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## CHARLES BOECHER CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT #1 COUNTY COMMISSIONER ADAIR COUNTY OKLAHOMA



Charles Boecher and his wife Tarra.

It was great to speak at the candidate meet and greet yesterday evening. If elected as Commissioner, I will lead with the values instilled in me from my service in the U.S. Army, which are the same values I lead with in my everyday life.

- Loyalty
- Duty
- Respect
- Selfless Service
- Honor
- Integrity
- Personal Courage

## Adair County Republican Party Meeting

Commentary by John Bankel



L to R: Charles Boecher, District 1 Commissioner Candidate, N Jack Thorp, District 27 DA, Teresa Turner, Adair County Assessor Candidate

On Monday, October 24, the Adair County Republican Party, under the chairmanship of David Pickle, met at the Stilwell Public Library Meeting Room. The featured speaker was N Jack Thorp, District Attorney for District 27. He talked about the judges that are on the upcoming Nov. 8 ballot. He said that these judges are an enigma to almost all voters. One of the reasons is that these judges, who are on the State Supreme or Appellate Courts, are prohibited, by law, from campaigning. The ballot gives the voter a choice of retaining the judge or not. Most people vote "yes" out of hand. Thorp said that no judge has ever been "not re-

tained." In his talk, he went down the list and gave a quick political snapshot of each candidate. Although Judges should act in a non-partisan way, we know that political persuasions do play a role in a judge's life. Of the nine judges on the ballot, 7 are described as mild to strong Republican, while 2, John Fisher and Douglas Combs, both former Democrat Governor Brad Henry appointees, are labeled as strong Democrats. Perhaps that knowledge will allow the voter to decide, at least along a partisan line, where to mark the ballot? The meeting ended with a robust question and answer session.

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### SWAP MEET - YARD SALE

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

@ the Sale Barn

### PROVERB POWER

Joshua 24:15 KJV

Joshua speaking to all the people:

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

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## CANDIDATE MEET AND GREET

Commentary by John Bankel

On Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Stilwell Library Meeting Room, The Straight Forward FREE Press hosted a Candidate Meet and Greet. Adair County Assessor, District 1 Commissioner and Congress District 2 candidates were invited to attend. In attendance were Charles Boecher, District

1 Commissioner, Billy Flint for Josh Brecheen, District 2 Congress, Keny Sims for Teresa Sims, and Teresa Turner. Each candidate was given an opportunity to speak and answer questions from the audience. Teresa Turner, who is running for Adair County Assessor, gave a

must see and hear presentation, especially for those who have not yet made up their minds for whom to vote. Because of technology available to this paper, her full talk can be seen and heard by clicking on the **QR Code at the end of her ad on page 4.** All the attendees enjoyed this event.

# Health Tips from Larkin.....

Health tips from Larkin: Bach flowers: Part 12: Elm: The Elm personality usually shows itself in the positive form - in the person of a "take charge, get it all done" attitude and behavior. These people are generally of above average intelligence and ability, and responsibility - and others depend upon them for leadership and guidance. Unfortunately, Elm personalities often put aside their own needs for those of the greater good - and this can lead to a state of near breakdown. They have forgotten that each of us has a responsibility to care for ourselves first, and that we must take care not to exceed our physical or emotional limits. Those in need of treatment with this Bach Flower Remedy will suddenly feel themselves unable to cope. A task which would have been easy just a few days ago now seems overwhelming, and beyond their capabilities. Often, this negative state is the result of increasing professional or personal pressure coinciding with a temporary physical weakness. The "breakdown" is the body attempting to tell the person to "take a time out." Because the person's self-esteem is so firmly rooted in fulfilling his or her responsibilities, the ego takes a major blow when he or she cannot carry on. This Bach Flower Remedy is sometimes termed "psychological smelling salts," because it lends strength to the strong in times of weakness. It helps them once again put problems and situations in their proper perspective and return the ability to cope. It also helps re-create the knowledge and belief that if help is needed, it will come at the proper time and in the proper manner. Bach Flower Essences help re-balance energies, but once back in balance, those with the Elm personality should take care not to repeat the same activities that put him or her in the negative Elm state to begin with. They should remember to see themselves first as an individual who has responsibilities toward themselves as well as to others. They should also schedule vacation time and a treat now and then. Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell.



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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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## MOMENTS WITH MARIE

By Donna Boecher

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Serial No. 11  
Trying to understand why Rachael Anne had been on the Chavez Ranch, she phoned Mr. Chavez after work. She introduced herself as Rachael Campbell, explaining her mission to understand what had attracted her relative to see that part of the land. Convinced that Rachael was entitled to the information, Arturo said, "She wanted to see the

rocky formation because she had a letter written by her grandfather saying he had buried his small pouch of gold from his mining; it was near the spring on the Chavez Ranch. Wow. Now Rachael was beginning to see the big picture. Rachael Anne had found the gold. She'd been robbed and murdered. Would the police help her now with Arturo's statement?

Dear John,

My boss asks me to stop and buy coffee for him on my way to work. I have done it for years and he never offers to pay me back. Others in the office have said "you should just stop doing it". John I'm afraid to stop, but this is an expensive deal. Should I stop buying his coffee?

Mrs. Folgers

Dear Mrs. Folgers, coffee at the office is almost enshrined into American business, and perhaps, all over the world. For most, it would be inconceivable to go without coffee. Be that as it may, it appears your boss is oblivious to how much he has taken advantage of you through the years. Dear John suggests you forego buying the coffee when it comes your turn to do it. The backlash you will no doubt get may be worth the results of the impression you will leave. As far as you being paid back, after the dust settles, tell your boss that your budget no longer allows for you to foot the bill. It may even be a good time to bring up a raise? If successful, your next cup may be the best one of them all. "Good to the last drop!" said Mr. Maxwell House to Mrs. Folgers.

Sincerely,

Dear John

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### THE KIPLING KORNER

*"It does not matter what people think of a man after his death."*

By Rudyard Kipling



### WHAT'S SO PUNNY? Pun Fun

Today's Pun Fun comes to you by the way of some "Family Jokes," the kind that are told around the dinner table, or at least used to be, since most people have exchanged the dinner table for a TV dinner tray. Nonetheless, these jokes are sure to tickle a part of your being that hasn't been tickled for awhile, like maybe the bottom of your feet? So, here goes:

1. Tip Top: How do mountains stay warm in winter? Snowcaps...(no earmuffs needed.)
2. Primetime: What do you

call two monkeys that share an Amazon account?  
Prime Mates...

3. Veggie Tale: What's green and sings? Elvis Parsley

4. Time's Up: What do you call a belt made of watches?

A waist of time!

5. Hang Ten: Which school do surfers go to?

Boarding School...

And as Porky Pig always said at the end of the cartoon:

"That's all folks!" More Pun Fun to come in the next issue. Stay tuned...

¶[There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

#### SCRIPTURE

Rom 8:1-2 KJV

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# THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

## THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

Over the years I have come to the conclusion that people on the left and the right politically do not process information in the same way. Issues that seem so black and white to me, being a conservative, often seems like gibberish to those on the left. I personally believe that the way we were raised from childhood has an impact upon the way we think. I was raised in a rural area on my parents' farm. We were taught to work for your money and don't look for someone else to do the things in life for you that you could, and should, do yourself. The problems that we are facing today have been building for several generations, and the problem can be traced back to individuals seeking political power.

Many years ago, an old man in my community once made the comment that when over 50% of the population of this nation relies upon the government for a living, we are in trouble. We need to remember that politicians must have a support base to get elected, and if that base does not exist, they will create a base. They often create that base by getting people addicted to government

entitlement programs; often times these people will support some of the ineptest people because they think they will lose their entitlements if they fail to vote for them. We are becoming a nation that has forgotten the virtue of hard work and self-reliance. Throughout history it has been proven that democracies fail because of bad financial planning; when the citizens learn that they can elect crooks to public office and tap the treasury to bring money home to them, the country will collapse. However, before the collapse society will become arrogant, violent, and uncaring. There are becoming two factions of people in our nation; one being the ones who believe in the founding principles of our nation, and those who would like to rewrite our history to their belief system.

During the summer of 2020 there were protests and riots by the radical left in many of our major cities. They would burn whole neighborhoods down while chanting to kill cops and to defund the police departments. Many people were injured and killed by all of this behavior and, by some insane logic, their actions

were called a summer of love. About a week ago I witnessed something that did give me a sense of hope for our nation. I watched the Donald Trump rally in Robstown, Texas. During the speech by Trump, the crowd stood up and spontaneously started singing our national anthem. Hearing our national anthem has always been an emotional experience for me, it was even more so coming from a crowd at a political rally. When you contrast the actions of the left wingers in 2020 to those people at Robstown, the difference could not be clearer. There was no rioting, burning, looting, or chants to kill police. Recently resident Biden condemned Trump and the MAGA movement as being a threat to our democracy, it shows just how deluded Biden really is. As for myself I see the difference, and I would feel safe at a Trump rally unlike the streets where one of the protests of love happened. Trump's speech was great, but the most profound moment was the actions of the crowd singing our national anthem. As long as some people can remember what our nation is about, there is still hope.



## Mullin It Over: Delaying American Potential

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

Joe Biden declared war on American energy the day he took office. He has fulfilled his campaign promise to shut down American oil and gas production, sending energy prices soaring – an act of pure cruelty towards American families struggling to make ends meet. To combat sky-high energy costs, Biden must reverse course and dramatically increase leasing, exploration, and production of oil and gas here at home.

One of Biden's first Executive Orders as president was directing the Department of the Interior (DOI) to pause oil and gas leasing on federal lands and offshore waters. While a judge overruled the moratorium last year, the Biden Administration has delayed holding lease sales repeatedly.

The Biden administration finally caved, holding its first batch of sales in June 2022, 18 months after Biden took office. This involved leasing only 71,251 acres of public land for oil and gas drilling. For comparison, President Trump leased 478,420 acres of public land for drilling during his first year in office. In fact, Joe Biden has leased fewer acres of federal and offshore land for domestic production at this point in his presidency than any other president since the end of World War II.

Americans deserve affordable and reliable energy. Instead of empowering our domestic producers, Biden has drained our emergency reserves and imported oil from adversaries like Russia and Saudi Arabia. Our country should not rely on unstable foreign dictators for stable energy. We have the

resources we need to power our nation under our feet.

Biden's assault on American energy is not only jeopardizing our nation's security but is also a dereliction of duty. The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) requires DOI to finalize an offshore leasing program every five years. Past administrations have consistently renewed this plan without delay; however, Biden's Interior Secretary carelessly broke this practice, and withheld the release of the new program until the last moment possible. This recklessness ensured energy prices will remain high as we spend the remainder of the year without a finalized offshore leasing schedule. Further, the "plan" ultimately released by DOI promoted Biden's "Green New Deal" – nothing more than a commitment to destabilize our domestic energy production.

I've joined my fellow House Energy Action Team Co-Chairs and 127 of our House Republican colleagues in urging Biden to take immediate action to issue a new leasing plan and end his assault on American energy. The U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts that U.S. energy consumption will only increase from 2022 through 2050 as efficiency gains cannot account for population and economic growth. Driving more investment into our energy sector would lower gas and electricity prices for struggling families and ensure a steady flow of American energy in the future. Reliable and affordable energy is the backbone of our economy and it's critical for Joe Biden and his Cabinet to treat it accordingly.

## They Risked It All/It's the Truth

### MEMORIES OF FARM AND FAMILY

By Donna Boecher

One of my favorite errands on the farm was to take a cool drink to my grandfather, PaDick, as he was working to raise his summer crop. Granny would fill up a glass quart jar with cold tea, kept cold by damp burlap wrapping. Granny always had excess burlap bags, for multiple uses, since she purchased feed for the milk

cow and the pigs. I've forgotten which crop PaDick was thinning – most likely field corn for the animals. He had two giant white mules that corralled in the barnyard. The "giant" corn crib, east of the barn, held the corn. My small feet, as I walked to the south, fit perfectly in the deep grooves made by the cattle making a single file

path south to the back pastures; there was dust to be kicked where they had repeatedly stepped. It was fun; I'd kick up little dust clouds and observe the insects – specifically the Black Stink Beetle. You might say, I "STOPPED TO SMELL THE ROSES." P.U.

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Vocabulary word – irk – to make weary, irritated, or bored.

Ex. It irks me that you don't take out the garbage.



# Zion Jets Win Division 2 State Championship



Zion Jets Won the 2022 ORES Division 2 State Championship Saturday against Tenkiller.

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### Assessor Candidate Teresa Turner

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QR Code With Speech.



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### Assessor Candidate Teresa "Tracy" Sims

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#### God Bless America



Everyone is invited to join the Veteran's Day Salute at the Edna Mae Carson Auditorium at 7:00 PM Friday November 11, 2022.

We will recognize all Veterans and the sacrifices they made.



We will be honoring Dwight Birdwell 1966 Stilwell High School graduate and Medal of Honor recipient.

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Searching for a Word – gambol. To leap about playfully, frolic.

Ex. Sheep often gambol in the pasture – a sure sign that they are happy.



# ADAIR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP



## STILWELL SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Commentary by John Bankel

### Watts Engineers

On Friday, Oct 28, in an 8 man football contest, the 4-4 Engineers ran into a stampede at the hands of the 7-1 Wesleyan Christian High School Mustangs. The final score was Mustangs 62 Engineers 6. Watts is now 4-5 on the season as they prepare for their finale at home on Nov. 3 against a talented 8-1 Wilson-Henryetta squad. Last chance to root for the home team. Kickoff is at 7 pm.

### Cave Springs Hornets

On Friday, October 28, in an 8 man football contest, the 1-7 Hornets took to the road to tangle with the 7-1 Welch High School Wildcats. Cave Springs came out with a 38-0 loss to move their season record to 1-8. On Thursday, Nov. 3, the Hornets wrap it up with an away game versus the Foyil Panthers. The two teams bring identical records to the game. Kickoff is at 7 pm.

### Westville Yellowjackets

On Friday, Oct. 28, the Yellowjackets took a 3-5, 2-3 District, record to combat Kiefer in a home game. Westville absorbed a 44-16 loss. On Thursday, Nov. 3, the Yellowjackets will wrap up the 2022 season with a trip to tangle with a 4-5, 2-4 District, Kansas Comet team. It appears that neither team is in contention for a playoff berth. Kickoff is at 7 pm.

The 6-2 Broken Bow Savages came to town this past Friday night to tangle with the 5-3 Stilwell Indians. Broken Bow struck first and led 6-0 until Chuculate snagged a Broken Bow pass in the flat and raced into the endzone, tying the score. At 4:18, Ethan Richards (Electric Ethan) turned on the juice and bolted for a 73 yard touchdown pass and run. With the 2 point conversion, Stilwell went into the second quarter seemingly in command with a 14-6 lead. But then things started going sour. Penalties started mounting up for the Indians. At last count, they were flagged for a bevy of ( in the neighborhood of 10 ) personal foul infractions, the 15 yard variety. With the offense sputtering and the defense helping the Savages' offense with personal fouls, the Indians would only see paydirt one more time, and that at 1:57 of the

3d Quarter, when Philippott took it in on a 14 yard scamper. Richards ( Electric Ethan ) added the 2 points. The 3d Quarter ended with the Indians still in the game: Broken Bow 29 Stilwell 22. The backbreaker came at 5:32 of the 4th Quarter. With a 32-22 score, Stilwell fumbled a Broken Bow punt inside its own 20. A 13 yard TD run caved in any chance the Indians had to pull this one out. To top it off, the Savages scored one more time before the final buzzer sounded a 46-22 victory for Broken Bow. The Savages left town with a 7-2 record. The Indians fell to 5-4. The 8-1 Poteau Pirates await the Indians in the final game of the year. It will take a penalty and mistake free effort for Stilwell to emerge victoriously over a formidable Pirate squad. Kickoff is at 7 pm Nov. 10 in Poteau.

## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

### Today's Trail Treks To The... Freedom or Socialism

Commentary by John Bankel

Today's column is the 5th installment of Freedom vs. Socialism. It is brought as a reminder that in the upcoming election, which is a battle between the mainstream parties in America, Republican and Democrat,

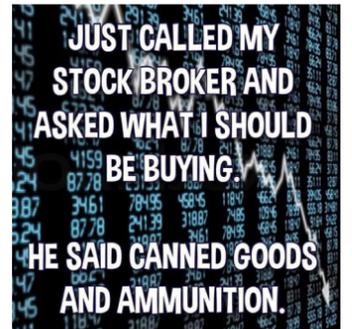
that understanding the difference between the two is crucial in making a decision as to which candidate one votes for. There is a vast difference but it is not always well understood amid the constant smoke-

screens that are put up in our everyday encounters with politics. Below you will find a clear delineation between the two in an easy to understand format: side by side, point by point.

**ALSO**

Also is a conjunction, linking word. It is used to add a positive, agreeing thought. It is commonly used in writing.

- She **also** had a sense of responsibility about it.



- Republican**
- FREEDOM**
- GRATITUDE FOR AMERICA**
- SECURE BORDERS**
- DEFEND POLICE**
- ABOLISH MS-13 GANGS**
- LOWER TAXES**
- LEGAL IMMIGRATION**
- PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**
- ALL LIVES MATTER**
- YOU CHOOSE YOUR DOCTOR**
- IMPLEMENT VOTER ID**
- KEEP YOUR GUNS**
- ANTI-ABORTION**

- Democrat**
- SOCIALISM**
- APOLOGIZE FOR AMERICA**
- OPEN BORDERS**
- DE FUND POLICE**
- ABOLISH ICE**
- RAISE TAXES**
- ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**
- GOVERNMENT CONTROL**
- SOME LIVES MATTER**
- GOV'T CHOOSES YOUR DOCTOR**
- NON-CITIZENS VOTE**
- GOV'T TAKES YOUR GUNS**
- PRO FULL TERM ABORTION**

## Community Bulletin Board

**Stilwell Community Choir** meets Tuesday, November 22, at First United Methodist Church, 7 pm. For more information contact Mary Catherine 918-696-9061

**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.

**Adair County Litter-Free & Green** temporarily change operation hours on **Recycle Day.** New hours will be from 8 am to 11 am during the months of **July, August, and September.** Drop off 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: July 16th, August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December 17th.

**Flint Lodge Monthly Breakfast** from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. the first Saturday of each Month. Flint Lodge is located at 83705 Hwy 59 South, Stilwell. 12 & Older: \$8.00, Children: \$4.00 and under 5 Free

10:00 Sunday Morning Service **Bethel Church** Everyone Welcome

With the hope that all confusion has now been resolved and the hope that your choice on November 8 will reflect what is best for the future of America: it is a choice between FREEDOM or SOCIALISM.

Today's Trail has come to an end. Perhaps we will meet again around the bend my friend. May your Trail end up on the right side of the fence where FREEDOM reigns. John Bankel is a freelance

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