

# The STRAIGHT FORWARD



Price: \$0.00  
Value: Priceless!

**FREE** Press <sup>SM</sup>

WEEKEND GAZETTE

Volume 3 • Issue 32

Serving Stilwell & Adair County, Oklahoma

Friday February 16, 2024

## ADAIR COUNTY EDUCATION SPECIAL Stilwell Schools Special Services

By John Bankel

### Meet: Director Rachelle English

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is what the folks at Stilwell Schools Special Services (SSSS) do. SEL is much misunderstood by the general public and, I dare say, by many educators and lawmakers as well. In the old days, this branch of public education was known as "Special Ed." There were always students who needed more than what a regular classroom could provide. Our Constitution mandates public education for all. Special Ed has functioned to meet that mandate and has since evolved into more comprehensive programs for a myriad of special needs. Rachelle English is the Director of SSSS. Rachelle comes from a line of Adair County Educators. Her Mom, Fonda, and Fonda's late Mother, Pauly Cone, and her Dad, Lyle, are all former Adair County teachers. Her sister Fiona is on staff as a speech pathologist, and sister Sherry works for Epic Virtual Charter Schools. Rachelle has served as Director for 9 years. Prior to assuming her current position, Rachelle served 12 years as a Special Education teacher

and school psychologist at Stilwell High School. She told me that her department is Federally mandated and depends, in large part, upon Federal funding. She said that somewhere between 20-25% of the students in Stilwell rise to the level of needing special services. Many are in poverty, in foster care, dealing with health issues or domestic problems. Each of those students are carefully screened and receive an Individual Education Plan (IEP) that Rachelle and appropriate staff members monitor. That is the academic side of her service. Yet before that can work, the special needs student, who is almost always under emotional stress, is assigned a counselor to get them through the tough spots. And therein lies the foundation of Social Emotional Learning. For these students, as well as others, emotional well-being is the first order of business. It was the birth of Rachelle's youngest sibling, born with Downs Syndrome, that motivated her to go into Special Services. She realized the urgency of the need to provide for children that otherwise would, in the

past, have been forgotten. She told me that the need for Special Ed teachers is more acute now than it has ever been. She said that the State schools need to offer more undergraduate Special Ed programs to avoid a future irreversible shortage. I asked Rachelle what she would like to see happen at Stilwell Schools Special Services over the next 5 years; she gave me this list:

- Resources for Job placement
- A Food Truck
- Cherokee Nation help
- More counselors
- A liaison

Rachelle English is dedicated to her staff and to her students. She has received the supreme honor from her peers by having been elected as President of the Oklahoma Directors of Special Services, a statewide organization of about 260 members. There is no doubt that Stilwell Schools Special Services is in good hands. In the next issue, we will meet some of Rachelle's dedicated staff.



Photo by John Bankel

Rachelle English examines a book for one of her students as volunteer, Charlotte Dillard, looks on...

### Lady Jets Bring Home The Silver Ball



Zion Public School Facebook

Congratulations to the Lady Jets who had a great season and brought home the "Silver Ball" after the ORES championship game.

### Stilwell Lady Indian Wrestlers

Two earn medals at regional competition.



Stilwell Indian Wrestler Facebook



Stilwell Indian Wrestler Facebook



Stilwell Indian Wrestler Facebook

**Champion**  
Josaline Blevins

**Runner-Up**  
Adrianna Chronister

**Congratulations Ladies!**

### A RESTAURANT NO MORE



Photo by John Bankel

Rowans will close its doors on or before February 21st...

### PROVERB POWER

Romans 3:10 KJV

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.

The Straight Forward **FREE** Press  
is now ONLINE on Google!  
[www.straightforwardfreepress.com](http://www.straightforwardfreepress.com)  
Check it out and enjoy!

**JOB OPENING**

**911 Coordinator's Assistant Needed**

**Location:**

Adair County 911 Dispatch Center  
735 W. Locust St. Stilwell, OK 74960

We are seeking a proactive and flexible assistant to the coordinator in our new dispatch center. The assistant will work closely with the coordinator to provide for the needs of the dispatch and its employees.

**Responsibilities include (but not limited to):**

- Helping customers either establish or answer questions about their 911 address either by phone, email, or walk ins.
- Learning our mapping system.
- Backing up the coordinator's duties when necessary.
- Helping with HR, scheduling, and time sheets of employees.
- Training new dispatchers.
- Helping Establish policies and procedures for dispatchers.
- Other duties as assigned.

**Must have:**

- Ability to multi task.
- Be able to work in stressful environments.
- Reliable transportation
- Strong work ethic, self-starter
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Dispatching experience
- Computer knowledge
- Flexibility and Reliability
- Positive Teamwork attitude

**Pay:** starts out at \$15.00

**Benefits:** Vacation days, paid holidays, sick time, and retirement through OPERS.

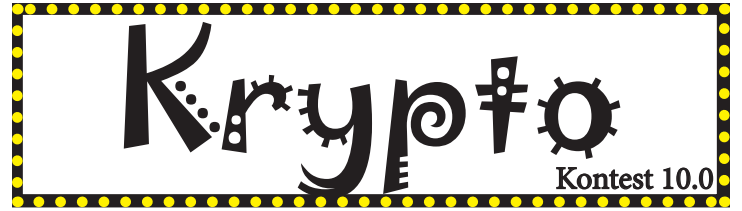
**To Apply:** Those interested in the position should drop their resume off at the office or email it to [tina.adair911@gmail.com](mailto:tina.adair911@gmail.com). Resume's must be received by February 29th, 2024.

**Into the Hills**

By Donna Boecher

I've lost track of time. It's been over two weeks since I arrived home and told Maw about Simon's death. His death seems the least of things that have to be done, and done quickly. Simon is dead and we are on our own. It is planting time, and the who and why of Simon's murder will have to wait. Thank God for Turko, we can plow a larger than normal garden. I'll pick up a Farmers Almanac; we always plant according to the signs. Maw has the plow and harness used

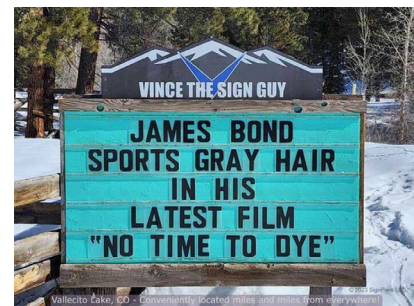
by Simon's horse. She figures Turko will be more amenable to the plow. Seeds! Next on the list of needs. We've dried some, but we'll need money for more. William and Sadie, our nearest neighbors, have a small farm just a mile away. Maybe, I can work for them in exchange for the seeds. Twilight has come, it's time for prayers and sleep. Every new day is full of blessings. I'm counting on each and every one.



Episode 2 of 8

Finding Krypto solutions is a challenge and a lot of fun. There is no formula for solving a Krypto. Trial and error is the best approach. All you need is an understanding of basic math. Today's numbers are: 3, 7, 22, 9, 23. The answer is: 1. Remember, you must use all 5 numbers, but each one only once, and any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to write an expression that equals the answer. Give it a try and put yourself in the running for a \$25 Cash and Calculator prize when the Kontest ends.

Send your solution to: [themathguy@usa.com](mailto:themathguy@usa.com) or mail to: Krypto Kontest POB 885 Stilwell 74960



**WHAT'S SO PUNNY?  
PUN FUN**

Get ready Punfunsters. Today we change the pace just a tad. Most folks have heard of Confucius and some of his wise observations. Many of his "sayings" he actually never said. Someone got started with "Confucius says" and filled in the blank with some humorous observations. We have a few of those in this version of PUN FUN. So read on and see what "Confucius Says"...

1. Tacky: Confucius says, "Man who sits on tack get the point."
2. Lip Service: Confucius says, "Man who shoots off mouth must expect to lose face."
3. See Sea: Confucius says, "Man who falls into vat of molten glass make spectacle of himself."
4. Toilet Talk: Confucius says, "Man who stand on toilet is high on pot."
5. Ride On: Confucius says, "Man who run behind car get exhausted; man who run in front of car get tired and run down."

Aha! Well, we can wonder what Confucius would think of these sayings? Hopefully, he would get a chuckle out of them. Hope your funny bone got jingled and your ribs got tickled enough to carry you the whole week through. Until the next PUN FUN, Confucius says, "Man who got funny bone tickled laugh a lot." So long!



Truth is Our Target  
P.O. Box 885 • Stilwell, OK 74960  
[straightforwardpress21@gmail.com](mailto:straightforwardpress21@gmail.com)

The Straight Forward Free Press is sponsored by "The Golden Mind Learning Foundation Inc.", a non-profit, faith-based, community outreach organization.

Publisher: Golden Crown Publishing LLC

Donna Boecher.....Editor  
John Bankel.....Co-Editor/Journalist  
Stephanie Cullinane .....Composer

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

Contents of this publication are protected by copyright. Reprint for educational purposes only.

The Straight Forward FREE Press Logo is the exclusive property of The Golden Mind Learning Foundation Inc. Registered Trademark pending.



**Vocabulary Word:**

**snow.** Frozen precipitation in the form of white or translucent hexagonal ice crystals that fall in soft, white flakes.

Ex. The snow drifted down from the sky and covered the grass like a blanket.

**Psalm 51:10.**  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast  
spirit within me.

Scripture sponsored by:  
Faith Tabernacle  
Corner of Hwy. 51 & Piney Road  
Stilwell, OK

**THE KIPLING KORNER**

"Thirty below freezing! The night was as keen as the edge of a newly-ground sword; breath froze on the coat-lapels in snow; the nose became without sensation . . ."



# STILWELL SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Commentary by John Bankel

### Stilwell at Sallisaw

On Friday, February 9, the Indians and Lady Indians travelled South to take on their old rival, the Sallisaw Black Diamonds in a District game. In an earlier encounter, played at home, the Indians and Lady Indians handled Sallisaw pretty well, coming out with 2 wins. This trip would prove to be a repeat. The Lady Indians got "the ball rolling" in the opening contest by handing the Lady Black Diamonds a resounding defeat by a score of 57-35. The Indians followed suit in the nightcap game with a convincing 56-42 win. Both teams improved their season record to 17-4, 9-0 in District.

### Stilwell at Roland

On Saturday, February 10, the Indians and Lady Indians travelled to Roland to take on the Roland Rangers and Lady Rangers. It was in the first game of the season that Roland had come to town. The Roland boys have a solid reputation for basketball success through the years. They always seem to be in the hunt when it comes to state tournament time. In that first game, Roland got the win by a score of 55-52. There was payback in the minds of the Indians on this Saturday night in Roland. The Lady Indians got the night started with a hard fought 57-49 win to improve their season record to 18-4. The Indians paid the Rangers back in spades, cruising to a 52-38 victory, that gave them the same season record as the Lady Indians. The Lady Indians went a perfect 10-0 in District. The Indians ended up 8-2 and a share of the District title. The final regular season game finds Stilwell at Wagoner on Tuesday, February 13 with a 6:30 pm tipoff.

### Stilwell at Wagoner

On Tuesday, February 13, Stilwell went to Wagoner to tussle with the Wagoner Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs. Thirty eight points is what it took for the Indians to down the Bulldogs, grinding out a 38-31 win. The Indians improved to 19-4 and are now poised to make a run for the Gold Ball. Coming off a 3 game week, the Lady Indians looked exhausted from the start as they fell behind 21-6 and were never able to catch up. Final: Lady Bulldogs 55 Lady Indians 43. With their season record now at 18-5, the Lady Indians should be able to make a deep run into the State Playoffs, starting with District play against Sallisaw on Saturday, February 17 at Stilwell High School.

## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

### Today's Trail Treks To.....

### Schumer's Shimmer

Chuck Schumer, a career democrat politician who plies his trade in the U.S. Senate, is a cunning, cagey and clever dude. He has honed his political craft to perfection. What does that mean? It means he is hard to beat when it comes to political chicanery. The border crisis, which his cohort, Joe Biden, has created, is weighing heavily on Biden's re-election prospects, so much so that Biden's poll numbers continue in decline because of the invasion at America's southern border. While it may appear worrisome to the democrats, who seek only one thing, to stay in power, their political acumen, which amounts principally to confuse the voter through masterful propaganda programs, can surmount almost any political debacle of their making. Chuck

Schumer can be relied on to "bait the hook" and reel in unsuspecting, yet well-meaning, Senate Republicans, which is what he recently did in working across the aisle with Oklahoma Republican Senator James Lankford, and Arizona former Democrat Senator Kristin Cynema to formulate a "border repair" bill. This bill passed the Senate. In order to become law, it also had to pass the majority Republican House. There it hit a dead end. Speaker Mike Johnson proclaimed, "This bill is DOA." Still, Chuck Schumer had gotten what he wanted. How is that? It was a trap from the onset. He full well knew that the House was going to give this bill the cold shoulder. They fell into the trap. Schumer had what he wanted: a political hit piece that will go a long way to smooth over

Biden's Border Calamity in the ongoing campaign to keep democrats in power. The democrats will now blame the Republicans for rejecting Schumer's "border fix." The democrat propaganda machine has been duly oiled by Schumer's Shimmer.

Today's Trail has come to an end. Perhaps we will meet again around the bend, my friend. Meanwhile, may your Trail end up on the right side of the fence. Happy Trails to you!

John Bankel is a freelance journalist and retired High School Math teacher, football and wrestling coach who can be reached at: [writewright@journalist.com](mailto:writewright@journalist.com)  
Copyright 2024. All Rights Reserved.

## ADAIR COUNTY SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Boys and Girls Basketball

By John Bankel

#### Watts Engineers and Lady Engineers

The Engineers, over the last two games, on February 2, soundly defeated Bokoshe 82-47 on Bokoshe's home floor but Watts took it on the chin on February 9 at the hands of McCurtain, 95-42 at McCurtain. The Engineers are now 6-8 on the season with an 0-4 District record. The Lady Engineers won by forfeit at Bokoshe, 2-0, and lost to LeFlore, in an away game, on February 8, 62-23. The Lady Engineers are 3-11 on the season with 1-3 in District play.

#### Westville Yellowjackets and Lady Yellowjackets

On February 8, the Yellowjackets lost to Stigler in a home game, 65-51. On February 12, they travelled to Sallisaw to take on the Black Diamonds and came away with an impressive 78-67 win to improve their season record to 8-14, with a 6-4 District mark. The Lady Yellowjackets lost to Stigler 62-32, beat Colcord on February 8 by a score of 51-36 and then lost to Sallisaw 41-20. The Lady Yellowjackets are now 4-15 on the season and 2-7 in District play.

#### Cave Springs Hornets and Lady Hornets

By the tightest of margins, the Hornets lost their last two games. On February 6, Oaks Mission came to town and came out on top of a 63-62 score. Then, on February 9, Keota paid the Hornets a visit and went home with a win, 50-49. Heartbreak city! The Hornets are now 9-11 on the season with a 2-3 District record. The Lady Hornets, now 12-9 on the season with 4-0 in District play, took Keota down by a score of 43-22 but lost to Okay 46-13 on February 10.

## Westville FFA



Westville FFA Facebook

February 8th Jarret Simmons was selected to compete in the inaugural State FFA Auctioneering CDE Competition. The State competition will be held May 7, 2024 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



### Monday, February 19th

"We the people tell the government what to do, it doesn't tell us." — Ronald Reagan



Kester  
Family  
Funeral  
Service



**Steven Dewayne Collins**  
Dec. 4, 1994 - Feb. 7, 2024

Steven Dewayne Collins the son of Robert Steven Collins and Deborah (Ferrell) Mathews was born December 4, 1994, in Stilwell, Oklahoma and he departed this life on February 7, 2024, in Ft. Smith, Arkansas at the age of 29 years, 2 months and 3 days.

Wayne was a simple man who preferred to remain quiet unless he had something important to say. However, his love for cars was quite the opposite. He desired his cars to be fast and loud, always seeking the thrill of speed. Wayne's love language was evident in the way he expressed his affection. If he took the time to change the muffler on your car, it was a clear sign of his love for you. He was not about to let anyone he loved drive around with a bad sounding vehicle. Wayne found joy in life, particularly in the company of his beloved family. He relished the outdoors and found pleasure in engaging in various activities. Wayne's passion for cars was evident as he spent countless hours working on them, constantly striving to make them faster and louder.

Almost overshadowing his love for cars was his appetite for beef jerky and Mtn Dew. Additionally, Wayne took great pride in caring for his animals and was an avid gun enthusiast. Whether he was tinkering with his cars, shooting his guns, tending to his animals, or simply savoring some beef jerky, Wayne found true happiness in these simple moments. On May 8, 2021, he married the love of his life, Haley Ketcher.

Throughout his life, Wayne found solace and strength in his faith. His belief in God brought him comfort and guided him through life's challenges. His unwavering trust in a higher power provided him with hope and peace. He fought the good fight of faith.

He was preceded in death by his mother Deborah (Ferrell) Mathews, sister Kim Collins, and grandfather and best buddy Wylie Howard Ferrell.

He is survived by a loving family which includes his wife Haley Collins of the home; his father Steve Collins and wife Patsy of Monroe, OK; his nephew whom he was raising Skylar Ketcher of the home; his sister Trish Cash of Ft. Smith; his brother Wyatt Raymond Moore of Siloam Springs; his grandmother Mildred Ferrell of Stilwell, and his cousin Logan Ferrell of Duncan. Several nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive him.

## THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

### YESTERDAY'S PREPPER

Over the past several years many people around the world have been preparing for hard times by growing their own food, and learning to preserve that food to be used when shortages happen. A term called Preppers has been created to classify these individuals. Being raised in the country I know something about what the preppers are doing, when I was a child, that lifestyle was common to most of the people in my community. Back in those days most people in my area were poor; in those days there were not all the government programs available as there are today. If my mother were alive today, she would be called a prepper; she would always grow a huge garden and she would spend all summer hoeing and watering her plants, then she would process and pressure can what she had grown. We would also go out in the woods and pick wild huckleberries and blackberries. I know from personal experience if it had not been for all my mother's canned goods, times would have been much leaner. In many ways our whole society was much better than it is today, people knew how to be self-sufficient and were too busy working for something instead of stealing from someone

else. People were poor financially, but they were proud of their independence and self-reliance. Now there are governments that are wanting to deny people's right to be independent.

There is a war on farming which is raging right now in Europe; while some people think it will only affect industrial farms, think again. The establishment is going to try to use the man-made climate change lie to dictate ALL food production, right down to individual's backyard gardens. And these elites will not limit their efforts to the EU; they will come after American farms with the same restrictions. These global elites who worship at the altar of climate change are pushing "net zero" programs which they believe justify the idea that all human activity needs to be monitored and managed. They say it is for the good of the planet, but in reality, it is bad for all freedom-loving peoples. It would be a society where bureaucracies track and trace and micromanage every aspect of your life. The elites benefit greatly, while never proving that carbon emissions are a danger to anyone. Food and the ability to grow it is very important; if people have their own food,

then they might be more willing to rebel against an increase of the size and scope of government. We Americans take food for granted; we always think the local grocery store will have well stocked shelves of food, but whoever controls the food controls the world. During the covid lockdown many blue state governors clamped down on the citizens of their state, one example was Gretchen Whitmer. Whitmer used covid as an opportunity to limit the citizens of Michigan from purchasing seeds and garden supplies; however, the leftist governor was fine with purchases of lottery tickets and liquor, but not gardening tools and seeds. Her garden supply ban was part of a wider goal that had nothing to do with public health and safety, and everything to do with stopping people from prepping. Instead of looking to the government for all our needs, we as citizens should not ask the government to do things for us that we can do for ourselves. Many Americans think they cannot live without something as simple as a smart phone, in reality the only real thing we cannot live without is the food we eat.

#### PRESS RELEASE

FOR RELEASE: February 21 , 2024

CONTACT: Jan Wilhite , Secretary of Adair Election Board, 918-696-7221 or [adaircounty@elections.ok.gov](mailto:adaircounty@elections.ok.gov)

#### EARLY VOTING BEGINS FEBRUARY 29

Early voting begins Thursday February 29 for voters in Adair County. Voters who will not be able to make it to the polls on Election Day, have the option of voting early at their County Election Board. Adair County Election Board Secretary Jan Wilhite , said early voting is open to all voters. "You do not need to provide an excuse to vote early. Oklahoma allows early voting for all elections conducted by the County Election Board or State Election Board—from school board and municipal elections to state and federal elections. This is a great option for those who will be out of town on Election Day or who want to avoid long lines," Wilhite said. Early voting is available Thursday, February 29 and Friday, March 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Adair County Election Board Office in the Courthouse located at 220 W. Division St., Stilwell, Oklahoma . Wilhite reminds voters that early voting is not available at polling locations. Some voters may need assistance to vote because they are blind or visually disabled, physically disabled or infirmed, or illiterate. Such individuals may request to have an assistant or vote privately and independently using the ATI device attached to the voting device. Those who require assistance should talk to their precinct official or contact the County Election Board directly for instructions.

For questions, please contact the Election Board at 918-696-7221 or [adaircounty@elections.ok.gov](mailto:adaircounty@elections.ok.gov) .

### Searching for Word.....

**flurry** – A brief, light snowfall, gust of wind, or stirring mass of leaves or dust.

Ex. On July 4 th we had a flurry of dust when it was so dry; however, Christmas Day there was a flurry of snow.



# ROBERTS-REED-CULVER

FUNERAL HOME



**Bonnie Sue Turner**  
July 3, 1941 — Feb. 7, 2024

Bonnie Sue Turner was born on July 3, 1941, and departed this life to be with her Lord and Savior on February 7, 2024, in Lincoln, Arkansas at the age of 82 years 7 months and 4 days. Bonnie was also known as Mom and Nanny to many and met her handsome husband, Paul Turner in Maricopa, Arizona and they married in Yuma, Arizona in 1958. They made an amazing family with 7 children.

Bonnie is preceded in death by her husband Paul Allen Turner, son Allen Turner, daughter-in-law Ellen Turner, five siblings including Ed, Raymond, Ruth, Irene, Mary,

grandson Ray Turner, and one great-grandson Colton Turner.

“Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

Bonnie Sue is living by many including 10 siblings Junior, Jay, Linda, Ronnie, Beau, Jimmy, Buck, Debbie, Betty Lou, Patsy and 2 Sister-in-Laws, Barbara and Joann. As well as, son Ralph Turner and wife Stormy, Chris Turner and wife Judy, son Robert Turner, 3 beautiful daughters Susan Travis, Lana Harrington and husband Clinton, Tina Bell and other half Robert of Arkansas. Bonnie is living by 23 grandchildren and 49 great grand kids.

Bonnie loved to dance with her family, loved music, played all kinds of games like dominoes, marbles, and cards and loved to tell stories to her kids and grandkids. She loved family, and gatherings. She would cook you a meal and make some tea. She was an amazing blessing to this earth and has a place in many hearts.

Momma Sue/Nanny Sue,

Of all the precious gifts, no matter great or small, to have you as our mom and nanny, was the greatest gift of all.



**Joyce Dowty**  
May 29, 1945 - Feb. 7, 2024

Joyce Ann Hemby Dowty was born May 29, 1945 at Pocola, Oklahoma to Ed Hemby and Lucy Mckinley Hemby. She was the youngest of seven children. Joyce grew up at Pocola and spent the first half of her life in the Pocola and Spiro area before moving to Stilwell. She dedicated her life to God in October 1986 at Christian Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Pocola OK, just 1/2 mile from the little house where she was born. Joyce was married to Tom Dowty on February 15, 1980. Joyce and Tom moved to the Ketcher home place in Peavine in 1992 and resided there until she went to live with Jesus on February 7, 2024.

Joyce was very active in the Stilwell Pentecostal Holiness (Impact Church) which she started attending in 1992 and considered the church family to be one of her greatest

blessings. Her most precious possessions were her husband, Tom, and her children and grandchildren.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Charles Ed, Leroy, Willis, and Wesley Hemby and grandchild Catrina Jo Dowty and her mother-in-law Pauline Dowty.

She is survived by daughters Tammy Vigil of Ashland, KS, Sharon and Terry Vise of Spiro, OK, Ruth Fourkiller, Tonia and Michael Mounce all of Stilwell; sons Todd and Angelia Dowty of Rocky Mountain, OK, Donovan and Audra Dowty of Buckner, MO; special sister Jennie Weathers, special brother Darrell Dowty; grandchildren Chance and Clay Vigil, Shianne Vise, Joshua, Rance and Joah Fourkiller, Tiffani, Nichole and Melissa Dowty, Moriah and Mason Dowty and Ella Grace Mounce; 13 great grandchildren, special nephew Aaron Weathers, special extended family Jess and Melody Brown, Josh and Cody Brown. Joyce is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends.

**Memorial Service**

Saturday, February 17, 2024  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Impact Church  
102 N 6th  
Stilwell, OK 74960



**Joe Duncan**  
Nov. 10, 1958 - Feb. 8, 2024

Joe Duncan Obituary  
Joe Duncan Jr the son of Joe Duncan Sr. and Mary Jo (Sawney) Duncan was born November 10, 1958, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Joe departed this life at home on February 8, 2024, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at

the age of 65 years, 2 months and 27 days.

Joe loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He was a fan of racing, enjoyed SRC racing and Nascar. Joe enjoyed collecting muscle cars, going to cruise nights, watching college football, which Nebraska was his favorite team. Joe loved cooking for his girls, granddaughters, canning kraut, making fried cornbread and bean patties was his specialty. Joe loved getting visits from his brother Jimmy and sister Louann, which he loved them like no other, he will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Edna (Pettit) Duncan; second

wife Belinda (Day) Duncan; granddaughter Taylor Nicole Augare and two infant great-grandchildren and his nephew Jimmy (Tootie) Duncan Jr.

He is survived by a loving family which includes his children Amy Augare and husband Mark of Stilwell, Etta Littledeer and husband Anthony of Stilwell, Amanda Foster and husband Josh of Siloam Springs and Haley Duncan and companion Andrew Hernandez of Springdale; his brother Jimmy Joe Duncan and wife Mary Alice of Stilwell; his sister Lou Ann Duncan of Stilwell; aunt Betty and uncle Watie Glass of Stilwell; sisters-in-law LaDonna Pettit of Bunch, Stella Daugherty of Stilwell, brothers-in-law Donald Pettit, David

Pettit of Bunch, Wilson Pettit Jr. and wife Vicki of Brushy; his grandchildren Emily, Ella and Athena Littledeer, Gracie and Edna Augare, and Keithan Ketcher all of Stilwell, and great-grandchildren Kambria Enneking, and Raindancer Ketcher. Several nieces, nephews, friends and other relative also survive him.


Kester Family Funeral Service  
1704 W. Young Ave  
Stilwell, OK 74960

# The Straight Forward Press

**FREE**


Brought to you By:

Join the We the People Movement




We Give Your Voice Power on Capitol Hill

Kat Foster  
(479) 250-2958  
KatJacFos@gmail.com  
www.nwyc.com



**Exceptional Flavor**



**GROUND BEEF \$4.00 LB.**  
Ask about other available cuts  
Competitive Prices

- Locally Raised
- Antibiotic Free
- Hormone Free
- USDA Inspected

Pick Up & Delivery  
Stilwell, Ok.

**CALL US @ 918-507-1943**

**ROBERTS & HART**  
Funeral Home  
1428 S. Williams  
Westville, OK 74965

**ROBERTS-REED-CULVER**  
Funeral Home  
801 W. Locust St.  
Stilwell, OK 74960  
**918-696-2136**  
• Available 24/7 •



www.scatitle.com

Nicole Peppers  
Office Manager / Closer  
email: nicole@scatitle.com

Phone: 918-696-7644  
Mobile: 918-208-4774  
207 W. Division St.  
Stilwell, OK. 74960

**COME HAVE YOU A NUTRITIOUS AND DELICIOUS DRINK AT QUEENS NUTRITION.**



**1100 W Locust St.**  
**(918)575-4830**

Faith, Family & Feed



**Red Wagon Feed**

Dale & Tammy Kester  
Owners/Operators  
911 W. Locust St. • Stilwell, OK 74960  
**918-696-6137**  
redwagonfeed@gmail.com

Dr. David D. Cook, DO  
Family Physician  
www.homesteadpc.com  
**918-410-2345**

805 W. Young Ave.,  
Stilwell, Oklahoma 74960

**State Farm**

Providing Insurance & Financial Services  
Home Office, Bloomington, Illinois 61710

**Larry N. Strauss, Agent**  
114 W. Division  
Stilwell, OK 74960  
**Bus. 918-696-4114**

**CUT-UPS SALON**  
**918-696-4810**  
310 West Locust St.  
Stilwell, OK. 74960  
*We Do Facials call Rachel*  
**Walk In's Welcome**  
**Yvette & Rachel**

**MADE A CAFE**  
918-797-7598

Fort Smith Stockyards 482131 US-64 Mottet, OK  
Stilwell Livestock Auction 471251 OK-51 Stilwell, OK

MONDAY 7:30am - End of Sale  
WEDNESDAY 7:30am - End of Sale  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 7:30am - 2:00pm  
Closed Saturday

**BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNER**  
Dine In - Take Out.....and YES, WE CAN DELIVER!!!!  
Morris Sevenstar & Joel Boydiddle, Owners

Jeffrey Bryant Jones  
Attorney at Law



**J. Bryant Jones PLC.**  
17 North Second  
Stilwell, OK 74960  
jeffjoneslaw@gmail.com  
Phone: 918-696-5889  
Fax: 918-696-2728



Kester Family Funeral Service

1704 W Young Ave  
Stilwell, OK 74960  
(918) 410-0081  
www.kesterfunerals.com

**STILWELL PHARMACY**

Family Owned Rx Since 1964  
Prescription Compounding  
Hormone Replacement  
Pain Cream  
Nausea Vomiting

~ Transfer Your Rx. Compound to Us ~  
**918-696-2500**

**Green Country Title and Closing, LLC**  
"Fastest and Most Accurate Abstract and Closing Service In Adair County"  
**Tel: 918-696-4744**  
contact.us@greencountrytitle.com  
**10 North 2nd St.**  
Stilwell, Ok. 74960

**STARR OIL**



**918-410-0071**



**Simple Simon's Pizza**

Stilwell, Ok.  
Hwy. 59 North  
**918-696-7588**

Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak.

**H&H PAWN**

Hwy. 51 West  
Stilwell, OK  
**(918) 696-5363**



**Baron Station**

Convenience Store  
Restaurant - Full Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Menu

- \* Daily Food Specials
- \* Grab & Go Deli Items
- \*Fuel - Beer
- \*Local Vendor Items

\*Wingman Pizza - By the slice or Whole Pizza - Dine-in or Carry - out

5 miles South of Westville or 9 miles North of Stilwell  
918-930-9321 Baron, Ok.

Visit us on Facebook 55 Baron Station

**NEW LOCATION**

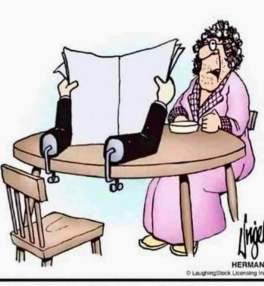
**R&D Tax and Bookkeeping**

1100 W. Locust St., Suite B  
Stilwell, Ok. 74960  
**918-696-9474**  
**918-696-9138**  
In business for over 25 years.

**Rowan's**  
Let's Eat...

coffee • bakery • steaks

Stilwell, OK



"I sometimes wonder if you hear one word I say!"

**TED'S STILWELL DISCOUNT LUMBER**

309 S. 2nd St.  
• In-Store Shopping •  
• Delivery •  
**918-696-8337**

**Hebrews 6:19**

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast and which entereth into that within the veil.

**The Muffler Shop LLC**

- Custom Duals
- Wheel Alignment
- Minor & Major Repairs
- Mufflers
- Brakes
- Catalytic Converters
- Custom Tips

P.O. Box 1438  
**2909 Hwy. 59**  
Stilwell, OK 74960  
**(918) 696-5312**

**FARMERS INSURANCE**  
NancyGarrettInsuranceAgency  
Office: (918) 696-3371  
E-mail: ngarrett@farmersagent.com

**AAA ABSTRACT CO., INC.**  
(918) 696-2770  
E-mail: aaaabstract@windstream.net

**REX EARL STARR**  
Attorney at Law



**918-696-6500**

**Freya Cakes**



Tuesday-Friday, 11am-6pm  
Saturday 10am-2pm  
Homemade sweets  
106 W. MAPLE  
479-279-1066

**MARANATHA THRIFT STORE**  
1020 S. 2nd Street,  
Stilwell, Ok. 74960  
**Wednesday - Saturday**  
**11:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.**



**World Finance LOAN & TAX SERVICE**

107 W. Division St.  
Stilwell, OK 74960  
**(918) 696-3994**  
**LoansByWorld.com**

**Associates Insurance Services LLC.**  
211 US-59  
Kansas, OK 74347  
Open: M-F 8:00-4:30  
**(918) 868-3502**  
800-725-5736  
Rick Stubblefield, Agent

**KEEN LAW OFFICE, P.C.**



Phone: (918) 696-3355  
KeenLawOK@gmail.com  
STATE/FEDERAL/TRIBAL  
Ralph F. Keen II  
ATTORNEY AT LAW



**Westville Flowers and Gifts**  
*We deliver Happiness*  
124 Williams Ave.  
Westville, OK. 74965  
**918-723-3896**

**STILWELL SMOKE SHOP**



**119 S. 2nd St.**  
Stilwell, OK 74960  
**918-696-5096**