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13th Annual Dreamstar Connection Spring Strawberry Pageant Pro-Am Winner: Jaylynn Vermeer



While I was covering this event on Saturday, April 2 at the Stilwell Community Center, a young lady dressed in a pretty flowered dress, wearing a flower adorned bonnet, strode confidently to where I was standing and asked, "Will you interview me?" Somewhat amusedly impressed I replied, "Sure, and what is your name?" She said, "Jaylynn Vermeer." I asked, "Did you say Vermeer?" "Yes" was her answer. Without hesitation, I asked, "You're not related to the famous Dutch painter (who painted the now priceless work of "Girl With The Pearl Earring") are you?" She came back with, "My Dad says we are." And so our conversation ensued. Jaylynn told me she is 10 years old and in fifth grade at Westville Elementary. Her poise and intelligence seemed to be way beyond her years. She told

me she likes to perform and has been taking dance lessons at Studio B in Siloam Springs. Her dancing includes hip-hop, ballet and jazz where she performs at recitals. I asked her what her favorite subject in school was? She told me she loves math. It was at that point that I had to give Jaylynn a high-five, since I am a retired High School math teacher! Intelligent young lady to be sure. It is no wonder that the judges "fell in love" with her charm, poise and confidence, not to mention how becoming her dress and bonnet were, when she presented herself on stage. She took home the crown in the Pro-Am category. In this writer's estimation, a bright future awaits Jaylynn Vermeer. It may include the fame of the Vermeer name? The artistry is there. *Commentary by John Bankel.*

Editorial Freedom of Speech in Our Town

Do you believe in America's Constitution in Stilwell? If yes, then you KNOW that we have the right to peaceably assemble and speak up for our rights. On Tuesday, April 19th, the citizenry of Stilwell met to stand up for teachers who were dismissed or reassigned from their position without due process. This is a case of Cui Bono (taking advantage to the detriment of others). The Superintendent of Schools directed her power to fire one

teacher and reassign another; both standing up for the rights of the students to have a first-class education. Neither believed that the demeaning comments and cursing of male and female students by Josh Gilstrap was appropriate behavior for a teacher. Because of this abuse the FFA program has decreased by 50%. Only the fear of exposure about inappropriate behavior by a family member would elicit this reaction. Nepotism (fa-

voritism granted to family) is normally not a good thing. In prophetic words, our community of believers will not allow this evil to stand in the face of its belief and faith in God's goodness. The Lord's Prayer says it all, "... thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." If we as parents, students, and citizens stand for the right, evil cannot prevail. The School Board meets again this Thursday evening to take positive action.

Stilwell Chamber Of Commerce Meeting



Bryce Miller, Miller Farms



Rich Creyer, Local Trade Partners



Keith Barenberg, Dist 4 State Senate Candidate

The Stilwell Chamber of Commerce meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month at the KCS train depot. At the meeting on April 7, not a chair was unfilled as the crowd enjoyed pizza from Simple Simon and listened to several speakers. The first to address the assembly was Bryce Miller, owner of Miller (Strawberry) Farms and head of the Stilwell Strawberry Growers Association. He said that the number of growers still active in growing commercially has dwindled down to about 7 or 8 with about 20 acres total in cultivation. The Association is

seeking to build up that number. At one time, when Stilwell touted itself as "The Strawberry Capital Of The World" there were around 20 growers and 200 acres under cultivation. He said that in around 10 years the present number will be about half and, of course, that does not bode well for the Stilwell Strawberry Festival offering Stilwell Strawberries. He said that the Association is putting together a program for high school students to engender interest in growing berries by teaching how to do it. He is hopeful that this effort will prove to be successful for the

future of Stilwell Strawberries, and if one has ever tasted some, they are next to none in flavor and juiciness. The second speaker, Rich Creyer, introduced an organization that he helped start, "Local Trade Partners." He handed out a directory of participating businesses, from A-Z, in the area. The directory includes a "How It Works" page. We all have traded in our lifetimes. Barter is what it is called and it goes back all the way to the beginning of recorded history.

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65th Anniversary

Join the Celebration of Their Love

David and Wanda Elliot

April 24, 2022
3-5 p.m.

Impact Church Sixth & Olive Stilwell

PROVERB POWER

"Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablets of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man."

Proverbs 3: 3-4 NKJV

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

A LEAKING BOAT

I often wonder what would be the logical course of action if you were in a leaky row boat in the middle of a huge lake and you didn't know how to swim. Would you sit in the boat hoping that some good Samaritan would happen by and come to your rescue? Would you start rowing frantically in an effort to reach the bank of the lake before the boat sank? Would you try to find some object in the boat that could plug the leak and prevent it from sinking? Or would you grab a hatchet and start chopping more holes in the bottom of the boat with the insane idea that somehow that action would keep the boat afloat? I hope that these analogies about the leaking boat will give us some perspective on how the current administration is handling the complete debacle that is happening at our southern border. The border control agents on our southern border are completely overwhelmed by the flood of illegal aliens, and that flood is certain to become much worse because of the proposal to end Title 42 expulsions, which were implemented during the Trump administration to prevent potentially COVID-19-infected illegal migrants from crossing into the United States from Canada and Mexico. Washington is planning to end Title 42 on May 23. The first thing that comes to mind is covid, but that is not the only infectious disease that would cause trouble for America; Title 42 expulsions involve the removal of illegal immigrants who have recently come from a country affected by an infectious

disease. According to projections by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which expect up to 18,000 migrant apprehensions per day once Title 42 ends, it will result in more than half a million illegal aliens crossings per month. Because of the actions of the current administration, the border states are stretching their state programs to the limit. There is an old saying about walking a mile in another man's shoes, we that are somewhat removed from the border should try to understand the failed policy that the liberals are forcing on the people of Texas. Recently governor Abbott of Texas promoted a plan to transport many of these illegal aliens to Washington DC and let their system be responsible for providing health care, education, and lodging for people who have no respect for our sovereignty as a nation. In an attempt to slow the flow of illegals, Abbott has also ordered the Texas Department of Public Safety to conduct enhanced commercial vehicle safety inspections at several ports of entry between Texas and Mexico. The clogged ports of entry are causing massive delays and pain, and since our own government is turning a blind eye to the problem, maybe the Mexican government will get involved. Mexico is Texas's top trading partner with \$88.5 billion worth of goods flowing both ways across the Texas-Mexico border annually. Maybe Mexico will decide to enforce its own borders against illegal immigrants, much like when it took action in 2019 when Trump

threatened to impose tariffs. White House press secretary, Jen Psaki, dismissed Abbott's policy of sending migrants to Washington as a "publicity stunt." Evidently, she and her boss don't see any problem with shipping these illegals across our country in the wee hours of the night. The current administration has taken a hatchet to our immigration system; in my opinion, they are in complete dereliction of their duty to protect and defend our nation. In my opinion, the American people are sick of this open-door policy; when the republicans take control of congress after the midterm election their first order of business should be to impeach resident Biden and fire his entire staff. Biden and his cronies are a huge problem, but organizations such as Catholic Charities are equally guilty of aiding and abetting these illegals with free cell phones and bus tickets to wherever they want to go. If these charities are so concerned with the illegal's welfare, maybe they should go to their home countries and spend all of their money there. With all of the freebies handed out to the illegals, I wonder if they included a bright, shiny new crack pipe from the Biden administration?

The Lady in the Blue Sari

Part (#40)

By Donna Boecher

Lydia, thinking of all the bedtime stories told to children in both America and India, remembered the authors who wrote exciting stories with unforgettable characters. So many! Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle showed what happened when one evaded his responsibilities; he went to sleep beardless and woke up years later with a foot-long beard. The genie, who appears by magic and fulfills wishes, punishes the lazy camel in How the

Camel Got Its Hump by Rudyard Kipling (memories from India perhaps); and the favorite, Cinderella who loses a shoe and thereby marries the prince, as told by The Brothers Grimm. Lydia knew various stories from India attesting to what happens when people or animals acted unacceptably. In the end, children everywhere need to be cautioned and they can be through fairy tales. She'd have to pick her favorite to tell the grandchildren when they were old enough to listen. She smiled at the thought.



Mullin It Over:

God's Redemptive Love

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

John 3:16 tells us: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." This is the heart of the gospel summed up in one verse. At Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and His victory over sin and death. I could not be more grateful for the opportunity for salvation He has given us and the promise of eternal life with

Him. May the empty tomb always remind us of God's perfect love and faithfulness. As we gather with family and friends to celebrate the Easter holiday, we remember the sacrifice that made this day possible and Christ's example we all should strive to follow. God bless you and your family this Easter.

ON THE

CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Commentary by John Bankel

Today's Trail Treks To The Memory Of Oklahoma Towns Come and Gone...

GHOST TOWNS OF OKLAHOMA

The idea of a Ghost town has always intrigued this writer. Perhaps you are also one of those folks. A Ghost Town conjures up a picture of a place forsaken and forgotten, with vestiges of buildings in various stages of ruin and, perhaps, a ghost or two lurking in some dark, dank and desolate corner. It raises questions like "What happened here and why? and when? and how?" Oklahoma, like most other places in the U.S., has its share of towns that went from boom to bust and gathered themselves in a "heap of rubble ultimately consumed by rust." In this series, this writer will present some of the more interesting stories of these towns, most of which most people have never heard. And perhaps, realistically, most people, after learning about them, will put them in their former place of forgotten Oklahoma lore.

American Legion Breakfast



Kathy Unger, Donna Boecher and Grace Ferris enjoying breakfast.

The Stilwell American Legion at 9 west Olive Street serves breakfast every third Saturday of the month from 7 to Noon. This month 31 people enjoyed good company and a hearty breakfast. The cost

is a \$6.00 donation. Commander Rick Van Syckle sends out a big thank you and God bless to all those who support our military and veterans through the American Legion.

Searching for a Word – **etymology** [et-uh-mol-uh-jee] is the origin and development of a word through time.

Ex. The **etymology** of the word "cow" came from the languages of Sweden, Germany, and then to England.



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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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Health Tips from Larkin

1. Health tips from Larkin: Natural air house cleaning part 4: natural air fresheners: Here is a wonderful air freshener recipe that you can use to replace your Febreze! : What you will need: Glass spray bottle, (it has to be glass otherwise the essential oils will break down a plastic one.) 10 drops of an essential oil of your choice, 1 tablespoon of baking soda, a funnel and 2 cups distilled water. Directions: 1. Place the baking soda in the bottle using the funnel 2. Pour essential oil into the bottle and swirl it with the baking soda till they mix well 3. Pour in the water, then shake until combined. 4. Shake before use and use like you would Febreze! The second recipe will be given next week, so stay tuned for more! Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell.

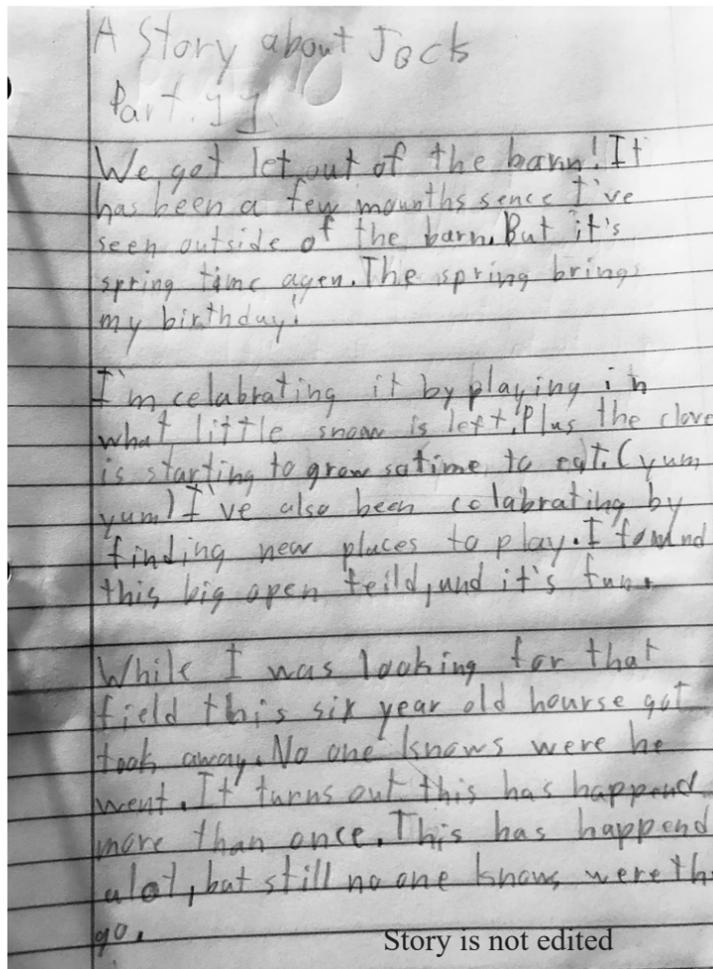
Vocabulary word – definitions

A statement of the meaning of a word or word group.

Ex. A definition is the meaning of a word, not its history (etymology).



A YOUNG WRITER'S STORY



Dear John,

I have sorta long red hair. I thought it was funny at work to imitate Jen Psaki. At funny moments I will move my hair off my face with my finger and say "I'll have to circle back on that". Everyone thought it was funny so I did it at home for my boyfriend. Now when we are out with our friends he tells me "do that Psaki thing". I'm tired of circling back, if you know what I mean? Now sometimes when we are alone he asks me to do it. I think it's weird what do you think?

2022 Strawberry Queen!



Picture left to right first runner up Abigail Beller, 2022 Strawberry Queen Kelsey Berry and Second runner up Karly Eubanks.



The Stilwell Kiwanis Club has sponsored the Stilwell Strawberry Festival since 1948. Saturday April 2, 2022 the Kiwanis held the annual Strawberry Queen Pageant. Eleven young ladies participated. This year the winner is 18-year-old Kelsey Marie Berry. She attends Westville High School where she plays softball, basketball, soccer and competitive cheer.

Kelsey was selected for the all-conference teams for basketball and softball. She has been a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Farmers of America, National Honor Society, Student Council, math, science and Cherokee clubs. She plans to attend Rogers State University and major in nursing to obtain a Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN).

Circle Back Red Head

Dear Circle Back...I must say that Dear John loves your great American sense of humor. The American sense of humor is like no other. Dear John believes it is our bent on making fun of anyone or anything that has sustained Americans thru many a trial and tribulation. Parody personified and perfected. Your boyfriend and all your co-workers and friends are getting a kick out of your spoof and surely find it stress relieving. In our present political climate we need all the laughter we can muster and thank God that the Democrats have provided us with enough clowns to keep the laughter going. Keep "circling back" to your shtick.

Sincerely,
Dear John

Got a question for Dear John?
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The Miss Congeniality Award
Adrian Gaches



THE KIPLING KORNER

"... Though all we knew depart,
The old Commandments stand:
'In courage keep your heart,
In strength lift up your hand.'"

Stilwell Chamber Of Commerce Meeting

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Your grandmother may have told you about how she would trade a dozen of her eggs for a quart of milk from her dairy farmer neighbor. Creyer's organization has taken bartering to the next level. It functions much like a "bank" with the "currency" being "trading dollars." Local Trade Partners has grown substantially since its founding. Artie Romero, local business owner and CEO of ARG!, told how his membership has benefitted him and his business. Check out their website to find out more: LOCALTRADEPARTNERS.COM.

The Roving Reporter in and out and around about town... Redbuds A'Blooming



The Redbuds are showing their blooms all over town. This one stands majestically on the corner of 3rd and Olive.



A Tornadoes Runs Thru It
An EF-1 tornado ran thru part of south Stilwell leaving multiple uprooted trees, like the one shown above, along with some roof damage and a big rig flipped on its side on HWY 59 in front of Sonic. No one was reported injured. Thank God.

Things Your Parents Used To Say

Do you think I'm made of money?

Were you born in a barn?
Stop crying or I'll give you something to cry about.

This will hurt me more than it will hurt you.

Don't come running to me if you break your legs.

I'm not asking I'm telling
You can grow potatoes in your ears.

Your room is a pigsty.
This is for your own good.

Keith Barenberg, who is a candidate for District 4 State Senator, introduced himself to the audience, speaking about his qualifications and why he is the best candidate. He emphasized his 10 years as president of the Oklahoma Highway Patrolman's Association where he spent 10 years working closely with the Oklahoma State Legislature lobbying for better pay and working conditions for his Patrolman constituents. He knows how the legislature functions. He said he will "hit the ground running" when elected whereas his neophyte opponents will have to

spend 2-3 years learning the legislative ropes. Wanda Elliott gave a brief update on the construction of the new Adair County Historical and Genealogical Society's new facility on Blackjack Street. This facility will allow for more space for meetings. The KCS depot will remain as the research center. This meeting, in this writer's opinion, was very interesting and productive. The next meeting will be the first Thursday of May, May 4 starting at Noon.

by John Bankel

Stilwell High School Student Spotlight



Caleb Rowe, Tony Davidson and Michael Arnett

The Stilwell Technology Students Association attended the Oklahoma State (TSA) contest in Norman, OK. Caleb Rowe took first place for Career Prep and second place with his work on Flight Endurance. Tony

Davidson was awarded second place for Dragster design. Michael Arnett got first place for his Dragster design. Wow! They really did a good job. Congratulations and keep striving to be the best.

Academic Awards

Try Something New!

ADAIR COUNTY ARTIST VIBE.....

The Straight Forward Free Press Special Feature April 7, 2022 article introduced B & Lanada "For The Love Of Music". The QR codes below are linked to music by Elzie B Hickerson and Lanada entertaining in Nashville with her sister Trena. We hope you enjoy the music.

Elzie B Hickerson



LANADA Nashville music - TLC Trena & Lanada Cassidy



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Puzzle Page

Round 8 (The Final Round)

Here we are boys and girls! We have come to the final round of Krypto Kontest 3.0! As of this writing, the Kontest is deadlocked in a 4 way tie. Perhaps this time a clear winner will be declared. Who will walk away with the \$25 and calculator prize? We shall see? Now is the time to get your thinking caps on and go for it! This week's Krypto has an answer of 14. You are playing with 9, 4, 12, 7, 23. Remem-

ber, you must use all 5 of the numbers, but each one only once, along with any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication or division to write an expression that equals 14. Go ahead and give it a try and have some fun doing it! In case of a tie, there will be an "overtime" round (yet to be defined). Mail your solution to: Krypto Kontest 3.0, c/o The Straight Forward FREE Press, POB 885, Stilwell, OK 74960



Stilwell Sports Spotlight

Commentary by John Bankel

Two Stilwell Wrestlers Reach 2022 State Finals



Jayce Caviness
132 lb
State Champion



Kutter Sheets
145 lb
Second Place

At the Oklahoma High School State Wrestling Tournament held in February at the State Fairgrounds Arena in OKC, two Stilwell wrestlers, Jayce Caviness and Kutter Sheets, wrestled their way to the finals. Caviness, wrestling at 132 lbs., won his final match to claim the State Title. Sheets, wrestling at 145 lbs., wrestled his heart out

in a real dog fight between two gladiators. Sheets ended up on the short end of an 8-6 score. Caviness is a Junior and should be back to defend his state crown. Sheets, a Senior, will always have the memory of reaching the State finals and may move on to the collegiate level. Stilwell can be mighty proud of these young men.

18 ¶ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matt 28:18-29 (KJV)

Scripture sponsored by:

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Stilwell, OK

Obituary.....



Rosalie Alice Auffet was born Rosalie Poteet on December 18, 1933, in Greeley, Colorado. She was born the 3rd daughter of 4 to James Harley Poteet and Nellie (Hessler) Poteet. Her parents divorced in her early childhood. She moved with her father and sister: Juanita to Oklahoma where her Grandmother Poteet lived.

She recalled moving many times through her childhood and having attended most all the schools in Adair County. It seemed like she had good memories of school but

eventually had to drop out of school due to hard times. Her father then married Leola Capps and to this marriage she gained her Washington family, her 9 younger siblings.

Rosie stayed behind in Oklahoma with her sister: Juanita and worked. She married Delmar Auffet in 1954. They raised 3 children: Curtis, Anita, and Kathy. After having her children and working on the family farm, she obtained her GED and started college at NSU. She then earned her bachelor's degree in education in 1971 then began working for DHS, working as a social worker for 21 years before retiring.

Her retirement days were filled with gardening, cooking, and crocheting. Rosie loved people and cooking for family and friends. Her fam-

ily says, "she became an expert at apple pies and cinnamon rolls". In her later years she added quilting to her hobbies. She always made time for Branson trips and OU football.

Throughout her lifetime she attended several churches around Stilwell but could recall with certainty when she came to know the Lord as her Savior as a 16-year-old. We know she is in Heaven today in God's Glory.

The family surviving her today are her children: Curtis Auffet and wife Lois Ann, Anita Clinton and husband Mike, and Kathy Auffet. She has 6 grandchildren: Amanda Whiteley, Zach Auffet, Alexandria Price, Michael Clinton, Dale Clinton, and Serina Heater; the number of great grandchildren has grown to 15 and she loved them all. Also surviving her

Heath Deason and wife Rose, JamieLynn Johnson, and Alecia Bradshaw and husband Andrew. Fourteen great grandchildren: Cally and Rachel Clay, and Brooklynn Johnson; Matthew and wife Oliva, Caitlyn, Micah, Ryver, and Cody Deason; Chevelle, Manoah, and Bethany Deason; Zadi Lynn Harris; Isabella and Benjamin Bradshaw; many nieces, nephews, family members, and friends also survive her. Funeral services were held at 1 pm on Friday, April 8, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Pastor Mike Hayes officiating. Interment followed at Spade Mountain Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.



Jennie Mae Wolfe was born November 22, 1956, in Tahlequah, OK to George and Lizzie (Cochran) Teehee and passed away on April 1, 2022, at home with family by her side. Jennie enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and other family. She loved being outside, whether it be playing games, planting flowers or cooking down on the creek. She loved to have fun and was always laughing. Her grandchildren were the light of her life and she would do anything for them. Jennie loved reading her Bible and took many, many notes. She worked at the Stilwell Nursing Home for many years as a CNA before becom-

ing their Dietary Manager. She later went back to the floor before officially retiring to care for her husband. Jennie was preceded in death by her husband; Bill Wolfe, parents; George and Lizzie Teehee, sister; Leona Cochran, infant sister; Sarah Teehee, nephews; Jonathan Handle and Joshua Teehee. She is survived by two sons; Sib Wolfe and his family & Jamie Wolfe and his family. Sisters; Bernice Powell and Laura Teehee, brothers; George Teehee, Dennis Teehee, Kenneth Teehee, Henry Gene Teehee as well as many nieces, nephews and other loved ones. Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Joey Ketcher and Bo Wolfe officiating. Interment followed at Fairfield Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.

Today is her sister: Joann Williams of California, and 8 of her 9 Washington siblings: Curtis, Velma, Charles, Tommie, Darrell, Ruby, Carl Brent, and Jerry. Those preceding her in death are her parents, her sisters: Bonnie Pipis, Juanita Hill, and a Washington sibling: Carole. What a great life she lived. Hardworking and energetic.

Funeral services were held at 10 am on Friday, April 8, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Pastor Doug Willey officiating. Interment followed at Stilwell City Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.

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Yet, the exploration upon which we are about to embark will yield its own fruit of curiosity and discovery. There are 77 Counties in Oklahoma. Each county will have its own assortment of Ghost Towns. Adair County is no exception. So, perhaps it would be of maximum interest to get the ball rolling with "The Ghost Towns Of Adair County". Today's Trail has come to an end; maybe we will meet again around the bend. I hope your trail ends up on the right side of the fence and, as the old song goes, "happy trails to you until we meet again". **End of Part 1. To be continued** John Bankel is a freelance journalist and a retired High School Math teacher who can be reached at: writewright@journalist.com. Copyright 2022. All Rights Reserved

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

Part One

While the impetus for recent Patriot zeal for freedom is beyond the scope of this writing, I do endeavor to help diagnose – and ameliorate – its inefficacy. A 3-stage framework for conceptualizing the continuum of departure from the bread & circus is discussed, along with points of self-deception. A challenge to make honest appraisal of your contribution is made, via simple "litmus test," before it's too late for you to matter. The "WAKE up" stage involves receiving information. No longer under the ether, you're now receptive to information that threatens your cozy world view. Inputs challenge your comfort zone and you realize things likely aren't what they seem. Previously asleep at the wheel, you now perceive everything from local micro-tyrants to satanic agendas orchestrated from on high. The "STAND up" stage involves giving information. Now exposed to sufficient material, and perhaps having ample confidence in its veracity, you share on social media, etc.. Essentially, you're recruiting others into the "wake up" stage. The great danger is loitering here, dropping video links and recycling memes for the rest of your life. It's like everyone preaching to the choir about the grass being tall, but nobody starts a mower. The "SHOW up" stage involves exiting the echo chamber and actually acting upon information. Frankly, taking the fight to the enemy is all that's outcome determinative. Ultimately, the powers that should not be don't care if people know. Verily, the more sadistic among them may actually enjoy you being both angry and also too feckless to revolt. Many themselves truly are cowards, and derive their power simply from making a bigger coward of you. Moreover, the very nature of controlled opposition involves metering doses of truth that satisfy their apparent objective of "informed consent" via your knowledge without objection. Your awareness, and subsequent impotence, is tacit agreement with your own demise. Two glamorized "stand up" activities masquerade as meaningful.

By Concerned Citizen
Continued next week..



the daughter of the late Homer and Jessie (Murrell) Scott. Irene grew up on a farm and learned to work hard at an early age. She was a trusted worker, sometimes working two jobs to support her family. After other office jobs in abstracting, billing retail sales and general office work. She retired from the Admissions and Billing Office at Stilwell Memorial Hospital after 25 years of service. She was a generous person who always tried to help others. Her door was always open to her family. Her grandchild-

dren and great grandchildren were the true love and joy of her life. She also enjoyed crocheting while able, reading, crossword puzzles, and old movies. She was a long-time member of the Westville Assembly of God Irene was preceded in death by her parents: Homer and Jessie Scott; one son: Kevin Scott Deason; three sisters: Virginia Dunlap, Vera Deason, and Jean Lowe; two brothers: Homer "Dee" Scott and Billy Ray Scott; great grandson: Hoyt Deason; and one son in law: Gary Johnson. Irene is survived by two daughters: Lori Johnson of Stilwell, Oklahoma, and Lana Trentham of Gentry, Arkansas; twin sister: Lorene Clinton of Baron, Oklahoma; and brother: Bob Scott of Stilwell, Oklahoma. Five grandchildren: Jeffrey Johnson and wife Amy, Michael Deason and wife Lacey,

Bogart, Gene Bogart, Randal Bogart, Junior Bogart, and Bowgie Bogart; and 1 sister: Adena Franklin.

(Bob) Robert is survived by his wife: Dorinda Gillaspay of Stilwell, Oklahoma; 1 son: Robert Gillaspay, Jr. and wife Kathy Gillaspay of Westville, Oklahoma; 1 brother: Steven Gillaspay and wife Norma Jene Gillaspay of Salem, Oklahoma. 4 grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, 1 adopted son: Frankie Glenn, Sr. and wife Kathryn Glenn of Stilwell, Oklahoma, and many other family and friends. Family led services will be held at a later date. Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK.



Robert Paul Gillaspay, Sr. was born on October 11, 1958, in Benton Heights, Michigan to Velma Paulene Bogart and James Bogart. He passed away on March 26, 2022, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 63 years, 6 months, and 15 days.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father: Velma Paulene Bogart and James Bogart; 10 brothers: Don Gillaspay, William Tracey Gillaspay, Richard Belt, Vernon Bogart, Shorty



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Women's Prayer Meeting. Tuesday nights at 6 p.m.-? Martha Snow.

65th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Wanda and James Elliot April 24, 2022 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Impact Church Sixth & Olive

Adair County Litter-Free & Green monthly Recycle Day is from 9 a.m. to noon at the Adair County Commissioner District 2 Barn located on Hwy. 59 N and Fairfield Road. You may contact Cathy Unger at 918-696-1178 or Joyce Radtke at 918-696-7316 if you have questions or comments.. The following is a list of projected recycle dates and will only change if there is inclement weather conditions that day: April 16th, May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December 17th.

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