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STILWELL HOMECOMING 2023

Commentary by John Bankel



All Sports Queen 2023-2024 Miss Snowda Watie posing for a picture with her escort.

Football Is Still A Game Of Inches

The rain finally gave way to clear blue sunny skies at game time. The parade was a wet one yet everyone still had a good time. Win, lose or draw, Homecoming is still the highlight of a high school football season. It is a tradition throughout the land that has been carried on for over 100 years that got its start somewhere in Missouri in the early 1900's. Beside all the pageantry, the game is the topper for the day. On Friday night, the Stilwell Indians took on the Hilldale Hornets. Hilldale entered this contest ranked 8th in Class 4A, despite a horrific thrashing the week before at the hands of Claremore. To my knowledge, Stilwell had never beaten Hilldale. This game would be the first in District play and would have playoff implications. The Indians were trying to get back on track after suffering their first loss the week before to Stigler. The Hornets got

on the board first, but the Indians came right back with 2 scores to grab a 14-7 lead into the second quarter. Hilldale used a bruising ground game behind a big offensive line. Indeed, the Stilwell defense played most of the game on their heels until...3 times the Hornets got inside the Stilwell 5 yard line and 3 times the Indians refused to capitulate. One of those times, it was 4th down with the nose of the ball one inch from the goal line. Stilwell stuffed the play and took over on downs at their own one yard line. However, on the first play for the Indians, Juan Martinez fumbled the ball and fell on it in his own end zone. A safety and 2 points for the Hornets. The game stood at 14-9 at the half. The second half saw the Hornets tie the game with 3 seconds left, 21-21. With their superb kicker lined up to kick the winning point, Trey Chuculate knifed in to

block the kick. The crowd went wild. In overtime, the Indians elected to start on defense. The Hornets took the lead, 24-21, with a field goal. The Indians had a shot to win or tie. On the first play, Juan Martinez got swarmed by the defense and tried to pitch the ball at the last second. The referees called it a fumble. Hilldale had recovered. Game over. 24-21 Hilldale. Losing is always unpleasant, especially when it is Homecoming and even more so when you played almost the entire game in the lead and it slipped through your grasp at the last moment. There is a positive takeaway for the Indians: they can play toe to toe and nose to nose with some of the best and were within inches of snagging the victory. Stilwell has a tough road assignment next Friday, September 29, when they take on arch rival Sallisaw. Kickoff 7 pm.

Watts Homecoming Court



PROVERB POWER

Psalm 37: 1,2 KJV
Fret not thyself because of evildoers,
neither be thou envious of workers of
iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down
like the grass and wither like the herb.

Westville Homecoming Court



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

Number 44

By Donna Boecher

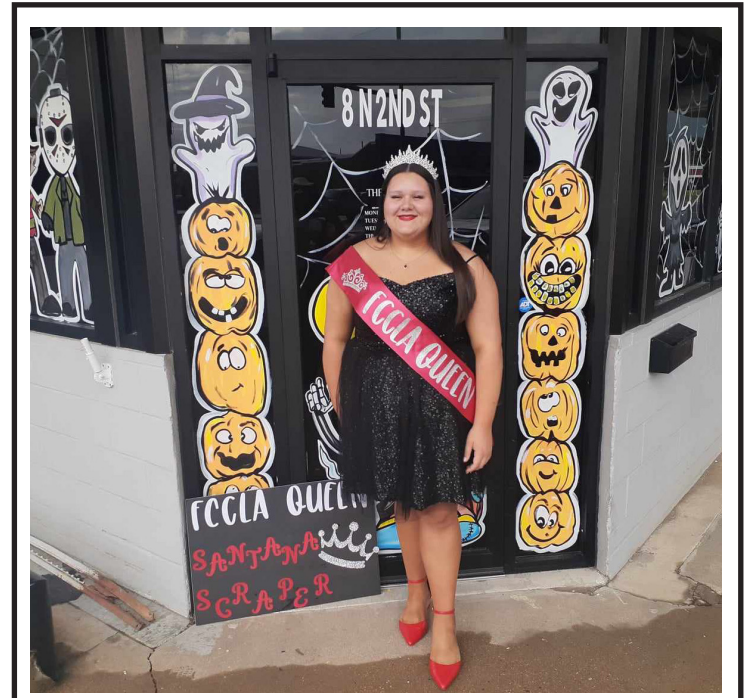
“A picture is worth a thousand words.” This statement is attributed to an ad written in 1921 by F. R. Barnard. There is truth in the saying even today. For preschoolers, those pictures help them stay involved in the story. Old enough to write, I told my mother and dad what I was doing on the farm with my granny and my grandfather. Of course, I physically showed them when they came to pick me up, but they knew because they’d “lived” it; they could picture it. They were off the farm. How fortunate

we are to read and write. Not all our ancestors were able to attend school! They had responsibilities: helping in the fields at planting, weeding, and harvesting time. Thankfully, they had an innate ability to thrive, if you didn’t work and prepare, you starved. Today, many of our youth presume since they’d been given a “sufficiency”, it will still be there when they graduate high school. Situations may make further education expensive and/or out of reach. Yet, there is a way. Many schools allow a person to

“audit” classes. Haven’t heard of this? It means you may sit in the classroom and learn, but you don’t earn credits toward a college degree. Auditing might help in attaining a job or position. At my age that’s perfect. I love learning, but “freeze up” when it comes to testing. For those of us who enjoy reading, “no pictures” does not preclude us from reading a novel or a biography. A thousand words CAN BE and IS a blessing.

OFF THE CUFF... IMPROMPTU STUFF

By, John Bankel



Santana, FCCLA Queen

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A Visit With The FCCLA Queen

Santana Scrapper was more than gracious to allow me to take a photo and do an off the cuff interview, right there in front of the Tull Boutique. I asked her what FCCLA stood for? She said, "Family Career Community Leaders of America." She said this organization has been active in high schools across the country since 1945, at which time it was under the banner of "Home Economics" and today also operates in all of the U.S. Territories, with a total membership of 240,000 youngsters. Okla-

homa's membership is at 18,000 but Santana is confident that this will reach 20,000 by the end of the year. She is a Senior who has high aspirations. She is planning on working toward a Ph.D in Psychology and a Masters in Home Economics. In addition, Santana fills the role of State 1st Vice President. In my opinion, she has all the qualities a leader should possess: she is confident, articulate and goal oriented. All attributes fitting for a Queen.

Lady Jets Win

ORES Division II Softball Champions



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“Four things greater than all things are Women and horses and power and War.” (from Barrack-Room Ballads)

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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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Cave Springs

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT SPECIAL

by John Bankel

WYATT COINER: Cave Springs New Head Football Coach

Cave Springs plays 8 man football. In the past, the program has seen a head coaching dilemma, where the coach was gone after one or two years. That kind of attrition is not a formula for building a successful program. Indeed, the Hornets have settled into winning maybe none, one or two games a season. This year, there just may be a change of pace on the way. As of this writing, the Hornets stand at 2-0, for the first time in a long time. With new head coach Wyatt Coiner at the helm, the Hornets have responded with two commanding wins. Is it the coach that has made the difference? On a recent visit with Coach Coiner, he humbly told me the story of his own perseverance and fortitude, qualities which he said he hopes to pass on to his players. The Coach was born and raised in

Cave Springs and attended school from Kindergarten thru 12th grade. He has gone through the school of hard knocks along the way. As he tells it, Cave Springs is a poor community that stays mostly within itself. Hardships are a way of life. Wyatt knows first hand what his players are up against. Because of this, he has bonded with his players as no one from the outside could have. Although he became a father at 15, Wyatt was determined to continue his education while raising his child. Along the way he also played football and basketball. After graduation, he enrolled at Carl Albert College and later transferred to Bacone University where he played basketball. All the while, he found jobs that supported his child and his quest to someday become the head football coach for the boys at Cave

Springs. In his frank manner of speaking, he said his desire is to teach his players not only football and mold them into a winning team, but also to give them what they need to become responsible adults who will someday go beyond the confines of Cave Springs and make their marks in society. Although it is yet early in Coach Wyatt's career, the conviction in his voice and the conquests of his life's travails, could very well be the building blocks of a legacy he will leave behind. Cave Springs Football is on the move.

Note: This article was first written after the second game of the season. Cave Springs was 2-0. Since then, the Hornets have fallen to 2-2. By the time this issue hits the newsstand, the Hornets will have played their 5th game.



Head Coach Wyatt Coiner, Assistants Glen and Trey Cone

Dahlonegah Ladies Finish their Softball Season



A long day, and yet a short season. 7 consecutive games. In sudden death, the ladies left it all on the field. Coming out in the top 4 to finish their season. We appreciate the support from everyone!
Nate Bunch

ADAIR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP



Cave Springs Hornets: 8 Man Football

After starting the season with 2 consecutive wins, the Hornets have met with 2 overpowering opponents. The latest one was Webbers Falls where the Hornets, on Saturday, September 23, played on Webbers Falls' home turf. The result was a 58-16 pounding. Cave Springs is now 2-2 on the year with lots of football still left to play. Their next contest will pit the Hornets against the Porum Panthers in an away game on Thursday, September 28. Kickoff at 7 pm.



Watts Engineers: 8 Man Football

On Saturday, September 23, the Watts Engineers hosted the South Coffeyville Panthers. Watts came out on top to even their record to 2-2 on the season. With a stellar defense, the Engineers prevailed 22-0. Watts next travels to Bluejacket in a Friday, September 29 game. Kickoff is 7 pm.



Westville Yellowjackets

On Saturday, September 23, Westville hosted Beggs with the hope of getting on the winning side of the ledger. Beggs had other ideas as they hung 38 points on the scoreboard. The Yellowjackets managed 16 to remain winless for the year. Their record is now 0-4. On Friday, September 29, Westville travels to Okmulgee to take on the Bulldogs. Kickoff is 7 pm.

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

LOOKING FOR MISS PIGGY

Having lived my entire life on the family farm, I have learned a few things about what animals look like and I also know a little about their actions and what drives them. When it comes to hogs the equation is very clear; you can put a dress on a pig and put some lipstick on their mouth, but all you still have is a pig. From what I have witnessed, the Biden administration is trying to put some lipstick on their failed economic system called Bidenomics. The administration is hoping that the American voter will buy into their rhetoric and believe that the economy is in fine shape. They make the claim that personal income has risen 3.8 percent under President Joe Biden, but they ignore the fact that credit card debt has risen 34 percent, and interest rates are up 40 percent—roughly 10 times the increase in disposable personal income.

We Americans are increasingly relying on credit cards to make ends meet; relying upon credit cards may get you through a pinch, but it is definitely not sustainable. There always comes a time when you reach your credit limit

and you do not even have the money to make the minimum monthly payment. The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland estimates real weekly earnings are down 4.9 percent. Even with the 4.9 percent drop, many consumers are still making purchases with a decrease in real wages, meaning the extra spending came from a depletion of savings and an expansion of debt.

The administration also claims that inflation is going down; it may have decreased from its highest point, but is still far above the rate when resident Biden took office. I live in the real world and know something about the inflation that is destroying the family budgets across our nation. I know firsthand the ever-increasing cost of replacement parts and the inflated cost of groceries. The inflated cost of energy is chewing up more and more of everyone's paychecks. In my farming business the cost of gasoline and diesel is one of my major expenses. I recently told my wife if the cost of fuel was what it was during the Trump presidency, the savings would allow us to eat out at restaurants ever night of the week.

Throughout my business career I have run across con men and people just trying to blow you off and make you believe something that is not true, I am seeing the same pattern in the current administration and its staff. Both of my parents are gone to be with the Lord, in their lives they worked hard and saved for the future. While they were able to build a good nest egg for their later years, inflation robbed them of their hard work and sacrifice. The buying power of the dollar has declined about 17 percent under Biden, and real disposable personal income has declined 8.3 percent. From what I can see, every policy the Biden administration has implemented is a complete failure. If someone starts telling you that Biden is a great president, just ask them to list one policy that has been a success.

The Biden administration is trying to find Miss Piggy, but all they have is a dirty hog with some lipstick on it. We Americans need to wake up and stop listening to these con artists and their lap dog mainstream press.

Adair County Republican Meeting Monday 25th

The Library community room on Monday was filled with Adair County Republican Party members and guests to hear what Josh Brecheen was doing in DC and what we might anticipate in the near future. Also present was OK representative Hardin with an update from the House. Tuesday, Jack Ogden hosted the 3rd meeting presenting the US Constitution via video. It will continue weekly on Tuesday at 6 pm through November 7th. Well worth an hour of anyone's valuable time.



WHAT'S SO PUNNY?

PUN FUN

Howdy all you pun fans! Today we are going to do a variation of the theme. Instead of a bevy of puns, we have a couple or three of funny stories. Call them pun-stories if you like. Hope you get a chuckle or two and maybe even a guffaw to help have a brighter day.

Punstory Numero Uno: Something To Crow About: A crow was sitting on a tree, doing nothing all day. A small rabbit saw the crow and asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing all day long?" The crow answered and said, "Sure, why not?" So the rabbit sat on the ground below the crow and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it. **Moral of the Story:** to be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.

Punstory Numero Duo: Give And Take: At a party, a young wife admonished her husband. "That's the 4th time you have gone back for ice cream and cake. Doesn't it embarrass you?" "Why should it?" answered her spouse. "I keep telling them it is for you."

Punstory Numero Trio: Tell Tale: A man went into a seafood restaurant and asked for a lobster tail. The waitress smiled sweetly and said, "Once upon a time, there was this handsome lobster..."

Vocabulary Word: power. The ability or capacity to act or do something effectively with force.

Ex. Many Presidents of the U.S. delivered speeches filled with the power to sway both Republicans, Democrat, and Independents..



Week 6 of 6: The Kontest Finale

This one is the last time around for Krypto Kontest 8.0. The winner will be announced in the October 13 issue. Here are your numbers: the answer is 13. You are playing with 8,12,5,17,3

Remember, you must use all 5 numbers and any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication or division Trial and error is the best approach since there is no formula. It is challenging and lots of fun and you may be the one that walks away with the \$25 cash and calculator prize.

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Searching for a Word: strength. The capacity to resist strain or stress, durability.

Ex. To gain strength to complete the marathon, Joe ran around the perimeter of the local park an hour each day for six months..



What is it worth?

By Ronny Vann
April 30th 2021

These days New York State and the city are in the news not good news now mind you. It has many problems such as crime, overcrowding, politicians, rundown buildings and many other things. The story of this place is famous for the price that was paid to the tribe that lived there before there was a New York. The story goes that for a few trinkets and beads the Lenape Indians sold it to the Dutch. All this added up to about a deal valued at \$24.00 dollars in good old American terms. The value was because as most people know is that it was unimproved land. Real estate is worth more if it has improvements like denuding the land of trees, and putting up modern trees like telephone poles and stringing wire. Here is a deal I believe is worth looking at. Was this a rental agreement between the Dutch and the Indians? New York is in debt could they afford the rent now? I wonder who holds the note for the amount it currently owes? I don't

think it's the Indians and why would they want it back? I wouldn't give \$24.00 for it. Well, I might but they would have to do away with the so called improvements to it. That would include tearing down the buildings and replacing them with trees. Tearing up sidewalks and asphalt and replanting grass. Un-polluting the rivers and filling in all those subway tunnels they have dug. Not to mention those miles of rails and all those rail cars that would rust away. That paints a picture of a very unsightly mess. Progress they call it! Where would they put all that trash? On some other Indian land? Maybe ship it to Africa? I don't think the EPA would help the Indians out with all that cleanup. Then again, we didn't make the mess.

I do have to admit as civilized tribal, indigenous, first peoples, and so on, we are prone to help pollute and tear up the country too. At least we only build a few small Casino's. Just a few at a time though. Right? We

have built community buildings too along with head start schools for the kids. The grown ups got ballfields and tribal housing. Although now some houses have seen better times and the yards have a few junk cars in them. We won't sell the cars because we plan on fixing 'em up somewhere in the near future. In the meantime they gather dust and getting rustier every day. Dang I almost forgot about those big tribal headquarters offices. That's where the important people live and work. Where they drive to work in their fossil fuel burning luxury cars. I'm not sure if there aren't any of those gas guzzling, Jeep Cherokee's. Who knows? So, is it worth it? I guess it depends on what you treasure or value. What does your heart say? Is it worth it? Would you really want it back now?



Counting Crows - Big Yellow Taxi



COUNT DOWN

Bill Of Rights Day 2023

Friday, December 15

In 77 days.....

Our Bill of Rights was influenced by the Magna Carta (or The Great Charter) it was written in Latin. It contained 63 clauses. The original document concerned property rights of powerful citizens while other English citizens lacked consideration. This charter of liberties was needed because of several years of poor leadership by England's King John, who reigned in 1215. He raised oppressive taxes and made many poor foreign policy decisions. This document was the foundation for the English system of common law. In 1776, oppressed and overtaxed American colonists looked to the Magna Carta for ideas to demand liberty from the English crown.

After the Declaration of Independence in 1776 the Founding Fathers went to work composing the Constitution. The federal Constitution did not include protection for citizens. Upon much consideration through the efforts of James Madison the first 10 amendments or the Bill of Rights was drafted and ratified on December 15, 1791.

Amendment I
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

By Stephanie Cullinane

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

Today's Trail Treks To.....

UN DUN

The United Nations (UN) has only been around since after WW2. It is the offspring of The League Of Nations. The League Of Nations was created after the close of WW1, around 1920. One of its chief architects was Woodrow Wilson, a Democrat and a well known marxist. The idea was to create an organization of the world's nations for the sake of establishing diplomatic relationships that would ultimately prevent another World War. That did not pan out. Adolph Hitler had other ideas. By 1938, just 18 short years after the end of what was then called "the war to end all wars," a much more devastating war had begun: WW2. The UN has been "in business" for about 75 years. Just what is the business of the UN?

One thing is for sure. It may seem like a nice bunch of folks engaged in benign humanitarian activities. Yet it turns out that the UN is in cahoots with left wing forces to take over the world. One must consider that the ultimate goal of communism is world domination where everyone learns to smile on cue. By 2030, the UN plans to have complete world domination in place. The COVID 19 "shamdemic" was the spearhead; the implementation will be done with "Artificial Intelligence." National Identity will have been obliterated. A global system will take the place of "sovereign nations." Individual rights will be no more. All lives will be governed, lock, stock and barrel, by a social credit

score. It will all happen without a shot being fired or marches of protest. It will be a *fait accompli* without a whimper. The world as we know it today, will have been UN DUN.

Today's Trail has come to end. Perhaps we will meet again around the bend, my friend. May your Trail end up on the right side of the fence. Happy Trails to you!

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Who was James Madison



Fourth president of the U.S. (1809–1817)

James Madison, born March 16, 1751, Port Conway, Va.—died June 28, 1836, Montpelier, Va., U.S.

At the Constitutional Convention (1787), his Virginia, or large-state, Plan furnished the Constitution's basic framework and guiding principles, earning him the title "father of the Constitution."

OBITUARY



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Victor Ren Butler the son of James Butler and Barbara (Harris) Melvin was born September 26, 1956, in Stilwell, Oklahoma and departed this life on September 25, 2023, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 67 years.

Ren was a simple man who loved his family. He earned his bachelor's degree and began teaching at Stilwell Public Schools in 1979 and later earned his master's degree at Northeastern State University. He retired from Stilwell Schools in 2010 and began teaching in Gravette until May of 2023. He had a passion for teaching and spent 44 years helping kids make it to the next level in life. Ren was a hard worker and enjoyed gardening and working around the farm. He was an avid deer hunter and enjoyed spending time in the woods. He was saved when he was a freshman in High School and was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Stilwell. Ren touched many lives over the years and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents James and Josephine Butler, and Barbara Jean Melvin.

He is survived by a loving family which includes his wife Georgia Ann Butler of the home; his daughters Amanda Holland and husband Jeremiah of Stilwell and Stephanie Barnes and husband Timothy of Arco, ID; his sisters Sharon Littlejohn of Edmond and Wadene Cox Oviedo, FL; his brother Robert Butler and wife Daisy of Wellston, OK; his four grandchildren: Orrin Holland, Thaddeus Holland, Henry Holland and Rebecca Barnes. Several nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive him.



John 20:31

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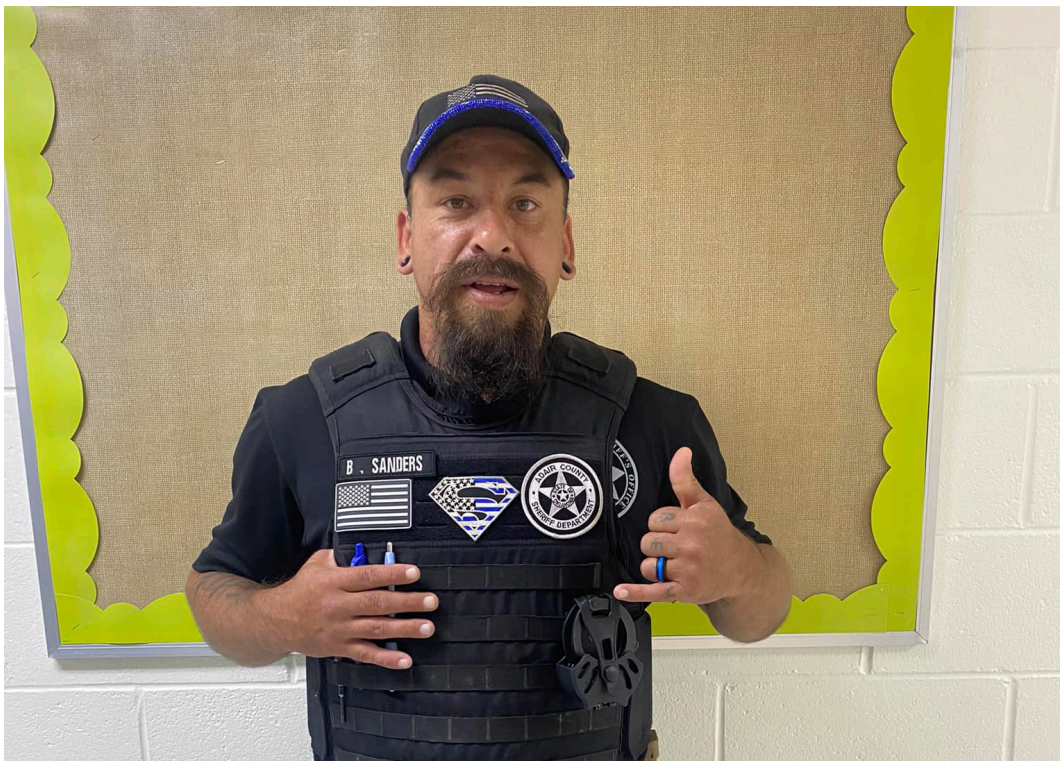
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KEEPING DAHLONEGAH SAFE



Dahlonega Public School & The Athletic Program would like to welcome Deputy Beau Sanders to the team. Deputy Sanders is assigned as a School Resource Officer and will be aiding in keeping Dahlonega safe. When asked how he is enjoying the school system, Deputy Sanders says he loves it and wants to help make a positive impact, and difference. You will also see Deputy Sanders in the future during sporting events. Welcome to the team, Deputy Sanders!

WATTS FFA OFFICERS ATTEND COLT CONFERENCE IN GLENPOOL OK



Watts FFA Officers recently attended the COLT Conference in Glenpool, OK.

- Brooklyn Key - President
- Sarah Lea - Vice President
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Middle School Children Enjoying Football Dahlonega vs Tenkiller



Dahlonega vs Tenkiller.

Through the rain and perseverance, the Indians hit the field and battled with the Warriors. The 5th & 6th grade team comes away with the win! The 7th & 8th was only able to play through their first quarter and was down by 6 when the game was called due to lightning.

Thank you Coach Robbins and all of the fans for coming out to support the teams.



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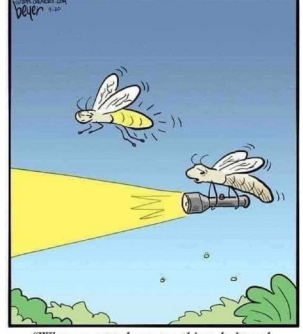


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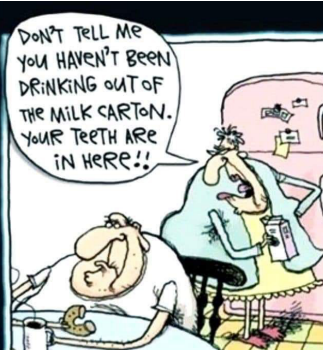
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