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This nativity painting welcomes you to Donna Boecher's Zion Oaks Farm.

## Special Feature:

## Adair County Artist Vibe

In the first issue of each month, The Straight Forward Free Press will spotlight a local artist as a tribute to the enormous talent that resides within Adair County. Today's featured artist is Donna Boecher, ("Boecher" rhymes with "feature"), and her "Eclectic Whimsy."

### Commentary by John Bankel

Perhaps the best place to start in this story is to define "eclectic" and "whimsy" so we can see how those words fit in with Donna Boecher's art. "Eclectic" means "deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources." "Whimsy" means "playfully quaint or fanciful behavior or humor."

Donna, a native of Texas, earned a BA in English and spent a couple of years as an English Teacher. She has put her English training to very good use as a writer and currently writes and edits for this newspaper. But her creativity does not end there, for through the years she became interested in painting and sculpture.

Her extensive travels to Mexico, India and Europe and many places in the United States, has shaped her outlook on life and shaped her eclectic and whimsical style. Donna is not afraid to try a new adventure, sometimes just to see what happens, and most of the time with a humorous twist.

Take the painting of the cow with a necktie and hat for example? Or her figurines that evoke a smile? And her "cigar box nativity sculptures?" With her art, she more often than not uses whatever materials might be at hand to create something unique and unusual. Donna also has a deep devotion to God's Word which has produced a reverence for the Master Artist and His creation.

Take a look at her reverential portrayal of the Nativity, which stands at the entry to her Zion Oaks Farm and, in this writer's opinion, is her signature piece: a blend of eclectic and whimsy.



Pictured above is the top of the cigar box nativity sculpture which features notes and words of a hymn.



Donna's rendition of a cow in a necktie and hat.



One of Donna Boecher's cigar box nativity sculptures.

## Watts Up? Watts Town: A Haven Hidden on the Hillsides

Story by John Bankel

Watts, Oklahoma is easy to miss when one drives north of Westville on Oklahoma 59. Route 59 does not go "through" Watts; rather it runs alongside it, on a flat plane. There is nothing flat about Watts. One must go uphill to enter its confines.

At one time there were signs of a town, when 59 was a 2 lane. There was sort of an old time "mini-mall" that had a cafe, a gas station and a small grocery store. But no more. The highway became a 4 lane several years ago and along with widening, those discernible places disappeared.

Today one must look for a white plume of smoke lazily drifting into the sky from a tall smokestack that marks the presence of the Feed Processing Plant on the east side of the highway. On the west side, on a knoll overlooking the highway, sits an iconic and grand Victorian edifice, painted pale green with white columns, known as the Howard Hotel. It has presence! It has been there for a long time. It is worthwhile to stop there and get a "travel back into history" tour.

According to Bridgette Beavers, long time city clerk, court clerk, and all-around girl Friday, who works out of an office in a nondescript bungalow type building next to the Watts City Park, where she shares the space with the Watts Police Department, the citizens of Watts, who number 316, have little desire to become part of the mainstream hustle and bustle of the "rest of the world." They prefer to remain tucked into the hillsides of their haven. In Watts, there are probably as many different style dwellings as there are people, a

very interesting conglomeration of houses, some old, some new, some in dire need of repair or rebuild, some renovated but all built onto a hillside. The City Park sits in a holler and has a quaint charm that mirrors the rest of the town. A street that could be considered "Main Street" has several old wild west style storefronts, one of which serves as a senior/community center and another houses a "thrift store."

What does the future hold for this "haven hidden on the hillsides?" Bridgette Beavers thinks it will remain unchanged and she hopes that some of the old time fun events, like the dances where legendary Watts native, the late Rusty Phillips and his country western band played every weekend for decades, will eventually come back in a new form. And Ms. Beavers, with her exuberance and energy and love of this town, may just be the one to bring the "good old days" back.

But hold on! There is a Dollar General going in next to the volunteer Fire Station on the highway. Is this the first step toward Watts entering a new era, one of commercial presence? And, perhaps, in the process, lose some of its "hidden haven" mystique?

In this writer's opinion? Not if you keep those sort of things at the bottom of the hill. Folks will stay tucked away up the hill in their "haven hidden on the hillsides." That's Watts, Oklahoma!

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## Breakfast with Santa, Other Activities Set for December 4 in Westville

Come and celebrate a Westville Christmas on Saturday, December 4, 2021 beginning with Breakfast with Santa, and also enjoy the Christmas Craft Bazaar, at the Restaurant and Banquet Hall on Williams Avenue from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Come dressed as your favorite reindeer and participate in the Reindeer Fun Run beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Stingers Eatery and Event Center. Free to everyone.

Prizes will be awarded.

The Annual Christmas Parade theme this year is The Joys of a Westville Christmas. Check-in at the Community Center with Tamara. Line-up will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Cotton Sloan Road and Parade will start at 1:00 p.m.

Candy with Santa will be at 2:00 p.m.

Events brought to you by Westville Chamber of Commerce.

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"For he satisfieth the longing soul,  
and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

– Psalm 107:9 (KJV)

# THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

## UNADULTERATED ARROGANCE

We humans have a host of failings that have plagued our race for thousands of years; any sane person should have enough sense to learn from the mistakes of our ancestors, but the bunch of fools that currently occupy the white house and congress are breaking new records in poor government. At times I can forgive ignorance, if a someone is ignorant on any subject often times when given a logical counterpoint, they will change their point of view. Among the failings that I have a hard time forgiving are those of stupidity and arrogance. The current stupid policy of paying illegal aliens 450 thousand dollars for supposedly separating them from their children is total lunacy.

Just a few weeks ago when a reporter from Fox news asked Resident Biden about this, Biden's response was that it was garbage and it wasn't going to happen. Just a couple of days ago Biden addressed the issue again and he was visibly angry and declared it was just compensation because of the actions of the previous administration. This brain-dead resident of the White House who is masquerading as president thinks he knows what anger is, he doesn't have a clue to the anger of the average American taxpayer who is struggling to survive and keep up with the inflation that he has caused. If we were to apply his kind of logic to crime and punishment, maybe people committing armed robbery should take their children with them when they do the crime. If they are caught, the government would not remove the children from a dangerous environment

and the robber would receive some type of government handout. Another insult is to the families of our fallen men and women in the service, their death benefits to their survivors don't come up anywhere close to that amount. It amazes me how thick-headed the current administration can be, "These people that they are wanting to give this money to are criminals who have no respect for our sovereignty and our immigration laws."

According to White House adviser Cedric Richmond, the DOJ will ultimately decide how much the illegal immigrants will receive. These individuals fail to understand that the money they are so graciously willing to give away does not belong to them, it belongs to the taxpayers of this nation. Anytime I have a financial dispute with anyone I have to go to court before a jury of my peers and make my case. I say, put these illegals before a jury of born and bred American citizens and let them make their case. As for myself, I would be willing to give them a bus ticket to where they came from, and if they truly want to become citizens of this country let them go through the legal process countless other immigrants have done to become part of our country.

I firmly believe that Joe Biden is in cognitive decline but, like others suffering from mental decline, some of their negative traits seem to get stronger. From past news clips Biden has demonstrated his belief in his superiority; his unadulterated arrogance, if left unchecked, will completely destroy our reputation on the world stage and wreck our economy.

### THE KIPLING KORNER

"A people always ends by resembling its shadow."

Vocabulary  
**WORD**  
of  
the  
**DAY**

### Queue

Example: All the children in the toy department were in the queue to see Santa Claus.

• a line or sequence of people or vehicles awaiting their turn to be attended to or to proceed.

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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 22

By Donna Boecher

Teresa and Alex were getting married. The free worldwide web called Whats App would allow Auntie Lydia to contact all the family at one time-- whether in the States or other parts of Asia. There was just enough time for the bans to be posted in the St. Thomas Church in Palayur. Thankfully,

Reinard Singh had influence within the church for scheduling. The couple so wanted to be married in November. The monsoon season had just ended in south India; many of the wedding functions would be held outside in glorious 80-degree weather. Plus, gardenias, which were Teresa's favorite would be in bloom in November. Kipling has said "the first condition of

understanding a foreign country is to smell it." Kerala would be smelling so sweet. Back in New Orleans, the same wonderful gardenias would be wafting the city with its sweet, sweet fragrance. Teresa could see the large fragrant flowers entwined with ferns and possibly two or three calla lilies. Teresa had discussed her wedding dress with Lydia; it was to be slimline, accentuating her willowy frame. It would have short sleeves with a lace overlay over white satin. A gift from the fathers was a box of Indian freshwater pearls to be attached around the entire neckline. Alex said it sounded awesome! Of course, she wasn't letting him see the dress! Upon seeing a picture of the pearls, Aunt Lydia described a 2 1/2" scalloped crocheted lace pattern into which the pearls would be secured. It would be unduplicatable!



Dear John, I noticed you have a lot of married couple stories and I can't help myself but here is another one!

My aunt and her husband have been married for 38 years. Every year my uncle and his buddies go hunting. I've wondered what the big deal is about this annual hunting trip? The guys are ecstatic about leaving and my aunt loves it. She gets to read and rest. Well, this year she calls and asks if I could take something to her husband at the town close to where they are camping? I agree until I found out what it is that I would be hauling? It was his gun! He went on the hunting trip 4 days ago and just realized he didn't have his gun? My aunt thinks it's funny and I think there is something fishy going on here? What do you think, Dear John?

Staying Single

Dear Staying Single, marriage does bring some peculiar situations but so does staying single. In the case of your aunt and uncle, it seems to me that, first of all, they have had a long and trusting relationship or they would not have lasted 38 years. Secondly, it sounds like this "hunting trip" is the perfect event for both of them to get some change of pace from their everyday life. And, we as humans, need that sort of diversion every once in a while. The fact that your aunt thought leaving his gun at home is funny, either accidentally or on purpose, tells me that she understands her husband very well and this "hunting trip" may be just a ruse that he and his buddies cooked up to "do the town" as most red-blooded American "boys" like to do every now and then. She knows him well enough to welcome him back after all is said and done, just as long as he brings back home his gun. And as for staying single, some folks like it that way too!

Sincerely,  
Dear John

Got a question for Dear John? Email: [dearjohn@writeme.com](mailto:dearjohn@writeme.com). Real names are not used.

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## Health Tips from Larkin...

By Larkin Fouse, CHHP

**Holistic First Aid, Part 2--Bumps and Bruises:** We all know RICE when it comes to bumps and bruises, so we have the basics down when it comes to this. However there are a few things you can do from a natural health perspective that can help you even more. When you first get bruised, use RICE as normal, but then administer the Arnica Montana homeopathic remedy as soon as possible to stop the bruising and provide a rapid healing. If you don't have this remedy at home, I have it for sale at the clinic, or if you don't want to buy it, you have another option, though strange it may be. One of my homeopathy teachers had a granddaughter who had fallen in a marathon race and had bruised her ankle severely. My teacher did not have arnica with him at the time, so he simply had his granddaughter think about arnica and that had the same effect as if she had taken the remedy, and she was able to get up and finish the marathon! So try that if you don't have the actual remedy on hand, it can't hurt to try! The second thing you can do after the bruise has healed a bit and is just sore, is to

take a warm bowl of water and cut a fresh lemon in half and squeeze half of the lemon into the bowl of water and then take a rag and soak it in the bowl and place that warm rag over that painful area. Repeat for about 5-10 minutes or until you feel it has been done enough. As a side note this technique does not just work for bruises but also seems to be effective in helping arthritis, I found this out because I had a cousin with juvenile arthritis in his ankle that he wanted help with, and I did not have anything on hand at the time, but I remembered the lemon juice bowl idea, so we applied it to his ankle, and his arthritis cleared up after giving the treatment to him! Anyway, after you have applied the lemon water rag to the bruise, take the other half of the lemon and squeeze the juice out into a cup, put in sweetener of choice, and add water to taste, and make a glass of lemonade and give it to the poor person who was bruised, to cheer them up!

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



## Mullin It Over: Carving Our Pockets Instead of Turkey

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

Thanksgiving is a time to gather with loved ones and reflect on the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us. For many, it is one day of the year to find reprieve from life's daily challenges and pause to break bread with family and friends. We all know the holidays can be a hard time for some, and this year, the Biden Administration is only making it worse.

This year's Thanksgiving holiday is shaping up to be the most expensive one yet. Inflation is at a 31-year high and there is no sign of it slowing. Last month, the consumer price index rose 6.2 percent, which is the fastest growth rate the United States has seen in over three decades. This means Americans will be forced to pay 15 percent more for their Thanksgiving meal than last year. For example, turkey is up 18 percent, pumpkin pie is up 17 percent, and potatoes are up 13 percent, which are just a few of my favorites from our Thanksgiving meal.

Not only are these staples more expensive, but the supply chain crisis is making them harder to find. According to the Wall Street Journal, grocery stores are seeing

a range of four to eleven percent decrease in supplies of food and household items. Those expensive turkeys I just mentioned are already out of stock at more than half of all grocery stores and we're still a week away from the holiday.

Unfortunately, the bad news doesn't stop there. It's not just the meal that will cost more - getting to the table will too. Car rentals are up 39 percent and hotel stays are up 25 percent. I also probably don't have to tell you that gas prices are at a 7-year high and that heating your home as you host your guests will cost 54 percent more.

While this is a time we should be thankful and reflect on our blessings, we can't ignore the problem that the Biden Administration created. Inflation has found its way into every aspect of Americans' lives and right to the kitchen table. Families should be focused on carving their turkeys instead of carving these increased costs out of their pockets.

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](http://Mullin.house.gov/newslettersignup).

# Obituaries

## Betty (Tate) Younger June 27, 1935 – November 15, 2021

Betty (Tate) Younger was born on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1935 at her family's home in Kel Hollar, Adair County, Oklahoma.

She married Junior Younger on June 16, 1953.

Betty is survived by her eldest son, Gary Younger and wife Ernestine. Youngest daughter, Retha Younger, whom she lived with. Youngest son, Kenneth Younger and wife Genese. Her grandchildren, Wes Mullen and wife Crystal, D J Younger and wife Jennifer, Tina Atchison and husband Daniel, Tamra Younger, Gina Suhan and husband Shaun. She had many great grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Junior and oldest daughter, Susie Keys.

Betty was the best Mom and stayed home with the kids. To make ends meet, she did have to work outside the home a couple times. She worked at Deny Container for a short time in 1964. She also worked at La-Z-Boy for about 8 years. She was the "mushroom queen". Her favorite pastime was hunting mushrooms and listening to southern gospel music.

Funeral services were held at 10 am on Friday, November 19, 2021 at Roberts & Hart Chapel, Westville, OK with Bro. Jim Beavers officiating. Interment followed at New Hope Cemetery, Westville, OK.



## Betty Jean (Carter) Sanders July 19, 1925 – November 15, 2021

Betty Jean Carter was born July 19, 1925, in Thermopolis, Wyoming to James S. Carter and Beulah M. (Alberty) Carter.

She was married to Sherman L. Sanders February 23, 1946 in Westville, Oklahoma upon his return from Army duty in Germany. To this union was born a son, James (Jim) William on July 18, 1949.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father, husband and son.

Those surviving her are two grandsons, Mike Sanders and wife Susan of Westville and Mark Sanders of Stilwell. Two great-granddaughters, Brittany Sanders of Stilwell and Ashley Fain of Kansas, Oklahoma. Four great-grandsons, Brent and Tyler Sanders of Westville and Bryce and Cooper Jo Sanders of Stilwell. Two step great-granddaughters, Brianna Walker of Van Buren, Arkansas and Taylor Wilson of Westville, Oklahoma. One step great-great-grandson, Easton Walker and one great-great-granddaughter, Maverick Fain. She was also looking forward to the birth of her soon to be great-great-grandson, Mason Walker and great-great-granddaughter, Bentlee Fain. Cousin, Alberta Walden of Albuquerque, New Mexico who was more like a sister than a cousin. Daughter-in-law, Valerie Sanders Bennett of Stilwell. Sister-in-law, Allene Sharp of Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

She worked for Kelly's Department Store from 1966 until Sharpe's Department Store bought Kelley's, then she worked until it's closing in June of 2004. While there she made many good friends, the dearest being Ann Cain, Rita Wolfe, Vi Presley and her great bosses, David and Cathy Harwell.

Betty was always known to her family as "Granny Betty" and she will be missed beyond measure.

Graveside services were held at 11 am on Friday, November 19, 2021 at Stilwell City Cemetery, Stilwell, OK with Jack Ogden officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.



## Geneva Faye Wood

November 20, 1926 – November 12, 2021

Geneva Faye Wood was born in Westville, Oklahoma on November 20, 1926, to the family of Lee and Ollie Moss. She went to be with her Lord on November 12, 2021, at her home.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister: Lenell Sanders; and son-in-law: Donn Fitch.

She is survived by her husband: Brice Wood; daughters: Judy Fitch, Carol Gipson and husband Ken, and Patricia Titus and husband Raymond; she has six grandchildren: Melanie Ellis and husband Doug, Lori McMillian and husband Tommy, Gina Mardis and husband Mark, Rachael Thrailkill and husband Mark, Lance Gipson, and Bobby Adcox and wife Stephanie; also 13 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild survive her.

She was retired from Franklin Electric. She enjoyed sewing, and making afghans and quilts for her daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She and Brice celebrated their 76th anniversary on February 21, 2021. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Westville, Oklahoma.

The family would like to express their gratitude for loving care that the Hospice staff provided.

Funeral services were held at 1 pm on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK with Ken Gipson officiating. Interment followed at New Hope Cemetery, Westville, OK.



## Linda Kay Catcher July 19, 1961 – November 15, 2021

Linda Kay Catcher, known by family and friends as Kay, received her angel wings on November 15, 2021 at the age of 60 years, 3 months, and 27 days old.

Kay was born on July 19, 1961, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma to Willard and Wanda (Wilhite) Catcher. She loved bargain shopping and was always on the lookout for a good garage sale. She would brag about the good deals she would get. Kay loved to cook, even though her nephew would remind her of the times she may have not cooked that chicken all the way. Kay also enjoyed her garden and flowers. She had a heart for others and especially her momma - she would check in on her every day to make sure she was doing okay. Kay had two nephews that she loved, Greg and Brad. When Greg got married, she



welcomed Michelle into the family, and when their family grew, giving her two great-nieces, Hannah and Madeline, she spoiled and loved them well. Kay's love for others came from her relationship with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She loved the Lord, and it showed in how she treated others. When she was able to attend church, she made sure she knew and met people. She was faithful to attend when she could and to listen when she couldn't be there in person. She trusted the Lord even though the past couple of years had been difficult health-wise for her. She had even said recently that she trusted herself into God's hands.

Kay is preceded in death by her daddy, Willard Catcher, and her brother-in-law, Ken Adair. Kay is survived by her loving family—her mother, Wanda (Wilhite) Catcher; her sisters, Karen Curnutte of Tahlequah and Judy Catcher-Adair of Cookson; her nephew, Greg Curnutte, and his wife, Michelle, and their two daughters, Hannah and Madeline, of Sugar Land, TX; her nephew, Brad Adair of Cookson; her niece, Denae Catron of Arkansas; one aunt, Dorothy Workman of Stilwell; as well as many other family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Monday, November 22, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Sam Ketcher and Bro. Greg Curnutte officiating. Interment followed at Ewing Chapel Cemetery, Stilwell, OK under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home.

## Louella (Pritchett) Brown July 19, 1940 – November 12, 2021

Louella was born on July 19, 1940, to the union of Columbus Pritchett and Nancy (Daugherty) Pritchett in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. She entered the Kingdom of God on November 12, 2021, surrounded by her family at the golden age of 81 years. Louella married the love of her life, Elwood Brown, on July 16, 2001, in Bell, Oklahoma.

Mom and Elwood enjoyed going on long drives throughout the countryside or going to the cabin for the night during hunting season. Mom and Elwood also made the perfect pair for growing and canning delicious foods, that were enjoyed by many. Most of all they enjoyed worshipping the Lord together and singing praises unto Him. Louella loved and praised the Lord until her final breath; she had a heart after Jesus that was felt by many. Louella was a member of Piney Creek Baptist Church where she enjoyed attending while her health permitted. She was a wonderful mother to her children and grandchildren whom she loved and prayed for without ceasing. Mom was a Godly woman who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She raised her children and grandchildren to love God and respect other people, her prayers, love, and support covered her family on a daily basis and never wavered.

Louella was a homemaker, where she enjoyed cooking many different foods and teaching her grandchildren how to cook, tending to her garden that was full of many fruits and vegetables, just as in her Christian life, she bore much fruit for the Lord. Mom had many different animals that she loved and brought her much joy. She also had many flowerbeds around the yard, full of beautiful flowers and decorations. She was a lover of nature and was often out on walks in the woods or out looking for traditional foods, which she loved to eat. Music was a big part of mom's life for it brought her much joy and even more joy when singing praises unto God. Mom was first and foremost a Child of the living God but also an amazing mother, grandmother, and wife. We are forever eternally grateful for such a blessing. Her adventurous attitude, broad range of interests, and her happy demeanor made her a wonderful person to know. She was patient and generous with her time and affection. Mom pursued her many endeavors diligently, and always arose to meet a challenge for she knew God was on her side.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband; grandchildren: Melanie Pritchett, Desirae Swake, and Lawyer Swake; siblings: Willard Kirk, Ruby Sawney, Louise Nofire, Juanita Sevenstar, Willie Pritchett, Jimmy Pritchett, and Sally Pritchett.

Louella leaves to cherish her memory seven children: Linda Swake and husband John T. of Westville, Oklahoma, Michael Pritchett, Patricia Pritchett, Thomas Pritchett and wife Cholon, all of Stilwell, Oklahoma, Rachel Soap of Westville, Oklahoma, Jimmy Dale Soap and wife Sandra of Belfonte, Oklahoma, and Christopher Soap and wife Terri Dawn of Stilwell, Oklahoma; stepchildren: George and Dodie Brown, Artie and Christina Brown, Laura, and James Brown; 21 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 5 siblings: Rufus Pritchett of Stilwell, Oklahoma, Callie Taylor and husband Virgil of Greenwood, Arkansas, Nellie Green of Stilwell, Oklahoma, Harry Daugherty of Stilwell, Oklahoma and Sam Daugherty of Long, Oklahoma; along with a host of many family members, nieces, nephews, and friends who also survive her.

Funeral services were held at 1 pm on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at New Life Church, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Avery McGee, Isaiah Soap and Bro. Steve Campbell officiating. Interment followed at Rock Fence Cemetery, Stilwell, OK under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.

## Poem

By Larkin Fouse

**A price to pay:** I see today a path to tread one that most people fear and dread, yet to travel this road I set my face, to find the most marvelous wonderful place. Called the land of the free and the home of the brave, whose price in blood and sweat freedom's worth was paid.

## Mullin Strongly Opposes Democrats' Build Back Broke Bill

Congressman Markwayne Mullin (OK-02) released the following statement after voting no on the Democrats' "Build Back Broke" spending bill.

"This bill changes the foundation of our country," **Mullin said.** "Each provision included in this legislation is an item from the far-Left's socialist

wish list. At a price tag of \$1.75 trillion, plus the \$1.2 trillion so-called infrastructure package, this level of spending will saddle Americans with debt for generations to come. Our country is already suffering from record high inflation—spending trillions more is the last thing we should be doing."



After a long battle with serious illness, **Raymond Lowery**, who was originally from Ft. Worth, Texas and had moved to the Stilwell area, from where his late wife came, passed away on November 18, 2021, shortly after his 77th birthday. His passing took place at the OSU Medical Center in Tulsa, OK. Raymond will be missed by his neighbors at Davidson Heights apartments.



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

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**Cherry Tree Baptist Church Elders Revival, December 1st-3rd,** 6:30 nightly, Speaker: Richard Pickup.

**Community Christmas Dinner, Saturday, December 4th,** 12:00-2:00 pm.

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Phyllis Hagan will be hosting an **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.

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**Stilwell FCCLA** will be hosting a **Christmas Bazaar** at Stilwell High School on **Saturday, December 4** from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Santa will be present for free photos and Santa's elves will help all children to make a Christmas ornament to take home with them.

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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.

## MTech Cave to Host \$10 Modern Store Championship December 4

The \$10 Modern Store Championship will be held this Saturday, December 4, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at MTech Cave, located at 713 N. 2nd Street in Stilwell, OK.

Format: Modern, Entry Fee: \$10, Registration Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Event Start Time: 2:00 p.m.

Promo prizes are as follows: 1st Place—Foil Wurmcoil Engine Promo, 2x Foil Midnight Hunt Promo Pack; Top 8—Foil Collected Company Promo, Regular Midnight Hunt Promo Pack. All participants will receive an Arbor Elf! (Limit 40)

In addition to Promo Prizes, there will be Regular Prizes: 1st Place—1 Draft Pack per player entered + 2x Relic Token Packs; 2nd Place—3 Draft Packs ≠ 1 Relic Token Pack; and 3rd Place—1 Draft Pack.

For more information, please call MTech Cave at **(918) 218-2039** or email **mikah@mtechcave.com**.

## Obituaries

### Burl Yonah "Cotton" Livers May 26, 1959 – November 11, 2021

Burl Yonah "Cotton" Livers, the son of JC Livers Sr. and Mary Lou Feathers, was born May 26, 1959, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and departed this life on November 11, 2021, in Fayetteville, Arkansas at the age of 62 years, 5 months and 16 days.

Cotton attended Dahlongegah school and graduated from Sequoyah High School. He was a fun loving man who enjoyed being outdoors whether he was fishing or mowing his grass. Cotton loved playing ball in his younger days. He enjoyed growing roses and he was very proud of them. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren, who meant the world to him. He was a football fan and loved the Washington Redskins. Cotton enjoyed watching football and old westerns. He touched many lives over the years and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Johnny Fid Auffet; his aunt, Lola R. Feathers; and a special nephew, David Allen Auffet.

He is survived by a loving family which includes his wife, Cherokee Livers; his daughters, Michelle Livers Stamps and husband Dusty, LeAnne Livers-Woods and husband Chris and Lisa Marie Livers and her companion, Jarrod Whiteley; his grandchildren, Cole Grimmert, Mazie Price, Chloe Stamps and Jet Whiteley; and his brothers, Delmer and wife Sandra and JC Jr, special nephew, James Fid Auffet. Several other relatives and many friends also survive him.

Graveside services were held at 1 pm on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Feathers Cemetery, Stilwell, Adair County, Oklahoma with Bro. July Tecumseh officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.



### James (Mike) Michael Sanders July 26, 1968 – November 19, 2021

James (Mike) Michael Sanders was born July 26, 1968 in Ft. Smith, Arkansas to James (Jim) William and Valeria Jean (Ogden) Sanders. He left this earth on the highway to heaven on November 19, 2021, at the age of 53 years old.

Mike grew up in Stilwell, Oklahoma until his mom remarried and finished out his high school years in Grand Prairie, Texas. Soon after he relocated back to Stilwell until 1999 when he moved to Westville, Oklahoma to complete his family.

On August 26, 1999, Mike married Susan Gail Hill of Westville and along with his daughter Ashley and her two girls Brianna and Taylor they became their own little Brady Bunch. To this union they added Brent and Tyler.

Mike was a proud 3rd generation truck driver. Following in the footsteps of his Grandpa Sherman Sanders and his Dad Jim Sanders. He always said trucking was in his blood.

He was a loving husband and a very proud Dad and always made sure his family had what they needed, even if that meant having to stay out on the truck for longer periods. In recent years he became a Poppy. His grandkids were the light of his life, and he was very proud of them. He was so excited on his two upcoming grandkids being born.

Mike was preceded in death by his Dad Jim Sanders, Stepdad Dennis J. Bennett, Maternal Grandparents Leo and Jean Ogden, Paternal Grandparents Sherman and Betty Sanders, Uncle Jerry Ogden, In-laws Grady and Norma Hill and Brother-in-Law Mike Hill.

He leaves behind a family that will miss him dearly and that includes his wife, Susan of the home. Three daughters, Brianna Walker and husband Jeremy of Van Buren, Arkansas, Ashley Fain and husband Logan of Kansas, Oklahoma and Taylor Wilson of Westville. Two sons, Brent Sanders and fiancé Hailey Cole of Westville and Tyler Sanders of the home. 2 Grandsons, Easton Walker and soon to be Mason Walker. 2 Granddaughters, Maverick Fain and soon to be Bentlee Fain. His Mom, Valeria Bennett of Stilwell, 1 brother Mark Sanders, 1 niece Brittany Sanders, 2 nephews Bryce and Cooper Sanders of Stilwell. Brother-in-laws, Bruce Hill and wife Robin and Dan Hill and wife Faye of Westville. 2 sister-in-laws, Sheryl Hill of West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma and Donna Duckering of Galena, Missouri. Very special uncles and aunts, Butch and Susie Ogden, Jack Ogden, Rowena Ogden and Allene Sharp. Very special family cousin Alberta Walden. Close cousin who Mike loved dearly Jack Sanders and wife Cindy and a host of other cousins and numerous friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Jack Ogden officiating. Interment followed at Westville City Cemetery, Westville, OK.

### Joyce Lynette Kroon August 31, 1949 – November 22, 2021

Joyce Lynette Kroon age 72, passed away November 22, 2021, at the Circle of Life in Springdale, Arkansas. She was the daughter of Chester and Glenna Palone.

Preceding her in death was her father Chester Palone and step-mother Catherine Palone, and her mother Glenna Johnson (Allison) and step-father William C. Johnson (Pooops).

Survivors are one sister Sandra Adams (Palone) of Sallisaw, OK. Her three children Shane W. Cowan of Tulsa, OK, Steven C. Kroon and wife Angela of Rogers, AR, Andrea Harrelson and husband Ronnie of Siloam Springs, AR. Her grandchildren Jordan Cowan and wife Kelly of Summers, AR, Ashley Cowan of Victoria, TX, Tyler Kroon and wife Sarah of Gentry, AR, Lorna Kroon of St. Louis, MO, Tanner Kroon of Rogers, AR, Tierney Herbert of Siloam Springs, AR, Morgan Julio and husband Mark of Fayetteville, AR, Justin Harrelson and wife Casey of Siloam Springs, AR, and Jason Harrelson of Lincoln, AR, and eight great-grandchildren: Henry Cowan, Maverick Kroon, Journey Nowlin, Lucy Dove Julio, Dominic Julio, Holly McReynolds Thurman, Payton Harrelson and MacKinnley Harrelson.

Joyce attended Marysville Union High School in Marysville, CA and then went on to get her Cosmetology license where she eventually ran three different schools. (At the same time) She was a loving, caring, single mother



who always struggled to give her children a good life. She did very well. She loved home interior and working with flowers in the yard. After the framing, she even built a house with just one neighbor to help. She was an extraordinary woman, loved by many. She was a daughter, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Monday, November 29, 2021 at Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK with Bro. Elvin Still officiating. Interment followed at Old Baptist Mission Cemetery, Westville, OK.

### Pauline Sanders May 23, 1963 – November 18, 2021

Pauline Sanders, the daughter of Robert Sanders Sr. and Hattie Soap, was born May 23, 1963, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and departed this life on November 18, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 58 years, 5 months and 26 days.

Pauline worked at Peterson's in Decatur for many years. She was also a homemaker, and she loved spending time with her grandchildren. Her family was most important to her and she enjoyed being surrounded by her children, grandchildren, cousins and friends. She enjoyed going to the store and getting scratch off tickets. Pauline touched many lives over the years and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Hattie Soap; her sister, Gloria Garcia; Ute Soap, Carl Locust, Sambo Flynn, Ancie Shell, Lela Mae Soap, Ruby Sawney, Corina Roastingear, Helen Soap, grandmother, Ahniwake Soap, and grandfather, Jackson Soap.

She is survived by a loving family which includes her special friend, Dennis (Cloyd) Teehee; her children, Starla Sanders, Tyrone England and Timothy England and wife Amanda McKee; her brothers and sisters, Jerry Sanders and companion Trish, Robert Sanders, Tommy Sanders and companion Carla, Melinda and husband Mike, and Bonita; and 11 grandchildren. Several nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive her.

Funeral services were held at 1 pm on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Gary Flynn officiating. Interment followed at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.



### Teresa Michelle Stimson September 2, 1965 – November 20, 2021

Teresa Michelle Stimson, 56, passed from this life at Siloam Springs Regional Hospital, Siloam Springs, AR, on November 20, 2021. Teresa was born to James Basil Matlock and Emma Rose Johnson on September 2, 1965 in Tulsa, OK.

She attended Jay Public Schools. She loved spending time with her two dogs, Dazie and Bella. Spending time outside gardening, hunting, fishing and collecting arrowheads. As well as playing World of War Craft.

She is preceded in death by her father, James Basil Matlock and other family members.

She is survived by her mother, Emma Rose Johnson of Jay, OK; her spouse, Allen Stimson of Westville, OK; three sons, James Luper and wife Crystal of Jay, OK; Cory Luper and spouse Ashley of Jay, OK; Justin Luper of Jay, OK; seven grandchildren, Haven Luper; Sean Barnett; Cory Jr (Sonny) Luper; Jebediah Luper; Taylynn Luper; Brooklyn Luper; and Brystal Luper; siblings, Rose Sutton of Santa Fe, TX; Raymond and wife Sherry of Eucha, OK; Jimmy and wife Cynthia of Eucha, OK; Lisa Whaler and husband Mike of Jay, OK; along with many other loved ones.

Graveside services were held at 2 pm on Monday, November 29, 2021 at Proctor Cemetery, Proctor, OK with Austin Epperson officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK.



### Phyllis May (Jones) Adams May 8, 1927 – November 11, 2021

Phyllis May (Jones) Adams, departed this world on November 11, 2021, at age of 94 years, 6 months, and 3 days. She was born May 8, 1927 in Marion, Kansas to Alexander Cannonball and Olive M. (Sanborn) Jones. She was one of 10 children to this union.

In 1947, she married her high school sweetheart, Walter Eugene Adams, and this union resulted in a little more than 70 years of marriage. She was a resident of Cherryvale, KS for most of her life, and moved to Stilwell,

Oklahoma in early 2017 with her husband, Eugene. She is survived by one brother, Nathan Jones of Las Vegas, Nevada; three children, Tom Adams and wife Debra of Hakalau, HI; Alan Adams and wife Irina of Stilwell, OK, and Marla Peters and husband Dan-ell of Olathe, Kansas; 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene and children Dale, Wesley and Joyce and one granddaughter, Beth.

Phyllis loved playing Southern Gospel and classical music on the piano. She provided piano lessons for many years to numerous individuals. She was the church pianist for the Cherryvale Church of the Nazarene for decades. She also enjoyed embroidery and cross stitch. An avid gardener, she took a great deal of satisfaction in, not only raising the fruit, vegetables and flowers, but sharing the bounty of her garden. Amongst the family, close friends and church members, her homemade cinnamon rolls, jams and jellies, tomato juice and green tomato relish were legendary.

After moving to Stilwell, she attended the Cookson Baptist church where she enjoyed participating in various women's groups and meetings. Upon retirement, she and Eugene spent much of their time traveling to see their children and grandchildren, but truly enjoyed traveling to the Pacific Northwest for summer vacations. Phyllis was able to make several trips to the Big Island of Hawaii to experience this tropical paradise and to enjoy time with her son and daughter-in-law.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on December 18, 2021 at the Wickham Funeral Home in Cherryvale, KS with Rev. James Brunk officiating. Interment to follow at Fairview Cemetery in Cherryvale, KS.



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# A John Deere Farewell

*A Thanksgiving Story*  
by John Bankel

Life comes with interruptions and the starkest one is death.

Over Thanksgiving, this writer was invited to celebrate the holiday with dear friends in Colorado. The day before leaving, the news came that a boyhood lifelong friend of this writer's host, (whose name is John), had suddenly passed away. No doubt a friend's passing is always a sad affair and the timing of this one could very well have put a damper on Thanksgiving since the funeral was scheduled for the day before. Yet, the funeral became an occasion to celebrate this man's life in a very profound way.

Both John and his now deceased friend Norman, had been lifelong collectors of John Deere tractors. So John and a couple of other collectors decided to do something that would show a reverence for the deceased by bringing 4 antique John Deere's, a 1928 D, a 1936 A, a 1943 D and a 1951 A, to the graveside and at the end of the service rev those relics up and drive them "around the track" as a final salute to their "John Deere Brother."

The folks who came on this overcast windy day saw a spectacle that may never happen again: A John Deere Farewell.



1928 D John Deere Tractor



1936 A John Deere Tractor

## Candidate Filing Begins for Board of Education

Candidates for the Board of Education in 9 Adair County school districts will file Declarations of Candidacy beginning 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6, 2021.

Jan Wilhite, Secretary of the Adair County Election Board, said Declaration of Candidacy forms must be completed and submitted to the County Election Board no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 when the filing period ends. Wilhite reminds voters that Contests of Candidacy must be filed no later than Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 and may only be filed by another candidate for that office.

If more than two candidates file for the same vacant Board of Education position, a Primary Election will be held Tuesday, February, 8, 2022. If one candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, that candidate will be named the elected official. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will vie for the vacant position during the Board of Education General Election, April 5, 2022. If only two candidates file for the same vacant Board of Education position, those two candidates' names will

appear on the General Election ballot in April.

Declarations of Candidacy will be accepted for the following offices:

Bell School District, Office No. 2 and No. 3 (unexpired)

Cave Springs School District, Office No. 2

Dahlongegah School District, Office No. 2

Maryetta School District, Office No. 3

Peavine School District, Office No. 2

Rocky Mtn. School District, Office No. 1

Stilwell School District, Office No. 2

Watts School District, Office No. 2 and No. 5 (unexpired)

Westville School District, Office No. 2

Zion School District, Office No. 3

(OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION)

Declaration of Candidacy forms can be downloaded from the State Election Board website at [oklahoma.gov/elections](http://oklahoma.gov/elections) or by contacting your County Election Board office at 918-696-7221 or [adair.county@elections.ok.gov](mailto:adair.county@elections.ok.gov).

The Adair County Election Board is located at 220 W. Division, Stilwell, OK and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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## The ROVING REPORTER Out and about and in Colorado...



On the road up to Pueblo Mountain Park, which lies next to the quaint old mountain town of Beulah (30 miles west of Pueblo), this whitetail hightailed across the road and then the buck stopped here...looks like a buck's butt smiley face, eh?



In the Park, I ran into this bent tree around the bend but that's not why it's bent...it was probably bent on growing this way?"



These signs speak for themselves...say no more.

Photos by The Roving Reporter

## Our Readers' Voice...



**Days Late, Dollars Short**  
By Concerned Citizen

Patriots persist in seeking timely access to public information, desiring advanced preparation for County Commissioner Meetings. Attempts to get the matter listed as an Agenda item, for open discussion aimed at meeting this objective, failed. Directly requesting relevant information, in advance of upcoming Meetings upon obtaining the Agenda, also failed. Andy Williams, from the district attorney's office, instructed the Commissioners: "All you need to provide... is notice of the meeting itself."

Thus, Commissioner Meetings continually evince the consequences of this obstructionist "notice only" posture. Seven "Resolutions" were on the November 15, 2021 Agenda. Those written Resolutions could, arguably should, have been easily appended to the published Agenda as "exhibits." It would literally cost nothing to attach them to the email that already sends out the Agenda. Without them, Citizens were left with easily avoidable questions. What is ACJTA? Who is the Court-house Authority and what do they do? When does the Excise Board meet and why is that relevant? Are Corrections Board meetings open to the public? Breathtakingly, meeting dates for six public bodies were addressed, exactly none of which were openly disclosed.

The November 22, 2021 Meeting was similar. *What even is "Reso-*

*lution #11:10-2021, Adair County Work Incentive Awards?"* If precious time is spent by Citizens simply getting their bearings, not much meaningful dialogue will actually occur. Maybe that's the point? What about the contemplated lawn services contract for the Adair County Health Department? How does that work? Is that publicly posted for bidding? How? Where? When? Is it a race to the bottom for bidders, because the lowest bid wins? Are there other factors? Even a few explanatory sentences of background information, providing useful context and rudimentary understanding, would help Citizens engage at a deeper level and alleviate banal questions.

However, it has been said that "Sometimes you cannot tell people the truth. You must show them." (See Q drop #4641, September 09, 2020, <https://qalerts.app/?n=4641>, *emphasis added*). Thus, one Patriot effectuated a concrete effort to show the mediocre, yet predictable, outcome of an uncooperative public information policy. The Citizen filed an Open Records Act request (*OK Statutes, Title 51, Chapter 1, Section 24A.5*) with the Commissioners for information and documents relevant to "Resolutions" from *prior* Meetings. The documents produced by that request have not yet been reviewed, but the primary point was simply to obtain them. Since they presumably pertain to Resolutions *already* voted on, the time for Citizen input has expired. What this shows,

however, is that We The People can, and will, get our information.

Curiously, quick glance of the documents revealed an imposed charge of \$10 for the copies. First, Oklahoma law requires a public body to "post a written schedule of the fees at its principal office." The Commissioner Office has none. In fact, when Open Records Act fees were on the Agenda recently, no action was even taken. Second, Oklahoma law caps the per-page fee at \$.25 (*unless seeking certified copies*). Remember, this information could have been provided in advance, timely, for free. Now, it's finally provided, after it's too late, seeking payment for the same! Third, however, Oklahoma law further states: "In no case shall a search fee be charged when the release of records is in the public interest." It's difficult to imagine what could be more "in the public interest" than Citizen Patriots having information critical to performing oversight of public servants.

The County inevitably produced the eventually-released documents, albeit too late to be of much use, billing for them, in vain, in violation of Oklahoma law. Patriots have shown the release of public data is both unavoidable and also achievable at zero cost. Hence, maybe the County will advance the timeline of dissemination, to the benefit of all, in the future. For now, the Commissioner Office remains, quite literally, "a day late and a dollar short" (*and then some*).



**Stilwell Sports Spotlight**  
Commentary by John Bankel

**Class 4A Football Update**

The Stilwell Indians did not qualify for the Class 4A Football playoffs. Only the top 4 teams in the district, District 4, make it. Out of those 4 qualifiers, Poteau is the only team that got through the first round.

As a matter of fact, the Pirates made it all the way to the semi-finals where they clashed with perennial powerhouse Tuttle, who came into that game undefeated and ranked #1. They left the same way. Tuttle is now 12-0 after they nipped Poteau 28-21.

Poteau finished their season with a 10-2 record and at one time was ranked #2 in the state in Class

4A. #1 Tuttle heads into the finals on December 3 to do battle with a 10-1 Clinton, ranked #3. Poteau represented District 4 in super fashion and deserves accolades for their fine season.

Stilwell, meanwhile, is already setting their sights on the 2021-22 season with the hope of making the playoffs. Wait until next year!

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# ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Commentary by John Bankel

## Today the Trail Treks to the Trial of... "FROM ABSURD TO SUBLIME"

Today, in America, the name Kyle Rittenhouse, is a household word. On August 25, 2020, during a full fledged riot of burning and looting in the modest midwest town of Kenosha, Wisconsin, a riot sparked by the shooting of an unarmed black man by a Kenosha police officer, Kyle Rittenhouse, then a 17 year old juvenile from the nearby Illinois town of Antioch, set out to Kenosha to help his grandfather protect his business.

In the midst of such a maelstrom of mob malice that the rioters imposed upon the citizens of Kenosha, Kyle took up arms to protect his family's business and also himself. He was attacked viciously by three thugs, who, by the way, all had robust criminal records. Kyle had to defend himself against their deadly force. He

fired his AR-15, killing 2 of his assailants and wounding a third. All of this was caught on video.

Rittenhouse subsequently turned himself in to the Antioch police and was later extradited to Kenosha to stand trial on an indictment of first degree murder. He was held without bail for 87 days under extremely harsh treatment. Yet, the worst part was the response of the radical left-wing mainstream media and the current resident of the White House who branded Rittenhouse a "white supremacist."

MSM tried and convicted him in the court of their insane public opinion. But thank God we still have a court system that guarantees each and every citizen the right to a trial by a fair and impartial Jury of 12 men and women. The members of this jury overlooked the absurd response of

those who wish to destroy America and resolutely, courageously and meticulously performed the task that was assigned to them, the task of listening to ALL the testimony and examining and weighing ALL the evidence in order to come up with a righteous verdict.

The day that this verdict, which found Kyle Rittenhouse NOT GUILTY on all charges, was a day when the absurdity of the cacophonous clamor of those who would abrogate our Constitutional rights was transformed into the sublime resolution of vindication.

As a final thought, Kyle's life has been forever changed and the impact of his courage to take a stand in the face of such acerbic arrogance has left a positive impact on all of us who cherish life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We await the next phase of the "Rittenhouse Saga."

For today, the Trail has come to an end. And as Roy Rogers and Dale Evans were fond of singing, "Happy trails to you, until we meet again." May your Trail end up on the right side of the fence.

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12. You are playing with 3, 15, 6, 22, 8. Remember you must use all 5 numbers, but each one only once, with any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to write an expression that equals 12. Give it a try. It's fun!

Send your solution to: Krypto Kontest 2.0, POB 885, Stilwell, OK 74960.

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2. The kid didn't tell his mother that he ate some glue. His lips were sealed.
3. Joey told his teacher that he wanted to be a farmer. His teacher

asked him, "Why?" Joey replied, "So I can be outstanding in my field!"

Well, that's all for now because your ribs probably couldn't take any more tickling, could they?... More Pun Fun to come next time...

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