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## ANNIVERSARY

### First Anniversary Salutation To Our Dear Readers:

It was on July 1, 2021, when The Straight Forward FREE Press rolled the "Inaugural FREEDOM Issue" off its presses. There were 3 of us who brought this paper from conception to inception: Donna Boecher, Joy Chuculate and John Bankel. Our idea was to fill a void and offer a conservative counterpoint to the existing local publication. We believed that a local paper should be FREE and stay focused on local news. The reception that we received from the outset was overwhelming. Merchants jumped on

board to support us with ads. Our Readers gave us "high fives" wherever we went. Support continues to grow. We are blessed to be able to celebrate our first Anniversary in conjunction with the 246th Anniversary of the birth of "America The Beautiful," "home of the brave and the land of the FREE." A great big "thank you" goes out to our advertisers and to our genuine Adair County readers. Celebrate well.

The Straight Forward FREE Press Staff



### LOCAL MAN TO RECEIVE MEDAL OF HONOR

On July 5, President Joe Biden will be awarding the Medal Of Honor to 4 Army soldiers, one of them posthumously, who fought in the Vietnam conflict. Among those 4 is Specialist Five Dwight W. Birdwell, a local man from Bell.

Specialist Five Birdwell will receive the Medal Of Honor for his gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving with Troop C, 3d Squadron, 4th Cav-

alry, 25th Infantry Division on January 31, 1968. That day, a large enemy element initiated an assault on the Tan Son Nhut Airbase near Saigon. They disabled or destroyed many of the unit's vehicles and incapacitated Specialist Five Birdwell's tank commander. Under heavy enemy small-arms fire, Specialist Five Birdwell moved the tank commander to safety and fired the tanks weapons at the enemy force.

Afterward, he dismounted and continued fighting until receiving enemy fire to his face and torso. He refused evacuation and led a small group of defenders to disrupt the enemy assault until reinforcements arrived. He then aided in evacuating the wounded until he was ordered to seek attention for his own wounds. He was honorably discharged on December 29, 1968, and today practices law in Oklahoma City.

## UNOFFICIAL JUNE 28, 2022 OKLAHOMA PRIMARY ELECTION

**GOVERNOR REPUBLICAN:**  
Kevin Stitt 248,355

**STATE AUDITOR AND INSPECTOR REPUBLICAN:**  
Cindy Byrd 244,285

**ATTORNEY GENERAL REPUBLICAN:**  
Gentner F. Drummond 180,338

**STATE TREASURE REPUBLICAN:**  
Clark Jolley 114,707  
Todd Russ 164,260

**RUNOFF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION REPUBLICAN:**  
April Grace 105,303  
Ryan Walters 142,540

**RUNOFF**

**COMMISSIONER OF LABOR REPUBLICAN:**  
Sean Roberts 128,578  
Leslie Kathryn Osborn 160,661

**RUNOFF**

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Oklahoma Historical Society  
 Video of Dwight W. Birdwell



One of three gospel bands



Folks lining up for supper

### BENEFIT GENEROSITY: ADAIR COUNTY STYLE

*Commentary by John Bankel*

On Saturday, June 25 starting at 3 pm, a benefit was held for Crystal Berry-Chuculate. Crystal is a member of the Stilwell Police Department. This effort was held for raising money to help Crystal in covering expenses in her bout to beat cancer. By this writer's estimate more than 100 people came to the Community Center with open wallets and poured out their hearts with generosity.

Indian tacos and cornbread and beans were the menu, which also included drinks and dessert. Sweet Gospel music rang out from the stage as 3 different excellent groups performed. The event was wrapped up by a "pie auction." Robert Crozier was the auctioneer. Before he began, he told the audience about how he travels to many different venues, including Tulsa, but he has yet to see more

generous people than the people of Adair County. And with that the bidding began. And sure enough, the pies, the cookies, the sheet cakes and the sundry baskets fetched handsome dollar amounts. By its end, the auction brought in \$4515, and, including the food, the final tally was \$6558.50! That, my friends, is Benefit Generosity: Adair County style.

#### PROVERB POWER

Owe no man anything, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Romans 8:13  
 King James Version

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## Health Tips from Larkin.....

Health tips from Larkin: So the question is this: in your life, what is it that you want to do that is impossible? Whatever it is, write it down and then start to think of ways to make it possible, do this long enough, and sooner or later, you are going to get an idea. Then you will find out that very idea, is just the one you need to use, and shortly thereafter, you will find that which was once impossible to you has become possible! Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell.

## The Lady in the Blue Sari

Serial by Donna Boecher

Part # 49

Blakely met Lydia, as planned, at the XNA Airport at Highfil, Arkansas. Thankfully, the flight had landed early; they would be able to eat Indian - cooked mainly for the coast-to-coast Sikh drivers who ate at the Dyer, Arkansas Service Station/Restaurant. Dyer was the “go to” place for authentic Indian food. Beef samosas were minutes away. This time Lydia was ordering extra samosas “to go.” Her husband in India

would never taste these in India; it would start a riot. The revered cow producing milk symbolizes “universal life” there. The cow gives all and asks for nothing; billions - from infants to elders – live off products from the cow. Lydia understood their views. But things would change soon because the farm economy is being destroyed by too many live non-producing cows. The old saying is so true, “there’s nothing constant but change.” Change would come.



Dear John,

I’m a die-hard red neck. I red your letter last week and one thing I know for sure, us rednecks’ skin and gut our deer before putting it on the kitchen table. My wife she loves making jerky. I almost thought for about a minute that she might have written that letter. I know one thing and that ain’t two she loves me and I got her a new bucket for the toilet. All joking aside my question is do you like smoke flavor in your deer jerky?

Die-Hard Red Neck

Dear Die-hard,

In Dear John's book, red-necks get a bum rap. Most folks wouldn't last a New York minute as a redneck. They'd go under having to fend for themselves, trying to shoot a deer and then fixing it up for eating would result in a major catastrophe. Their cries for "uncle" would be heard a country mile away. So, to answer your question, Dear John likes his deer jerky to be somewhat soft and smoked with a good hardwood, like oak or hickory or cherry. And sometimes I go hog wild and chew on some terryaki! So stay die-hard. Rednecks help keep America from turning blue.

## UNOFFICIAL JUNE 28, 2022 OKLAHOMA PRIMARY ELECTION

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### CORPORATION COMMISSIONER

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Todd Thomsen 85,828  
Kim David 135,629  
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### STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 4

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Tom Woods 3,196  
Keith Barenberg 2,029  
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JAMES LANKFORD 242,984

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Larry Wood 427

### UNITED STATES SENATOR REPUBLICAN:

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155,997  
TW Shannon 62,712  
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### GOVERNOR DEMOCRAT:

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Josh Brecheen 10,573  
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### UNITED STATES SENATOR DEMOCRAT:

Jason Bolinger 27,359

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT NO. 1

DEMOCRAT:  
Chris Bruner

**4<sup>th</sup> of JULY CELEBRATION**  
**6:00 - 9:00 pm**  
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If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

America, let’s humble ourselves, pray, and seek God’s face, and turn from our wicked ways...

### SCRIPTURE

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

Scripture sponsored by:

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**Searching for a Word –perseverance.** The act or power of continuing to do something in spite of the difficulties.

Ex. Their perseverance was overwhelming; they studied three hours together for their final exams.

Sincerely,

Dear John

Have a question for Dear John? Send it to: dear-john@writeme.com Real Names Not Used Copyright 2022. All Rights Reserved.

### THE KIPLING KORNER

*“If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew To serve your turn long after they are gone, And so hold on when there is nothing in you Except the Will which says to them: ‘Hold on!’”*

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PROVERBS 29:2-“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.”

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## THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

### KANGAROO COURT

I have always been a person who has made my living in the blue-collar sector; like most people who work with their hands, we understand the limits of adding more trinkets on any mechanical device. I am often amused by all of the claims that are made on accessories that you can purchase for your auto that are supposed to improve the gas mileage you will get. I do agree that some accessories will pay huge dividends, but after a point the cost of the accessories outweighs any benefits that you might get. I have also found that adding more stuff to your car only clutters the operation and the ability to work on it. The same principle applies to building codes on our homes and businesses, I recently read where the Biden administration announced a broad plan on June 1 to expand building code standards at federally funded sites and to incentivize projects to meet the new standards at state and local governments.

There are a lot of ideas that engineers come up

with; most of the time those ideas are good, but there are a lot of ideas with good intentions that fail to deliver what is promised. Many times, the solutions to the failed ideas falls upon the technicians and repairmen on the front lines. Engineers are an essential part of our society, but it is a fact that many of them do not have the practical hands-on experience of installing or working on their designs. While many engineers don't have practical working experience, they are still head and shoulders above the political class who come up with many of the hair-brained ideas for energy conservation. One of the worst of the lot is a congresswoman named Alexandria Cortez who has been pushing the new green deal, it never ceases to amaze me how someone who is nothing but a bartender knows so much about all matters concerning business and the energy sector. She is pushing the new green deal and seems to have resident Biden's ear on the matter. We need to remember blue-

collar working Americans are concerned about getting the job done, while the political class are more concerned about the next election and who will make the biggest donation to their re-election war-chest.

Often some manufacturer will make a campaign donation to some official, then they will come up with some item that is suppose to solve all kinds of problems and they will convince the recipient of that money to pass a building code to force the public to use their device. One example is some of the water saving toilets; sure, they will use less water per flush, but many times the homeowner has to flush it several times to get the job done. I would lay odds that any new building code Joe Biden comes up with will be a complete failure and the American people will pay a huge price for it. Instead of listening to a former bartender, resident Biden should be listening to the people who actually have some experience in the real world.



WASHINGTON— On Saturday, House Republican Whip Steve Scalise and HEAT Co-Chairs Rep. Markwayne Mullin (OK-02) and Rep. Jeff Duncan (SC-03) issued the following statement after the national average for gas prices soared to new record-high of \$5-per-gallon for the first time ever.

“Directly caused by President Biden’s war on American energy, average national gas prices have hit \$5-per-gallon, with many states facing even higher prices. Meanwhile, instead of lifting self-imposed impediments to increase American energy production, the Biden Administra-

tion is lifting tariffs on Chinese-made solar panels, and Congressional Democrats have failed to consider any legislation that would relieve this pain at the pump as hard-working taxpayers across the country struggle.

“These skyrocketing gas prices should come as no surprise. Gasoline prices began their steady climb from the earliest days of the Biden Administration. By canceling offshore oil and gas lease sales, scrapping the Keystone XL pipeline, and begging foreign dictators to produce more oil, President Biden has demonstrated he is more concerned about appeasing leftist, anti-ener-

gy activists over families who now must choose between filling their tank and feeding their families.

“The reality is that America can meet the world’s energy needs while keeping domestic prices low. Republicans have solutions to address the worst energy crisis our country has ever experienced, yet President Biden and Speaker Pelosi refuse to bring up our proposals as prices keep soaring. It’s past time for the Biden Administration to open up American energy production and help ease the pain families across America are feeling at the pump.”



Mullin It Over:

### The 50th Anniversary of Title IX

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

This week marks the 50th anniversary of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. For the past five decades, Title IX has protected women in educational programs from discrimination on the basis of sex. The law applies to all educational programs that receive federal funding and covers admissions, financial aid, sexual harassment, athletic facilities, and much more. Since its implementation, the percentage of female high school graduates who enroll in college has gone from 43 percent to 71 percent today.

Title IX has allowed countless women athletes the opportunity to compete on a level playing field. Before Title IX, less than 5 percent of girls played sports. Today, that number is closer to 40 percent. Despite incredible progress, unfortunately, these protections are now under attack.

The Biden Administration recently announced a plan to expand the definition of Title IX to include gender identity. This means a biological male who identifies as a female can be afforded the same protections. This change would diminish the very foundation on which Title IX was based.

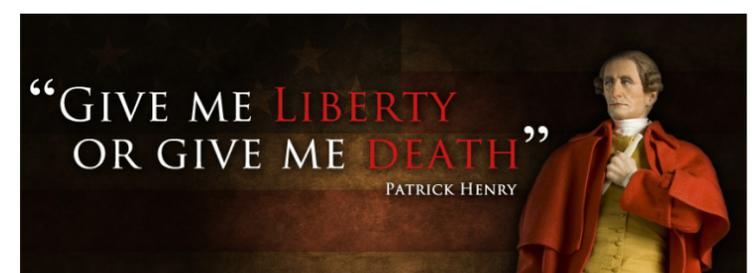
When women are forced to compete against biological males, the level playing field is obsolete. We’ve already begun to see this happening. In 2018, 275 high school boys ran faster times than the lifetime best of World Champion sprinter Allyson Felix. Earlier this year, Lia Thomas, University of Pennsylvania swimmer and biological male, won the NCAA D1 500-meter National Championship. In Connecticut,

high school female runners filed a lawsuit against the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference after being deprived of state titles and athletic opportunities by being forced to compete against two biological male sprinters.

I am grateful for states like Oklahoma who have taken measures to protect female student athletes. FINA, the governing body for aquatic sports, has also recently announced new guidelines that prohibit biological males who have transitioned after the age of twelve from competing against women. It’s a step in the right direction. However, the Biden Administration’s new rule will override these protections and circumvent the ability for states to ensure fairness for all athletes.

It’s not just unfair competition – it’s unsafe. All three of my daughters compete in wrestling which is a combative sport. As they get older, it will become increasingly more dangerous for them to compete on the mat against biological men. That is why I fully intend to counter this dangerous rule as soon as it is implemented using the power of Congressional Review.

There is no doubt that Title IX has given female athletes life changing opportunities. Countering the intent of Title IX undermines female competitors and limits these opportunities not just for competition but for scholarships as well. If our laws do not recognize the biological difference between men and women, female athletes will be the ones who suffer the consequences.



# ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

## Today's Trail Treks To The Consequences Of Action... Jubilation and Acrimony

Just this past week, the US Supreme Court handed down a decision to "overturn" Roe v Wade which had "legalized" abortion and had set in motion the senseless murder of 60+ million babies. The consequences of Roe v Wade have been manifold and manifestly injurious to the well-being of America's society, injury which cannot be tolled nor remedied. The politics of abortion have squandered unknown sums of money in its defense and perhaps equally untold dollars have been invested in the fight against it. At the same time, a multi-billion dollar industry was created that trafficked in baby body parts, all at the expense of those seeking abortions. Lives have been lost, property has been damaged but the biggest cost is the damage done to the "would be" mothers who have had to live with the emotional trauma of their decision. The response to the overturning was as would be expected. Those

in the pro-life camp were jubilant. Those on the pro-choice side were consumed by acrimony, disgust, and deep-seated anger, which was expressed in protest demonstrations across the country. The Biden regime cast its two cents in with its usual left-wing talking points about women's health care being jeopardized and misleading the pro-choice masses into believing that their rights had been taken away. Nothing could be further from the truth. There will still be abortions. It is now up to each individual state to determine its own laws on this issue. One can reckon that the blue states will continue to allow abortions up to the moment of birth. Red states will pass laws that either curtail abortions altogether or restrict them in some ways. Perhaps the best consequence of this scenario is that federal tax dollars will no longer be available for one of the most diabolical organizations ever conceived by

mankind: Planned Parenthood. Yet, they will probably find a way to stick around and continue their nefarious ways. For now, the pro-life jubilation will continue; and so will the pro-choice acrimony. Make no mistake, the war between good and evil is not yet over, but a very important battle has been won. Actions always have consequences or as Sir Isaac Newton expressed it: "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction."

For today, the Trail has come to an end. Perhaps we will meet again around some yonder bend my friend. Meanwhile, may your Trail end up on the right side of the fence.

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### The Star Spangled Banner

The Star Spangled Banner In 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote the poem, Defense of Fort McHenry.

The poem was later put to the tune of (John Stafford Smith's song) The Anacreontic Song, modified somewhat, and retitled The Star Spangled Banner.

Congress proclaimed The Star Spangled Banner the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.



We are adding not one but TWO softball players from Stilwell High School! We can't wait to have you on the field with us! Welcome to the family, Reagan!



The Roving Reporter in and out and around and about Stilwell. A new addition to the football field is taking shape. It will house a dressing room for visiting teams.

## WHAT'S SO PUNNY? PUN FUN

Today is a 5 PunDay. More pun fun for the money. This array should make your day!

4. Bare Bear: What do you call a grizzly without any teeth? A gummy bear.

1. Time Out: Why don't people eat clocks? It is too time consuming.

5. Chop chop: What do you get when you cross a lumberjack with a pianist? Chopsticks.

2. Dirt Bag: I decided to sell my vacuum cleaner. It was just gathering dust.

Well folks, that should be enough rib tickling to get you through the day. Tune in next week for more PUN FUN.

3. Bunny Trail: What do you call 100 rabbits in a line walking backwards? A receding hare line.



## Stilwell High School Spotlight

### Stilwell School Board: Additions and Subtractions

Commentary by John Bankel

On June 2 at 6 pm the Stilwell School Board held a special meeting. The principal purpose of the meeting was to vote on adding new faculty members as well as accepting several resignations. Among the additions were the following: Hannah Catan, as a Reading teacher at the Middle School

Also, Beau Collins will take over the head coaching job for the Stilwell Indians Football team.

Joshua Fenn and Arika Leach, English teachers at the High School Donnell Butler, as a Math teacher at the High School Dakota Walker, as a High School Vo-Ag teacher.

On the subtraction side of the equation, the Board accepted the following resignations: Kimberly Tillman, Student Support Specialist Jenna Newberry, High School History and Algebra Nora Workman, Child Nutrition Director Josh Gilstrap, High School Vo-Ag teacher. The Straight Forward FREE Press wishes everyone a great summer and a blessed future.

### Stilwell High School Sports Spotlight



Commentary by John Bankel

Stilwell Indians Football has a new head coach. Beau Collins, who served as the Defensive Coordinator under now former head coach, Don Harrison, for the past 2 years, will assume the head coaching duties for the upcoming 2023 season. Besides a new head coach,

the Football Stadium will also be sporting a new facility, a fully equipped visiting team dressing room, which is in the final stage of completion at the stadium's northwest corner. Look for an interview with Coach Collins in a future issue.

This day in history. June 30th 1953

THE FIRST CORVETTE ROLLED OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINE



Vocabulary word – dedication. Self-sacrificing devotion and loyalty.

Ex. The minister's dedication to the spiritual growth of the church body made him loved by all.



## Obituary



**Jack Rogers Carson**, age 91, passed away on May 23, 2022. He was born in Stilwell, Oklahoma, on June 26, 1930. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jimmie Ruth Adair Carson, and he is survived by his two sons: Dr. Chris Carson of Dallas, Texas, and Brad Carson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, along with a beloved daughter-in law Julie and a grandson Jack David Carson.

Jack was the son of Frank and Osie Carson. He attended Oklahoma A&M, where he majored in animal husbandry. After ranching as a young man, he decided he would try to make a career in the western United States. He started work for an oil company in Stratford, Texas, before becoming an agricultural extension agent for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Thereafter, Jack spent nearly two decades working on the Navajo res-

ervation in Arizona and New Mexico, living in towns like Fort Defiance, Winslow, and Holbrook. He would lead one of the first Job Corps centers in the United States in Winslow, Arizona, before moving to a job on the reservation of the Eastern Band of Cherokees. Subsequently, he would become superintendent of the Kickapoo, Pottawatomie, and Sac & Fox reservations in northeastern Kansas.

In 1981, Jack and his family returned to Oklahoma, settling in Tulsa, where he continued his work with the Department of the Interior. After retiring, he took loving care of his wife, who suffered from Parkinson's Disease. For over 40 years, he rarely missed a day at the St. Francis Health-Zone. He loved horses, cattle, his wife, and his two sons. He will be laid to rest in New Hope Cemetery, (also known as Stilwell City Cemetery) Stilwell, Oklahoma alongside five generations of his family.

Funeral services were held at 1 pm on Friday, May 27, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Eldon Wilson officiating. Interment followed at Stilwell City Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.

He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. Kenneth 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: Calvin Ketcher and Lillian (Sturgeon) Kester; and his brothers: Neal Ketcher, and Jim Ketcher.

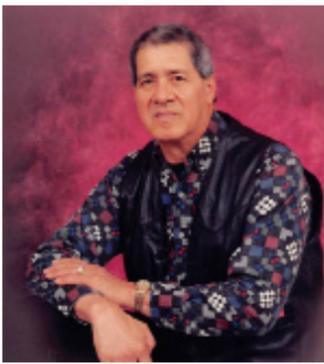
He is survived by a loving family which includes his wife: Caryl Ketcher of the home; his children: Ken Ketcher, Jr. and spouse Zan Sliger of Ft. Worth, Texas, Debbie Tyler of Tulsa, and Klinton Ketcher and wife Kali of Azle, Texas; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Several nieces, nephews, friends, and other relatives also survive him.

Funeral services were held at 10 am on Friday, June 3, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Brian S, Kester officiating. Interment followed at Reese Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.



**Anna Bell Collins Blevins**, the daughter of Jess Isaiah and Cora Lela (Scott) Clinton was born July 1, 1933, in Stilwell, Oklahoma and departed this life on June 8, 2022, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 88 years, 11 months, and 7 days.

Anna Bell enjoyed life and she loved her family. She enjoyed spending time cooking,



**William Knight** was born April 24, 1938, in Stilwell, Oklahoma to Henry Knight, Sr. and Eliza Bunch and passed away June 6, 2022, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 84 years, 1 month, and 13 days.

William completed the



Randy Lee Glass was born October 6, 1967, in Stilwell, Oklahoma and departed this life in Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 14, 2022, at the age of 54. He was preceded in death by his father: Nola Glass; and mother: Juanita (Eagle) Glass Terrapin.

Randy enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, hunting, and

Cole Sevenstar was born on May 26, 2022.

He went to be with the Lord on May 26, 2022 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Cole is survived by his parents: Brittany Johnson and Columbus Sevenstar; sisters: Ericka, Kayden, Mia and Summer; all of the home in Stilwell, OK.

He is also survived by his mater-

sewing, reading her Bible, and searching out genealogy. Her grandkids and great grandkids were her joy in life. She loved deeply and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of over 48 years: Charley Joe Collins; her sisters: Imogene Clark, Ella Mae Phillips, and Willene McCullough; her brother: Floyd Tuell; her granddaughter: Jennifer Williams McClure; her great grandson: Devin Williams McClure; and her second husband: Al Blevins.

She is survived by a loving family which includes

ninth grade and later went back to school to complete his GED. He enlisted in the Navy in July of 1959 and spent 2 years on active duty and his remaining 4 years were spent in the reserves.

He married Wanda Sue Girdner of Stilwell, Oklahoma in 1976, and they celebrated 38 years together as a couple before Wanda passed away in 2014.

William was an avid reader, especially books regarding the medical field. If you were sick, he could tell you what the problem might be. He

looking for mushrooms. He would share whatever he caught or killed with the elders that he knew couldn't get out anymore. He always had stories to tell about his latest fishing or hunting adventure or the big one that got away.

Randy was always willing to help his family and friends in any way he could. He had many friends that were like family to him and had their back no matter what happen. He also loved to support the Oklahoma Sooners in every sport, especially football. He was raised going to Church at Fairfield Baptist Church. Randy was a good man with a big heart! He is survived by his stepfa-

nal grandparents, paternal grandparents and many loving relatives.

Graveside services were held at 1 pm on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at Flute Springs Cemetery, Marble City, OK with Bro. Dustin McDaniel officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.

her children: Bill Collins and wife Jan, and Sherry Williams and husband Darrell; her granddaughters: LuCretia Adams, Tamba Cloud, and Amanda Cloud; and great-grandchildren: Madelynn Adams, Joe Ray, Ashley, and Ana Marie. Various other extended family, nieces, nephews, friends, and other relatives also survive her.

Funeral services were held at 10 am on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Charles Richey officiating. Interment followed at Stilwell City Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.

loved to cook, and his specialty was homemade bread.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife: Wanda; and 5 brothers.

William is survived by two sisters: Francis Fourkiller, and Francine Lydic; and numerous of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Graveside services were held at 1 pm on Friday, June 10, 2022 at Bunch Cemetery, Bunch, OK with Bro. Bill Woods officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.

ther: William Terrapin; and siblings: Nona Burris, Cleta Fourkiller, Nola Glass, Jr., Angela Burgess and husband Tim all of Stilwell, Oklahoma. He also had several nieces and nephews who grew up more like siblings: Darlene Glass-Drywater, Wynona Robison and husband James, Paul Burris, Jr. and wife Evie, Debbie Burris, William Burris and wife Sheila, Paula Burris, and David Burris.

Funeral services were held at 10 am on Monday, June 20, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Chuck Glass officiating. Interment followed at Tyler Springs Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.



**Kenneth Karl Ketcher** the son of Calvin and Lillian (Sturgeon) Ketcher was born August 20, 1941, in Pitcher, Oklahoma and departed this life on May 29, 2022, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 80 years, 9 months, and 9 days.

Kenneth loved his family and he enjoyed life. He enjoyed being outdoors enjoying the beauty of God's creation. He was very proud of his Cherokee heritage and was an Elder. He loved music and art. He was a song writer, guitar player and singer. He had a passion for Rattlesnake knives, painting, and other artwork. He loved his children, and his dogs.





Community Bulletin Board.....

**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** monthly Recycle Day is from 9 a.m. 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.. The following is a list of projected recycle dates and will only change if there is inclement weather conditions that day: April 16th, May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December 17th.

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