind that gifts are not the true meaning of the season. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Take time with your friends and family to thank God for blessing us with his son, Jesus Christ who was freely given as a gift of life to save sinners like you and me.

Want to stay up-to-date on what I'm doing in Oklahoma and Washington on your behalf? Sign up for my newsletter by visiting Mullin.house.gov/newslettersignup.

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"The Lord will not suffer the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked."

- Proverbs 10:3 (KJV)

Obituaries

Gene Gatewood

May 6, 1934 – November 26, 2021

Gene Gatewood was born on May 6, 1934, in Kenwood, Oklahoma to Charlie Benjamin Gatewood and Cora Ann Gann and departed this life on November 26, 2021, at the age of 87.

Gene enjoyed coon hunting, fishing, and traveling to Colorado. He was a loving father, husband, grandpa, great grandpa, and great-great grandpa. Gene ran a Sawmill for most of his life and had many different jobs in his lifetime. He will be missed greatly by all family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 41 years: Betty Sue (Phillips) Gatewood; his son: Rick Davidson; six brothers and one sister: Cecil, John, Jerry, Leroy, Tom, Jesse, and Florence.

Gene is survived by his daughter: Wilma Eberely and husband Jerold of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; 9 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren; his brother: Bill Gatewood and wife Sharon of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; 1 sister: Doris Sellers and husband Percey of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 am on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Roberts & Hart Chapel, Westville, OK with Bro. Jim Beavers officiating. Interment followed at 10 am on Monday, December 6, 2021 at Phillips Cemetery, Westville, OK.



Billy Carol Ames

March 6, 1942 – November 30, 2021

Billy Carol Ames was born on March 6, 1942, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas to Walter Ames and Jewel Morris and passed away on November 30, 2021, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma at the age of 79 years, 8 months, and 24 days.

He moved with his parents at an early age to Oregon, where he learned to ride motorcycles on the sand dunes. They moved to Oklahoma when Bill was 16 years old, and it was during the early years of his life that he learned to ride horses and the love of riding held a special place in his life. Bill was self-taught in the art of leatherwork and became very good at repairing and creating everything horse related.

Bill was drafted into the Army in January of 1966 and volunteered for Vietnam but instead was sent to Germany for his year of service. He was an Artillery Crew Member for his time in service.

In 1972 Bill began working for the Westville Police Department under Thomas Bright, Chief and worked alongside Shorty Burger. Bill worked for the Westville Police Department off and on through the years, becoming a Reserve Officer in 1994 and served until 1996.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Walter Ames and Jewel.

Bill is survived by his son: Bill Ames and wife Kien of Watts, Oklahoma; daughter: Cindy and husband Adam of Westville, Oklahoma; grandsons: Billy Henry Ames, and Charlie P. Ames; and numerous granddaughters.

Memorial services were held at 2 pm on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at Roberts & Hart Chapel, Westville, OK with Bro. Jim Beavers officiating.

Grover "Charles" Lanier

September 17, 1940 – November 26, 2021

Grover "Charles" Lanier was born September 17, 1940 in Raton, New Mexico, to Woodrow and Vivian Lanier. He departed this life November 26, 2021 at the age of 81 years, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He lived in Westville all his life and attended and graduated from Westville High School. He enjoyed all aspects of life. In his early years, it was hunting, hotroding and running with his friends. After High School, it was rodeo, horses, roping, family and running with his friends. Later on when things slowed down, it turned to spending time with family and loved ones.

He is survived by his wife of over 34 years, Debbie, of the home; daughters, Leeanna Lanier of Westville, Wendy Dick of Tulsa, Jamie Lentz and husband Tre of Tulsa and April Ellis and husband Danny Jo Ritter of Bixby, OK; sons, Bob Lamont and wife Becky of Kansas, OK, Matt Lamont and wife Donna of Kansas, OK, and Justin Lamont and wife Jalanie of Kansas, OK; sisters, Peg Nazarali and husband Alex of Siloam Springs, AR and Patsy Shaffer and husband Alan of Shawnee, OK; 19 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Woodrow and Vivian Lanier; his son, Jimmy Lanier; and brother, Jerry Don Lanier.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Friday, December 3, 2021 at Roberts & Hart Chapel, Westville, OK with Terry Wofford and Gary Dunlap officiating. Interment followed at Westville City Cemetery, Westville, OK.

John Terry Rose

November 19, 1966 – November 28, 2021

John Terry Rose was born November 19, 1966 to Terry Rose and Mary Pumpkin Owens. He attended Westville Public Schools and graduated in 1985.

He passed on to Glory on November 28th, 2021 surrounded by his loved ones.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents: JK and Madge Rose; John and Violet Pumpkin; Uncles David Pumpkin, Charles Pumpkin and Ross Davis, and mother-in-law Viola Holloway.

He married Lisa Holloway, his best friend and love of his life, on August 13th, 1999. John is survived by his parents Terry Rose and Mary (Pumpkin) Owens, his wife Lisa Rose of the home, son Seth Rose and his wife Lundie Rose of Stilwell, OK; sisters: Jayne Anne Hooper of Greenwood, AR and Jamie Rose of Stilwell, Step-mother LaFern Langley Rose of Ada, OK. Bonus sons: Layne Scott and his wife Alena Scott of Stilwell OK and Corey Scott and his partner Kelsey Myrick of Tahlequah, OK. Grandchildren: Draven Rose, Everly Scott, Kobe Scott, Lydia and Haizley Scott, and Nataley Aguilarhis many cousins, a host of nieces and nephews, along with a multitude of friends.

John was a born leader, comedian and horse whisperer. He could ride any horse, and if he couldn't, well it probably couldn't be ridden. He never met a baby he couldn't get to smile, and all dogs loved him, especially his dog Dixie. John was a gifted storyteller, he could light up a room with his tall tales and his infectious laugh that could make anyone laugh right along with him. He was famous for his Earnest T. Bass imitation, and he could quote any movie he ever saw, especially westerns. He made friends wherever he went, his name usually preceding him. His kindness and drive were known and valued by everyone who knew him. He was an avid OU fan and his favorite thing to do was watch the game with Lisa while munching on some good food. John was full of energy and a very hard worker. He worked at many places in his life, breaking horses and milking



cows for Dave Wilkie, running the register for Grady, but he took early retirement in the beginning of 2020 due to health problems. He didn't let that slow him down much. He still ran the Rose Ranch and took good care of Lisa during her bout with cancer. He was a loyal friend, and his heart was as big as his laugh. He loved his family and friends more than anything and was willing to do anything for someone in need. He ran his race with courage, strength and dignity.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. The story of John Rose, The Man, The Myth, The Legend, will be told for years to come.

Graveside services were held at 2 pm on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at Stilwell City Cemetery, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Joey Ketcher and Bro. Ricky Williams officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.

Julia Lavan Anderson

November 5, 1927 – December 2, 2021

Julia Lavan Anderson, 94, of W. Siloam Springs OK, went to be with the Lord at home on Thursday December 2, 2021.

Julia was born in Colcord Oklahoma in the home to Mead and Opal Kustanbort on November 5 1927. She married Troy Anderson in Siloam Springs on April 24, 1946.

After Julia retired from Franklin Electric in 1985 she worked at the Siloam Springs High School for many years. Julia was also a member of Liberty Baptist Church. She stayed busy with quilting, crocheting, puzzles, baking and gardening.

Julia was preceded in death by her parents, husband Troy Anderson, daughters, Beverly and Alfreda Anderson, son Michael Anderson, 7 sisters and 1 brother.

Julia is survived by her sister Hatti Maxwell of Siloam Springs, son Troy W. Anderson and wife Gail of Siloam Springs, Linda Dixon and husband Danny of W. Siloam Springs, Enos Anderson and wife Cindy of Watts Ok. 5 grandchildren, Russell Dixon and wife Rhoda, Matt Anderson and wife Sarah, Deanna Crook and husband JC, Miranda Anderson-Stellmon and husband Daniel, and Courtney Anderson. 10 great-grandchildren, Jessica Dixon-Henderson, Ashley Dixon, Conner Dixon, Parker Dixon, Austin Anderson, Sean Anderson, Aila Anderson, Krysten Crook, Madison Crook, Corbin Crook, 3 great-great-grandchildren and many loved friends and extended family.

Funeral services were held at 10 am on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at Liberty Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, AR with Pastor Ralph DeVore and Pastor Mike Finley officiating. Interment followed at Johnson Cemetery, West Siloam Springs, OK under the direction of Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK.



Rosa Lee (Walters) Vaughan

September 20, 1923 – November 25, 2021

Rosa Lee (Walters) Vaughan was born September 20, 1923, to Christopher and Pearl Walters. Rosa went to be with her Lord, November 25, 2021, at Quail Ridge Living Center in West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma at the age of 98 years, 2 months, and 5 days.

Rosa Lee married Thomas Daniel Vaughan at the age of 16 on December 21, 1939, at Stilwell, Oklahoma. To this union was born five children. She spent her life loving to cook and take care of her family. Rosa Lee loved her flowers and taking care of a vegetable garden. She believed in not wasting anything and put-up thousands of jars of canned goods in her lifetime. Cooking was Rosa Lee's passion and she loved to cook for her family and the church. She was a devoted pastor's wife and a long-time member of the Proctor Community Church. She saw many changes in this world but never lost her faith in God through the good and bad times.

Rosa Lee was preceded in death by her parents, Christopher and Pearl Walters; all of her siblings; her husband of 60 years, Thomas Daniel Vaughan; one son, Donald Ray Vaughan of Stilwell; one daughter, Glenda (Vaughan) Morton of Westville; one granddaughter, Amy (Vaughan) Steele of Siloam Springs, AR; and one daughter-in-law, Jan (Hensley) Vaughan.

Rosa Lee is survived by two sons: Audie Vaughan and wife Faye of Stilwell and Dennis Vaughan and wife Dianna of Stilwell; one daughter: Linda (Vaughan) Kirk and husband Charlie of Lincoln, AR; one daughter-in-law: Janice (Chandler) Vaughan; and one son-in-law: Larry Morton. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, Joletta McGowan, Brenden Vaughan, Navil Vaughan, Deana Paden, Brent Morton, Jana Rae Frantz, Jeff Vaughan, Danny Vaughan, Lynnette Kirk, Lindsey Remington and Albert Kirk. There are also 22 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren to carry on her legacy. She is also survived by numerous other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Friday, December 3, 2021 at Proctor Community Church, Proctor, OK with Bro. Navil Vaughan officiating. Interment followed at Proctor Cemetery, Proctor, OK under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.

Thomas Eugene Smith

June 17, 1955 – December 2, 2021

Thomas Eugene Smith was born on June 17, 1955, in Stilwell, Oklahoma and departed this life on December 2, 2021, at his home in Stilwell, Oklahoma after a 6 year battle with Mycobacterium Avium Complex (lung disease).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eola and Delbert Smith; his brothers, Alfred and Kenneth Smith and his daughter, Kimberly Smith.

He is survived by a very loving family including his wife, Paula, of the home; his daughters: Brandy Allen and husband James of Stilwell and Amie Vaughan and husband James of Kansas, OK; five grandchildren: Johnathan Hewitt of Christie, OK, Ethan Vaughan of Stilwell, Nathaniel Allen of Stilwell and Kolby and Logan Vaughan of Kansas, OK; great-grandchild: Adrian Hewitt of Tahlequah; and best friend, Jack Sanders and wife Cynthia. Several nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive him.

Memorial services to be held at a later date. Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.



Christmas Open House at the Howard Hotel in Watts, OK on **Saturday, December 11** and **Sunday, December 12** from 10:00 a.m. til 4:00 p.m. each day.

Watts Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 11, startomg at 10:00 a.m. To participate in the parade be in the gym parking lot by 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Dinner is for residents of Watts only, no cost. It will be curbside pick up only from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Please enter 6th Street up from the Post Office.

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Cherokee National Youth Choir Auditions will be held **December 2 through 16**. To qualify, you must be a 6th through 11th grade student, Cherokee Nation citizen, fully vaccinated against COVID-19, able to attend weekly rehearsals, and willing to learn the Cherokee language. Contact Kathy Sierra at **918-453-5638** or **kathy-sierra@cherokee.org** to schedule an audition.

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A Very MX Christmas Sunday, December 12 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. FREE community event at the GAS MX Track located in Watts, OK. Pictures with Santa, elves, dirt bikes and more! Fun for the whole family.

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Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 11 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Stilwell Armory Building located at 421 W. Pine St. Sponsored by Boys & Girls Clubs of Adair County Schools.

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Oklahoma Bigfoot Symposium, March 12-13, 2022, CC Camp near Stilwell. Keynote speaker: Ken Gerhard, noted author, TV star and Cryptid investigator.

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First Saturday Night and Last Saturday Night of Every Month, Bethel Church, Stilwell, OK, 7:00 p.m., Rodney Chuculate.



Congressman Markwayne Mullin

Mullin Calls Out Social Media Platforms for Allowing Content-Based Speech Discrimination Under Section 230

At a hearing before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, Congressman Markwayne Mullin (OK-02) called out social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, for becoming political platforms that engage in content-based speech discrimination online. These social media platforms, among others, have abused their legal protections under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act. Mullin brought attention to the many instances of these platforms hiding behind Section 230 protections, all while silencing conservative voices and viewpoints with which they disagree.

Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act provides limited federal immunity to providers and users of interactive computer services. The law generally precludes providers and users from being held liable for information provided by a third party, but it does not prevent them from being held legally responsible for information they have developed or for activities unrelated to third party content.

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Life Tips from Larkin...

By Larkin Fouse, CHHP
Why Our Kids Are Messed Up, Part 1—Demands vs. Expectations:
 It is no hidden fact that our children are having more troubles than any other generation before them. This is in part because of how they are raised. I can tell you this; the majority of children are not raised in a common sense environment, where wisdom and simple reason could solve most familiar problems. However, I am not one to complain about a situation without coming up with a possible solution first. So, here in this series are a few reasons I suspect why our children are so messed up these days, and a few common sense, simple solutions to the problem that I believe will create great healing and change if applied. So here we go: One thing I see is great demands being placed upon our children and yet no expectation is set for them and this splits them in two creating all kinds of pain and turmoil within them. Here is what I mean, a demand is when you place a burden upon someone and give them no tools or know how to help them complete the task given to them, but an expectation is when you set a standard for someone and then give them all the tools, training, knowledge and materials to accomplish that task and to do it correctly and with excellence. Here is an example. We expect our kids to get certain grades in school. However, do we take the time to see how this particular kid learns and make the proper adjustments in our teaching methods so that the kid's potential is maxed out? More often than not, the answer is no. That is placing a demand upon a person, telling them to do something they cannot do because they lack the resources to do it, then punishing

them for a crime you set up to happen, that is not a path to a healthy adult if they are raised that way as a kid. However, if we had the expectation of our child to make a certain grade, we would then supply them with the knowledge, resources and time to fit their means of learning so that their own potential can blossom to its fullest extent. So parents and teachers use wisdom and search yourselves to see if you are placing demands upon your children, or if you are setting healthy expectations of them. If you are not setting healthy expectations, I would suggest you get started for the sake of their health and yours, for an unhappy family is the greatest cause of disease in this world.

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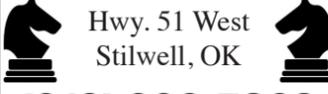
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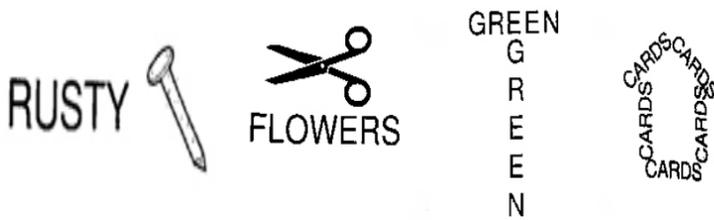
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