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FREE Coats For Kids

Coat Giveaway Day

NEW Winter Coats (sizes 0m to xxl 14)

Saturday, September 25
8:00am - 2:00pm
(or until supply is gone)
First Christian Church
306 N. 2nd Stilwell, Ok.

Child must be present to receive a coat.
One Coat per Child

Tire Collection Day Set for September 25

Adair County Litter-Free & Green (fka Adair County Trash Off) will be hosting a free tire collection event on Saturday, September 25th from 9am to noon. The location for this event is at the old Adair County District Barn on Hwy. 100 E.

Tires accepted are: car and light truck, motorcycle, mopeds, bus and agricultural tractor. Not accepted: tires on rims, ATV off-

road, airplane bicycle, lawn mower, wheelbarrow, forklift, and heavy equipment other than agricultural.

This event is open to Adair County residents only. Tire shops, tire dealers or trucking companies are not eligible. There is no limit to the number of tires.

If you have questions please contact Cathy at 696-1178 or Joyce at 696-7316.

(Commissioners' Meeting, Monday, September 20th) IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS

By Donna Boecher

As a citizen of Adair County, I bless the Commissioners for taking on the responsibility of directing activities and paying the bills that keep our county running smoothly. They are honorable men. However, if the residents voice no questions or objections, how are they to know which governmental direction is desired by their constituents. Distressed Commissioners and murmuring residents are not the desired objective.

Whether there are five or twenty-eight citizens in the Commissioners' chambers, questions must be voiced and discussed by both parties

– citizens and commissioners. Monday mornings beginning at 8:30 a.m. are not well-timed for the majority of Adair County residents.

Without our input, the Commissioners cannot truly begin to reflect our wishes. For that reason, "we the people" respectfully ask for a later time in the day, so that more citizens can attend. We ask not that the Commissioners change the dates, but rather that they meet after "the working man's day" has been completed. Added were suggested times for the meeting: 5:30 or 6 p.m. Please consider this question once more on Monday, September 27th.

Stilwell Indians Sports Spotlight

INDIANS FOOTBALL
Stilwell Falls to Prairie Grove (AR)
Commentary by John Bankel

On Friday, 9/17, the Stilwell Indians football team took their second consecutive trip to Arkansas to face the Prairie Grove Tigers. Their first trip did not turn out well as they lost to Gentry 42-7. This time the Tigers proved to be too much for the Indians as they mauled Stilwell 42-6.

The Indians are now 0-2 on the season and are finished with Arkansas.

From here on out, Stilwell will

stay in Oklahoma; their next contest will find them meeting the Broken Bow Savages in Broken Bow on Friday night 9/24. Broken Bow will prove to be a formidable foe entering the contest with a 2-1 record having lost only to perennially powerful McAlester. This game will be the first District matchup for both teams. Kickoff is at 7 pm.

Come on down and cheer the Indians on!

Adair County OSU Extension Hosts First Annual Pasture Tour

Adair County OSU Extension hosted its first Annual Pasture Tour on August 31. This was an in the field, hands on, educational program for producers. It consisted of 3 separate tours at different locations. This was a well attended event and multiple community partners involved.

The first "tour" was at Charles Crozier's property, who is our Adair County Cattlemen's Treasurer. GoBob Pipe brought in a portable cattle facility. There we were able to demonstrate a bud box vs tub cattle handling systems. Jeremiah Atha, DVM, discussed the advantages/disadvantages of each system. Jennifer Patterson, Adair County OSU Extension, shared results on a deworming trial that was performed last fall with Crozier's cattle and OSU. Dr Atha also discussed parasite resistance to common dewormers in cattle and management practices that could be utilized to raise healthy cattle.

The second "tour" was at Kirby and Julie Merrill's property. Here a wick bar herbicide application had been applied at different heights on Johnsongrass. This was to demonstrate how effective a wick bar application could be for Johnsongrass control in warm season pastures/hay fields. Brian Pugh, NE District OSU Extension Area Agronomist, also discussed Broomsedge grass ("sage" grass) control in pastures.

Our third "tour" was at David and Kathy West's property. There a soil fertility trial had been established in May 2021. Soils tests were done on the property and five different fertilizer treatments were applied in May. Forages were harvested and yield (lbs/ac) and nutrient analysis was collected. Producers were able to see firsthand forage production from the different application rates. Good discussion on most economical practices to increase forage yields and re-establish Bermuda stands.

Drive-Thru Flu Vaccinations Available at All Cherokee Nation Health Centers

Drive-thru Flu Vaccinations for the whole community are available at all Cherokee Nation Health Centers* beginning Monday, September 20 through Friday, October 1. The hours are: Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday/Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Drive-thru flu clinics in Stilwell will be located at 402 W. Locust St. (Cherokee Nation Tag Agency).

*Excluding Gadugi Employee Health Center in Tahlequah.



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Sponsors for the program were Carson Community Bank, Stilwell Farmers COOP, Rick Roberts, and GoBob Pipe. We appreciate their commitment and generosity to our

educational programs.

Interested in an OSU Extension program? Please call 918-696-2253 to get latest information on upcoming programs.

Westville Fall Festival Set for October 23

Fall Festival 2021 will be held on Saturday, October 23 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Westville Park. There will be fun community events! Games, food vendors, craft vendors, etc. Event is sponsored by Westville Chamber of Commerce.



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"Be not a afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord." – Jeremiah 1:8 (KJV)

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner
BUYING AFFECTIONS

I guess it is just human nature to want other humans to like and admire us. I can remember my younger days in high school and my fellow classmates; most of us were from families who had very modest financial resources, but there were a few whose parents did have much more disposable income. It is a fact that when young people turn 16, they all want to have an auto to get around; most of us would get some old beat-up pickup truck and start pounding out the dents and wiring it up with baling wire to get it road worthy. On the other hand, the few kids who had parents who had the means would buy them a brand new one off of the local dealer's lot. Looking back, I can see those of us who had to use the baling wire and duct tape had a greater appreciation of our old junk heaps than the kids who were driving the new, shiny autos. I understand that people want to provide for their children, but it is very easy to get into a habit of trying to buy their children's affections with money or endless strings of pricy gifts. I have found from personal experience that respect and affection cannot be purchased, it has to be earned. I have noticed that those who prescribe to the liberal philosophy think spreading taxpayer money around to various groups will somehow make people like them.

With all of the happenings in Afghanistan, one thing is very clear; the Taliban are not our friends and are openly hostile to all freedom loving countries. Recently, Rep. Jim Banks offered an amendment to name the Taliban in Afghanistan as a terrorist organization. Representative Banks was quoted as saying, "That's why it's time to name them as an international terror organization to block any effort by this administration, future administrations, even private citizens from financially aiding the

Taliban in Afghanistan, that's why the amendment matters". With the Democrats being in the majority they blocked the amendment. According to Rep. Banks, "It appears Democrats are OK with legitimizing the Taliban." Banks went on to say, "I believe they have future plans to legitimize the Taliban government and reward them, give them money, give them supplies moving forward."

Liberal policies have just about destroyed our economy, now they are leaving the door open to throw money to a group who were responsible for harboring terrorists that attacked our country on 9/11 20 years ago. It is a simple fact that there are many groups across the planet that hate the idea of America but it appears to me that we have a bunch of them also walking the halls of Congress. The liberals have been hugely successful in getting our fellow citizens addicted to entitlement spending, as long as they can keep the scheme going they continue to win elections because the people want the handouts to continue. We Americans can't print enough money to make the whole world like us, and the liberals are foolish to think that we can buy respect and affection from the world's population. I will never support giving the murderous Taliban one cent of taxpayer money, they do not share our values and they have no problem with killing anyone who does not agree with their twisted belief system, just look at what they are doing to their own people. We Americans are stuck with an executive regime for three more long years that is totally unqualified to run this country, but we can pressure our senators and representatives to start to use some common sense. You cannot buy a child's affections with money and gifts, and the same applies to nations across the world.

THE KIPLING KORNER

"He who faces no calamity gains no courage."
 "Many wear the robes, but few walk the Way."

Vocabulary WORD of the DAY

Mundane

- lacking interest or excitement; dull.
- of this earthly world rather than a heavenly or spiritual one.
- of, relating to, or denoting the branch of astrology that deals with political, social, economic, and geophysical events and processes.

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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 13
 By Donna Boecher

Here we sat with Teresa waiting for Lydia her "Auntie." Lydia's porches were high above the batture. Alex and I were both nervous; I was clinking the ice of my once-full tea glass.

"So let me ask a mundane question. Is Lydia really your aunt or just a close friend?"

"You caught me! I was using the Indian phrasing, but Lydia really is my aunt. My father, Rainard Singh, is her brother-in-law. My dad and his brother, James, grew up in Kerala, about an hour north of Kochi."

Another puzzle was being solved. Teresa continued filling in the pieces and as she did, Lydia's character was developing, much like the details the sculptor makes from the clay. She and James had married in Kerela. The Singh

brothers had lived in Kochi making a fortune as purveyors of spices while exporting them around the world. They'd met in church and fallen in love. She'd felt the call to help those in need. With James' wealth, she could help both in India and in the United States. Teresa said Lydia wanted to introduce Alex to the Singh's and give him the opportunity to learn the spice business. She knew that James and Rainard couldn't continue the business forever; they needed an apprentice. But it had to be family. Teresa didn't know what her part would be, but she knew it would follow the scripture Romans 8:28. Teresa continued with the hopes of James and Rainard as we waited for Lydia to come home. I could hardly wait for the details that I now knew would be forthcoming. Let it be soon.



Dear John,

My son sent a text to inform me that he had asked his girlfriend to marry him and she said yes. In the past when he introduced me to one of his girlfriends, they broke up soon afterward. I was beginning to think that I sabotaged their relationship by saying I liked the girls. With this relationship I have kept my distance and not gushed forth with how much I like her. They have lived together for a couple of years. My son is almost 40 and time is ticking. It's about time they got married. I want to tell people! I want to help plan their wedding! I haven't told anyone but you in this letter. In the past my son has told me that I'm too pushy. So, how do I approach this without making anyone mad or breakup?

Mommy Dearest

Dear Mommy Dearest,

Your sense of excitement for your son is readily apparent and at a moment like this a Mother naturally wants to shout the good news from the rooftop. I can understand that you still feel burdened by his past breakups as if they have had somehow been your fault. Please be assured that that is highly unlikely. May I suggest that you stay focused on the fact that your son has finally found his mate and be happy for them both. Now, allow them to proceed with their wedding plans, with you in the background where you can nurture your joy for your "once upon a time" sweet little boy, who has decided to become a man. And allow them the excitement of telling the world the GOOD NEWS! Meanwhile, wait until the wedding to gush forth, Mommy Dearest.

Sincerely,
 Dear John

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

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Mullin It Over: Every Life Lost Is One Too Many

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

Every suicide is a tragedy. Every life lost to suicide is one too many and the prevalence among our nation's veterans is alarming.

In 2019, 6,261 veterans lost their lives to suicide, including 111 Oklahomans. Many of our men and women in uniform who come back from warzones overseas face mental health struggles once they return. Now, the events in Afghanistan have caused many veterans from all eras to feel hopeless and question whether their service was worth the sacrifices they made.

When our veterans sign up for service, they commit to protecting the lives of all Americans. We must keep our commitment to them and do everything we can to ensure people have the resources they need when experiencing a mental health crisis. That is why I have made improving access to mental health care a top priority in Congress. I will continue to do

everything I can to ensure mental health services are available to all Americans.

All of us must work together to prevent suicide and during National Suicide Prevention Month, we focus on informing people on how to prevent this tragedy. Check in on someone you may be concerned about and let them know you care. Listen to them, let them know they're not alone and encourage them to seek help. This seemingly small act just might save their life.

If you or someone you know is experiencing thoughts of suicide, please know help is available. You can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

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.

Health Tips from Larkin...

By Larkin Fouse, CHHP

The power of organic eating: Nutritional benefits: Organic food really does have more nutrients in it than conventionally grown food does, and here are a couple of reasons why. In conventional farming, chemicals are used to keep the plants strong, healthy, and pest free, or so it seems on the surface. The problem is that the chemicals used on the plants go into the soil and kill out all the microscopic life there, and it is this microscopic life that gives food its nutrition through a process called bio transmutation. How this works, is all the little bacteria, fungi, and insects that live in the soil eat plain dirt and each other, and their bodies have the ability to transform plain dirt into minerals and vitamins that the plants need to grow, and it has

been proven that the micro life of the soil will change depending on what the plants growing there need. Thus, the soil changes to supply the nutrients needed by the plants as they need it, making the circle of life and the power of nature work to its fullest extent, and giving you the highest nutritional value of your produce as a farmer. So, when you spray your fields with chemicals you stop this process and the natural patterns of adaptation cease to exist, and then you have a bunch of plants that look nice and fields that are weed free. Kind of like iron pyrite being fool's gold. But, they have no nutritional value as all these plants have had to eat, is toxic chemicals that harm you when you eat them, as we have discussed in earlier articles.

Obituaries

Christian Caine Calico

June 29, 1998 – September 6, 2021

Christian Caine Calico was born on June 28, 1998 in Oklahoma to Jennifer Baird and Clue Calico. He left the family on Monday, September 6, 2021 in California at the age of 23 years.

He is survived by his parents: Jennifer Baird of McCloud, OK, father: Clue Calico of Stilwell, OK, children: Dax & Dahlia of Stilwell, sisters: Bianca and Adara Baird of Stilwell, grandparents: Faye and Audie Vaughan, James and Martha Calico, all of Stilwell. Many aunts and uncles: Jimmy Baird and wife Sharon, Debra and Mike Tate, Rod Adair and wife Laura, all of Stilwell, Mike Calico of Tahlequah, OK, other family: Josh Baird of Stilwell, Amanda Willard and family of Arkansas, Kim Baird and family of St. Louis, MO, Joe Tate, Tristian Tate (Erika) and family of Stilwell, Peyton Tate and family of Tahlequah, special friend: Macy Martinez of Costa Mesa, CA. He is also survived by many other relatives and friends.



Christian loved life, being around friends, was a talented guitar player and loved to sing.

Christian will be forever missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Memorial services were held at 2 pm on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Navil Vaughan officiating.

Darlene Sue (Pack) Cooper

May 18, 1960 – September 12, 2021

Darlene Sue (Pack) Cooper was born on May 18, 1960 in Stilwell to Charles Richard Pack and Stella Marie (Davis) Pack and departed this life to enter her heavenly home on September 12, 2021 in Muskogee, OK at the age of 61 years, 3 months, and 25 days. Darlene grew up near the Stilwell, OK area and attended school at Tenkiller, Peavine, and Stilwell. Although she did not complete high school, she completed her GED at age 48, an accomplishment she was extremely proud of. She continued her education by obtaining her director's credential as well as working towards completing her Associate's Degree in early childhood education.



Darlene worked as a CNA in different nursing homes when she was younger. She was a long time early childhood teacher previously working for Cherokee Nation Early Headstart and most recently at My Other Mother's Daycare in Westville, OK. She loved each and every child she cared for and enjoyed working with children.

Darlene enjoyed cooking and took pride in preparing birthday dinners for her children as well as other family members. She enjoyed taking camping trips and spending time with her family, especially her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed helping others and would offer shelter and food to those in need.

Darlene was married to Darrell Lee Porter in May of 1979, 4 children were born to this union, Teresa Porter, Sandra (Porter) Bolinger, Jimmy Porter, and Vivian Porter. Darlene was married to GC Cooper on August 4, 2012 and they raised one son, Gary Cooper.

Darlene was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, George and Melvina (Hammons) Davis, paternal grandparents, John and Anna Mae (Norvel) Pack, parents, Stella Marie (Davis) Pack and Charles Richard Pack, brothers Delmer Perry and Danny Pack, sister Fannie (Elsie) Unger, nephew, Wayne Kirk, and mother-in-law, Lena Mae Cooper.

Darlene is survived by a loving family, which includes her husband, GC Cooper, daughter Vivian Porter, sons, Jimmy Porter and Gary Cooper, granddaughters, Nevaeh and Kharizma Wing, all of the home in Stilwell, OK. Daughters, Teresa Porter of Cushing, OK and Sandra Bolinger and husband David of Westville, OK. Two step-sons, Grant Cooper and Keith Wofford and wife Jessica. Two brothers, Ray Perry and Roy Davis of Stilwell, OK. Two sisters, Lorene Davis of Tahlequah, OK and Paula Adams of Mountainburg, AR. One brother-in-law, RC Cooper and wife Edith. One sister-in-law, Irene Cooper-Vaughn and husband, Claudie. A special granddaughter whom she helped raise, Dejanira Hinton of Tahlequah, OK. Grandchildren, Christopher Moore and wife Chares, Travis Porter, Toby, Jacob, and Haley Bolinger, Gabrielle Smith, and a bonus granddaughter she loved like one of her own, Audianna Lopez. Three great-grandsons, Slater Davis, Aiden Brown, and Hazen Bolinger, as well as her first great-granddaughter due in December. A special life-long best friend, Lynn Jaimes. Her special boss, Patsy Winn. Her special dog, Lacey. As well as nieces, nephews, extended relatives, and friends.

Darlene was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

Funeral services were held at 1 pm on Monday, September 20, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Ricky Hobbs officiating. Interment followed at Barber Cemetery, Cherokee County, OK.

Lena Sue (Wolfe) Squirrel

September 6, 1948 – September 10, 2021

Lena Sue (Wolfe) Squirrel, born on September 6, 1948 and passed away in Muskogee, Oklahoma on September 10, 2021 at the age of 73 years and 4 days. She was the daughter of Irene (Soap) Wolfe and Albert Wolfe.

A lifelong Stilwell resident, Lena attended Maryetta School and graduated an Indian in 1966. Graduating from Haskell college with a secretarial degree a few years later, Lena began work with the Cherokee Nation complex in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. It was during these years that she met and married Jim Squirrel Jr. From this a son, Jim Squirrel III, and a daughter, Brandee



Leighane, were born.

Unfortunately, the marriage didn't last. But Lena proved resilient raising two children as a single mother. At times she took on two jobs to ensure her family had everything they needed. She started in August 1981 as a secretary for the City Clerk of Stilwell. She would work for the city in some capacity until her retirement. On the side, she completed her needed credits and graduated from Flaming Rainbow University with a bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science.

She was a lifelong Baptist, and a member of Calvary Southern Baptist Church.

Lena was a fluent Cherokee Speaker. She was also able to read and write the Cherokee Syllabary

When needed, she would take another job, a convenient store cashier, meter reader, but her love was being a home health aide for 10 years. Daily visits with elderly people, seeing to their needs, cooking supper for them, doing laundry, always brought a smile to her face.

One of her hobbies was sewing and playing bingo. She always had her bingo bag at the ready, with assorted daubers of different colors. She loved sports of all kinds and partial to football and tennis. Lately though, softball became her favorite, and with the success OU has had, she had a dream come true by attending the national women's college championship this past summer, as OU would go on to win the championship.

Because of her lifelong service to the city, upon retirement, the mayor proclaimed that July 29, 2011 was LENA SQUIRREL DAY! During her retirement, Lena spent her time watching Gunsmoke and all the old westerns, she said it would take her back to watching with her mom. Lingering problems with her foot limited Lena from doing all that she wanted, but she proved strong by doing what she could, which included crossword puzzles, reading, and an occasional trip to ball games.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Irene Wolfe, sister Marilyn Pritchett, brother Andrew, and infant brother baby Wolfe, and nieces Melanie Pritchett, Frances Duncan Daugherty, and Lisa Ann Duncan.

She is survived by a loving family that includes her children: Jim Squirrel and wife Kyra of Stilwell, OK, and Brandee Squirrel of Stilwell, Ok. Five grandchildren in Karen, Katie, Kimberly, Kylie, and Joshua Squirrel and two great-grandchildren in Scarlett Athena Squirrel and Jackson Jason Reel. Siblings: Charles Lee Wolfe of Dallas, Texas, Herbert Dale Wolfe of Fayetteville, Arkansas, sister Lillie Duncan and husband Frank, and Nancy Boyd and husband Melvin, all of Stilwell. And a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday September 17, 2021 at 10 A.M. at Roberts Funeral Home with brother Charles Wolfe officiating and final resting place at Tyler Springs Cemetery.

Lydia Flynn

July 20, 1939 – September 7, 2021

Lydia Flynn was born July 20, 1939, in Stilwell, Oklahoma to Buck Seabolt and Lula Flynn and departed this life on September 7, 2021, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 82 years, 1 month, and 18 days.

Lydia was a faithful member at Four Vision Baptist Church and gave her life to the Lord many years ago. She enjoyed having fellowship with her family and church family. Lydia touched many lives with her kindness and love she bestowed. Lydia worked 52 years at Bell School where she was able to show love for all the kids through her cooking. She loved snapchatting with Kiley and Lyssa and eating Three Musketeers, white donuts and drinking Diet Dr. Pepper with the babies. She spent her final days laughing and smiling with the babies and family members that came to see her. She was our Champion bingo player. Lydia loved all her family; there are many, but she loved them all the same.

"Everything is going to be alright" – Lydia Flynn

Funeral services were held at 10 am on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Steve Campbell and John Flute officiating. Interment followed at Salem Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.

Vivian (Jones) Baber

September 7, 1949 – September 7, 2021

Vivian (Jones) Baber, daughter of Chester and Oma (Runabout) Jones, was born September 7, 1949, in Bunch, Oklahoma, and departed this life on September 7, 2021, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 72 years and 1 day.

Vivian graduated from Cave Springs High School. After high school, she went to work at the canning factory in the Dough Boy area which is now called Schwan's. She worked there for many years until she moved to Prairie Grove, Arkansas. From there she began working at Walmart Optical as a Lab Technician until her retirement.

She raised 4 children whom she loved dearly: Tewila Kay and Jennifer Jones and John and Trisha Ann (Macarena) Crisp. Later on, in life, she would be blest with 6 grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren, and one on the way. She loved quilting when she was able to see and working on her puzzle books.

She is preceded in death by her parents: Chester & Oma Jones. 4 brothers: John Douglas, George, Billy and William Jones. 5 sisters: Nancy Mudd, Barbara & Jacqueline Catron, Lila Meeks & Cherokee Jones, her children: Tewila, John & Trisha Crisp.

She is survived by her daughter: Jennifer Jones-Burke, her 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, brother: John & Joanne Jones, sisters: Ella Mae & Clifford Wilson, Gwendolyn Eddings, and Gail & David Scaper, and sister-in-law: Donna Wolf. Several nieces, nephews,



friends, and other relatives also survive her.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Robert Doba officiating. Interment followed at Clear Springs Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.

Joe Harvey Bunch

June 18, 1938 – September 10, 2021

Joe Harvey Bunch was born June 18, 1938, to Samuel and Gussie (Cochran) Bunch in Adair County, Oklahoma and went to be with the Lord on September 10, 2021. Joe married the love of his life: Bessie (Flynn) Bunch and to this union they had one daughter: Terri Lynn.

Joe worked many jobs throughout his life. He worked at Facet until his retirement. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and taking long drives. Joe enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a grandpa that loved his grandsons with his whole heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Sam and Gussie Bunch.

Joe is survived by his wife: Bessie of the home; his daughter: Terri and husband Carl of Keys, Oklahoma; grandsons: Cory Blake and Dustin James Patterson; 2 very special great grandsons: Gunner Patterson of Keys, Oklahoma and Ryder Patterson of Stilwell, Oklahoma. Several nieces, nephews, and a host of friends also survive him.

Graveside services were held at 1 pm on Friday, September 17, 2021 at Stilwell City Cemetery, Stilwell, OK with Joey Ketcher officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home.

ADAIR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

By John Bankel

CAVE SPRINGS HORNETS

The Hornets found themselves with an open date on 9/17. They next travel to Webbers Falls to take on the Warriors in a Friday night matchup on 9/24. Kickoff is at 7 pm.

WATTS ENGINEERS

On Friday, 9/17, the Watts Engineers hosted the Wesleyan Christian Mustangs, in a Class B, 8 man football contest under the lights. Both Watts and Wesleyan came into the fray with identical 1-2 records. The Mustangs went home with a 2-2 record as they soundly trampled the Engineers 45-0. Watts, now at 1-3, will next play the Webbers Falls Warriors in an away contest on Friday, 10/1. Kick off is at 7 pm.

WESTVILLE

YELLOWJACKETS

On Friday night, 9/17, the Yellowjackets traveled to Kansas, Oklahoma to meet the Comets. Kansas came into the contest with a 1-2 record while Westville sported a perfect 3-0 slate. The Yellowjackets convincingly bolstered their record to 4-0 with a stinging 32-12 win. Their next game will be at home, in a District contest, versus the Locust Grove Pirates, who come in with a 1-3 record. Kickoff is at 7 pm.

“And the Walls Came Tumbling Down” A Small Slice of Stilwell History

By John Bankel

It was clear back in 1870 that the first railroad came through these parts; it was the Kady (sic) RR. Then in the 1880’s Arthur Stilwell, the owner of the Kansas City Southern, took over. The KCS ran from Kansas City to Port Arthur, Texas. The pond at what is now Adair County Park was conveniently located for the refilling of the steam locomotives’ water tanks. The town of Stilwell sprang up around that refill tower, along the railroad tracks on the east side of what is now HWY 59.

By 1897, Stilwell was incorporated as a bustling railroad/wild west city with a couple of hotels/rooming houses, shops, outfitters, entertainment venues, 1 or 2 saloons, 2 or more churches, a blacksmith, a dry goods store, a haberdasher, a milliner, a farrier, a livery and perhaps a wainwright and wheelwright and, of course, an undertaker.

But then, in 1906, a fire broke out and destroyed most of the town whose buildings were all wooden structures. A new Stilwell was about to happen.

This time the town emerged on the west side of today’s HWY. 59 with the buildings built from brick, stone, and concrete. Many of those structures still stand today. But one of the oldest and tallest recently came down. The photos above show the before and after of its demolition.

This building, located at the corner of the alley on 1st street, 3 doors south of Deb’s Hair Depot, was erected somewhere around 1909 with its first owner being a Mr. Hollander. The upstairs was used as a rooming house where the tenants shared a bathroom at the end of the hall. The downstairs may have had a dining facility, an office, along with rooms for the manager.

Over the next 15 years, the property changed hands several times until 1924, when R.L. Reese bought it and established the “Reese Tie Company.” One might immediately think “necktie”, but such is not the case. We are talking about railroad ties. The Reese Tie Co. employed folks that felled trees, which are still in abundance in Adair County, with an axe, stripped them, then cut them to size with a 2-man crosscut lumber saw, and then hewed the logs into “tie shape” with a two bladed broad axe and then stacked them on a 5 acre plot of land next to the tracks, somewhere north of the KCS depot.

Whew! That sounds like work to this writer! The Reese Company flourished for about 40 years when Mr. Reese died. His widow, Ruby, became owner; the Tie Company folded. Ruby died in 1983. Her daughter, Mildred acquired full interest until she sold to Ted Eversoll in 1985. From there until 2015, ownership changed hands several times, with the last owner hoping to salvage this property and create an apartment building, which obviously never happened.

Instead, the City of Stilwell deemed the building to be structurally unsound, a potential safety hazard and ordered its demolition. By August 2, a crane outfitted with a claw bucket began the teardown and by the end of the week one of the oldest buildings in Stilwell, that once housed the “Reese Tie Company”, was no



Now You See It...



And...



Now You Don’t.

more.

In the past several years, downtown Stilwell has undergone several demolitions, two of which were Fletcher’s Hardware, once touted as the oldest business in town, and next door, a Bead and Re-Sale shop. Today, that space is occupied by Fletcher Park. And across the street is the new

Kiwanis bandstand and a re-built courthouse. Stilwell downtown remains a work in progress.

What’s next in Stilwell’s story?

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How the Camel Got His Hump

NOW this is the next tale, and it tells how the Camel got his big hump.

In the beginning of years, when the world was so new and all, and the Animals were just beginning to work for Man, there was a Camel, and he lived in the middle of a Howling Desert because he did not want to work; and besides, he was a Howler himself. So he ate sticks and thorns and tamarisks and milkweed and prickles, most ‘scruciatingly idle; and when anybody spoke to him he said ‘Humph!’ Just ‘Humph!’ and no more.

Presently the Horse came to him on Monday morning, with a saddle on his back and a bit in his mouth, and said, ‘Camel, O Camel, come out and trot like the rest of us.’

‘Humph!’ said the Camel; and the Horse went away and told the Man.

Presently the Dog came to him, with a stick in his mouth, and said,

‘Camel, O Camel, come and fetch and carry like the rest of us.’

‘Humph!’ said the Camel; and the Dog went away and told the Man.

Presently the Ox came to him, with the yoke on his neck and said, ‘Camel, O Camel, come and plough like the rest of us.’

‘Humph!’ said the Camel; and the Ox went away and told the Man.

At the end of the day the Man called the Horse and the Dog and the Ox together, and said, ‘Three, O Three, I’m very sorry for you (with the world so new-and-all); but that Humph-thing in the Desert can’t work, or he would have been here by now, so I am going to leave him alone, and you must work double-time to make up for it.’

That made the Three very angry (with the world so new-and-all), and they held a palaver, and an indaba, and a punchayet, and a pow-wow on the edge of the Desert; and the



A little nostalgia in Stilwell: hangin’ on the line, flapping’ in the breeze, drying’ clothes, easy as you please...

Welcome All to the Spectacular Events Going on in 4-H Right Now!

By Sam Patterson, NE District/
Adair County 4-H Reporter
National 4-H week is October 4-8, 2021! Our Adair County 4-H Officer Team has planned a fundraiser and event to support and promote our 4-H program!

A silent auction will be starting on September 27th, the items will be located at the OSU extension office in the basement of the courthouse. All proceeds go back to our county 4-H program. The items will be posted on Facebook for all to see. Silent auction will be open September 27th- October 4th. Call 918-696-2253 to place a bid or come see items in person!

To kick off National 4-H week

there will be a party at the bandstand for any 4-Her’s who want to go. It will be at 5 o’clock on October 4th. Come join our county officer team for fun activities and learn about 4-H. We will also announce the winners of the silent auction that day.

To recognize and promote 4-H there will be a different theme for each day of the week.

- Monday—Western/Cowboy**
 - Tuesday—Dress in Green**
 - Wednesday—Tie Die Day**
 - Thursday—Favorite Sports Team**
 - Friday—Crazy for 4-H/Mismatched**
- Come join the fun!

The Giant in the Hen House (Metaphor of America/Explanation)

By Donna Boecher

18-year-olds and new-to-the-voting booth are the “Chicken Jump Ups” of America. They – the media and politicians – tell us to check for truth in what is being presented to us before we vote. Yet, the media (tv, radio, or online) that is available is tainted with untruths or half-truths. America’s people need trustworthy families to direct ‘Jump Ups’ to the truth and to the voting booth. We, as chicks right out of the incubator of our families, are ready to take part in a life of self-governance. We want to fly up against the Giant, the government to make it respond to our needs. Reviewing our first paycheck from that first job, we see that there are problems. Where, to whom, and for what is “we the people” money being spent??? The government promised in the 1930’s that, if we gave them part of our paycheck, they would provide monetary assistance when we got old and unable to work. Yet, this support

is predicted to run out by 2035 or 2037 and each year the eligibility for the assistance stretches years into the future. The “Jump Ups” of Z Generation may have nothing to gain from “social security”, it’s been given to their grandparents. Every year, the future amount is dwindling; in past estimates it took the earning of two to pay for the assistance for one. Perpetually fed and clothed by the government, we lack the work ethic that kept the “Little Red Hen” in bread; she, however, demanded acquiescence to the ethic. Today, each state has between 12-25% local, state, and federal government employees. The federal government was never meant to tell us what to do, rather to protect our unalienable Rights of “life, liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness”, and this with our consent. (More to come with the next half of The Giant in the Henhouse.)

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Dog; ‘and he won’t fetch and carry.’

‘Does he say anything else?’ ‘Only “Humph!”; and he won’t plough,’ said the Ox.

‘Very good,’ said the Djinn. ‘I’ll humph him if you will kindly wait a minute.’

The Djinn rolled himself up in his dust-cloak, and took a bearing across the desert, and found the Camel most ‘scruciatingly idle, looking at his own reflection in a pool of water.

‘My long and bubbling friend,’ said the Djinn, ‘what’s this I hear of your doing no work, with the world so new-and-all?’

‘Humph!’ said the Camel. The Djinn sat down, with his chin in his hand, and began to think a Great Magic, while the Camel looked at his own reflection in the pool of water.

(See How the Camel on Page 6)

Our Readers' Voice...



Citizens Participate In Commissioner Meeting, Despite Cold Shoulder & Attacks From Antagonists By Concerned Citizen

Commissioner meetings are reportedly seldom attended, but the room was full Monday September 13, 2021 with “American Rescue Plan” (ARP) funds heavy on the agenda. While Commissioners did field some questions and comments from attendees when asserted, it certainly wasn’t the warm welcome one might expect from public servants eagerly facing motivated Citizens ready to engage the process. Commissioner Mike Winger looked visibly annoyed at times, as if preferring a uni-directional mere dissemination of information, and he seemed bothered by Patriots wanting to actually play their role and participate for a change.

At the outset, Winger went off script and showcased attending county workers, which was a suspect display given their “Minimum of \$5,000” ARP windfall was on the agenda. He applauded them for braving the Coronavirus, but nobody ever could explain how they were more impacted than anyone else, many of whom in

the private sector certainly faced far more exposure than a road grader on a back country dirt road. One Citizen noted the families of the reported 53 Adair County Coronavirus deaths were most impacted of all; yet, they receive nothing but a perpetual trip to a tombstone. At least one county employee departed from the “possible Covid exposure” justification for the payment, and instead candidly stated he hasn’t had a raise in ten years (clearly a separate, albeit disturbing, matter). In the end, it seems county employees “qualify” for this money simply by working for the government agency controlling the funds.

The pace was swift and Patriots had to be nimble to pose questions in an effort to understand the issues depicted in the detail-free bullet points on the agenda. Commissioners generally provided no invitation for questions, and no default opportunity for discussion, so each act of participation required deliberate insertion into the otherwise perfunctory speed read through agenda items. While some sought to fulfill their civic duty and actually participate in their own governance, others did not

appreciate the Citizens’ efforts to ask clarifying questions and hold our public servants accountable. Notably, while some Citizens asked pointed and poignant useful questions, others lost their equanimity and actually confronted the concerned Citizens who were simply seeking answers.

Indeed, while one Citizen sought to ask a question, Renee Fite from the Stilwell Democrat Journal interrupted and derided the Citizen. Video plainly shows Fite blurting out: **“So is your intention to disrupt this meeting?”** The Citizen expressed the simple desire to understand what comprised a delineated \$400,000 proposed expenditure. Remarkably, Fite declared: **“That’s plain disrupting the meeting.”** Breathtakingly, Fite equated wholly responsive questions, necessary to understand the issues in play, with disruption! Ironically, it was Fite’s spontaneous, evocative side dialogue that was not only disruptive, but also a strawman mischaracterization of active participatory governance by “We The People.” Apparently unaware that the bi-directional exchange of ideas is, by definition, what a meeting actually is, one can only wonder how Fite envisions “consent of the governed” actually existing without Citizens truly knowing what they are consenting to?

Moreover, the Citizens’ questions proved both constructive and productive. One Citizen asked the ever-important (and curiously missing): **“How many county employees are you talking about getting this extra pay?”** Learning it’s about 100 revealed that the \$5,000 individual payments was really a \$500,000.00 expenditure! With half a million dollars, every adult in Adair County could receive a check for \$30.86 (EVERYONE receiving at least something), rather than 0.617% (literally less than 1%) of the adult population receiving 162 times that amount! Alternately, since “stimulus” has already been given repeatedly across the board by the Feds, many Patriots in the room would gladly forgo their portion in favor of community-at-large benefits. Potholes, library expansion, a public waste (dumpster) system, and even the county building cash reserves are popular ideas for the ARP funds. Diana Yell stood out as a remarkably objective, altruistic county employee who shared great information and similarly emphasized county-wide projects (likely to benefit “all”), despite that fact that she and only about 99 others stood to benefit from the \$5,000 (or more).

Further questions exposed the fact that some agenda items were not even adequately, or accurately, represented such that they could be honestly acted upon. Namely, the Commissioners subsequently deemed the wording of the \$5,000 payments agenda item inaccurate, not to mention they’d have been allocating funds before critical guidance was received by the State (a point Commissioner Sam Chandler properly made). One Citizen quoted from the Treasury Department website, asking which category of authorized expenditures the individual \$5,000 payments belonged to. Winger instantly appeared stumped, and immediately turned his head to another Commissioner as if looking to him for the answer. A deflection was made and, lost in the quagmire of not-so-open or thorough discussion, that question was never answered. None of that stopped Winger from wanting to approve the allocation right then anyway. In fact, when the approximately \$500,000.00 in direct deposits to 100 individuals was “tabled,” he voted “no” to \$400,000 in funding for entire county-wide emergency services (ambulance & EMS equipment). This was apparently done in protest, as he

sensationally then stated: **“I agree with the ambulance and all that, but it’s like you don’t care whether these people lived or died!”** (a comment he would later deny making). He added: **“We got a hundred people we asked to risk their lives.”** In reality, these people – like all others – actually only risked facing a 99% survival rate on something they may never even contract to begin with (and, being generous and assuming zero false positives and no undistinguished regular flu diagnoses, confirmed case numbers still show just 1 in 5 people in the county have ever even had it)! So, one can only wonder if these funds are functioning more as a de facto remedy for insufficient pay or missing raises, especially since they apply to all county employees and completely overlook the essential workers in the private sector who don’t happen to work for the government.

Patriots exposed additional problems. Another agenda item involved hiring a grant writer when, in actual fact, there was no grant to write after all! Indeed, Steve Garrett wasn’t pursuing new funds for the county, but rather offering to help deal with existing funds (in an unclear arrangement). It seemed he was offering a solution to a problem the Commissioners had not yet declared they even had (difficulty record-keeping the funds, once spent, or other supposed issues). Commissioner Larry Wood wisely noted that was best done in-house, as the Commissioners are ultimately responsible for the funds. Notwithstanding, there was additional confusion about a supposed \$20,000 cap on Garrett’s fees which, disturbingly, was not actually in the documentation that would have governed that relationship (Wood astutely pointed this out as well).

These clearly critical questions, by these unpaid Citizen contributors, conferred a benefit on all people of Adair County by insisting on a spirit of excellence and good stewardship over resources. Nevertheless, that didn’t stop an unidentified man from telling one of the Citizens to **“shut the hell up.”** A supportive Citizen interjected on behalf of the verbally abused Citizen, telling the rowdy man to **“let him speak,”** right as the offended party was asking the provocateur: **“Excuse me?”** The rude man doubled-down on his affront and the video unmistakably shows him repeating: **“Shut the hell up!”** The offended party declared: **“One thing I can assure you - I will not shut the hell up at my own meeting.”** The supportive Citizen reinforced: **“That’s right, he can speak.”** It’s a sad day when antagonists like this man and Fite square off with Citizens diligently donating their time and law enforcement has to show up in the event of escalation (which the Patriot Citizens thwarted by not engaging or otherwise dignifying these attacks with reciprocated abuses).

These novel ARP funds were readily embraced for unconventional use in some instances, like the \$5,000 cash injections that 99.995494% of the county population would never receive. By contrast, other atypical uses were readily shot down, even when they would ameliorate exclusion and serve people more inclusively. It was as if the default “county funds” spending practices now suddenly applied again. Specifically, the proposed additional \$100,000 in ARP funds per school district (on top of what they’ve already received, and reportedly find challenging to spend per guidelines) only benefit government school system students. Accordingly, one Citizen queried how the Commissioners planned to also reach homeschool students. Indeed, homeschooling has become more popular in the last year and

a half. Chandler stated: **“If you homeschool your kids, that’s your problem.”** While that argument may have a place when discussing standard county funds and expenditures, it falls short in the uncharted waters of the Coronavirus-centered ARP funds, which are designed to reach all Americans.

The lackluster reception of Citizen participation by Commissioners was confirmed, and punctuated, by their unashamed indifference to the fact that many cannot attend a meeting at 8:30 AM on a Monday (right at the very beginning of the “standard” work week). Steve Garret incorrectly construed the weekly Commissioner meetings as the Commissioners’ meeting (decreeing: **“your meeting,”** as he pointed to the three on the elevated platform). However, the Commissioners have the balance of the week unto themselves. In actual fact, the weekly Commissioner meetings are the Citizens’ once-weekly opportunity for oversight to ensure their activities are advancing in an acceptable fashion. Accordingly, a Citizen pointed out the obvious need to vary the day & time of meetings to accommodate as many people as possible. Winger said we should just be glad it wasn’t still at 8 AM! That doesn’t address the issue, but it does perfectly frame his wholesale failure to appreciate that these meetings belong to “We The People.” Chandler said people could just take off work if they want to come! Of course, when he is at the meeting, he is at work already! When public servants are no longer as patient, kind, and considerate as they once were on the campaign trail, it suggests they’ve forgotten who they work for (and their primary purpose in leadership). Nevertheless, this easily avoidable, complete exclusion of a huge swath of the Citizen work force, with these chronic Monday morning meetings, was placed on the agenda for the 9/20/21 meeting (at 8:30 AM, of course). It was ultimately shot down on 9/20/21, with Chandler stating the dates for the meetings are set and cannot be addressed until December. When one Citizen at least made a plea for the time on Monday to be in the evening, Winger stated that the agenda item only addressed the “date,” not the “time.” Of course, it was the Commissioners who worded the agenda item myopically to leave out “time,” despite the fact that both day and time were addressed by Citizens on the 13th and sought to be discussed.

Citizen collaboration with Commissioners was indisputably proven necessary at that 9/13/21 meeting. It’s possible, if not likely, that some of the properly-tabled items would have passed if Citizen Patriots had not exposed that they were premature at best, if not entirely inappropriate. While these interventions were successful, it’s again worth emphasizing that Patriots had to contend for these “victories” in a setting where their contribution felt resented. The fast pace, and “checklist-style” approach to the meeting (that almost feels more like an auction and doesn’t inherently invite input), leaves one wondering what additional helpful insights would have surfaced if more Citizens were there to ask questions, raise concerns, and help guide the actions of our public servants. In closing, to fortify that point, consider that this meeting involved allocating over \$2 million in funds that should benefit “We The People.” Not only were there just a handful of Patriot Citizens in attendance to oversee that, but the entire meeting also only lasted about an hour! Think about that - a mere 60 ticks of the clock to handle all 22 agenda items, just 5 of which dispose of millions of dollars!

Legislature Protects Second Amendment Rights

By State Rep. David Hardin

The Legislature passed several important bills this past session that protect our state’s Second Amendment rights.

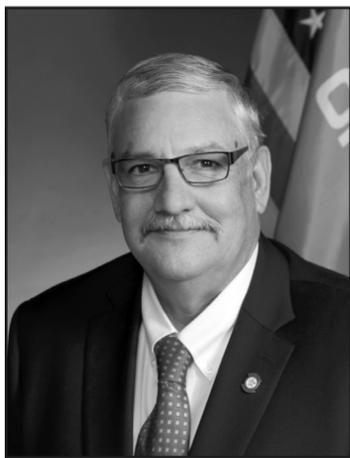
First among these is Senate Bill 631, which designates Oklahoma as a Second Amendment Sanctuary State.

The bill states that any federal, state, county or municipal act, law, executive order, administrative order, court order, rule, policy or regulation ordering the buy-back, confiscation or surrender of firearms, firearm accessories or ammunition from law-abiding citizens of this state shall be considered an infringement on the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and Article II, Section 26 of the Constitution of Oklahoma.

Recent action and talk from the federal government show the importance of this bill, and I’m grateful it was supported by so many in the Legislature. The measure passed with an emergency clause allowing it to become law upon the governor’s signature back in April.

I was the principal author of House Bill 1630, which amends various sections of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. Changes include removing the ability of the Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation’s (OSBI) ability to examine medical or other records during a renewal application. The measure also allows a person precluded from obtaining a carry license due to convictions for public intoxication to obtain a certified statement from a licensed physician stating they don’t need substance abuse treatment to remove the preclusion. The bill also removes language relating the issuance of a license while awaiting federal fingerprint search information.

Public safety measures in the bill include the denial of renewal applications if the current license is subject to suspension or revocation or if the license has previously been suspended or revoked by the OSBI. The bill creates a five-year preclusion period if a previously issued handgun license has been revoked. It allows the OSBI to conduct a search of the Immigration Alien Query for non-



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United States citizens, and it requires an applicant to include a declaration of citizenship or alien or admission number for a non-U.S. citizen. Applicants also must acknowledge they have reviewed the Federal Bureau of Investigation Privacy Act Statement.

House Bill 2645 cleans up and clarifies language from Oklahoma’s 2019 “Constitutional Carry” law.

The bill, which was supported by the Oklahoma Second Amendment Association, clarifies where and when it is legal to carry a firearm in public places.

It modifies the language of the law, replacing the word “handgun” with the term “firearm” in the context of unlawful carry in certain places. It adds property set aside by local government for an event that is secured by minimum-security provisions – such as an 8-foot fence, controlled access points staffed by law enforcement and a metal detector – as a place where concealed or open carry of a firearm is not permitted. But the bill does allow concealed or open carry at public events without the stipulated minimum-security measures.

Senate Bill 672 allows a person who is currently enlisted or is an honorably discharged veteran between the ages of 18 to 21 to transport a firearm on a public highway in their vehicle.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Commentary by John Bankel

Another Trek to the Taboo of Money, Part 5

CRYPTO CURRENCY: NEXT PHASE

Something remarkable has happened since the first Bitcoin was introduced in July, 2010. Initially regarded as a fad, crypto currency (virtual money) has become a phenomenon and is here to stay what with hundreds perhaps even thousands of crypto coins now on the market, having attracted trillions of investment dollars, along with a variety of trading platforms. Much like stocks, not all coins will fare well. Yet many

have achieved enormous returns for the investor.

It is beginning to look like crypto currency will take over the conventional currency marketplace, in a phase-in, phase-out fashion. You can be sure that the politicians will take their pound of flesh along the way.

The prophecy in the Book of Revelation tells of the 4 pillars of the New World Order: A one world government, a one world dictator,

a one world religion, and a one world currency. From what this writer sees, we are heading in that direction worldwide. If the beast in the Book is the world economic system, which is teetering on the brink of collapse, and that beast receives a deadly wound, i.e., an implosion, then it could very well be that crypto currency will heal it. The next phase and the final phase. The handwriting is on the wall.

"For today the Trail has come to an end and, as Roy Rogers and Dale Evans always sang, 'Happy Trails to you, until we meet again.' May your Trail end up on the right side of the fence."

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Puzzle Page

KRYPTO KONTEST WEEK 12

No new krypton solutions have been received this week. With only this week and next week left in this first go round, it looks like catching David W., with 3 Kryptos, falls on his nearest competitor, Kevin H.

WHAT'S SO PUNNY? TODAY IS QUADRUPLE BONANZA PUN FUN

Your fingers have fingertips but your toes don't have toe tips, yet you can tiptoe but not fingertoe?...

Why do we park on the driveway and drive on the parkway?...

What did the hamburger name its baby?...

Patty...

My ex-wife still misses me...but her aim is improving!...

Hope this quartet of puns gave you a tickle or two or three or four!

Got a funny one? Send it to: straightforwardpress21@gmail.com.

with 1. A tie will result in a coin toss to determine the winner for a prize of a calculator and a \$25 gift card from a local merchant. Having said that, here is this week's set of numbers:

The answer is 24. You are playing with 9, 23, 5, 8, 14. 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 24.

Give it a shot. ENJOY!

Send your answer to: **Krypto Kontest, POB 885, Stilwell, OK 74960.**

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How the Camel (Contd. from Page 4)

'You've given the Three extra work ever since Monday morning, all on account of your 'scruciating idleness,' said the Djinn; and he went on thinking Magics, with his chin in his hand.

'Humph!' said the Camel.

'I shouldn't say that again if I were you,' said the Djinn; you might say it once too often. Bubbles, I want you to work.'

And the Camel said 'Humph!' again; but no sooner had he said it than he saw his back, that he was so proud of, puffing up and puffing up into a great big lolloping humph.

'Do you see that?' said the Djinn. 'That's your very own humph that you've brought upon your very own self by not working. To-day is Thursday, and you've done no work since Monday, when the work began. Now you are going to work.'

'How can I,' said the Camel, 'with this humph on my back?'

'That's made a-purpose,' said the Djinn, 'all because you missed those three days. You will be able to work now for three days without eating, because you can live on your humph; and don't you ever say I never did anything for you. Come out of the Desert and go to the Three, and behave. Humph yourself!'

And the Camel humphed himself, humph and all, and went away to join the Three. And from that day to this the Camel always wears a humph (we call it 'hump' now, not to hurt his feelings); but he has never yet caught up with the three days that he missed at the beginning of the world, and he has never yet learned how to behave.

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