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## Election Board Poll Workers Needed

The Adair County Election Board announced today it will be accepting poll worker applications January 27, 2022 through June 1, 2022.

Applications are being accepted for the following positions:  
All positions.

Adair County Election Board Secretary Jan Wilhite said that all applicants must be willing to work long hours on election days and that training will be provided.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in the election system. While the hours can be long, poll workers are only needed a few days each year."

Poll workers are compensated

for their time and, in some cases, mileage for travel, Wilhite said. The compensation schedule is outlined in state statutes.

To qualify, an applicant must be a registered voter in the county where he or she would like to work. If selected, a poll worker cannot hold any other offices under the laws of the state (such as school board member or city councilman) and may not be related to or employed by a candidate for office.

Those interested in becoming a poll worker should contact the Adair County Election Board at 918-696-7221 or [adaircounty@elections.ok.gov](mailto:adaircounty@elections.ok.gov). The County Election Board is located at 220

W. Division, Stilwell, Okla. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Free Tax Prep To Be Offered at Westville Library

The Cherokee Nation, in partnership with the IRS, will be offering free tax preparation at the John F. Henderson Public Library in Westville on February 24, March 17, and April 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be no walk-in availability this year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 918-453-5536. (The library will not be able to make an appointment for you.)

This free service is for low to moderate income families (under \$58,000). Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) tax sites prepare and electronically file your Federal and State income taxes for free. If joint return, both parties must be present. You are required to have photo ID and the Social Security cards for each person on tax return (no copies) and the previous year's tax return. Bring your W-2, 1099, award letter, plus any other documents needed to complete your return correctly.

If you can't make the Westville dates, please visit <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/> to find other locations and dates.

## Local Artist Embarks On Bold Ambitious Project

By John Bankel

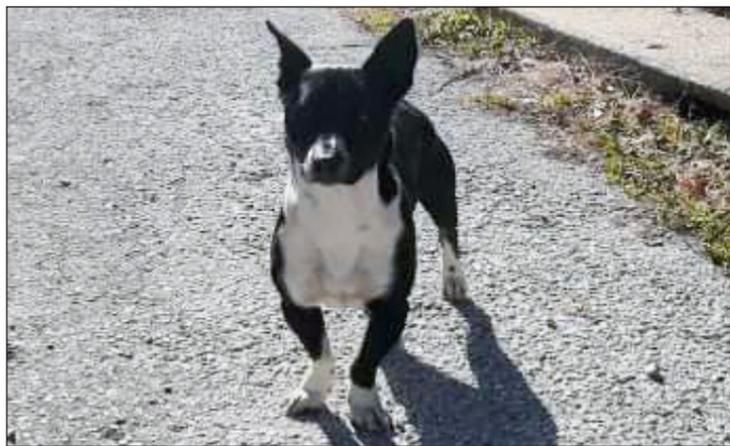
Local artist Lorri Hardin of AutumnAcresRanch, Peavine, who was featured in the January Adair County Artist Vibe, has her heart trained on an art project that can only be described as "bold and ambitious" and very interesting.

She told this writer that what she has in mind is to take a photo of every four-legged creature (she plans to include bats) native to Oklahoma and render it in an acrylic or oil painting. She said that she will need some help from people in all 77 Oklahoma counties that like to take candid snapshots of wildlife wherever they find it. She further said that the photos must be authentic and undoctored.

A project like this could take quite some time, but Lorri said it would be well worth it and a fulfillment of a desire she has had for quite a while. Anyone reading this who might be interested in contributing a photo or two, check out Autumn Acres on Facebook. At this point in time, Lorri said she is not sure of what she will do with the paintings when she is finished with this project.

To see a sample of the quality of Hardin's work, visit [www.straightforwardfreepress.com](http://www.straightforwardfreepress.com) and click on 1/06/22 issue. This writer will check on Lorri's progress from time to time and report back.

## Give Him A Home...Give Him A Name: "Watts Up?"



This friendly little feller still needs a home. He is at Happy Hills Thrift Store, Watts. Just come and get him.

## Commissioner's Meeting: Rapid Dispatch

By John Bankel

The Adair County Board of Commissioners ran through their meeting at a dizzying pace on Monday, January 24, 2022, dispatching the entire agenda in 12 minutes!

There have been a number of concerned citizens asking for copies of resolutions to be attached to the agenda so that the citizen can better know what is the substance of the resolution and perhaps be able to ask questions? Citizens' should be encouraged to give their

input in order to insure a fully functioning government that works in service to the people. After all, our elected officials are "servants of the people" and the government is a government "of the people, for the people and by the people" as Thomas Jefferson so eloquently expressed in the Declaration of Independence.

The Commissioners meet every Monday morning at 8:30 in the Board Room at the County Courthouse. It is a public meeting and all Adair County Citizens are encouraged to attend.

## Early Voting Begins Thursday in Adair County

Early voting begins Thursday February 3, 2022 for voters in Adair County. Voters who will not be able to make it to the polls on Election Day, have the option of voting early at their County Election Board.

Adair County Election Board Secretary, Jan Wilhite, said early voting is open to all voters.

"You do not need to provide an excuse to vote early. Oklahoma allows early voting for all elections

conducted through the State Election Board—from school board and municipal elections to state and federal elections. This is a great option for those who will be out of town on Election Day or who want to avoid long lines," Wilhite said.

Early voting is available Thursday February 3 and Friday February 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the County Election Board located at 220 W. Division, Stilwell, Ok.. Wilhite reminds voters that early voting is not available at polling locations.

The Adair County Election Board is located at 220 W. Division, Stilwell, Ok. and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For questions, please contact the Election Board at 918-696-7221 or [adaircounty@elections.ok.gov](mailto:adaircounty@elections.ok.gov).

Candidates running for Westville Board of Trustee are:

Chris Null  
Patsy Winn  
Bryan Maloney.

### Correction on "Leap Of Faith" article from January 20, 2022 edition:

Faith Phillip's documentary about "Now I Lay Me Down," relates the murders of two little girls, whose bodies were found in a ditch along a remote rural road near the town of Weleetka in 2008. Their convicted murderer, Kevin Sweat, is now serving three life sentences for their murders.

She is presently filming a documentary about the Camp Scott Girl Scout murders, in which three little girl scouts were brutally murdered. This incident occurred in 1977 in Mayes County near Locust Grove. Some investigators believe that the case is still unsolved.

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"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." – John 3:17 (KJV)

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## Election Day Laws and Reminders

Voters in Adair County are reminded to keep the integrity of the election system in mind, when going to the polls next week.

While ballot "selfies" or taking photographs of a marked ballot are legal, voters may not share or distribute the image through social media or by any other means while inside the election enclosure. Voters must wait until they leave their polling place before posting or sharing the picture with anyone. Improper use of the photo could result in a violation of the law. Voters may not use the image to coerce, influence, or intimidate another voter.

Adair County Election Board Secretary, Jan Wilhite, says voters should be aware that violating the law has consequences.

"While some offenses may seem minor, unlawful activity on Election Day constitutes a serious crime and could result in a misdemeanor or in some cases, a felony conviction. We want all voters to

be aware of their actions and be respectful of the rights of others."

Wilhite said, it is illegal to disclose how you voted with anyone while inside the election enclosure. In addition, you may not remove a ballot from the polling place.

Keep in mind that electioneering is prohibited within 300 feet of any ballot box while an election is in progress. This includes wearing or bringing visible campaign related paraphernalia into the election enclosure. Wilhite notes that no one except election officials and voters waiting to vote are allowed within 50 feet of any ballot box on Election Day. Certain exceptions are made for media and those assisting disabled voters.

Voters are reminded that consuming alcohol of any kind or quantity within one-half mile of a polling place on Election Day is prohibited.

The polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. February 8, 2022.



Stilwell Sports Spotlight  
Commentary by John Bankel

### Stilwell Indians Wrestling Update

The Stilwell boys varsity wrestling team has met with considerable adversity in the past few weeks. Several key wrestlers decided to quit the program while injuries to two of their top wrestlers have combined to put a crimp on the future of their season. At one point in time, the team had been touted to make a run for the State Double Dual championship. That appears to be gone now. However, two of the wrestlers, Jayce Caviness and Cutter Sheets are expected to make a run for the individual state title. Caviness is the #9 Junior in the state while Sheets is the #23 senior. Wrestling is perhaps the toughest sport around, at least in the high school realm. The boys

need your support.

### Stilwell Middle School Girls vs. Union

On Thursday, January 20, the Stilwell Middle School girls wrestling team took on the girls from Tulsa Union. This writer had never seen a girls match. In his day, wrestling was strictly a boys' sport. The girls wrestled admirably with one Stilwell wrestler in particular, Lara Mullin, who was outstanding. In both of her matches, put her opponent on her back for a pin within 30 seconds of the first period. A wrestling match consists of three 2 minute periods. The Stilwell girls had to forfeit several matches so the final score ended up favoring Union 39-12.

# THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

## NO MANAGEMENT SKILLS

As I grew up, I was taught that making money is only one part of being successful, how you spend your earnings is just as important as making money in the first place. Over the years when I upgraded my cattle working corrals, I would have to purchase materials such as pipe and panels to complete the job. Usually, I would order a little more than I needed to cover any mistakes that I might make in the compiling of an equipment list; if I happened to have some materials left over, I would keep it and use it on the next project. I have seen some individuals, after completing a project, who would load all of the left overs on their truck and take it to a scrap yard and sell it, usually for pennies on the dollar. While bad management skills like I just illustrated affects only the individual who can't wait to go to the local scrap yard, something very similar is about to happen with our government and the unused parts of the southern border wall.

It is amazing how political hatred can spur supposedly educated people to do some of the most stupid things. When resident Biden took office just over a year ago, one of his first actions was to stop the construction of the southern border wall. In Biden's executive order it was stated, "It shall be the policy of my administration that no more American taxpayer dollars be diverted to construct a border wall." He also said, "I am also directing a careful review of all resources appropriated or redirected to construct a southern border wall." On the day Biden was sworn in, construction companies laid down their tools and left job sites the next day, and stacks of materials have collected dust since. Now, they're looking to sell it all for scrap.

In addition to the steel and concrete there was unfinished lighting, ground sensors, and cameras that could alert border agents where a breach would be in progress; those system have not been turned on either. Border Patrol agents could be nearby, but without the cameras and sensors, they wouldn't know that a breach is occurring. According to the report I read, the big problem is that the fiber optics are in the ground already, and if they don't turn it on in the next two months, the fiber optics will go dormant and we won't get them back. All those billions of dollars of fiber optics in the ground because there was only 24 months shelf life, they can be dormant and we're at 22 months right now—we're talking about losing billions of dollars just because they didn't turn the system on.

Former President Donald Trump's administration built 453 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border. Approximately 211 miles of fencing were under construction as of Jan. 8, 2021, just before Biden took office. History will show that the action of the Trump administration was one of the most successful methods to control illegal migration; now, because of the action of resident Biden, we have an out-of-control border which is costing the American people millions. We have an administration that is more concerned about gaining political power instead of protecting our nation and its borders. Face it my fellow Americans, we had a president who had the management skills to deal with problems facing our nation, and then we allowed a political hack to be placed into the oval office who has no practical management skills.

### THE KIPLING KORNER

"Now, don't be angry after you've been afraid. That's the worst kind of cowardice."

Vocabulary  
**WORD**  
of  
the  
**DAY**

**Euphonious**  
Example: The words he spoke to declare his proposal of marriage was euphonious to her ears.  
• (of sound, esp. speech) pleasing to the ear.

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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 Lady in the Blue Sari

Part 28

By Donna Boecher

Teresa and Alex were settled in Kerala, so there was nothing left to do in Jaipur but visit Rainard, her husband's brother. The Singh brothers were in accord that Teresa and Alex handle their spice trade in Kochi, especially since the brothers could not oversee it.

Lydia was flying stateside tomorrow via Delhi; she'd have a car-and-driver from Jaipur to Delhi. She couldn't wait to arrive in New Orleans and see her husband. James had ticketed her first class; she'd sleep most of the 15 hours to New Jersey and then change planes to New Orleans.

Waiting for her flight from Delhi,

## SCRIPTURE

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

But God hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." — 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (KJV)

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## Health Tips from Larkin...

By Larkin Fouse, CHHP

**Stress Busters: Part 2—Positive Inquisition:** One of the best ways I know of to de-stress is to use something I call positive inquisition. Which is asking the right question at the right time to break a stress cycle. Stress cycles work when you are stressed about something subconsciously, yet it starts to build and be triggered in every area of your life till you explode at something or someone that had nothing to do with what was eating you, then, it starts all over again. The key to breaking this cycle is to become aware of when your stress starts to build, and then ask yourself out loud in that moment: "Can I let this go"? You will find that by asking

that question, the stress will start to dissolve because by becoming aware of something and breaking the cycle with a question, the stress and tension's ability to build pressure is broken and it releases. So, the key here is to constantly be aware of yourself and see if you are starting to get stressed, and when you are, make sure to ask yourself the question so that you deflate that balloon before it pops you will feel much better and the root cause of 90% of disease will be greatly reduced for you!

Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell. See advertisement in this paper for more information.



**Dear John,** I am a high school senior who will be graduating in June. In a way, I am dreading graduation. It means I have to make a big decision that will affect the rest of my life. My parents are urging me to get a college degree. I will be the first in the family to do so. However, even though I got good grades and am not shy about hitting the books, I really don't see myself in school for another 4 years. There are some good apprentice programs I have looked at that pay as you learn a trade. No student loan debt! Plus, I really like working with my hands. I have not told my parents about my plans. They will be disappointed, for sure. How can I best tell them?

**Reluctant To Spill The Beans**

**Dear Reluctant,** the best way to tell them is to tell them. It might be a good idea to wait until after graduation, when the subject of what you are going to do next comes up, as I am sure it will. At that time, allow Mom and Dad to take the lead. Your job is to listen. When the time is right to share what you have in mind, explain why you would rather become a journeyman at a trade than go to college. Allow your parents to sleep on it. I am sure they will come around to your side and their disappointment will disappear.

Sincerely,

Dear John

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## Mullin It Over: President Biden's Year One Performance Review

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

President Biden has been in office for one year and it has been a year of crisis. As we recognize the anniversary of the beginning of Washington's one-party rule, let's grade President Biden's work on the issues important to the American people.

**Economy – F:** Americans are now making less while paying more for just about everything. Inflation is taxation, and it has gone up every month of Biden's presidency, reaching a record 40-year high. Month after month, each jobs report seems worse than the last as Americans are rewarded to stay home and rely on the federal government for their every need.

**Energy – F:** President Biden spent his first day in office enacting his anti-American energy agenda that set the tone for the rest of the year. He canceled the Keystone XL pipeline and rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement, shipping our jobs overseas and making our country vulnerable to our foreign adversaries. Later, he pushed Green New Deal policy while tapping into emergency oil reserves in response to gas prices reaching a seven-year high. The oil and natural gas industry is a top driver for our Oklahoma economy, supplying over 400,000 jobs. His anti-fossil fuel agenda, including methane emission regulation, stifles innovation and hurts the livelihood of many in our state.

**National Security – F:** President Biden has made the United States look weak on the world stage. Most

recently, he has bowed to Russia and failed to take a tough stance against China. He repeatedly fails to put our country first and chooses the interests of our adversaries instead of our own. Lastly, we will never forget the disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan. It was a complete and utter failure. Thirteen service members and countless civilians lost their lives, and many remain stranded there under Taliban control. Americans deserve better from our Commander-in-Chief.

**Border Security – F:** President Biden has neglected our Southern border. I've seen it firsthand. After reversing President Trump's policies, over 1.7 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended along with 11,000 pounds of fentanyl in 2021 alone. This has exacerbated the opioid epidemic, and these numbers place an enormous strain on the border patrol agents there. It is imperative that President Biden secure our border and finish the wall.

Don't just take my word for it though. According to a new Quinnipiac University poll, President Biden's approval rating has dipped to 33 percent. It's time this administration cleans up the crises they have caused and look towards the next three years with Americans' best interests in mind.

Want to stay up-to-date on what I'm doing in Oklahoma and Washington on your behalf? Sign up for my newsletter by visiting [Mullin.house.gov/newslettersignup](http://Mullin.house.gov/newslettersignup).

# Obituaries

## Angela Jo Daugherty

February 5, 1989 – January 3, 2022

Angela Jo Daugherty was born February 5, 1989, in Weatherford, Texas to Ellis Joe Daugherty and Ruth Ann (Shell) Daugherty. She departed this life on Monday, January 3, 2022, in Stilwell, Oklahoma.

She met Jonathan Cale Gonzales in 2006 in Stilwell, OK and they were inseparable until she gained her wings. They share 3 children, Aselyn Breez, Christopher Cale, and Hallie Jo Ann, all of the home.

Angela was a member of Salem Baptist Church. She gave her life to the Lord on November 12, 2017 and was baptized shortly thereafter. Angela's family and friends knew her as "Thumper" and to some as "Ang".

She loved cooking. Angela sure loved the Oklahoma Sooners. She enjoyed playing outside with her kids. Angela also enjoyed attending Aselyn and Christopher's sports events. Ang loved her family, and her laugh was contagious.

Angela was preceded in death by her parents: Joe and Ruth Daugherty, father-in-law: Jeff (Sonny) Gonzales, brother: Christopher Galcatcher, sister: Michelle Daugherty, aunts: Elizabeth Shell, Sandra Pettit, Lynn (Gonzales) Taylor and Sarah Simmons, uncle: Ben Shell.

She is survived by family that include her loving companion of 16 years, Jon "Chub" Gonzales, her children: Aselyn, Christopher and Hallie, all of Stilwell, OK, sisters: Dana Qualls of Broken Arrow, OK and Brittany Daugherty of Stilwell, OK, two sisters-in-law: Sheena Gonzales of Stilwell, OK, Venessa Grimmer and husband Roy Lee of Keys, OK, brothers: Damon Mink and Jackie Ray Duncan, both of Stilwell, OK, one brother-in-law: Jeffrey Gonzales of Stilwell, OK, 10 nephews and 10 nieces, aunts: Nellie Sue Ayers of Memphis, TN, Caleen and husband Everett Bolin of Dry Creek, OK, Amanda and husband Kenny Denton of Baron, OK, uncles: Timothy Bishop and wife Anne Marie of Stilwell, OK, Keith Shell of Memphis, TN, Dennis Starr, John Daugherty, Charlie Daugherty, Justin Wilson and Teddy Gregory, all of Stilwell, OK and Curtis Taylor of Westville, OK, mother-in-law: Cindy Gonzales of Stilwell, OK and Granny Bobbie Wilson of Stilwell, OK.

Angela is also survived by several cousins, other relatives and many, many friends.

*Goodbyes are not forever,  
Goodbyes are not the end;  
It simply means I'll miss you  
Until we meet again.  
~ Anonymous*

Funeral services were held at 11 am on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Wayne Pinkerton officiating. Interment followed at Fourkiller Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.

## James Edward ("Jim") Tibbits

September 1, 1925 – December 30, 2021

James Edward ("Jim") Tibbits was born on 9/1/1925 at Davidson, Arkansas, to Erman and Rosy Tibbits. He was the third of ten children and learned early in life about the virtues of hard work and responsibility. Jim served in the Army during WWII as a medic on a hospital train. After his discharge, he married Jolora Price on 7/19/1946 and began his long and successful career as a carpenter. The young couple lived first in Denver, Colorado, and later moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where their only child, Dennis, was born in 1953. Shortly thereafter, the family moved to Evansville, Arkansas, where Jim continued his career as a builder, working on a large diversity of construction projects ranging from university dormitories and hospitals to a huge number of residential dwellings throughout Northwest Arkansas and Northeast Oklahoma. The family moved to Stilwell, Oklahoma in 1969, where they lived until Jolora's death in 1992. In 1993, Jim married the second love of his life, Faye Aiden, and moved to Westville, Oklahoma where he lived the remainder of his life. Jim enjoyed traveling, and had seen virtually the entire continental United States, and briefly visited Mexico, Canada, and the Caribbean islands. He loved Las Vegas, and prided himself as a skilled poker player. Jim passed away peacefully on 12/30/2021 at the age of 96 years, 3 months, and 30 days.

Jim was preceded in death by his first love, Jolora; his parents, Erman and Rosy Tibbits; four brothers: Andy, Joe, William ("Doc"), and Jack; and two sisters: Jessie and Nora ("Nonie"). He is survived by his wife Faye, of the home; his son, Dennis of Stilwell; his sister Ann Fascetti and husband Larry of Middletown, New Jersey; sister Betty Coots of Shelton, Washington; sister Minnie Carlson of Olympia, Washington; sister-in-law Ina Jackson of Dallas, Texas; sister-in-law Linda Bauer-Lohmeier and husband Steve of Morton, Illinois; brother-in-law Noble Lee West of Stilwell; and a host of step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Jim was a kind-hearted, wise, and gentle soul, and he will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.

Graveside services were held at 2 pm on Friday, January 14, 2022 at Stilwell City Cemetery, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Bill Holcomb officiating. Inurnment followed under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.

## Joel Collins

April 29, 1956 – January 14, 2022

Joel Collins was born on April 29, 1956, in Wynne, Arkansas to Harold and Geraldine (Washington) Collins and passed away on January 14, 2022, in Bentonville, Arkansas at the age of 65 years, 8 months, and 16 days.

Joel was a United States Marine Veteran, who loved God and his country. He worked 40 years as a long-haul truck driver. He enjoyed working for many years with Mr. Dale Snyder and enjoyed his retirement with his wife. He loved hunting and fishing but most of all spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Harold and Geraldine Collins. Survivors include his wife: Joyce Collins of Westville, Oklahoma. Daughters: Nova and Mark Holt of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; Christina and George Upton of Watts, Oklahoma; and son: Floyd Collins of Westville, Oklahoma. Eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Sister: Jacky and Jesse Salazar of Farmington, Arkansas; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 1 pm on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK with Bro. Tyler Watson officiating. Interment followed at Westville City Cemetery, Westville, OK.



## Juanito "Jay" Salazar Lu-way

June 12, 1966 – January 17, 2022

Juanito "Jay" Salazar Lu-way, son of Juanito Tarayo and Anita Baker, was born on June 12, 1966, in the Philippines and passed from this life on Monday, January 17, 2022, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at 55 years of age.

Jay was a "no drama", fun-loving and kind hearted man that never had anything bad to say about anyone.

He was patient, always understanding and willing to help anyone who needed it.

He was a wonderful, loving husband. He thoroughly enjoyed his career as a table games dealer. He loved telling his jokes and having fun.

He was a man that took pride in providing for his wife and taking care of their home.

Jay considered himself a "Grill master", loved to sit around the fire, sing karaoke, dance, play pool, poker, travel, talk politics, play with the kiddos, go to the river, and host get-togethers with family and friends.

Everyone that knew Jay knew he was a faithful San Francisco 49ers Fan. Every year it was a given that his Halloween costume was a 49ers football player.

Jay's "go to" music was the 80's. Working outside, relaxing, cooking, or driving the 80's was playing loud and proud.

He was a man with a plan, for everything, and he could DO just about anything with the help of YouTube. He would watch, and then re-watch, again and again until he figured it all out. He was Mr. Fix-It.

His carefree spirit, loving heart, and contagious smile will forever be dearly missed.

Juanito is survived by a loving family that includes his wife, Cheyanna (Cookson) Lu-way of the home in Stilwell, OK, children: Hannah Nicole Lu-way of Petersburg, Alaska, Alexander James Lu-way of Sacramento, California, mom: Anita (Lu-way) Baker and step father David Baker of Lowell, Arkansas, sister: Tina Lu-way of Sacramento, brother: James Lu-way Baker of Atlanta, GA and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 3 pm on Monday, January 24, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK.



## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Commentary by John Bankel

Today's Trail Treks to Teacher Training...

### TIME TO REVAMP TEACHER TRAINING?

Teacher training typically consists of getting a degree in Education, student teaching, then finding a job and taking it from there. The statistics of first year teacher attrition are alarming. Something like 40% never see their second year. This puts a real strain on teacher supply. Further, roughly 80% don't make it past year 5.

What is the problem? A large part of the problem is that the training that prospective teachers receive is inadequate and that new teachers are decidedly very young, immature and naive? All of us have had teachers. The good ones make teaching look very effortless. As a matter of fact, they make it look like anybody could be a teacher. There is nothing to it until one actually tries it. It takes time to become a good teacher. It can be scary to be in charge of a group of youngsters (elementary or high school) in the confines of a classroom. If we added one more re-

quirement to teacher training, it may help considerably. If each prospective teacher brought 3-5 years of real world job experience, perhaps in a field related to their subject, not only would the candidate be older and more mature, but seasoned with the knowledge of how the "real world" works.

Most recently, this writer ran into 2 individuals who launched their teaching careers after they had established themselves in the "real world." They were both outstanding teachers who deliberately chose to go into teaching and give something back to the youth. We need more of those people in the classroom. Time to revamp teacher training.

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By Donna Boecher

Cui bono – "a principle that probable responsibility for an act or event lies with one having something to gain."

Every American should come to know this word that has been around since 1604. Not sure if something on the news is true? Look for the "cui

bono." Is the Covid pandemic cui bono? If it looks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and walks like a duck, it most likely is a duck.

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**Adair County Litter-Free & Green monthly Recycle Day** is from 9 am 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. Below is a list of projected recycle dates and will only change if there is inclement weather conditions that day.

**February 19th,** March 19th, April 16th, May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th, and December 17th.

Deadline to enter the **2022 Strawberry Queen Pageant** is **Monday, January 31.** Pageant will be held Saturday, April 2 at the Stilwell High School Fine Arts Building. For more information or to print off an application, log on to the Stilwell Kiwanis Club website at: <https://strawberrycapital.com>.

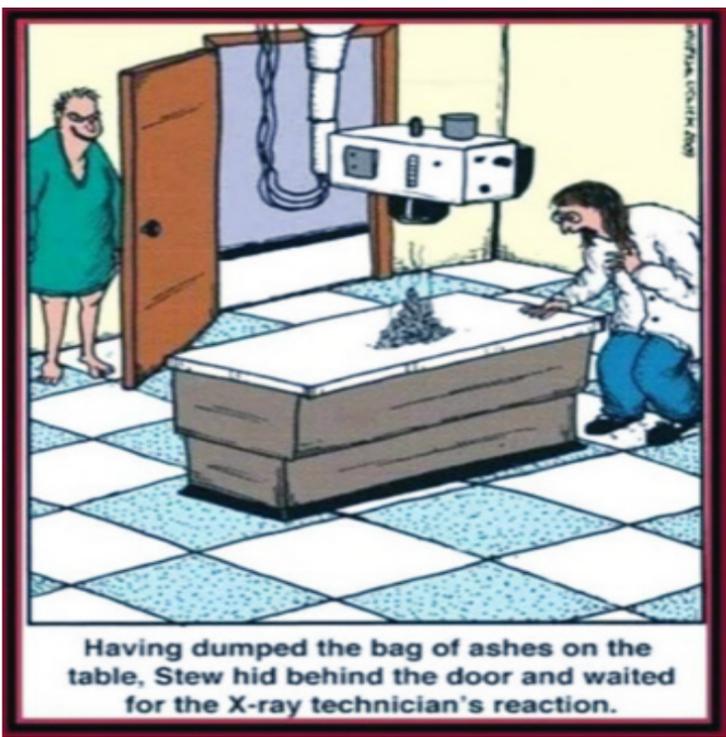
**Ham and Bean Supper, Monday, February 7,** at 6:00 p.m. at the Hope Center Inc., located at 829 W. Elm St. in Westville. Come enjoy some ham and beans with some dessert and drink for \$5.00 while supporting your local food bank.

**Cake Decorating Class,** starting **February 1,** from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at ICTC-Stilwell Campus. The class will be held on Tuesday nights and the cost is \$70. You must supply your own cake and icing for each class. For more information, call 918-797-8507 or go to <https://ictctech.coursestorm.com>.

**Small Engine Maintenance & Repair** short-term evening class, begins **Tuesday, February 1** and runs for 6 weeks, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the ICTC-Stilwell Campus. Learn how to repair and maintain lawn mowers, chainsaws, and anything else powered by a small engine. For more information, call 918-797-8507 or go to <https://ictctech.coursestorm.com>.

**Forklift Safety Certification** short-term evening class, begins **January 31,** Monday & Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., ICTC-Stilwell Campus. Covers OSHA regulations. For more information, call 918-797-8507 or go to <https://ictctech.coursestorm.com>.

**Leather Craft** short-term evening class, ICTC-Stilwell Campus. The class begins **January 31,** and will run for 6 weeks on Mondays, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. For more information, call 918-797-8507 or go to <https://ictctech.coursestorm.com>.



Having dumped the bag of ashes on the table, Stew hid behind the door and waited for the X-ray technician's reaction.

## Life Tips from Larkin...

By Larkin Fouse, CHHP

**Why Our Kids Are Messed Up: Part 3—Continuity:** In most homes the one great thing lacking other than common sense, is continuity. Most houses have rules that are not clear and the children are attacked or punished for things they had no idea was a bad thing. This results in a person scared to do anything because it might just be the wrong thing. This will result in an adult too scared to try anything in life and thus they will simply wilt down to nothing. How do you fix this? You give a sense of continuity in your behavior to your children. Do things in a way where your children know what action brings what consequences in the house. Do this by writing down all the rules of the family on paper and the consequences for breaking them and make them plain and simple, and read them out to your children. Then set that list up on the family fridge so that the children will be able to read them all their days in your house. Then, when one of the rules is broken, use the written consequence on the paper to be your guide as a choice of discipline. This will give the children a sense of absolute continuity, and

personal responsibility, because then they know that certain choices they make create certain results in those around them, and thus by default in life itself. This will result in an individual who respects authority, and obeys the rules and will be much more likely to take life by the horns because they know that as long as they make the right choices in life, life will likely work more in their favor than if they do not comply with its rules.

Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell. See advertisement in this paper for more information.

Puns come in all shapes and sizes and some are funnier than others... here are a few that may tickle your funny bone...

1. Yesterday, I saw an ad that said, "Radio For Sale: Stuck on full volume." I thought, "I can't turn that down."

2. What did the duck say when she purchased new lipstick? Put it on my bill.

3. Did you hear about the cheese factory that exploded in France? There was nothing left but de Brie.

That's all for now folks...come on back next week for more PUN FUN.

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