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HOMECOMING HEAVEN



Profile of a winning warrior: QB Cainan Mink



STILWELL SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Commentary by John Bankel

Stilwell Scores Huge Homecoming Win

Stilwell versus Sallisaw: when it comes to intense rivalries, there is none better than a football game between the Indians and The Black Diamonds. And when it is a Homecoming game, the drama rises exponentially. On Friday night, September 30, at James Bradley Memorial Stadium, before an overflow crowd, (heck, even the visitors side was filled to capacity...no one on either side wanted to miss what was about to unfold) the drama rose to a fever pitch for the annual Homecoming Game. Yet this was not just a game. This is football warfare at its zenith. These two schools have been going at it since forever. The Indians finished the 2021 season with an away game victory over the Black Diamonds. This was surely in the minds of Sallisaw players and coaches, to extract revenge on the Indians and spoil their Homecoming. Indeed, the game started

with a bang! as Sallisaw took the opening kickoff at their own 10 yard line and, after a thrilling run, put the ball into play at the Indians' 11. Stilwell stiffened on defense and forced a 30 yard field goal attempt which went cleanly through the uprights. Sallisaw had drawn first blood. From there, the game became a seesaw Stilwell-Sallisaw tug-of-war. At the half, the scoreboard read: Sallisaw 9 Stilwell 8. It was not until 6:02 of the 4th quarter that the Indians finally took the lead on a spectacular scamper from 20 yards out by QB Cainan Mink. Mink masterfully engineered the offense. The defense also came up big at crucial times. On Stilwell's last possession, with the Indians leading 24-20 and time running out on Sallisaw, the Indians had the ball at Sallisaw's 5 yard line with 2 seconds to go. They called time out to run just one more play. RB Ethan Richards, who was

outstanding all night, got the call and ran the ball into the end zone. Time had expired. The scoreboard told the final tale: Stilwell 30 Sallisaw 20. Jubilant celebration erupted and the feeling was heavenly! This win was clearly a superb team effort. Stilwell improved its season record to 3-2 and awaits a visit by an always tough Fort Gibson Tigers team on October 6. Kickoff is at 7 pm. If you have not yet seen the 2022 Indians play football, you are missing out on some great Stilwell Friday Night entertainment! Just a quick footnote: The number of yellow hankies that found the turf during this game had to have approached a new Guinness World Record for penalties in an American High School Football game?



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CANDIDATE MEET AND GREET

When: October 27 @ 6 pm

Where: Stilwell Public Library Meeting Room

Who: Candidates for County Assessor, District 1 Commissioner, District 2 Congress

What: Meet and Greet and Refreshments

Why: Get to better know your candidates in an informal setting prior to Nov 8 General Election...

All Adair County Citizens Are Invited...

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Stilwell Receives "Purple Heart City" Designation

Story on page 5

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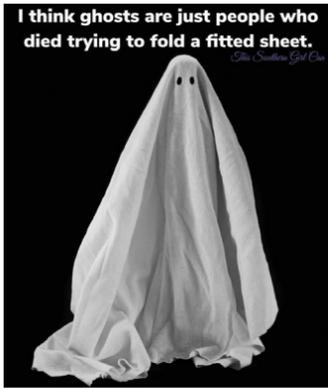
Ephesians 4:7

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THE KIPLING KORNER

The Japanese collect beautiful art, but unlike many nations and races, they savor the beauty by taking it out only occasionally at which point they relish its perfection with friends and family then puts it away until a later time.
by Rudyard Kipling



Health Tips from Larkin.....

Health tips from Larkin: Bach flowers: Part 8: Chestnut Bud: When Dr. Bach formulated his essences, no one was speaking about Attention Deficit Disorder, but it would appear that those in the negative Chestnut Bud state do suffer from the condition. They seem not to be able to focus and learn from any experience, but instead keep repeating them, and making the same mistakes over and over. The negative Chestnut Bud personality is self-willed and acts almost in childish defiance to common sense. A person with this energy imbalance may date the same kind of person over and over - with the same unhappy results each time. They may buy the same color shirt repeatedly, even though the color doesn't flatter them and thus they don't wear the shirts. Those needing the Bach flower therapy to be gained from Chestnut Bud seem almost determined not to recognize cause and effect in their lives. Since the physical body does react to the spiritual state,

these people are often ill - and if they stopped to recognize the patterns in their life, they would probably see that their illnesses are often triggered by the same life events - repeated over and over. These could come from personal relationships, such as an argument with a loved one, or from job-related stresses. When treated with the Bach flower remedy, Chestnut Bud personalities achieve better coordination between their inner thought activity and the physical situation. They begin to learn from their own experiences as well as the observation of other's experiences. Mental flexibility and activity increase, so the person who was once considered slow and disinterested in life turns into a student eager to learn - especially with regard to learning from his or her own mistakes. Every experience - negative or positive - becomes an inner gain. 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

Serial No. 7

Rachael walked softly with assertiveness to the librarian asking for prints of her Ancestry findings. Next, she would check for a Better Business Bureau to find a reputable lawyer or private investigator. Ancestry had intimated that the reason for Rachael Anne's death was in question. Her heart lurched! The more she learned, the scarier it

got. It was time to look at the Want Ads again. She'd need money to pay an investigator or lawyer. It seemed nothing in life was easy; one had to have endurance and faith. Faith. She would locate a church and speak to the minister. It was time to use her strength in the right way. She'd find that "closet," get on her knees, and pray for directions. God is good....



Week 5

Right now, the Kontest is still up for grabs, although there are only this week and next week left to play. The prize is a new calculator and \$25 cash. Someone will win. Will it be you? Today's Krypto has 1 as the answer. You are playing with: 4, 21, 5, 13, 9 "Today's Krypto has 0 as the answer.

Remember you must use all 5 numbers and any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to write an expression that equals the answer, in this case 0. It can be challenging; it can be fun; it is Krypto. So give it a go!" Send your solution to:

Krypto Kontest
POB 885
Stilwell, OK 74960 or
email:
themathguy@usa.com

MATTHEW 5: 14-16

5:14 You are the light of the world; a city set on a hill is not hidden. 5:15 You don't light a lamp, you even put it in a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the building.

5:16 Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify the Almighty who is in heaven.

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 5: 14-16

Scripture sponsored by:

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Searching for a Word – cohesive. United and working together effectively. Ex. The writers of America's "Constitution" were a cohesive team, thus the document still works today.



Dear John,

My husband and I are dieting together, and I think he is cheating. He has been coming home late from work and when he does, he brushes his teeth. I just know he is eating something on his drive home from work. I'm sticking to the diet because it's important to me. We have a wedding to attend in Georgia and I worry we aren't going to fit in the seats on the flight. It is literally a pain in the rear to sit next to someone who takes up the whole seat. I was thinking maybe I should change my seat, so I don't have to sit by him. He is so big! I don't want to hurt his feelings. How can I do this without hurting his feelings?

Splenda Queen

Dear Splenda Queen, it sounds like a case of where the irresistible force meets the immovable object. And the way you describe it, each day he is becoming more immovable and if you continue to stick to your diet, you will become more irresistible. Perhaps then he will be moved to lose weight. Meanwhile, as for your immediate dilemma, your plan of getting a different seat is not all that bad. Just explain to your husband that you will be very uncomfortable if left with the current setup. He may understand. He may also realize the enormity (no pun intended) of his weight problem and make a new resolution to follow through. You will know if anything has changed if he comes home and no longer brushes his teeth first thing. That would really be "splenda."

Sincerely,

Dear John

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

HOME GROWN THUGS

Recently I watched an interview where former President Trump was asked how long would it take after he is re-elected to correct the absurd policies of the current administration. He said that much of it could be corrected in a relatively short period of time, but the one issue of illegal immigration will take a lot longer to correct; in his words, our country is being poisoned by an out-of-control border.

In my opinion the liberals aren't completely stupid, in their warped mind they think all of these illegals will someday be granted citizenship and they will become staunch democrats. They evidently don't care about all of the human trafficking or the influx of drugs such as fentanyl. By some estimates, over the past 20 months over 5 million illegals have invaded our nation. Here in my home state of Oklahoma our official population is around 4 million people, our nation cannot continue to take in enough people to populate a state every 20 months. Our country is quickly becoming a two-tiered society, the

elites who think they are above all of the problems they are creating and the rest of us low class individuals who will have to deal with their demented policies. When you listen to the liberals and the mainstream media, all they can talk about is these poor demoralized people fleeing persecution. When you think you have heard it all something more absurd pops up.

Just recently 14 House Republicans wrote a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas with information that Venezuela is deliberately releasing prisoners, among them violent criminals, and has them travel to the U.S. southern border. The Nicolas Maduro regime is getting rid of their problem and, knowing that America is led by a bunch of incompetents, is simply putting the problem in our country for the taxpayers to deal with. There are concerns that released prisoners—including those convicted of murder, rape, and extortion—had been seen within migrant caravans traveling from Tapachula,

Mexico, to our southern border, as recently as July. Former President Trump has warned us for years, and in a recent interview stated that America has become a dumping ground for the rest of the world. The Biden administration has spread thousands of illegals across our country; it is unknown how many of the violent Venezuelan prisoners have been released into the interior of the U.S.

In our country we already have enough home grown thugs to deal with, allowing more thugs to enter our country because of an insane policy implemented by resident Biden is beyond stupidity. This and other policies are being crammed down the throats of the American people, I wonder if the elite of this country think the average American will continue to take this abuse? The midterm election is roughly 6 weeks away, we Americans need to remove all of the liberals possible from office and never make the mistake of allowing them in power again.

WHAT'S SO PUNNY? Pun Fun

Here is your weekly assortment of PUN FUN. Hope they tickle your innards! Or make you groan?

1. Picture this: How did the painting end up in jail? It was framed!
2. Take a deep breath: What did one lung say to the other lung? We be-lung together!
3. Whoa there: Sure, I drink brake fluid. But I can stop anytime!
4. Splish splash: Whenever I undress in the bathroom...my shower gets turned on!
5. Brrrr: The quickest way to make antifreeze? Steal her blanket!

There you have it. Enough groaning for one day. Save some for next week. We will be back!

They Risked It All/It's the Truth MEMORIES OF FARM AND FAMILY

By Donna Boecher

I rode the train up to visit from age 8 until 16; The train conductors were my protection during my rides in those early years. The conductors watched from Beaumont, Texas through my transfer in north LA., and until we pulled into Stilwell at 10 p.m. My personal chauffeur from the depot to the farm was Pa Dick who watched and listened for the train. He could hear it as it came around "the devil's eyebrow" which most everyone in town knows is close to the Dahlongah school (about 6 tenths of a mile from Granny and PaDick's

home. Amazingly, he heard it from inside the house; the sound would flow down the fire place chimney. Today, you can still hear the train from the fireplace opening and step out onto the front porch to see the train pass. Granny would be waiting with a hug at the wide-open screen door of the back porch. I'd propel myself off the large flat stone, embedded at the back screened-porch door, into her arms. Pure love. Granny asked, Pa Dick delivered! As Grannys', Grandmas' to name a few, the decades bring beautiful memories of those moments. ++



Mullin It Over:

An Invitation to Joe Biden

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

Last week, Joe Biden stood in front of a crowd in Pittsburgh and delivered one of the most divisive speeches I have ever heard from an American president.

Joe Biden ran a presidential campaign supposedly based on unity. This speech was anything but unifying. Instead of offering solutions to the many crises his administration has created, Biden chose to attack and further divide his fellow Americans. He pushed blame onto his predecessor and pointed fingers at the 74 million Americans who exercised their right to vote for the presidential candidate of their choice. He politicized our military, displaying two U.S. Marines in the background himself as he delivered his scathing and purely political words.

Joe Biden said it is "MAGA Republicans" who are the biggest threat to our democracy. This claim comes from the leader of the party pushing our country closer and closer to socialism, hoping to erode

the foundation on which our nation was built. Socialism is the true threat to our democracy and to our Constitutional freedoms. It makes me sick.

Our economy was thriving under President Trump. Our military was strong; our adversaries knew not to mess with us. We were energy independent, able to provide affordable and reliable power. Our border was secure. There is nothing wrong with wanting to Make America Great Again. For all Americans—not just for one party.

I invite Joe Biden to visit Trump-loving Oklahoma. In the Sooner State, we put America first. Our farmers and ranchers feed and clothe our communities. Our domestic producers power our homes. Thousands of small businesses exemplify the American Dream. Further, our state is home to over 300,000 veterans who have put their lives on the line for the beliefs we hold so dear, understanding what it is to be a patriot-loving American.

DEADLINE TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION APPROACHES

Voters in Adair County who want absentee ballots mailed to them for the November 8, General Election should apply now, County Election Board Secretary Jan Wilhite said today.

Absentee ballots are available to any registered voter, provided they are eligible to vote in the election requested. No excuse is needed to vote by absentee ballot.

The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is 5 p.m.

Monday, October 24, 2022. Voters can submit a request

using the OK Voter Portal at

oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp.



Request forms are also available at oklahoma.gov/elections and at the County Election Board office located at 220 W. Division, Stilwell, Oklahoma.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

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

With the November 8 general election just around the corner, it is becoming abundantly clear that this could be a make or break moment in American history. With the Biden regime running roughshod over the United States Constitution, America is in dire danger of losing its identity and, moreover, its sovereignty to a marxist agenda. As a voter going to the polls, it is imperative that one knows the difference between a democrat and a republican so that the vote cast is a reflection on one's understanding and not the impact of the mainstream media's (CNN, MSNBC, ABC, CBS) propaganda. So what is the difference between a democrat and a republican? Simply put, one can look at the pillars of their policies. You will find below a side-by-side comparison of each party's political persuasions to help in determining which side of the fence is best for you, the voter, and which side of the fence is best for the future of America. You can then vote consciously with your conscience intact.



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LOWER TAXES

LEGAL IMMIGRATION

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

ALL LIVES MATTER

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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

Today's Trail has come to an end. Perhaps we will meet again sometime, somewhere around the bend, my friend. Meanwhile, may your Trail end upon the right side of the fence.

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ALL SPORTS QUEEN: WINDI HOLMES



A MEASURE OF FAITH

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." ROMANS 12:3 KJV

By William Wear

Time is the most valuable thing we possess and the most under appreciated, abused, neglected, wasted, and taken for granted too.

In a world of so many distractions and to do's we are spending so much more time in things that do little good for us or others around us. We can spend countless hours numbing our mind in FB or other social media to the point everything else now gets less and less of our time. We only have so much time given to us from the Father and it is finite.

James 4:14

Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

Psalms 90:12

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Ephesians 5:15,16

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

So while we are working in idleness the relationships take a hit, the must do's get pushed back, and the should have done list gets longer and longer. There are countless distractions in life that seem to dictate and become priority even when we know they shouldn't. It's the way the world works. Just look at our kids and the feeling you get when they cannot put their phone down to engage in basic conversations. Look at the majority of couples who, rather than engage each other, spend their time on social media even when sitting right in front of one another! Little to no

time spent seeking God through scripture. We wonder and seem puzzled that marriages or relationships fail at an ever increasing rate. Most of us will wake up one day wishing and begging for another thirty minutes to spend with someone who we didn't take opportunity to do so before because we used that time up already on way less important things. If Christ were to put the church (us) in a position that left us longing for His attention or His love we could not ever be able to know how to love others. We know however, that Jesus gave His life and His ALL for us ALWAYS steadfast in His pursuit of us. This is how we are in turn to be like Christ and pursue relationships that are strong in His love. He gives us the example of how to do this over and over. This is the attitude and the love we see in Jesus.

A Sacrificial Love
A Serving Love
A Consistent Love
A Sanctifying Love
A Caring Love
An Understanding Love
A Faithful Love
An Enduring Love
A Leading Love
A patient love
A prioritized love
A love that doesn't remember the past
A love that passes all understanding

Lord continue to give us your strength to keep you in our minds and hearts in all we do. Help us to be grateful of our time.

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Vocabulary word – adhesive – sticky, tending to persist.
Ex. Our young son was covered with adhesive band aids, but that was the only way to keep him healthy since he persisted in climbing trees.



ADAIR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Commentary By: John Bankel



Rick VanSyckle, Stilwell American Legion Post Commander looks on to, L to R, Mitch Reed, Director of The Military Order Of The Purple Heart and Stilwell Purple Heart recipients, Billy Bean, Jake Sweet and Roger Sidebottom.

Stilwell Receives "Purple Heart City" Distinction

Commentary by John Bankel

On July 18, 2022, Stilwell Mayor, Jean Ann Wright, signed a resolution to accept the designation by "The Military Order Of The Purple Heart" that Stilwell be hailed as a "Purple Heart City." In Oklahoma, there are more than 300 cities that carry that distinction. A "Purple Heart City" is a city which has one or more veterans among its citizenry that have been wounded in battle or have perished from their wounds. On Thursday, September 29, at 10 am, some of those veterans

gathered at Fletcher Park in a ceremony that honored these brave men among us. In attendance was Mayor Wright, Mitch Reed from the Military Order of the Purple Heart, headquarters in Broken Arrow, Rick and Ray van Syckle, Stilwell American Legion Post, and 3 of Stilwell's purple heart recipients, shown in the above photo. This ceremony was a reminder of how much we owe all who have served America in our military and much more than that, those who shed their blood on behalf

of all who enjoy "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." What God has put together, let no man tear asunder. Next chance you get, thank a veteran. I spoke with Rick van Syckle, the Stilwell American Legion Post Commander. He told me that the Post is working on putting a Veteran's Day Parade together. Stay tuned to see if that event comes to pass. It would be a timely tribute to our fighting men!



Photo courtesy of Frankie Duncan

QB CAINAN MINK FINISHES OFF LAST DEFENDER ON THE WAY TO THE GO AHEAD TD.

There was plenty of Adair County Homecoming buzz this past week. The only Adair County High School that did not have homecoming was Cave Springs. Not only, that but the 3 schools that had their homecoming all won their games. Cave Springs was left out of the victory column.

Cave Springs Hornets

On Thursday, Sept 29, the Cave Springs Hornets were at home matched up with the Porum High School Panthers, in an 8 man football non-district game. The Hornets never got underway as they were overwhelmed by a score of 50-0. Cave Springs dropped to 1-4 on the season. Their next game is at home on Friday, October 7 versus the Arkoma High School Mustangs, in a district contest. Arkoma comes in with a 1-3 record, 0-1 in District play. Kickoff is at 7 pm.

Westville Yellowjackets

On Friday, September 30, the Westville Yellowjackets football team played their 94th Homecoming game. Their opponent was the Okmulgee High

School Bulldogs, who came into the contest with a 2-2 record. They now sport a 2-3 record as Westville defeated them in a close game, 20-18. There was much celebration and the crowd left fully satisfied with Westville's performance. The Yellowjackets improved their record to 2-3 with a 1-1 record in Class 2A, District 7 play. On October 7, Westville travels to Sperry to take on the Sperry High School Pirates in a District matchup. Both teams are at 2-3. Kickoff is at 7 pm.

Watts Engineers

The Watts Engineers High School football team celebrated their Homecoming with a rousing 50-0 win against an overmatched Bluejacket High School squad in an 8 man football contest. With the win, Watts improved its record to 4-1 with 2-0 in Class C District play. The Engineers next play, oddly enough, the Coyle High School Bluejackets on Friday, October 7 in a home district matchup. Coyle comes into town with a 2-3 record, 1-1 in district play. Kickoff is at 7 pm.



ALDRIDGE SLATED TO SPEAK OCTOBER 20

The Adair County Historical and Genealogical Association will host retired NSU Professor, Dr. Harold Aldridge, Jr., at their next community meeting. The group will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, at the Kansas City Southern Train Depot in Stilwell. A well-known speaker and musician, Dr. Aldridge has recently authored What If the Past Was Lost Forever?

Then Who Would Pass on What? Segregation and Desegregation in the Oklahoma Public Schools. His book grew out of personal interviews on segregation and desegregation of public schools.

Please join us for an educational and enjoyable evening, including refreshments and door prizes.

By Regina McLemore, ACH&GA Secretary



Community

Bulletin Board

STILWELL COMMUNITY CHOIR meets 4th Tuesday of each month. This month will be September 27. First United Methodist Church, 7pm. 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.

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