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Stetson Starr pictured with a trailer of his Stilwell sweet corn.



The guys training Garrett Mammoth Donkeys for riding.



Several vendors were set up at the Westville Farmers Market located on OK Highway 59 Saturday.

You Live in Rural Oklahoma? Why?

By Donna Boecher

I was asked that question, years ago when I brought my 94-year-old mother home to Adair County. The person who asked, obviously didn't know what you and I know. We love it! We love the rolling, green land, and its beauty (even the red-rust rocks; we love its people and their faith in God; and we love the independence it gives us. It allows us to rear our children with values, to stand for truth, and to earn a living reliably. After years of living the rural life on a 4th generation farm, I still see the beauty of it as I drive or walk cow trails, creek beds, and the roads - be they asphalt, gravel, or dirt. This weekend the "why" passed before my eyes. It was another rainy day starting in Westville at its Summer Slam celebration. Turning east on Buffington Road, I looked for signs of celebration, but saw only peopled cars closed from the rain. Turning west and then south on Hwy. 59, I saw the community alive with activity;

it was the Farmers Market lining the west shoulder on Hwy. 59. The marketers were visiting with customers and other venders - pure neighborly joy. Stopping for breakfast at the corner Westville Quick Stop, flavors of home style cooking poured out the doors, as I stepped in. Two sisters (Connie and Traci) handled the filled tables; the cook seasoned well "until she could smell it." Breakfast was good; they'd been at it since 3 a.m. prepping to open at 4. The events of Westville's Summer Slam were set to start at 10, but I was moving south.

On the edge of Stilwell, I saw Cathy Unger and friends situated on Fairfield Rd. collecting recyclables - more joy. At the stoplight at Hwy. 59 and East Hwy. 51, I took a gander east to see if Stetson Starr was still learning his lesson in finance; mom and dad had supported him in his planting of 3 acres of corn, so that he could sell corn until late August (at the corner of the Stilwell Livestock Auction

Stilwell FFA Officer Team Holds Officer Retreat

By Kaylee Stewart,
Chapter Reporter

On July 12-14, the Stilwell FFA officer team held their officer retreat. The retreat took place at the home of Granny and Grandpa Gilstrap in Broken Arrow, OK. An officer retreat is something that many officer teams take part in to get to know each other better and to plan activities for the next year. During the retreat, the officers participated in 6 different sessions where we discussed many different subjects. The team discussed the POA (plan of action) for the 2021-2022 school year.

The team and advisors discussed past activities and officers also had the opportunity to make known any ideas for new activities, and then the dates for these activities were set. The team and advisors also discussed the importance of filling out the National Three-Star Chapter application. The National Three-Star Chapter program is designed to recognize FFA chapters that actively implement the mission of the organization. It is a prestigious award that is given to few chapters in the nation each year, and was awarded to the Stilwell FFA chapter in 2020.

next year. As an FFA officer, I got to learn so much about each member of our officer team, what it takes to be an effective officer, and how to positively affect the lives of those around us. Almost every activity that I participated in taught valuable lessons which I hope always stick with me." - Josh Wilson, Secretary

"It was all extremely fun and I loved getting to know all the people on my team. I'm looking forward to growing closer to these amazing people and getting to know them even better." - Grace Burton, Treasurer

The Stilwell FFA officer team benefited from the retreat greatly. Many valuable lessons were learned and the team is looking forward to next year! Here are some quotes from the officers to describe their officer retreat experience.

"We have a group of very hardworking and talented people here to serve our chapter. All I see for our chapter is new growth and success. I'm very thankful to serve alongside these great people for the year. Teammates for a year, friends for life." - Emily Tuell, Historian

Citizens Voice Concerns During Commissioners Meeting Monday

Monday, July 19th, saw our commissioners facing a room full of citizens and courthouse employees.

The question arose again about the necessity of a warning system if the SWEPCO cooling system should burst and flood the western part of Adair County.

Everyone wants our citizens safe, but legally who has the responsibility to prevent the disaster?

SWEPCO.

Who should ask the questions of SWEPCO and get results?

The proactive action should come from our District Attorney, Jack Thorp. He covers Adair, Cherokee, and Sequoyah counties. Let action begin.

"I am really excited to see the change in our chapter that our officer team can make in the next year and hopefully that change can carry on to later years," Hayden Thomas, President

"I was impacted by seeing how our team can come together in times of need and I've learned that our team cares for each other and our community and we are always here to help out. I'm so ready to serve with my team this year." - Chandler Trentham, Vice President

"Officer retreat was a fun yet inspiring way to prepare for this

"Officer retreat was a blast. I got to know my team and advisors so much better. I'm looking forward to what our team is going to accomplish this year and all the great opportunities we will open for our members." - Rylee Alexander, Sentinel

"Officer retreat was a great experience. I learned a lot about how to have a successful chapter and I learned how to help my teammates. I'm looking forward to all of the new opportunities coming in the next year." - Aaron Eubanks, Chaplain

Stilwell-Zion OHCE Helps 35 DHS Foster Kids



Members of the Stilwell-Zion OHCE homemakers group recently gave snacks, drinks, and a donation to help toward summer activities for 35 DHS foster kids. Pictured, left to right: Donna Boecher, Barbara Pumpkin, Katherine Rackliff, and Jenna Sitsler (DHS).

COMING SOON

Stilwell Indians Sports Spotlight
All-Sports Recap & Highlights
of the 2020-21 Season
2021 Fall Sports Forecasts...

PROVERB POWER

"It is better to trust in
the Lord than to put
confidence in man."
Psalm 118:8 KJV

REPUBLICAN MEETING

Saturday, July 24 • 12-1
Proctor Community Center

Potluck



Mullin It Over: Setting Foster Youth Up for Success

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

There are more than 400,000 young people in foster care across the country. In Oklahoma alone, there are 7,519 children in the custody of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, with a need for 898 foster families. As an adoptive parent of three, I am committed to ensuring every child has a safe, supportive, and forever family.

In my role as Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth, I have seen the importance of making sure foster youth who age out of the system have the resources they need to successfully transition into adulthood. We must do everything we can to set them up for success in the future.

The John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program assists with education, employment, financial management, housing, and emotional support. This program helps

so many foster youths achieve self-sufficiency, and I will continue to fight for adequate funding. Additionally, Oklahoma is lucky to have several non-profits, like J 127 Ministry in Durant, that step up to fill that need for foster youth.

I joined my colleagues on the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth to introduce several pieces of legislation earlier this year aimed at investing in foster youth. The Foster Youth Mentoring Act would expand mentoring programs for foster youth and improve outcomes once they leave the system. Mentors provide advice and support and are the only person foster youth feel they can turn to in times of need.

Too often, children who enter the foster care system don't have access to basic necessities like food and clothing, let alone the support systems they need. That's

why we introduced the Foster Care Stabilization Act, which will help make sure these children have the resources they need and set them up for success in the future.

Foster youth face many challenges, but they are resilient. These children are put in the system through no fault of their own and we must stand up for them. In Congress, I will continue to fight to make sure the system in place is effective and functions properly so foster youth can thrive for years to come.

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](https://mullin.house.gov/newslettersignup).

Westville Summer Slam Rescheduled for August 28

Westville SUMMER SLAM and Fireworks Show has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 28.

The event is sponsored by the Westville Chamber of Commerce.

Activities will include:
10 a.m.—Arts and Crafts vendors and Car Show.

5 p.m.—Live Music and Chamber Hot Dog & Hamburger Fundraiser.

Dark—Fireworks by the Smith Family.

Come on out and have some FUN and support a good cause!

Mullin It Over: Big Tech Must Be Held Accountable

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

Time and time again, Big Tech giants, like Facebook and Twitter, have demonstrated their willingness to ban and censor users they determine do not align with their progressive ideals. They are on a mission to police free speech out of existence, and Congress must act to hold Big Tech accountable for their censorship and anti-conservative bias.

So far, the Big Tech monopoly of power has gone fairly unchecked. Their ticket to unlimited

What's So Punny?

Double the Pun Fun...Two for the price of One.

1. I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me!

2. There was a kidnapping today at school.

Don't worry though...the kid woke up.

Look for more Pun Fun in the next issue...

To OUR readers: If you have a funny pun, please send it in by email: straightforwardpress21@gmail.com or to Straight Forward Free Press, P.O. Box 885, Stilwell, OK 74960.

The Lady in the Blue Sari

Part 4

By Donna Boecher

I looked at what I knew about Lydia. She was Christian. She wore a sari and her walk exuded health. I'd only seen her alone; never with anyone. I'd seen her come out of the cathedral. And from my earlier sightings and investigations, I knew she was off-the-grid. These statements threw off a lot of questions.

Alex was staying at a hostel off Rampart and Esplanade, the northeast corner of the Vieux Carre (old quarter), just a block from the Mississippi River. We'd agreed to touch base on Monday morning at the Café Du Monde because it never closes. Since the St. Louis Cathedral opened at 9 a.m., we sat down with our **beignets** (the French version of sweet fry bread dusted in powdered sugar) and **café au laits** (half hot milk, half coffee) at 8:45. We saw nothing from Monday to Friday. We played like tourists and consumed delicious gourmet meals. Hunkering down on Saturday, our eyes were riveted on the corner of the Pontalba Building for any movement. Suddenly, the blue sari flitted around the corner going toward the cathedral. Alex set out for the closest point south of the church, while I walked quickly straight west under the Pontalba portico. I hid myself between a trash can and portico column to see if she would back track the way she'd come. We waited. Thankfully, both Alex and I had cell phones. We'd been smoked! Alex saw her profile as she'd cut directly across from church to garden gate entrance. He snapped her picture! Now we knew two more facts; she never repeated her routes, and she appeared to move about on the weekend. This called for more surveillance. We'd need to change our coffee house, but that was easy. Hey, maybe we'd start drinking chai.

There were lots of tea shops and sidewalk vendors now that

the Indian population was over 50 percent in the Vieux Carre. **Auntie Lydia** might even stop by our favorite Chaiwallah. We laughed at that thought. Had she taken-up tea as she had her sari?

Why did she wear a "blue" sari? Where did she walk? Who bought her groceries? Did she cook? Where did she get her money? Who paid her bills? But I digress with too many questions. I decided to start with the church. The priests might know something. After losing her into the gardens, we walked into the cool depths of the church to check with the priests.

Ahead of us near the altar, **Father Luke** was adding new candles for the faithful to light when asking special prayers.

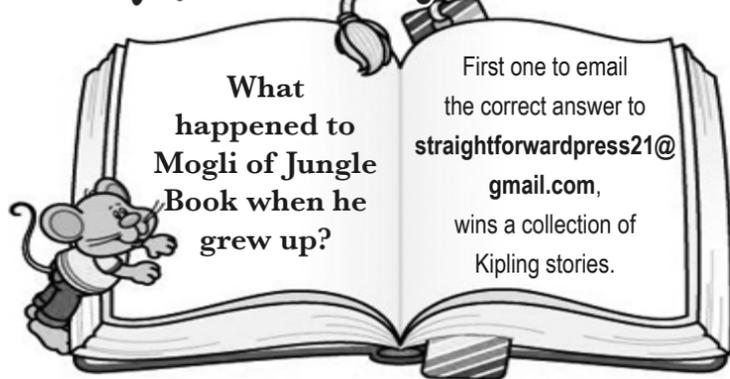
"Father Luke, did you see or speak to the lady in the sari who just left here?"

"No, and yes," he said with a little laugh. All I ever see is the back of her sari. "Every weekend she catches me in the confessional and asks me if there are any families in need or are there those seeking hospice care for someone. She's been speaking with me for over five years, so I'm ready with names and addresses. And... she always asks me to wait 30 seconds before leaving the confessional, so that she remains anonymous. Her works go before her. Maybe you should check at the church of The St. Thomas Christians. She might be helping the Indians too."

"Thanks, Father. Light a candle for us on our search. But first let me introduce myself and my friend. I am Tom Abraham and Alex Maloy is my new friend who needs to find out if The Lady in the Blue Sari is a blood relative. Anything helpful can be left on my office phone; I'm listed in the phone book. Again, thanks for speaking with us." (*Next week, the search continues.*)

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Literary Question for High School Students





**Adair County
E-911 Trust Authority**
is seeking qualified applicants
for position of:

911/EMS Director

Director Needed for 911/EMS

GENERAL SUMMARY: Directs the staff unit responsible for the administration and operation of the Adair County E-911 Center within the guidelines of Federal, State and Local laws, County policies and procedures and department regulations. Works with government officials, emergency agencies, employees, vendors, contractors, consultants, commissioners, and the public to provide administrative emergency response support. The person in this position reports to the Adair County E-911 Trust Authority on all matters. Management or supervisory experience and good oral and written communication skills are preferred. Salary based on qualifications and experience.

Resumes may be submitted in person, by mail, or email:
tina.adair911@gmail.com; Adair County 911, 220 W. Division St.,
Stilwell, OK 74960; (basement of the Courthouse),
and will be accepted through August 4, 2021.

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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 CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Being a conservative, I believe in the freedom of speech, I even support it for the people that have different philosophical views. While I may oppose the view of others, I still support their right to believe what they want. We conservatives try to use logic and facts and figures to support our point of view, I have noticed that many on the left side of the aisle would rather use cliches and raw emotion to form their point of view. We conservatives are confident with our ability to debate those on the left; while we may not be able to convince our counterparts to convert to our way of thinking, it is our hope that the average citizen who has not formed an opinion will take a hard look at what makes us conservatives. Sadly, in America today I am seeing a trend where anyone who is a conservative is ridiculed by the mainstream media and denied the ability to voice our point of view. In a recent article I read where our resident of the White House put pressure on major news outlets to censor conservatives and conservative ideals.

In some recent leaked emails from the Joe Biden campaign, it is alleged that there was back and forth communication between the campaign and Facebook and pressure was applied to pressure them into censoring their opposition. Some of the hard-line Democrat activists have been complaining that Facebook is not censoring enough conservative content. One of the activists even referred to Facebook - a platform that has banned Donald Trump and many other high-profile conservatives - as a "right-wing propaganda machine." If the left believes their rhetoric so strongly,

they should be able to debate their point of view to the American people and show the evil ways of the conservatives, they know they cannot. Usually, their defense degrades into name calling and making accusations unrelated to the topic of discussion.

One success that the conservatives have is the success of conservative talk radio. The late Rush Limbaugh was one of the driving forces, but the values and logic of conservatism is put out for the people to make an informed decision. The left has tried to counter the success of talk radio and have failed; however, they have been successful in converting the mainstream media into being a branch of the democrat party. It is so evident that the mainstream media is suppressing any information concerning the antics of the Biden family's shady business dealings. When Trump was president, the news media had no problem basing their lead stories upon unverified anonymous sources to bash him; now a paper trail can be established and the media will make no effort to look into it because it might cast a bad light upon resident Biden.

Over the past few days, I have heard that President Trump is filing a class action lawsuit against Facebook and others who have censored and banned people who have conservative ideas. All I can say is it is about time; for the American people to make a logical decision about the issues that are facing this nation they need to hear both sides. It is absurd that a so-called platform which is touted as being a supporter of free speech is deciding what the American people can see or not see.

For many "politics" is a dirty word and to be avoided at all costs. However, politics cannot be avoided. As the old saying goes, "Wherever two or more are gathered, there is politics in the midst." We are born into politics, family politics. Within a family, there is always jockeying for position, even from the time we draw our first breath and hollered out loud to punctuate our arrival on the family political scene and gain the attention and favor from the "higher ups", our parents. And



Dear John,

I have a problem. There is a lady in the church who has an evil tongue. Gossips and tells stories on people. Well during COVID we didn't have to see her, but "Jaws" is back! You know they say "what would Jesus do"? I don't want to be nice. She hurt me with her gossip and it caused a rift between me and my children. I have had difficulty forgiving her and now she is back and going after a friend of mine. I don't want to be nice. I play the piano at our church. "Serpent lady" trapped me behind the piano and gave me a hug with a Judas kiss on the cheek and whispered in my ear "I need to talk to you". I know what she wants, but I'm not going to play. I just want her to leave me alone. How can I do that?

Signed,

The Church Lady

Dear Church Lady, your dilemma immediately brings to mind the Book Of James. In the 3rd chapter, James describes, in detail, the havoc that an evil tongue can bring to the body of Christ. In verse 8 he says, "But the tongue no man can tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." It is the same tongue that beguiled Eve in the Garden. What can one do under such attack? Your first line of defense is always prayer. Ask God to give you the wisdom (see James 1:5) you will need to counteract the devices she may have in mind. Sometimes the best answer is no answer at all. The devil hates silence. Jesus knew that when he appeared before his accusers and remained silent. "Silence is golden" goes the old saying. We all have to learn how to bridle our tongues, especially in the face of a verbal onslaught. And sometimes the best answer is "I don't know." Finally, in James 4:7, we are entreated to "Submit yourselves, therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Sincerely,

Dear John

Got a question for Dear John? Send it to: dearjohn@writeme.com or mail to Dear John, POB 885, Stilwell, OK 74960.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Commentary by John Bankel

Today the Trail Travels to the Land of MANY PARASITES

that, my friend, in the political realm, is known as "lobbying".

As we go along in life we run into some more of it at school, church, the job site, among our friends, and so on and so forth, until we succumb to the final moment of our lives. As I recall, it was during the 2016 presidential campaign that one of the Republican candidates gave a rather succinct and somewhat humorous definition of "politics." Here is what he said. "The word 'politics' is made up of two words, 'poli', which means 'many' and 'tics', which, as you well know if you live in Oklahoma, are nasty, sneaky, bloodsucking parasites. There is probably very little doubt that most people look at politicians as "parasites" living in largesse on the taxpayers' dime. This is especially true on the Federal level. Under the Biden administration, the first thing that Biden did was to suck the lifeblood out of the Keystone XL Pipeline and the lifeblood of the 11,000 workers who depended on this project for their subsistence. And he did it by fiat. That action sent gas prices skyrocketing and when gas prices climb, so does everything else. Inflation is a great bloodsucker,

not only economically but also psychologically. Then he comes along with his inflationary "spend your way out of debt" policy, which, by the way, I have personally tried and found that it was an abysmal failure. But oh no. Joe, just the other day, said that his multi-trillion dollar spending plans, funded by the Federal printing press, will curb inflation. The history of the nations of the world says otherwise. One thing that Joe Biden will never be accused of is being wise. But then again he is a democrat. The same folks who shirk their work by running out on the Texas legislature to suck more of the taxpayers' dime in the name of protesting laws which will preserve the integrity of Texas elections. More democrat parasite behavior. For the time being America is stuck with a democrat Federal administration. That's the bad news. The good news is 2022 is just around the corner and as Republicans, we have the antidote to the "many parasites" running amok among us. Our "tic powder" is the ballot box. VOTE RED IN 2022.

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Mullin Presses NRC Commissioners on Role in Closing Nuclear Plants

During a joint Energy and Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee hearing yesterday, Congressman Markwayne Mullin (OK-02) pressed the Nuclear Regulatory Commissioners on their role in closing nuclear facilities across the country.

Mullin: "We're shutting down nuclear plants all over the country right now. Seven more are to be shut down this decade. You [Chairman Hanson] said we take the right approach, what is that right approach? Is that approach no nuclear power? Nuclear is clean and reliable if it's done right. If the NRC is convinced we're doing it right, then why are we shutting down plants while other countries are building them and why aren't we bringing new ones online?"

Chairman Hanson: "I'm sorry

Congressman, I guess I would argue that the decisions to shut down nuclear plants in the United States aren't related to the NRC. These are largely due to economic factors outside of the NRC's purview."

Mullin: "I'm almost shocked that you said that. Because of the heavy regulations and the cost of meeting requirements that the NRC has put in place has made it where it's not economically feasible for these plants to be built, much less maintained. And the NRC doesn't have any role in that"

Chairman Hanson: "I won't say that we don't have any role, but I don't think we're the decisive factor in that, no, Congressman."

Mullin: "That might be a big problem as to why we're losing nuclear power around here."

Puzzle Page

KRYPTO KONTEST

Week 2

In the Week 1 edition of the Krypto Kontest no one scored. The "playing field" is still all even. There is a change in the number of Kryptos needed to win the contest and claim the prize of a calculator and \$25 gift card. That number is now 5.

This week's Krypto uses 5 as the answer. You are playing with:

15, 2, 8, 19, 3

Using ALL these numbers, the task is to write an expression using any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division that equals 5. Good luck. Send your solution to:

Krypto Kontest
c/o Straight Forward FREE Press
POB 885
Stilwell, OK 74960

Vocabulary WORD of the DAY

Paraprosdokian

A figure of speech in which the latter part of the sentence, phrase, or larger discourse is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part.

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Let us know what is on your mind or if you have a newsworthy item, send it to: straightforwardpress21@gmail.com. Looking forward to serving you, our Reader.

The Staff,

The Straight Forward FREE Press

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Community Announcement: STILWELL NUTRITION CENTER

has **RE-OPENED** for Lunch and Recreation:

Pool, Cards & Conversation.

*Come on By...
Bring a Friend!*

Obituaries

Lebron Philip Vaughan January 5, 1941 – July 13, 2021

Lebron Philip Vaughan, 5th son and 10th child of John Wesley & Edna (Brock) Vaughan, was born January 5, 1941 on Arthur Sanders place on a bluff, overlooking the old Sanders School in rural Stilwell, OK. After a brief, sudden illness, he passed from this life to be with his Lord, July 13, 2021 at the age of 80 years, 6 months, 8 days.

He attended Whitmire Elementary School alongside his future wife Patricia Marilyn Best and graduated from Stilwell High School in 1958. Shortly after graduation in July 8, 1958 he enlisted in the US Navy.

His initial assignment was as parachute rigger but later he became an Aviation Electrician. He was stationed at various stateside ports and toured on various ships including USS Franklin D Roosevelt, USS Seattle, & USS Kearsarge. While on the USS Kearsarge, he earned his Vietnam Veteran status.

He earned many ribbons and medals including four good conduct ribbons represented by gold stripes on his uniform.

In May 1960, he took a short leave to return home and marry his high school sweetheart, Patricia Marilyn Best. Both their mothers, Edna Vaughan and Edna Doyle, were consenters & witnesses as they were both underage.

While stationed at NAS Fallon, NV, the first of two daughters, Susan Annette Vaughan was born in Churchill County Hospital. Their second daughter, Sharon Patricia Vaughan was born in Paul Kimball Hospital, Lakewood, while stationed at NAS Lakehurst NJ.

He was proud to serve his country until September 8, 1976, when he retired with 20 years of accredited service, with a rank of Petty Officer 1st Class. After retirement, he moved his family to Westville where he diligently worked to improve the local community. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post 3698; member of DAV Post 531; library board member; member of Westville Improvement Club (responsible for bringing in a Dr to the Westville Medical Clinic and a Dentist to Westville); Rural Water Board Member (working tirelessly bringing rural water to local residents); substitute teacher at Westville High School; service officer for DAV & VFW (helping veterans and their families); and was an active member of the Westville Church of Christ, after becoming a Christian, January 1993.

He attended Northeastern State University graduating in May 1985 alongside his two daughters and his son-in-law. He completed a BS with a double major in Industrial Technology and Business.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, Richard & Edna Doyle, Brothers, Ed Vaughan, Tommy Vaughan, & Willis Vaughan; Sisters, Elsie Smullen, Sarah Heustis, Catherine Coombes, & Naomi Stephenson.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Patricia Marilyn Vaughan of the home; daughter, Dr. Susan Annette Vaughan of Siloam Springs, AR, daughter, Sharon Patricia Whitten and husband, Officer Kerry Whitten of Sand Springs, OK; Grandchildren, Christopher Allen Philip Whitten, US Navy, Tiffanie Lynn Barto-Silva and husband James Keith Silva, Mannford, OK, Madeleine Hope Vaughan, Siloam Springs, AR; Great-Grandchildren, Waylyn Archer Barto and Nadia Ollie Silva; Brother, Wallace (Red) Vaughan and wife, Marilyn of Claremore, OK; Sister, Dora Coombes and husband, Ira Coombes, Stilwell, OK; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral Services were held at 10:00 am, Friday, July 16, 2021 at Roberts-Hart Funeral Home in Westville, with Brother Audie Vaughan officiating. Interment followed at Westville City Cemetery.



Troy Franklin Young December 13, 1935 – July 15, 2021

Troy Franklin Young was born in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas on December 13, 1935, and left this life on July 15, 2021, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 85, years, 7 months, and 2 days.

Troy was a dedicated husband and father. He enjoyed collecting antiques, was a Connoisseur Air Streamer, and loved to travel. His family was everything to him, he was a roofer by trade, he liked helping people, and kidding around.

He is preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters: Wilma and Verlin; 1 brother: JC, and 1 daughter: Lori Thompson.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife: Mary Young of the home in Park Hill, Oklahoma; children: Marilyn Golleher and husband Mike, Kay Hebert and husband Steve, Rebecca Durham and husband William, Tim Young and wife Vicki, and Troy Allen and wife Rebecca. 19 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Services were held at 1:00 pm Monday, July 19, 2021, at Light House Church, Lincoln, Arkansas with Bro. Roy Scates officiating. Under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, Oklahoma.



Stella Mae Green

February 14, 1937 – July 12, 2021

Stella Mae Green was born February 14, 1937, in Stilwell, Oklahoma to Johnny Adair and Gladys (Patterson) Adair. She went to be with the Lord on July 12, 2021, at the age of 84 years, 4 months, and 20 days.

Stella was a lifelong resident of the Honey Hill Community living her whole life on the very place where she was raised. She was employed with Stilwell Foods for over 44 years until her retirement, the only job she ever held, and one which she loved so very much.

Stella loved to cook and tried to feed everyone who ever walked in her house. She also loved to sing in Church, work in her flower beds, listen to Blue Grass Junction on Sirius XM, and spending time with family. If you ever needed advice, she would always say "my Granny use to say" and would have an answer for about any situation life had thrown at you.

Stella was a member of the Christian Worship Center until failing health forced her to stop attending.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her grandmother: Martha Arizona Patterson, who raised Stella of 6 weeks of age, and who Stella loved so very much; one sister: Atha Roller, and one daughter: Vickie Eubanks.

Stella is survived by a loving family that includes her husband of 66 years: Bob Green of the home; 1 son: Bobby Green and companion Colene Stephenson of Stilwell, Oklahoma; 1 brother: Coy Adair and wife Billie of Milfay, Oklahoma. 3 grandsons: Joe Eubanks of Stilwell, Oklahoma, Woody Eubanks of Euless, Texas, and Dustin Green of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 3 granddaughters: Charise Christie of Stilwell, Oklahoma, Crystal Coppedge of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Cosetta Osborne of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. 11 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren, and a host of other family and friends.

Graveside services were held at 10 am on Friday, July 16, 2021 at Honey Hill Cemetery, Stilwell, OK with Jimmy Essary officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.

DEATH NOTICES

Dale Oxford, 54, former resident of Westville, OK. Services at 10 am on Friday, July 23, 2021 at Roberts & Hart Chapel, Westville, OK.

Donald Woods, 56, resident of Stilwell, passed on July 10, 2021 in Stilwell. Private family services at a later date. Roberts/Reed-Culver.

Lorene Bean, 75, resident of Stilwell, passed on July 14, 2021 in Tahlequah, OK. Services at 2 pm on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel.

Ruby Robison, 88, resident of Stilwell, passed on July 17, 2021 in Stilwell, OK. Services pending. Roberts/Reed-Culver.

Betty Gibson, passed on July 18, 2021. Services pending. Roberts/Reed-Culver.

Columbus Eagle, passed on July 18, 2021. Services pending. Roberts/Reed-Culver.

Lori Clinton, passed on July 16, 2021. Services pending. Roberts/Reed-Culver.

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