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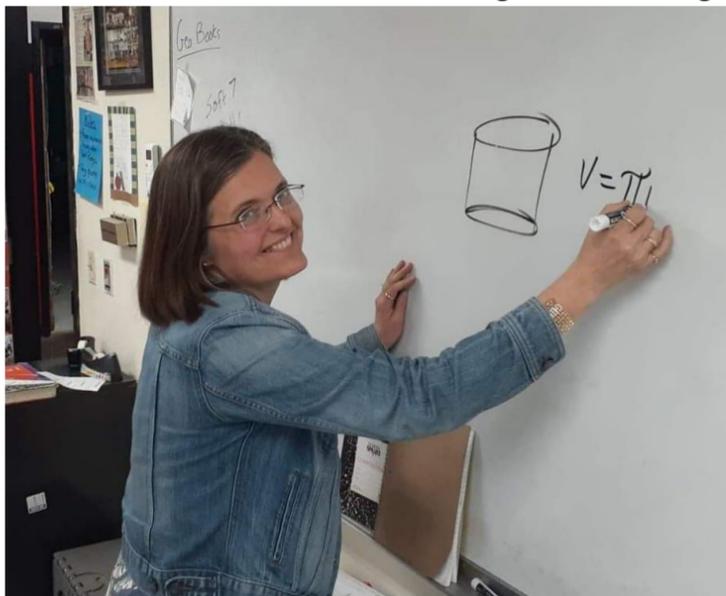
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## Special Report.....

### The Teacher Feature

Commentary By: John Bankel

During the school year, while school is in session, in the last issue of the month, The Straight Forward FREE Press, will spotlight an Adair County teacher. Teachers work hard and, often, for little pay and most often, get very little recognition. Those that have spent many years in the classroom have contributed much to the success of their former students. This month's teacher is a prime example. Meet Beth Essary, Stilwell Middle School Math Teacher. A Legend In The Making?



**Beth Essary Having a Slice of Pi.....LOL**

The word on the street is that "Beth Essary is a great Teacher." This writer, during the course of his time in Stilwell, has run into a number of students who have had Mrs. Essary as their math teacher. The common thread among those students seems to be that she expects a lot from her students and, because of those expectations, the students learn. Essary is originally from Iowa, Marshalltown to be exact. As a 14 year old, her family moved to Stilwell where she started in the 8th grade, eventually graduating from Stilwell High School. After graduation, she enrolled as an undergraduate at NSU (Northeastern State University). She began studying accounting. As she tells it, accounting was the "family business," having come from a family in which many of her family members made their living as accountants. She soon learned that accounting was not "her cup of tea." She switched to elementary educa-

tion. When this writer asked her what made her decide to go into education she replied, "Learning always came easy to me and as I was going through school, I found myself often helping my fellow students and I really enjoyed doing that." She finished her work at NSU with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Masters in Early Childhood Learning. She entered the teaching field as a second grade teacher at Rocky Mountain Elementary. In 1990 an opportunity at Stilwell Middle School opened up, but it was not for an elementary ed teacher. A new program for gifted students was in the works and that program needed a "Math Teacher." Beth Essary jumped in feet first. Why? She said, "I have always loved math." She gladly accepted the challenge. Today, after all those years, Essary still loves math and, what's more, loves teaching math. Her enthusiasm

## HOT ROD



## YesterYear Yearnings

Commentary by: John Bankel



**1923 C Cab: Owner Mike Zensor**



**1941 Coupe: Owner Tom Zensor**

As I stepped outside the door of the "Something Sweet" restaurant after enjoying a dinner with friends, the old time car, shown in the photo, was parked by the take out window. I walked up to the driver's window and asked if I could take a photo. He said, "Sure." It is not often that a "cool car" like this comes along. I asked the man what year and make his hot rod was? He said, "It is a 1941 Ford Coupe" He told me it has a 327 Chevy engine, automatic transmission and other modern conveniences! I mentioned to him that I write for "The Straight Forward FREE Press", of which he said he was not familiar. He told me that he and his

wife were on their way to Harps parking lot to meet with other old time car aficionados and that they would be there until about 7:30. It was 6 pm at that time. I told him I would stop by for a visit, thinking like a journalist that there would be a story here. I did my "cruise" and stopped by. There was a line of old time beauties parked along the south edge of the lot. Each car spoke of a time gone by, evincing the spirit of yesteryear. The man with the '41 Ford was sitting by the pavilion. I walked over and started a conversation. He told me his name is Tom Zinser. About 5 years ago, he moved to the Stilwell area, from Edge, OK, to be closer

to his son, Mike Zinser, and his family. He is originally from Independence, Kansas, where he grew up on a 323 acre farm. Mike Zinser owns the fully tricked out 1923 C Cab hot rod, shown above. Tom explained that this group, which goes by the name of "The Stilwell Cruisers" was started by Ron Braley and meets every second and fourth Friday of the month. That is good to know that one can "cruise" by the Harps parking lot and enjoy a trip into yesteryear and relive some old time memories and maybe satisfy one's "yesteryear yearnings?" More to come in future issues

## SPECIAL REPORT..... CONTINUED

for teaching has not waned; on the contrary it has grown and it is that enthusiasm which rubs off on the students. The years have brought many success stories. Among those stories is her work as the Academic Team Coach where a number of her students won top honors. In addition, Beth has raised 3 boys, all of whom had their mother as their math teacher, and all of them have excelled academically. The oldest,

Joshua, works as an engineer in Iowa. In the middle is Andrew, who recently passed his CPA exam, and works in Ft. Worth, Texas. The youngest, Luke, is a sophomore at OU studying to become a Dietician. This writer asked about the changes in the teaching of mathematics that have taken place since she started. She responded by saying that the use of calculators has prompted a shift to where today solving problems

is the primary focus of teaching math. Not only that, but the curriculum is now digital, with the students and the teacher spending much time communicating via computer. For Beth Essary, these changes are welcome. It is quite possible that Mrs. Essary, who plans to stay at Stilwell Middle School, just may become a "legendary teacher?"

### PROVERB POWER

"Blessed is the man whom you instruct, Oh LORD, and teach out of your law..."

Psalm 94:12 NKJ

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# The Lady in the Blue Sari

**Part - 41**  
Lydia finally received a letter from Ann in Oklahoma, she was coming to Jaipur. If she didn't know about her work ethic, she would think she was coming to savor a mango lassi or two and relish all the flavors of Punjabi curries – sweet, salty, pungent, astringent, bitter, and . . . whatever the last flavor

was that made for satisfaction! She wanted Lydia to travel with her to Kochi where they would talk to village leaders for permission to build a cluster of casitas and see if solar power and her other energy-saving ideas would help the poor. She marked her calendar for her arrival. God had brought yet another blessing into her life.

## On The Campaign Trail

Today's Trail Treks to Part 2 of an ongoing series ...

**Ghost Towns of Oklahoma**

*Commentary by John Bankel*

In today's Campaign Trail, we will be focusing on Ghost Town's of Adair County. But before we do that, let's take a look at what constitutes a "ghost town." There are 3 classifications which are described as follows: ghost towns can include sites in various states of disrepair and abandonment. 1. Some sites no longer have any trace of civilization and have returned to pasture land or empty fields. 2. Other sites are unpopulated but still have standing buildings. 3. Some sites may even have a small population, but there are fewer citizens than they had during their grander historic past. Adair County has a few "ghost towns." Today we will visit the "ghost town" of Piney. One who is familiar with Adair County, may immediately be puzzled that Piney should be considered a "ghost town" because today there are people who claim to live in Piney? Let's take a look at the history of Piney and that will tell the tale. Piney was established in 1824 as the Cherokee "head town" of the first wave of relocated Cherokee people ( the "Old Settlers"), who relocated from their ancestral homelands in the southeastern United States, and it served as the council seat (informal capital) of the Cherokee Nation-West from 1824 to 1828. The town was part of what was then

Arkansaw Territory. In 1828 there was a territorial split with most of the Cherokee residents moving farther west into their designated districts in the Indian Territory. A Baptist missionary, Duncan O'Bryant, remained behind. He died in 1834 and his grave is located there. Piney had a post office from November 24, 1913 until August 20, 1921. The town reached its largest size circa 1916. It had a general store ( where the post office was located ), a gristmill, a blacksmith shop and a school, which is now used as a community center. The incorporated town continued until 1940. The original settlement of Piney is now considered to be a ghost town, although some residents still live in the area. As a matter of fact, according to the 2010 census, their number was 115. With fewer people than it once had and no longer incorporated, Piney is now classified as a "ghost town of Oklahoma."

For today, the Trail has come to an end. Perhaps we shall meet again around yonder bend. And until that time, "happy trails to you, until we meet again."

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# Health Tips from Larkin

1. Health tips from Larkin: Natural house cleaning part 5: Natural Air fresheners: Recipe 2: This recipe is simple and easy to make, yet smells amazing and will leave you healthier for its use! The recipe is as follows: Ingredients 1C water, 1C white vinegar, 1Tbsp vanilla extract, 1 tsp. whole cloves and 1 cinnamon stick. Instructions: 1. Place all the ingredients in a saucepan 2. Bring them to a boil then turn down heat and let simmer for three minutes. 3. Let liquid cool then strain and pour into a spray bottle and use to

your heart's content! Hope you enjoy it and remember to have fun, stay safe and healthy during your spring cleaning! Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell.

## THE KIPLING KORNER

*"An ounce of demonstration is worth a ton of theory."*



Dear John,  
This isn't a pleasant subject. When I attend funerals it is of course a sad thing for me but it is made worse by open caskets. I have had nightmares of me dying and people looking at me dead. I told my family please keep the lid shut on my casket. Better yet I requested that they cremate me. My mom got upset. She said "God wouldn't like it". My question is simple does God get upset if we are cremated?

Dusty

Dear Dusty...the word "funeral" begins with "fun", but we all know there is not much fun to be had at a funeral. It is a sad affair. Many families nowadays have decided to turn a funeral into "a celebration of life." That is all well and good yet the fact remains that someone has passed from this life into the next. As far as your question is concerned, as long as one is still breathing, the manner in which the body is disposed should remain a personal decision. Dear John has been to a number of funerals where the deceased was displayed in an open casket. My hat is off to morticians; they do a remarkable job. As a matter of fact, comments like "he looks so good" or "he never looked better" are often heard. Those comments elicit a stitch of morbid humor. One cannot help but to think that he looks better dead than alive? And finally, to paraphrase Solomon, who wrote in the Book Of Ecclesiastes, the body will return to dust and the spirit returns to Father God, who gave it. Words of comfort to be sure and should assuage any fear that God does not like cremation.

Sincerely,

Dear John

Have a question for Dear John? email: [dearjohn@writeme.com](mailto:dearjohn@writeme.com)

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# Puzzle Page

YOU NEED TO THINK LITERALLY TO SOLVE THESE PICTOGRAMS

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20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, **Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.**  
21 **Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.**  
22 **Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.**

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 6: 20, 21, 22 (KJV)

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Searching for a Word – sculpture  
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Ex. Michelangelo's David is a sculpture carved in marble.



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

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## THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

### A RACE WE CANNOT WIN

I remember an old joke about a couple of guys in the woods that came across a bear, the bear happened to be hungry and began to chase the two guys. Anyone who knows anything about a bear knows that they have the ability to run 30 miles per hour. One of the guys turned to the other and asked him if he could outrun the bear; his response was probably not, but I think I can outrun you. Today the bear that is after us is inflation, we might be able to stay away from it for a little while, but over the long term it will catch up to all of us. In a highly inflationary environment, families have to continually find larger and larger piles of money just to maintain the same standard of living. Here in America, we are witnessing shortages and bare store shelves, but we are more fortunate that most of the people on this globe. According to one Lebanese official, Lebanon is already dealing with an extremely severe food shortage... a shortage of Russian and Ukrainian farm products, combined with long-term economic instability and inflation, is creating a major food shortage in Lebanon.

There is an old saying that humans never learn from history and far too often are destined to repeat the mistakes of the past. Venezuela is a classic example, at one time Venezuela actually had a thriving middle class, but then massive inflation came along and destroyed it. Because of hyperinflation, just about everyone in Venezuela became millionaires, but just about everyone was also pushed into poverty because the currency was essentially worthless. For an economy to thrive, a stable currency is essential, and that is a lesson that our leaders have never learned. Our politicians in Washington just keep borrowing and spending trillions upon trillions of dollars that we don't have, and the "experts" at

the Federal Reserve just keep pumping trillions of fiat dollars into the financial system. In a recent CBS News poll, 66 percent of Americans say that higher prices have created a hardship on their families. Over the past 2 years housing prices have risen 32.6 percent, it is being estimated that soaring mortgage rates have now priced 9 million home buyers out of the market. According to the latest data from the Federal Reserve, consumer debt rose by \$41.8 billion, up 11.3% in February. Also, in February credit card debt rose by a whopping 20.7%.

We Americans have become a people who demand instant gratification, we also are willing to take on massive debt to have those things, but we need to remember that when you owe for everything all of the stuff you have will belong to someone else if you fall upon hard times. The prophetic signs are all across the world, we are facing one of the worst financial events ever to hit this planet. Our leaders and our people have become addicted to endless debt. Because of the current policies we now have way too much money chasing way too few goods and services, and this has caused rampant inflation and widespread shortages. Those of us who have been warning about the destructive financial policies over the past several years have been ridiculed as kooks and conspiracy nuts; sadly, we are about to be proven correct concerning our warnings. The American middle class is the backbone of this country, the middle class has the most to lose because of the out-of-control inflation. Without a strong middle class, the America I grew up in will cease to exist. We Americans are on a long road with a hungry bear called inflation that is nipping at our heels, and we have already outrun all of our companions; now we and the bear are alone on the road.

### HOME SWEET HOME WITH ATTITUDE

If you write in the dust please don't date it.  
I'm creative; you can't expect me to be neat to.  
My house was clean last week; too bad you missed it.

**Vocabulary word** – anonymous  
Nameless, unidentified.

Ex. The anonymous sculpture was later identified; it was a Rodan.



### Mullin It Over:

#### The Oklahoma Standard is as Strong as Ever

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

Today, Oklahomans join together in remembering the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing and the loved ones left behind on that horrible day 27 years ago. As we mourn the worst act of homegrown terrorism in our country's history, we also reflect on a term coined on April 19, 1995: the Oklahoma Standard. In the face of tragedy, Oklahomans went out of their way to share what they had to help those in need.

The Oklahoma Standard has long echoed the goodwill and compassion of Oklahomans, even prior to that fateful day. In times of difficulty, the spirits of Oklahomans remain as resilient as ever. No matter our situation, we always ask one another: "How can I help?"

In the last month alone, I've been inspired by the Oklahomans who rushed to aid and lend a helping hand in the aftermath of the tornado in Kingston. Though the tornado damaged just about every house in its wake, the spirit of the community could not be crushed. This is just one

example of the thousands of acts of kindness Oklahomans show each other every single day. I am confident that no matter the challenges that our state and country face, we will come together and help our neighbors.

The Bible teaches in Matthew 25 to lend a hand to our neighbors as we would Christ: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Jesus explains: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

As we continue to face the challenges of today, let us remember to follow in His steps by upholding the Oklahoma Standard. Take some time this month to extend the Oklahoma Standard to someone that might need a little extra help in your community. One of the greatest things about our country is that when unforeseen circumstances or events are thrown at us, Americans always unite to take care of each other.

### County Commissioners Laud OHCE Group



Standing From L to R: Naomi Fuson, Jennifer Patterson, Penny Meredith, Kathryn Rackliff, Donna Boecher, John Bankel, Marilyn Vaughn Seated L to R: Commissioners: Sam Chandler, Dist. 2 Mike Winger, Dist. 1 Larry Wood, Dist. 3

At the April 25 County Commissioners meeting, a proclamation was issued to name the week of May 1 thru 7th "Oklahoma Home Community Education Week." OHCE, aka, Homemakers, actively works with 4H in raising funds from various activities for scholarships and 4H trips. Plus, participation in the annual Adair County Fair is one of the highlights. OHCE has been helping in

communities across Oklahoma since the 1920's. Adair County has 2 active Chapters: Country Acres, Westville and Zion-Stilwell. For anyone interested in serving their community and learning about homemaking, new members are always welcome. Call Adair County Extension Office @ 918-696-2253 for more information.

### Our Readers Voice.. Sober Self-Assessment In The Patriot Movement

Part Two

The first is attending Patriot conferences. While some allege conference organizers are "PAYtriot" profiting by selling access to new idols who replaced the fallen Hollywood stars, these events do seem much like pep rallies, devoid of realistic calls to action on the battlefield. Second, some Patriots have organized into quasi-formal groups, contradictorily emulating the old-order power structures they decry. They erect hierarchies and spin their wheels on administrative tasks and digital "paper shuffling," convinced their title evinces a "leadership" role in the Patriot movement. Meanwhile, the cabal couldn't care less about their dormant council, committee or cadre of officers. Evaluating your station on the spectrum is remarkably, perhaps painfully, simple: Do your public servants know who you are? If your sheriff, county commissioners, mayor, police chief, school board, state and county election board, federal and state legislators, etc. know you by name or face, there's a pretty good chance you're out there stirring the pot. By contrast, if they don't know you, there's an exceptionally good chance they also don't know your views. If they don't know your views, you're having no impact on the things you chronically complain about (to others, who also do nothing but complain). Your failure to matriculate to the "show up" phase hurts the movement and your legacy. Our greatest weapon, numbers, is neutered. For instance, consider 17 Wal-Mart employees together refusing to wear masks. Would the manager send them all home and subsequently close the store, being so short-staffed? We'll never know, because individual fear trounced collective faith. Apart from crippling the movement, your passivity becomes your history. When this epic battle between good & evil dissipates, what will be your story? Will you be remembered as one who entered the fray without timid regard for personal safety, or will you point to a social media account chock-full of regurgitated posts you hoped would spur someone else to take action? Play your role. Nobody else will, because nobody else can.

### Dreamstar Connections 13th Annual Spring Strawberry Pageant

It was 13 years ago when Lora Gallardo and her daughter, Rosita Gallardo Boyce, launched their dream: Dreamstar Connections Pageants. The word "pageant" usually drums up a vision of a "beauty pageant." The Gallardos had another idea: they were thinking about offering children from 0 to 12 years old a chance to be part of an event which would highlight participation for the purpose of

being part of something that is extraordinary, one which emphasizes building confidence. Over the past 13 years, each year the pageants have become bigger and better, not only in attendance but also in splendor. One can see, from the accompanying photos, the articulation of that splendor in the dresses, many of them handmade, with which each contestant is clothed, as well as the hairdos and

shoes. Confidence and a sense of enjoyment radiates from each contestant's countenance. Dreamstar Connections has created something special for the children of Adair County. With the overflow crowd present at the Stilwell Community Center on April 2, it may be time to think of a new and larger venue for next year's Pageant  
 Commentary by:  
 John Bankel

### "Where Old Friends Meet"



Standing L to R: Brenda Asbill Cureton, Mary Combs Caveness, Mary Adair Hensley, Sharon Shepherd Treib, Sheila Wilson Buckner, Linda Ketcher Goodrich, Darlene Collins Morton, Wanda Hogner Brown. Seated L to R: Loretta Gregory Stout, Deanie Deeson Parks, Jennifer Vick Burke, Trina Price Melton.

This group meets to solve: World, Adair County, Life problems while enjoying laughs and giggles. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the friendship of this group. If you are interested in coming by, please call Mary Combs @ 918 575 4445 or Darlene Collins @918 575 0447 for time and place.

### ADAIR COUNTY 4-H THANK YOU UNITED WAY



Pictured left to right: Jennifer Patterson, Mark Lea, Luke Eubanks, Susan Stone

Adair County 4-H would like to thank the United Way for their donation. We appreciate all they do to support our kids and enabling us to recognize the hard work they put into their projects.

### Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ADAIR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARED MAY 1ST- 7TH OKLAHOMA HOME COMMUNITY EDUCATION WEEK

The Zion Stilwell group will have an information booth set up at Reed's Hardware May 1st thru the 7th. Country Acres Westville group will have a display setup at Carson Community Bank in Westville, as well. Oklahoma Home Community Education (OHCE) has been around since 1914 and is a community service-based program. If you would like more information about OHCE, please call Adair County Extension 918-696-2253.



Left to Right Strawberry Spring Queen Jerrica Vermeer, Miss Spring Supreme Aiyana Ketcher, Strawberry Spring Princess Taylor Knight.



Strawberry Spring Queen 2022  
 Jerrica Vermeer



Miss Strawberry Spring Supreme Aiyana Ketcher



Strawberry Spring Princess Taylor Knight

### Answers Page 2

1. Lovebug
2. Sign Language
3. Accidentally on purpose.
4. Diamond in the rough
5. It's a small world after all.
6. Star Trek
7. Big fat liar
8. Gravy train
9. Cold Turkey
10. Don't poke the bear.
11. Bucket list
12. Diamonds are forever

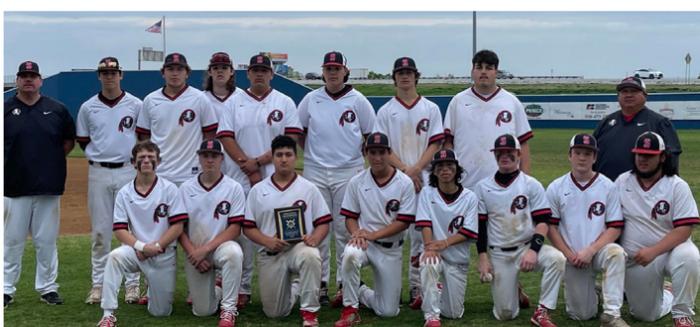


### Stilwell Sports Spotlight

Commentary by John Bankel



Stilwell Boys Baseball Finishes Checotah Crossroads Tournament As Runner Up. Wagoner took home first place when they topped the Indians 2-1 on Saturday in what was surely a nail biting thriller.



Stilwell Boys Baseball Team Proudly Displays Their Second Place Award

# YOU DECIDE WHAT'S BEST

## Republican

VS

## Democrat

FREEDOM



SOCIALISM



GRATITUDE FOR AMERICA

APOLOGIZE FOR AMERICA

SECURE BORDERS

OPEN BORDERS

DEFEND POLICE

DE FUND POLICE

ABOLISH MS-13 GANGS

ABOLISH ICE

LOWER TAXES

RAISE TAXES

LEGAL IMMIGRATION

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

GOVERNMENT CONTROL

ALL LIVES MATTER

SOME LIVES MATTER

YOU CHOOSE YOUR DOCTOR

GOV'T CHOOSES YOUR DOCTOR

IMPLEMENT VOTER ID

NON-CITIZENS VOTE

KEEP YOUR GUNS

GOV'T TAKES YOUR GUNS

ANTI-ABORTION

PRO FULL TERM ABORTION

# Obituary.....



**Diane Elizabeth (Workman) Rock** was born on May 8, 1943, in Prairie Grove, Arkansas to John Workman and Bertha (Pickett) Workman. She went to be with Jesus on April 3, 2022, Stilwell, Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her parents: John and Bertha Workman, brother: Sammy Workman; brother: Doug Workman; son: John Rock; and daughter: Jerri Ann Stilwell.

She leaves behind her husband of 61 1/2 years: Jerry

Rock; 3 children: Janice Clinton and husband Rick, Dee-Jay Rock and partner Melissa Garris, Jeff Rock and wife Sarah all of Stilwell, Oklahoma. 10 grandchildren: Aaron, Ashley, Samantha, Zachary, Hunter, Chelsey, Dalton, Marvin, and Chandler; 6 great grandchildren, a host other friends and relatives.

Diane was born again into the family of God on August 18, 1972. It wasn't uncommon to walk in see and her reading her bible at any time. She was a beloved daughter, wife, mother, aunt, granny, and great granny. She was a homemaker and helped run the family business for many years. She loved working in the yard, gardening, cooking, crossword puzzles and

as she got older, she developed a love for watching TV, such as Lone Ranger, Hazel, Monk, and Murder She Wrote just to name a few. And don't forget her love for coffee. She loved her grand kids and catered to their every need, which included "Cocoa Milk and Ice Cream".

She was adored by each and every person that met her. She will be greatly missed by many because of the love and compassion she showed to everyone she encountered.

Funeral services were held at 11 am on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Terry Mays officiating. Interment followed at Stilwell City Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.

ried the love of his life Rhonda Sanders on March 13, 1982. He loved his family dearly and he enjoyed his wife's cooking. Carl touched many lives over the years and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Carl asked Jesus into his heart at the age of 14.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son Jefferey Michael Minor-Proctor; and his siblings Doris Brown, Charles Proctor, Gail Susie Boudreau, Lucille Still and John Dewayne Proctor.

He is survived by a loving family which includes his wife of 39 years Rhonda Proctor of the home; his children Shamil Nicole Glass and husband Chuck of Stilwell, Carl Wayne Proctor Jr. and wife Bobbie of Stilwell and Britnany Michelle Proctor

of Stilwell; his brother Robert Proctor and wife Darlene of Weatherford, TX; and his grandchildren Akirra Proctor, Jefferey Proctor and Aaliyah Proctor. Several nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive him.

Funeral services will be at 1 pm on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Jim Sanders officiating. Interment will follow at Clear Springs Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.

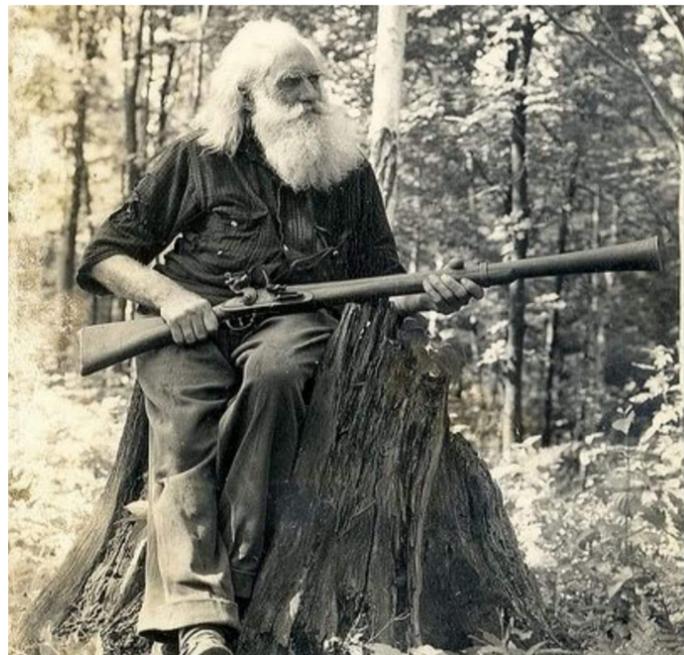


**Carl Wayne Proctor Sr.** the son of Felix and Louella (Gonzales) Proctor was born January 14, 1953, in Claremore, Oklahoma and departed this life on April 9, 2022, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 69 years, 2 months and 26 days.

Carl enjoyed the outdoors whether he was hunting, fishing or working in the garden. He loved old trucks and enjoyed working on them. His family meant the most to him, and he loved spending time with his grandchildren. He mar-



## Advice from An Old Hillbilly



Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.

Keep skunks, bankers, and politicians at a distance.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

Forgive your enemies; its what GOD says to do.

If you don't take the time to do it right, you'll find the time to do it twice.

Don't corner something that is meaner than you.

Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.

It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

You cannot unsay a cruel word.

Every path has a few puddles.

When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

Don't be banging your shin on a stool that's not in the way.

Borrowing trouble from the future doesn't deplete the supply.

Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never

gonna happen anyway.

Don't judge folks by their relatives.

Silence is sometimes the best answer.

Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

The biggest troublemaker you'll ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

Good judgment comes from experience, and most of that comes from bad judgment.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Most times, it just gets down to common sense.

## WHAT'S SO PUNNY? PUN FUN

This week's array of puns pokes fun at peculiarities of American English. So let's "ham it up" and have "a ball", all y'all. And while you are at it, let your "funny bone" get tickled! There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; Neither apple nor pine in pineapple. And, while no one knows what is in a hotdog, you can be pretty sure it isn't canine. English muffins were not invented in England nor french fires in France. Sweetmeats are

candies, while sweet breads, which are not sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore it's paradoxes, we find that quick sand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. Hope you enjoyed this week's lineup of PUN FUN! Stick around. There is more PUN FUN to come in next week's issue. And remember, life is more fun with WHAT'S SO PUNNY? PUN FUN.



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