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Special Feature:

ADAIR COUNTY ARTIST VIBE

In the first issue of each month, The Straight Forward FREE Press shines the spotlight on a local artist or artisan. Adair County has a plethora of art talent. In this issue we will meet Nikki Griffin, a singer, songwriter and guitarist. Nikki likes to write songs that bring a message of life's tragedies and triumphs and healing for the soul.

Nikki Griffin: **Truth Be Bold, Truth Be Told!**

Nikki was born in Flippin, Arkansas. There was a time when this tiny town would have been hard to find. Today it is a snap with Google maps. Bull Shoals Lake lies nearby in this pretty country. She grew up in a musical family. Mom and dad were classic country musicians and traveled extensively with their band. She tells about how her father played his steel guitar with the best of the country best: Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, Chuck Berry and Charlie Rich. Until the age of 11, she was home schooled because of all her parents' constant traveling. She recalls how odd she felt when she first stepped inside a public school building and tried to fit in, which she admits, she never did. Nikki came along late in her parents'

lives, and although she has a sibling 20 years older, she grew up much as an only child and eventually became responsible for taking care of mom and dad at an early age. Nikki tells about how, at the age of 10, she was rummaging through some of her papa's vinyl albums where she found the classic "Rubber Soul" Beatles album. In an instant, she was transformed from classic country to classic rock. Nikki says she knows all the Beatles' songs and performs many in her gigs. She wrote her first song at the age of 12 and has written many since then. At the tender age of 22, Nikki has had a broad spectrum of experiences having been around some great musicians since birth. She has learned that it takes all kinds of people to bring

one to understanding what life is all about: relationships and personal growth. When asked how she ended up in Stilwell, Nikki tells about her Family Campbell grandparents having been lifelong residents of Adair County, giving her mother roots here. About a year ago, Nikki began working at Gadget Guys and at about the same time, she released her first Extended Play album online. So far, she has gotten around 5000 hits. She looks at this release rather philosophically as a beginning to what she hopes to be a successful music career telling it like it is through her songs: truth be bold, truth be told! With the QR code below, one can hear Nikki Griffin.

By John Bankel



Nikki Griffin



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Just follow these simple steps.

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2. Hold your device over a QR Code so that it's clearly visible within your smartphone's screen. Two things can happen when you correctly hold your smartphone over a QR Code. ...
3. If necessary, press the button. Presto!



From The Editor.....

Freedom of Speech in Our Town

The School Board meeting and its 75 attendees was just the tip of the iceberg in our town as citizens stand for their rights. Steve Garrett has been informing Adair County citizens of what has and is happening in "his realm" which is also our realm. I heard my first Garrett podcast from an email. It was worth listening to. He reminisced about Louise Carson and how she influenced many children

as she taught school in the early days without even a curriculum to guide her. There are many GOOD voices in our community. We need to listen to the positive voices and join those standing for truth - keeping small rural communities on the path of freedom both physically and spiritually. Evil cannot prevail.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Free Concert

Sunday evening, May 15th at 6:00 p m.
The Allen Family
FREE CONCERT
Everyone is invited to attend.



All of us at The Straight Forward Free Press would like to extend our condolences, sympathy and prayers to all those affected by the tragic car crash last Thursday in Watts.

Our hearts ache...

PROVERB POWER

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. they are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."

Psalm 14:1 KJV

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Health Tips from Larkin.....

Health tips from Larkin: Natural House Cleaning part 6: Today we are going to talk about the power of BS... Baking soda. What did you think I was going to say? Anyway, baking soda may seem to be a simple thing made for cooking, yet, it is immensely powerful in natural house cleaning. You can use it to remove stains from laminated cabinets by making it into a paste by mixing it with water, and placing on the stain, letting it dry, then rub it off and rinse. You can also rub down your

wood cutting boards with baking soda paste to remove odors. My personal favorite way to use it, is to take a pinch of baking soda, and place it in a pan that has that baked on food in it that you can't hardly get out no matter how much elbow grease you use, and boil for 3 minutes, then scrub out all the junk in the pan. Works like magic every time! Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell.

On The Campaign Trail
Today's Trail Treks to Part 3 in a series...
Ghost Towns of Oklahoma
Commentary by John Bankel

'While Bunch is not strictly to be considered a "ghost town," it is an unincorporated area in Southwestern Adair County and has an interesting history. It is located on the west side of Salisaw Creek and is bisected by the Kansas City Southern railroad tracks, in the midst of what many deem to be one of the most scenic spots in the Cookson Hills. The first known settlers were David and Tiana Sanders, who migrated from Tennessee ca. 1819. One of the most prominent and well known residents of the area was a man by the name of Rabbit Bunch, who, in 1871, 1880 and 1889 served in the Cherokee Senate. He held the office of assistant principal chief from 1880 til 1886. It was in 1886 that the first post office was opened with Richard Baxter Choate as postmaster. It was Choate who named the post office "Bunch" after his good friend Rabbit Bunch. In 1887, Bunch ran on the national party ticket for the position of principal chief, losing the election by only a few votes. Bunch died in 1891 at the age of 50 and was buried in a small cemetery near his home. A 5 foot tall marker was placed there with Cherokee inscriptions. It may still be there today? Another prominent denizen of

Bunch was a legendary man by the name of Captain Jackson "Jack" Lightfoot Ellis (1856-1929) and his wife Susie. An imposing figure, "Captain Jack", as he was affectionately known, was a captain in the Light Horseman Indian Territory police prior to statehood. He rounded up many an outlaw and worked closely with the famous "Hanging Judge", Isaac Parker of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Susie was also well known and liked. Working as a nurse and a midwife, she delivered thousands of babies in the Bunch area during her career, which ended in retirement in the 1950's. Both Captain Jack and Susie are buried in the Bunch Cemetery.

The Trail has come to an end for today. May your Trail go 'round the bend and end up on the right side of the fence. And on your way, travel with the song, "Happy trails to you, until we meet again." Look for Part 4 next issue.

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The Lady in the Blue Sari
 Serial by Donna Boecher

Part #42

Lydia received another letter from Ann in Oklahoma saying her trip to Jaipur was delayed. For some reason her visa to India was held up. Ann promised to call when she was allowed to enter India. Well, perhaps now was a good time to visit a friend in Udaipur. Staying in a haveli (a historical manor house in India turned into a hotel) near Lake Pichola would give Lydia and Agatha, her British friend, a chance to catch up on life. Plus, there was so much to do in Udaipur. Her favorite rite of passage was to walk with all of Udaipur society early in the morning in Gulab Bagh park. It was called

a rose garden, but Lydia didn't remember seeing the roses. The park was massive. When she'd first visited there, she had been overwhelmed by the vegetation. So many plants! Unique. Bizarre. Beautiful. All this wonder contained in just 100 acres. From her Indian cell phone, she had ordered a book on Indian plants and trees. How the book found its way to her was another miracle as there didn't seem to be addresses attached to the inner-city homes. Yet it arrived speedily. Ready for another adventure in India, she called her travel agent for train tickets, hotel, and special dining reservations. There was no time to waste.



Dear John,
 Only one thing I liked about COVID was that people stopped spiting on their birthday cakes. Before social distance mania people would blow out the candles hurling millions of germs all over their cake. Then guests would eat it. Grosses me out! I hope that when things go back to normal people will not revive that tradition. Have you ever thought about the germs left on the cake?

Germ O phobic

Dear Germ O Phobic,
 I have been to a fairly large number of birthday parties, including my own from the time of childhood, yet during all that time, I have not given any thought to the potential pestilence produced by blowing out the cake candles. As far as I know, nobody ever came down with any kind of life threatening disease? However, now that you have mentioned it, the tradition that has been around in what now seems forever, probably is not a good one? Yet it is not likely to die out anytime soon, unless Fauci and the CDC find out about it? So, Dear John suggests: keep the candles burning and blow them out and then have your cake and eat it too!

Sincerely,

Dear John

Have a question for Dear John? send to: dearjohn@writeme.com Real Name Not Used.



THE KIPLING KORNOR

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."

Puzzle Page

KRYPTO KONTEST 3.0 WE HAVE A WINNER!

The Kontest is over. A winner has emerged. The prize of \$25 and a calculator goes to Meisha Lopez of Westville. CONGRATULATIONS MEISHA! A letter of congratulations will be sent to

you along with your prize. Thus ends Krypto Kontest 3.0. Look for the next iteration of Krypto Kontest in future issues. Thanks and best wishes to all who submitted solutions.

YOU NEED TO THINK LITERALLY TO SOLVE THESE PICTOGRAMS

Answers on page 4

1. HER BONNET	2. WIN DOW	3. 
4. \$\$\$ & CARRY	5. K C UR DATA	6. <u>BUYING</u>
7. MY 	8. THE POWERS THAT 	9. HER I'LL LOOK

Romans 8:1 (KJV)

[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:1 (KJV)

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Searching for a Word – sibling
One of two or more individuals having one or both parents in common; a brother or sister.
 Ex. My mother said for me to be kind to my sibling because he would be tall and strong one day.

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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

BAD ASS MILITARY

I would say that the most important functions of our federal government are the protections and defense of the United States. Sadly, today our leaders are more concerned with social revision and promoting garbage such as critical race theory. Instead of making sure that we have the most bad ass military in the world, the current administration is more concerned with its green energy fantasy which is nothing but a short cut to disaster economically and militarily. Throughout the centuries the good military leaders understood a simple concept, "If you want peace, prepare for war." Those of us on the conservative side understand that concept, but the liberals seem to have a hard time grasping that simple idea. For many years I would rack my brain trying to understand the logic and reasoning for the liberal point of view, I am convinced that the liberals are incapable of thinking in a conservative point of view.

Too many Americans like to assume that we are such a powerful nation that we are somehow immune to the kind of war that is raging in the country of Ukraine. It is naive of us to place all of our faith in the people holding public office that are supposed to make sure that our

Today's Homemaker.....

Commentary by Donna Boecher

On Friday, April 29th, the Stiwell-Zion Homemakers filled the window of Reed's Hardware at 21 W. Division Street with both traditional and non-traditional hand-crafted items which will be on display through Strawberry Festival. This club was organized in the 1930's. It has many long and strong ties to the community; one member's aunt was a charter member and grew up in Zion. Later this year, you may see the community connection when

the new Historical Society site open on Blackjack Street. Two items on loan to the Historical Society are a "friendship" quilt gifted to a young bride in 1936 by the club and the first pressure cooker in the county; both items representing the resolve of homemakers to improve their community. If you would like to join our group, call the OSU Extension Service or visit them in the basement of the Adair County Courthouse.

are also developing weapons for outer space; those include space-based intelligence-surveillance-reconnaissance systems, and deep space hiding places that could be used to stage nuclear and conventional weapons. The Chinese navy already has a larger number of battle force ships than the United States and are still building more. At the same time, the Biden budget request for the 298-ship U.S. Navy would buy only nine ships next year while retiring 24. The fleet would shrink to 280 ships in 2027. The list goes on, shrinking our active-duty soldiers, canceling upgrades to our nuclear deterrents, and even retiring our advanced airborne warning and control fleet (AWACS) before replacement aircraft could be developed and fielded.

The world we live in today is growing more dangerous by the day; if we Americans continue to vote with emotion devoid of logic, we could find ourselves in a situation such as the Ukrainians are facing today. Our only solution is to stop playing politics with our military and build the most bad ass military that the world has ever seen and let the world know that we are not afraid to use it.



Adair County Republican Party Candidates At Ozarks Electric

Commentary by John Bankel



Back Row: L to R Chris Jones, Clint Johnson, Erik Wyatt, Keith Barenberg, Larry Wood Front Row: L to R: Zullie, John Bennett, Teresa Turner, Hoguen Apperson, Charles Boecher, Tom Woods

On Saturday, April 30, Republican candidates gathered at Ozarks Electric to introduce themselves to a warm welcoming crowd. The candidates each had an opportunity to speak briefly about their intentions for running for office. Among the hopefuls were those seeking County, State and Congressional offices. They spoke in the following order: Teresa Turner, for

Adair County Assessor. Charles Boecher, for Dist. 1 County Commissioner. Chris Jones, for Dist. 3 County Commissioner Larry Wood, incumbent Dist. 3 County Commissioner. Tom Woods, State Senate Dist. 4 Hoguen Apperson, State Senate Dist. 4. Keith Barenberg, State Senate Dist. 4. Congressional candidates: U.S. Congress Dist. 2, John Bennett, Erik Wyatt, Clint

Johnson. David Hardin, Dist. 86 State Representative, who is running unopposed, wrapped the speaker's part up with an update on legislation currently before the House. The candidates stayed and mingled with the people to answer questions. The Primary election will be held June 28th. Much campaigning lies ahead for all these excellent prospects.



Mullin It Over: Continuing our Commitment to our Veterans

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

The Department of Veterans Affairs' move to close the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee is an unacceptable blow to our veterans who risked their lives to defend our freedoms. It's a dereliction of duty for this administration to leave our rural veterans behind.

The Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center serves more than 52,000 veterans across 25 counties in Eastern Oklahoma. The medical center will soon celebrate its centennial, having provided nearly 100 years of service to our veterans and upholding their commitment to quality care.

Under President Trump, a proposal was solidified to keep the Muskogee VA open and increase veteran care in the district. Closing the Muskogee VA is certainly not what our veterans had been promised. If the Biden Administration goes through with this, it's our veterans in rural Oklahoma who they'll have left behind.

The former proposal positioned the Muskogee VA to grow and continue its presence in Eastern Oklahoma

for generations to come. It cemented Oklahoma's commitment to providing quality care for those who have served and addressing the growing specialized care needs, like behavioral health and rehabilitation.

To see this plan threatened is deeply concerning. Many veterans in Muskogee and the surrounding areas do not have the time nor the means to drive to Tulsa. It is crucial that the Muskogee facility remains in operation so veterans in Eastern Oklahoma have more than one option to turn to for care.

I firmly believe we should be growing the VA presence in Oklahoma, not diminishing it. It is my hope we can continue to provide the highest quality of service for all our veterans who call Oklahoma home. While we owe our veterans a debt of gratitude we can never repay, this is the least we can do. The administration needs to keep their word and stick to the plan that will work.

Vocabulary word — family

The basic unit in society traditionally consisting of two parents rearing their children, or any of various social units differing from but regarded as equivalent to the traditional family.

Ex. When my parents were in the hospital, my next-door neighbors became my family until they were well.



*Happy Mother's Day
May 8, 2022*

Dreamstar Connections Strawberry Spring Print Models 2022



Left to Right: Octavia Shaffer, Jazela Netro, Tyann Tyrner, Dalee Doublehead Aiyana Jercher.



Mercy Gonzales



Dax Pettigrew



Randy Miller

OH HAPPY DAY!!



Seated Left to right: Councilman Joshua Sam, Wanda Elliot, Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr., Assist.-Chief Brian Warner. Director Wanda Elliott is shown signing the document in acceptance of \$408,000 from Cherokee Nation to be used toward construction of the new Adair County Historical & Genealogical Association (ACHGA) facility on Blackjack Street. Looking on are Joshua Sam, Councilman, Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr., Assistant-Chief Brian Warner.

ANSWERS PAGE 2

1. Bee in her bonnet.
2. Broken window.
3. Bag of tricks.
4. Cash and carry.
5. Back up your data.
6. Buying online.
7. *My Three Sons*.
8. The powers that be.
9. I'll look after her.

Sunday school teacher:

Tell me, Johnny. Do you say prayers before eating?
Johnny: No, ma'am, I don't have to. My mom's a good cook.

Pee Wee: What did the digital clock say to its mother?
Westy: What?
Pee Wee: "Look, Ma! No hands!"



Stilwell Sports Spotlight

Commentary by John Bankel

STATE QUALIFIERS: LADY INDIANS SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL

The ultimate achievement for any High School sports team is to bring home a State Championship. The Lady Indians Slow-Pitch softball team took their first step toward that achievement when they qualified for State by taking second place in the

Regional competition. The road to the championship becomes increasingly more difficult with each game played, with the final game being the hardest. The Lady Indians are in the hunt and just may bring home the BIG PRIZE. Let's go Lady Indians!

BOYS BASEBALL: INDIANS ELIMINATED BY HOLLAND HALL

On Friday, April 28, The Stilwell Indians boys baseball team took on Holland Hall High School in a doubleheader played at Carson Park to start District play. The Indians, somewhat surprisingly, came out on the short end in each game and were thus eliminated

from further competition. Their season had come to an end in a disappointing fashion, although the boys had a very fine year, with an overall winning record. They can be proud of their accomplishments and can now look forward to next year: 2023.

Jokes By Anonymously Qute

Why does a duck have tail feathers?
To cover his buttquack.

What is brown and sticky?
A stick.

What does Miley Cyrus eat at thanksgiving?
Twerky.

What came first, the chicken or the egg?
IDK, I just ordered both so I'll let you know.

Obituary.....



James L Bradley was born July 31, 1937, in Stilwell, Oklahoma to Thomas Lee and Nellie Mae Hicks Bradley. He departed this life April 17, 2021, in Fritz, Texas at the age of 84 years old. James graduated from Stilwell High School. Shortly after graduating high school, James worked in the car business with Ted Hendrix in Stilwell. Mr. Hendrix soon started working in grocery store retail and took James with him to Wichita, Kansas to open a grocery store. The store became a franchise and James took over as produce merchandiser and travelled from state to state for many years. James married the love of his life Reba Gail McAllen in Boise City, Texas on February 1, 1958. James loved life and loved his family and church family. James was a man of

God who started a prison ministry with his wife who would sing. He loved having Bible studies in his home. James was a very funny man who would have the whole room laughing. He had a great sense of humor and loved to tell jokes. James was preceded in death by his wife Gayle, his parents Thomas and Nellie Mae Bradley, brothers: Thomas, Earl, Alfred, and Bill Bradley and one sister Francis Bradley McMurtrey, niece; Mary Jolene Bradley and nephews Tony Bradley and Carl McMurtrey. James was survived by his son Jimmy, and his granddaughter Jennifer. He is also survived by three brothers: Joe, Harold, and Gary Bradley, one sister; Minnie Bradley Hicks. Numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives, friends and loved ones.

Our brother and uncle is now resting in the arms of the Savior whom he served for many years, no more pain, no more sorrow and no more worries of tomorrow.

James' wishes were to be cremated and no services rendered. We will miss him and forever keep our memories in our heart.

Republican

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RAISE TAXES

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GOVERNMENT CONTROL

SOME LIVES MATTER

GOV'T CHOOSES YOUR DOCTOR

NON-CITIZENS VOTE

GOV'T TAKES YOUR GUNS

PRO FULL TERM ABORTION

Obituary



Sarah Susie (Unger) Workman was born December 8, 1933 to Walter and Bertha (Ex) Unger and Departed this life for Heaven on Thursday April 21, 2022. Sarah married the love of her life Calvin Coolidge Workman on December 11, 1950. To this union was born 6 children Daryl, Carolyn, Dennis, Michael, Calvin Leo, and Norman. Sarah is preceded in death by her husband Calvin, Son Daryl Stephen Workman. Grandchildren Steven Workman, Lewis Workman, Megan Workman. Great Grandchildren Brandon Ross. Great Great Grandchildren Amber Miller. 1 Sister Frances Birdwell, and 6 Brothers Harvey, Bob, Gene, Bill, Pete, and Joe Unger. Sarah is survived by her family including daughter Carolyn Alexander (Phil), Dennis Workman (Susie), Michael Workman, Calvin Leo Workman (Pamela), Norman Workman (Sherri) along with 16 Grandchildren, 22 Great Grandchildren, and 11 Great Great Grandchildren. 1 Sister Wilma Campbell and a host of nieces and nephew and family that loved her. The only thing Sarah enjoyed and loved more than her family was her Lord. She was always happy to serve the Lord. She made it her priority, for people to know the Jesus loves them. It always made her so happy to see her kids

and grand babies come sit in her pew beside her. Sarah was a member at Elm Grove Baptist church and enjoyed attending services until her health just wouldn't allow it.

Sarah worked out the home for many years but after retirement she enjoyed many hobbies including reading her Bible, quilting and sewing, gardening, canning, and cooking. She loved to share these hobbies with her family teaching her grand kids the skills to make a home. When her health allowed she enjoyed working in the garden and in her flowers. She always looked forward to Spring, to be outside on the porch swing watching the hummingbirds on the feeder and taking a walk up the road or around the pasture with her dog Sheba. Sarah's greatest joy was her family. She spent many summer days with a house full of grand kids. She taught them how to work the garden but she would also enjoy a popsicle with them while blowing bubbles and playing in the yard. She was always so happy to see pictures and hear about the activities everyone was involved in. She enjoyed feeding her family and anyone who came along... even if it was just a cup of coffee and a couple of cookies she always made sure you were fed.

Graveside services were held at 1 pm on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at Ewing Chapel Cemetery, Stilwell, OK with Eugene Kester officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.



Michael Duane McCully, son of Haskell McCully and Wanda Lea McCully (Brown). Mike was born on November 24th, 1956 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mike attended Catoosa Schools and graduated in 1975. Mike was a very talented machinist, first working at Rockwell and later working with his father, Haskell, in their own machine shop in Tulsa, Ok, which

they later moved to Bunch, Ok.

He married and had two children, John McKinney of Talala, Ok and Charity Hambrick of Claremore, OK. He divorced and later married a second time to have his second son, Cody McCully of Bunch, OK.

Mike gave his life to being a hunter, artist, father and son. Life was not easy for Mike. He battled cancer, diabetes, and constant personal struggles. Through all the ups and downs he was a gentle soul to all and family meant everything to him.

He was preceded in death by his mother and grandparents.

He is survived by his father, Haskell McCully of the home; three children: one daughter,

Charity Hambrick, of Claremore, Ok; 2 sons: John-Michael McKinney of Talala, Ok and Cody McCully of Bunch, OK; 3 grandchildren: Jimmy McKinney, Riley Hambrick, Evan Hambrick and a host of family members all left to cherish the memories and artwork that he left behind.

Graveside services were held at 1 pm on Monday, April 25, 2022 at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery, Stilwell, OK with Rusty Dawson and Larry Hatfield officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.



Jerry Dale Pruett Sr. was born on April 2, 1943, in Northern California to Virgil Pruett & Ruth Eads. He departed this life April 22, 2022, at his home in Westville, Oklahoma. Jerry's family moved to the community of Rabbit Trap in Stilwell, Oklahoma when he was around 2 years old. He went to Rabbit Trap School until they moved to Kanas City, Ks. in 1952. He attended Elementary School at Prescott Elementary. He joined the Navy in 1960 when he was 17 in which he served his Country for 4 years he was Honorably discharged in 1964. He was stationed in many different places overseas, such as Singapore and Japan. He did not graduate from High School but that did not stop him from being very smart with money & owning many different businesses. He bought our Grandpa Virgil Pruett's store on the North end of Stillwell. Pruett's Citgo Gas station. His wife Vi & him ran the store for many years. Connected to the Station was her Beauty Salon when she closed it down Dad put in a Liquor Store. Jerry had a home built for his family behind the station which is still there. Then in the Summer of 1976 they moved to Baron, where he built his family a Log Home. Dad & Mom always had a big Garden and they would can all summer. Dad made

his famous Strawberry & Elderberry Jelly every Summer. He also made a mean Chocolate Pie. He owned & operated a Gravel Pit down Addilee Road that he bought from his Uncle Leonard on which our Grandpa Pruett lived. Then around 1985 dad bought another store in the middle of town next door to Roberts Funeral Home. Dad raced Quarter Horses most of his life. A few places he raced his horses were Tahlequah Downs, Sallisaw Blue Ribbon Down, Missouri State Fair, Midway Downs in Stroud, Ok., Blue Stem Downs in Eureka, Kansas. He was a member of the AQHA for many, many years. Daddy used to play a mean hand of Poker. Sometimes they played at our home behind the store. Other times they would play at James & Martha Calico's house. He also played Poker at the Cherokee Casino after it opened. He also enjoyed betting on the Horse Races. He bet on them at the Casino till he no longer could sit that long. So, he would pick them out write it all down and Jerry Dale or I would go bet for him. I would just hand the paper to the young lady. Because I was afraid I would do it wrong!!!! Daddy also played Poker in Baron with his friends; "Captin", John Kirby, Willard Meridith, Jim Bennett, Ronnie Davis, Jerry Scott, Ronnie Ritchie, & Dan Hembree. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; Virgil Pruett & Margaret Ruth (Pruett) Moore, Baby Sister Donna Fay Pruett, Brother Lee (Jr.) Pruett, & his ex-wife Viola Miller, & very dear Friend Buck Massey.

He is survived by his son; Jerry Dale Pruett Jr., Daughter; Pamela Ruth Burleson & Husband Brent, Daughter; Robin Lynn Cole & Husband Steve. Grandson; Winston Lee Pruett & Fiancé Shadawn Crisp Granddaughters; Samantha Fay-Ann McClure & Fiancé Dale Russell, Holly Pruett, Kinsley Drake & Fiancé Bobby Romagnano & Kevie Drake. Sister; Judy Ann Pruett. Great Grandchildren: Kyle McClure, Keegan Russell, Braxton Pruett, Landon Oglesby, Ryder Laffoon, Kolton Fought, & Braycen Morris. He is also survived by his Ex Daughter -n-Law Ruth (Pruett) Sellers; Ex Son-n-Law Donnie McClure & Wife Jenifer. Many cousins, nieces, nephews, and ex in-laws who loved him dearly, a host of friends & extended family also survive him. Daddy had a very special place in his heart for his nephew; James (Jimmy) Pruett, his Niece; Susan Ruth (Milbourn) Hatch & his girl as he called her Rachel Williams. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Baron Community Center, Baron, OK from 10 am – 12 pm. Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK.



...Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile
if only I could have you back
for just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again
just like we used to do
you always meant so very much
and always will do too
The fact that you're no longer here
will always cause me pain
but you're forever in my heart
until we meet again



Community Bulletin Board

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Headline Humor

Bethel Church Service: 1st Saturday of the month and last Saturday of the month, service at 5 p.m.-? Rodney Chuculate.

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

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