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2023 ADAIR COUNTY FREE FAIR

CELEBRATES 75 YEARS!



The first Adair County Free Fair ("Free Fair" is its proper name and comes from the statutory mandate that all Oklahoma County Fairs be free to the public) took place in 1948. One can only imagine how much different the Fair looked in those days? Over the last 75 years, a multitude of volunteers have contributed an enormous amount of man-hours to make the County Fair happen. The Adair County Fair Board is charged each year with putting this hallmark event together. This year's task became a greater challenge than ever before. The Board found itself in the unusual position of working with 7 new members, including President Navil Vaughan and VP Sean Clark, with whom I had an interview to produce this article. Under normal circumstances, the 9 Board members are elected. However, resignations required the appointment of 4 new members. Thanks to the effective leadership provided by Vaughan and Clark, along with the dedication of the entire Board and the

support of many other individuals, this year's project came together in stellar fashion. Many upgrades were done in areas like water lines, wiring, beef/goats/sheep wash racks, painting and brush removal. The horse show opens the Fair on September 2 at 9 am with the judging of 2 classification: Halter Class and Trail & Western Pleasure. It continues on Monday September 4 through Thursday September 7. (Please refer to the accompanying schedule of events.) In Sean Clark's estimation, the one event that no one should miss is the Super Star Show. Taking place on Monday at 5 pm in the Exhibit Hall, this event showcases "special needs" kids, where each child is loaned an animal to show. Clark said that the expressions on these children's faces is priceless as they beam radiant smiles to the audience's delight. This day finishes off with a NEW event: a FREE concert for which the Rob Robertson Band provides the music. It starts at 7 pm at the old

Baseball Field. The exhibitors, youngsters from 8 to 19 years old, are either 4H or Future Farmers Of America (FFA). They each put their heart and soul into their projects. For those that emerge in the top 1 or 2 of their class, there is a reward at the end. On the last day, Thursday, September 8 there is an awards banquet 5 pm followed by a catered dinner for the buyers who, at 6:30 pm, will take part in the Premium Auction where the top 2 exhibitors "sell" their prize animals to the highest bidder, but without actually giving their animal up. According to Clark, some fetch more than a thousand dollars. When I asked both Clark and Vaughan why they "volunteered" to be on the Fair Board they both said the same thing: "It is for the children." This year's Free Fair is sure to be a big hit and all of the contributors to its success will have served the youth of Adair County well.

As told by John Bankel

NOTE: ALL EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING AWARE OF ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND LIVESTOCK RULE BOOK. BE SURE TO READ ALL SECTIONS

2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF SHOW

Thursday, August 31
8:00 – 10:30 am Enter OHCE/Open Inside Exhibits
11:00 am Judge OHCE/Open Inside Exhibits

Friday, September 1
8:00-10:30 am Enter 4-H Inside Exhibits
1:00 pm Judge 4-H Inside Exhibits

Saturday, September 2
8:00 am ALL ANIMALS CHECK IN AND PROVIDE NEGATIVE COGGINS PAPERS – THIS ALSO APPLIES TO OPEN CLASS

8:30 am Weanling and Yearling registration papers due to Equine Superintendent
9:00 am Horse Show, Stilwell Rodeo Grounds
BRED AND OWNED SHOW WILL FOLLOW SHOWMANSHIP

Monday, September 4
7:00 – 10:00 am CHECK IN AND WEIGHING FOR ALL ANIMALS TO BE SHOWN ON MONDAY
9:00 am – 12:00 pm POULTRY BLOOD TESTING AND CHECK IN FOR ALL RABBIT & POULTRY (Open, 4-H, & FFA) Animals showing on Tuesday stay overnight
Immediately following Judging of Open Poultry & Rabbit Classes

11:00 am Jr. Division Dairy Goat Showmanship & Bred & Owned Dairy Goat Show
..... Jr. Division Dairy Goat Show
..... Indoor Exhibit Hall open
1:00 pm Jr. Division Cow/Calf Pair Show
Immediately following Jr. Division Bull Showmanship
..... Jr. Division Bull Show
2:00 pm Jr. Division Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship
..... Jr. Division Breeding Meat Goat Show
Immediately following Jr. Division Breeding Sheep Showmanship
..... Jr. Division Breeding Sheep Show
5:00 pm Super Star Show
Immediately following 8 and Under Open Show
..... Release and Mandatory Removal of All Open Class Livestock
..... Indoor Exhibit Hall Closes

Tuesday, September 5
7:00 – 10:00 am CHECK IN OF ALL TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY ANIMALS AND WEIGHING FOR ALL ANIMALS TO BE SHOWN ON TUESDAY

9:00 am All Livestock must be in place
*All trailers must be removed from fairgrounds (Trailer parking west of baseball field)

9:00 am Jr. Division Poultry Show-Pullets and Broilers
Immediately following Poultry Showmanship
..... Judging of Variety Poultry Classes
12:00pm Rabbit Showmanship & Bred & Owned Pen of 3 Meat Rabbits
..... Jr. Division Rabbit Show-all rabbits shown on table

12:00 pm Indoor Exhibit Hall open
3:00 pm Swine Showmanship & Bred & Owned Market Swine Show
Immediately following Jr. Division Breeding Swine Show
..... Jr. Division Market Swine Show
..... Swine Sale Order
Immediately following the Swine Show Swine Sale Order pictures

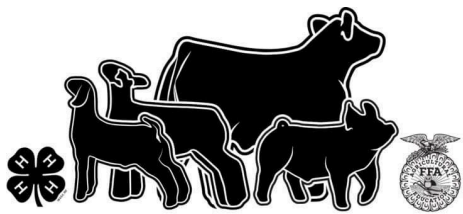
Wednesday, September 6
7:00 – 10:00 am WEIGHING FOR ALL ANIMALS TO BE SHOWN ON WEDNESDAY

*Sale Order Selection and Pictures immediately following each Division below
12:00 pm Dairy Cattle Showmanship & Bred & Owned Dairy Heifer Show
..... Jr. Division Dairy Cattle Show
30 mins after Conclusion of Dairy Cattle Heifer Showmanship
..... Jr. Division Heifers Show
30 mins after Heifers Sheep Showmanship & Bred & Owned Market Lamb Show
..... Jr. Division Market Sheep Show
30 mins after Market Sheep Steer Showmanship & Bred & Owned Beef Show
..... Jr. Division Market Steer Show
30 mins after Market Steers Market Goat Showmanship & Bred & Owned Market Goat Show
..... Jr. Division Market Goat Show

ANIMALS NOT SELECTED FOR PREMIUM SALE ARE RELEASED AFTER THEIR RESPECTIVE SHOW

Thursday, September 7
9:00 am 4-H and FFA Educational Judging Contests
..... Tractor Driving Contest
1:00 pm Grounds Clean-Up
12:00 – 4:00 pm Release of Inside Exhibits and Livestock not in the Premium Auction
*All trailers must remain west of the baseball field until conclusion of the Premium Auction
5:00 pm Exhibitor Dinner
..... Tractor Driving, Livestock judging, Danny Isaacs, and 4-H/FFA Booster Club Scholarship Awards in the Adair Building
6:00 pm Premium Auction Buyer Dinner
6:30 pm Premium Auction

Friday, September 8
8:00 – 12:00 pm Grounds Clean Up



OHCE members will be available at the Fair Barn displays to answer any questions about membership in the group.



A MESSAGAE FROM
Straight Forward FREE Press Staff

We will see you at the fair. We hope you have a great time.

Next week, pictures, and stories.

2023 ADAIR COUNTY FREE FAIR



AUGUST 31ST - SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023

OPEN CLASS
Under 8 years of age



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They Risked It All/It's the Truth

MEMORIES OF FARM AND FAMILY

Number 40 By Donna Boecher

Amazingly, the Scripture Cake recipe my mother copied is still on the internet. Personally, I like the ingredients aligned to the scriptures as seen below. Enjoy.

SCRIPTURE CAKE

Judges 5:25 – 1 cup butter/shortening; Jeremiah 6:20 – 1 cup sugar; Isaiah 10:14 – 1 egg separated; Exodus 16:31 – 1 T. Honey; 1 Kings 4:22 – 2 cups sifted flour; Leviticus 2:13 – ½ t. salt; 1 Corinthians 5:6 – 2 t. baking powder; 1 Kings 10:10 – ¾ t. cinnamon, ¼ t. cloves, nutmeg, and allspice; Judges 4:19 – 1/3 cup milk; Genesis 43:11 – 1 cup chopped almonds; 1 Samuel 30:12 – ½ cup chopped figs, ½ cup raisins. Mix like cake, then beat and fold in egg white. Bake in loaf at 350 degrees for 1 ½ hours. (Recipe of Maxine Lilie (Harris) Curtis)



Dear John,

My husband and I bought a new house. This spring we planted flowers in the yard. I wanted to purchase flower pots, but my husband said they were too expensive. One day I came home from work and on our front porch sat flowers in 5-gallon green buckets. My husband came out of the front door all smiles and said, "I hope you enjoy the flowers!" I could not tell him what I really thought about his ugly buckets. I love my husband and I would never hurt his feelings. I said, "I love them."

The other day he went fishing with his buddies. When he came home, he had a brand-new fishing tackle box. I've seen these beauties and they are expensive. I said, "When did you buy that?" He said, "Last week." I unloaded and said things to him that I can not repeat here. I said, "Give me the credit card cause I'm going to replace those ugly buckets with real flower pots!" He looked surprised and said, "You loved my flowers." Well, he softened me, and I stayed home. But do you think he should be more considerate about things I want rather than what he wants?

Green Bucket Queen

Dear Green Bucket Queen...it seems that your husband meant well and for that he deserves some slack. The best case scenario would have been for him to let you know what he had in mind. Then you two could have hashed it out and come to some kind of compromise. That would have been the consideration for which you are looking. Perhaps this episode will give both of you more awareness of each other's feelings? That can only help as you as you move along in your marriage.

Sincerely,

Dear John

Got a question for Dear John? email: dearjohn@writeme.com or mail to: Dear John POB 885 Stilwell 74960

Real Name Not Used

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STILWELL

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Commentary by John Bankel

Football Season Starts!
Game On! Sept. 1st at 7:00 p.m.
Roland Rangers Come to Town



State Senator
Tom Woods

I'd like to say thank you for the honor to represent Senate District 4 at our State Capitol!!! Today I left for San Antonio Texas to start basic training for the Oklahoma Air National Guard and if there's anything I can do to help please call my office at 405-521-5576 or email at tom.woods@oksenate.gov

Coming September 12th

FREE Constitution Class

10 week course at Stilwell Library

Starting Sept. 12 @ 6 pm


Register: jackogden1945@gmail.com

or call: 405-760-9447

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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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2023

FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION CRUISE NIGHT

Saturday September 2nd

- * Parade at 6 PM Cruise until 10 PM
- * Open headers allowed
- * Police will be present
- * Obey all traffic laws
- * Please don't litter and pick trash

Contact "Fast Cam Eddie" for information 918 807 1884



Psalms 91:1, 2

1 ¶ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Psalms 91:1, 2

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 Stilwell, OK

THE KIPLING KORNER
 "...think there is a great deal in you; but you must not become proud and you must not talk." (from the novel KIM)

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

Today's Trail Treks To..... Turner's Triumph

Teresa Turner was elected to be the Adair County Assessor in November of 2022. In January 2023, she took her oath of office. During her campaign she promised to "serve the people of Adair County." Teresa is the kind of person who lives up to her word. Her word is her bond. In a recent Adair County Board Of Commissioners meeting, a controversy arose between Turner and the long standing commissioner of District 2, Sam Chandler. Mr. Chandler took exception to Turner's purchase of an ice machine with a price tag of around \$750. Teresa pointed out the need for such an expenditure: her field workers. She also pointed out that it was the voters who elected her to run the Assessor's office, not Sam Chandler. One

can only imagine that this bold retort did not sit well with the veteran politician. Further controversy arose when Turner requested pay raises for her staff and that these raises be put into effect retroactively from July 31. Once again Mr. Chandler chimed in and said that these raises cannot go into effect until October and are not retroactive, while referencing an old resolution. Turner did not agree saying that in the past assessor administration pay raises went into effect in the next paycheck and were paid retroactively. Turner stuck to her guns believing what is right is right. In the final analysis, after enlisting the guidance of the Assistant District Attorney, Andy Williams, she received an email from him telling her that the pay raises will not

only go through immediately but will be paid retroactive from July 1 and that the resolution to which Mr. Chandler referred has no effect in this matter. Teresa Turner doing what is right for her people. Turner's Triumph.

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

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State Senator Tom Woods Sendoff at Airport With Blake Stephens



It was a special honor to send Senator Tom Woods off to the Oklahoma Air National Guard this morning!! Thank you Tom for your service to our state and to our country!! I'm super proud of you!! Take care of yourself while you're in Boot Camp and may God richly bless you as you continue to serve our country!! ps This is his first flight on a commercial aircraft!! Please keep Tom in your thoughts and prayers in the coming months!

Blake Stephens



The Biden Administration is asleep at the wheel. Oklahoma and 12 other states are stepping up to get the job done and secure the border. I couldn't be more proud of the Oklahoma National Guard troops working to keep our country safe. Governor Kevin Still

COFFEE AND BIRDS



Commentary by: Stephanie Cullinane

Over the years my children and I have had several pets. They include dogs, cats, hamsters, turtles, ducks, geese, chickens, goats, pigs, and fish. As young boys they joined mini 4 H and raised hamsters until one of them let the cat play with their project. That first lesson in life left my youngest son crying all day. As young adults they raised pigs and enjoyed going to the fair with their FFA group.

We had several dogs over the years. My children always had yellow labs to see them through their daily adventures. For myself I enjoyed small lap dogs. My first dog was a Pekinese named Misty. Her name fit her to a tee as she sneezed all the time. Misty would sit on my lap and enjoyed being combed. During the summer months she spent the day with my boys, and she developed a fear of fly swatters. We lived in a small town and most all the children had both parents working. Children from several families might end up at our house unattended by an adult. My poor Misty dog developed more than one mental aversion to young people. It was her fear of fly swatters that sent her

running for the hills. All she had to do was see it and the race was on. In the evening my boys would love Misty and she was not afraid of them personally, that was some comfort to me.

As my children were older and matured, I got another dog. My puppy Peekapoo was so small, she looked like a little dust bunny, it was only natural that we would call her Dusty. She learned several tricks and was a joy, she and Misty got along very well. The one thing she did learn from Misty and not my boys was her fear of fly swatters. No one ever chased her with a fly swatter, but her companion's fear was all she needed to run like the devil was chasing her just at the sight. This went on even after Misty passed away from old age.

My children had all left home and Dusty moved into a new house with me. After some time, I got another dog to keep her company. This puppy was a blue heeler, chihuahua mix named Taco. The new kid was fearless, she chased cars and herded ducks. Taco was fast, smart and should have been an agility dog. She could dance

around on her hind legs, balance on my flower bed walls and jump over snakes before killing them. The one thing she was deathly afraid of was the dreaded fly swatter. Dusty made sure that her friend knew that running was the only option. My husband liked my dogs, but said he needed a more manly dog. So, we got Annie the Bassette hound. She never learned anything we tried to teach her, but she did learn that you must run at the sight of a fly swatter. Even a lazy hound dog could learn something beside sniffing out skunks and getting us all sprayed.

Well, long story short. When people tell me they are against late term abortion, or other leftist ideations, but can not vote for anyone but the party their ancestors have voted for I asked them, "Are you afraid of a fly swatter?" They look at me as if I've lost my mind. Then I explain how my dog's unrealistic fears caused them to run for no reason. It's the same for people who vote against their Christian values. It's time to break the cycle and stop running from the fly swatter.

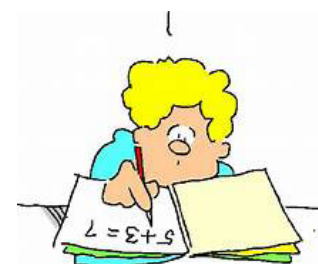
Searching for a Word: superior - of higher rank, quality, or importance.

Ex. She was a superior baker; her yeast breads were the best.



Week 3 of 6

This contest is still wide open. It does not take all that much to win, maybe one or two korrekt Kryptos can put you on the leader board? Give it a twirl. The worst that can happen is you will have some fun playing with the numbers. This week's numbers are: 4, 15, 12, 7, 23. The answer is 17. Remebers, you must use all 5 numbers and any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication or division to write an expression that equals the answer. Also, remember the Kontest winner receives \$25 in cash and a brand new calculator. Have fun!



THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

LET'S GO TO THE AUCTION

Over the years I have attended many auctions from industrial equipment to farm equipment. All auctions are on a cash basis, and if you know the value of the items you are interested in you can pick up some bargains. I have been to some auctions where some fabrication shop is going out of business and they are forced to liquidate all their inventory; most of the time they will have some items that are custom made at a huge cost, but on the auction block those custom items will sell for pennies on the dollar. When it comes to those custom items the company will have to absorb a huge loss; I recently read an article about some custom items going on the auction block and I am sure that those items will go for pennies on the dollar, but it is not some company taking the loss, but the American taxpayer.

The items in question are the fencing materials that were to be used to build the southern border wall between the US and Mexico. While the mainstream media is remaining quiet about the sale, the Biden administration has been selling off the border fence that they have refused to erect. During the Trump administration 450 miles of border wall was erected and, according to former

President Trump, within a month the wall could have been completed. When resident Biden took office, one of his first actions was to stop the border wall and he made the comment that not one more foot of the wall would be constructed. Under Biden the whole concept of a secure border is a bad joke upon the American people, even the so-called sanctuary cities are complaining about the cost for the services that the illegal aliens are consuming. I guess Biden is starting to feel the heat, Biden is requesting congress to give him 40 billion dollars with roughly half of it going to Ukraine and 4 billion going to the southern border. I might note that the money is not going to secure the border, but to construct housing for illegal aliens. Here in this country today we have a homeless problem with people that were born in this country, now this so-called president is wanting to provide housing to people who do not respect our laws and are coming here illegally instead of addressing our home-grown homeless problem.

We Americans have a huge problem with the open border policy that the Biden administration has instated, illegal drugs, violent gang members, etc. Biden and his merry bunch

of Marxists seem to be oblivious to the problem and could not see the solution if it jumped up and bit them on the butt. The solution is being sold for pennies on the dollar. In May the republicans authored a bill called the "Finish it Act", the legislation would require the federal government to either deploy the materials or transfer them to states, which would then use them to construct the wall. According to Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), the bill's sponsor, "President Biden could not have created a worse border crisis if he tried, but he continues to stand in the way of a solution." The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has disposed of roughly \$154 million worth of border wall materials out of a total stockpile worth about \$260 million.

Daily we are seeing evidence come to light about the Biden family selling influence and taking bribes, I think it is just a matter of time before the accusations are proven beyond a shadow of a doubt. Those accusations are reason enough to impeach Biden, but his actions, or rather the lack of action on the southern border, is even more reason to impeach him.

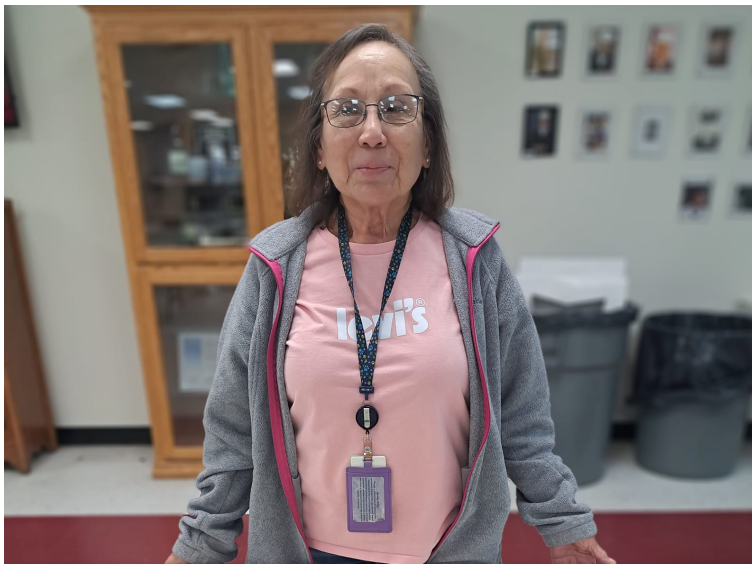
Virginia Sawney (Jean) of Stilwell Retires After 43 Years of Service

So, after 43 years of service, Mrs. Virginia Sawney (or Jean), has decided to exit her place of work to stroll into the retirement horizon and into her recliner.

It's been a long ride working for the Cherokee Nation (what we still call CNI) and we commend her on all that she has contributed.

Have a much-deserved rest and relaxation, Jean. We will miss you.

Carla Feathers



WHAT'S SO PUNNY?

PUN FUN

Another week has disappeared almost into thin air. Have you heard of the guy who threw his clock out the window? Why? He wanted to see time fly. That is your start for this week's PUN FUN. There are more where that one came from. So, get your ribs and funny bone ready for some tickling. A quintet of puns awaits.

1. Cutting It Thin: How do you make a tissue dance? Put a little boogie in it.
2. Get Hooked: Where do pirates buy hooks? At the second hand store.
3. Ironic: Why is it bad to iron a 4 leaf clover? Because you should never press your luck!
4. Cool Pool: Today a man asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. So I gave him a glass of water.
5. Watch Your Waist: I tried to make a belt out of watches. It turned out to be a waist of time.

Well folks, time does fly when those puns come flying by. Wait until next week to see what PUN FUN will bring. In the meantime, keep your punny pants on and don't forget to roll them up if the river runs high.

DAVIS / TYNER FAMILY REUNION



Family & Friends Invited To Attend
Saturday September 9, 2023
10:00 a.m to ?
Location
Pettit bay @ Side A 1

You need to bring a lawn chair.

If you want.....

Bring a covered dish, and dessert.

(Drinks not provided)

No alcoholic drinks please.

* Table Service is provided.

Fun For Everyone

Cornhole game! 5.00 per person

Drawing for a screened in canopy

\$1:00 for 1 and 6 for \$5.00

We will have an auction.

All proceeds will be for next years reunion

For more information Call Sherri at 918-575-9113

ADAIR COUNTY NEWS..... FACEBOOK

Adair County Fair

Wanted to give a HUGE shout out to the Adair Co community. We had a magnificent turnout at the clean up day yesterday. There were at least 5 of the county Ag instructors present, all 4 FFA chapters were represented, and several random members from the community were here to help as well. The pens are in the barns, the trees are trimmed, barns have been power washed and blown out, guttering has been fixed, bathrooms in the show arena have been painted, and the PA system is 100% operational.

There's still a few more small things to finish up this week but there's been literally hundreds of hours of volunteer labor put into the fairgrounds in attempt to make this 75th annual Adair County Fair as nice as we possibly can.

Sean Clark



Animal pens are ready and looking good. Thanks to all the great volunteers.



Fair ground yards are looking spiffy for the 75th annual fair.

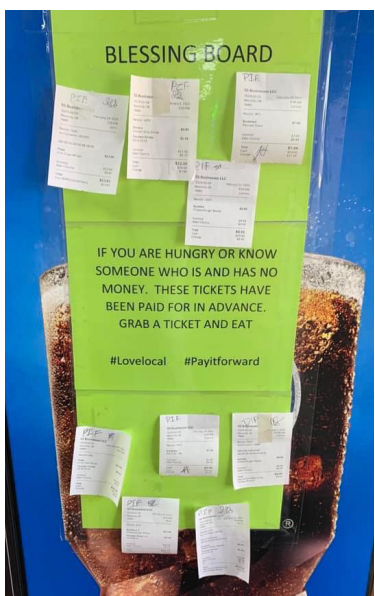


5S Baron Station

Carson Community Bank



MAKE ME A BLESSING
Baron Station
Blessing Board
It's better to give.



Today we honor Stefanie Mitchell, Senior Vice President and Loan Department Manager at our Westville location, for reaching the milestone of 6 years with the bank.

Congratulations Stefanie!

2023 Adair County Fair Board Officers

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| President | Navil Vaughan - 918-930-0281 |
| Vice-President..... | Sean Clark - 918-316-3084 |
| Secretary..... | Paula Vaughan - 479-238-5339 |
| Treasurer..... | Taryn King - 918-575-5191 |
| Fair Board Members | |
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| | Brad Kimble 2024 - 918-575-5494 |
| | Hurshel Pritchett 2025 - 918-696-1894 |
| District 2..... | Buffalo Sellers 2026 - 918-797-5306 |
| | Sean Clark 2024 - 918-316-3084 |
| | Taryn King 2025 - 918-575-5191 |
| District 3..... | Navil Vaughan 2026 - 918-930-0281 |
| | Gerald Thurman 2024 - 918-801-5394 |
| | Julie Woods 2025 - 479-879-6504 |
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| Stilwell | Thomas Parker |
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| | Dakota Walker |
| Watts | Johnny Mitchell |
| Westville..... | Kody Whiteley |
| | Charlie Jenkins |
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| Extension Educator, AG/4H Youth Director..... | Jennifer Patterson |
| Extension Administrative Support Specialist..... | Naomi Fuson |
| Nutrition Educator Assistant..... | Sharon VanDevender |
| Extension Educator, FCS..... | Penny Meridith |
| Adair County Commissioners | |
| District 1..... | Charles Boecker |
| District 2..... | Sam Chandler |
| District 3..... | Larry Wood |



Westville Chamber of Commerce



The Westville Chamber of Commerce would like to WELCOME our new Chamber Member, Red Barn Auto Supply (Napa).

Red Barn Auto Supply opened April 2021.

Their goal is to offer quality products for your cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles or whatever else you may have on wheels.

They would like you to know they have a huge inventory packed into a tiny space. Danny Guinn has over 25 years of experience behind the parts counter.

"I am happy to offer parts at an affordable price and the Napa know how for free."

Community Bulletin Board

**Adair County Litter-Free & Green Litter-Free & Green
Recycle Day Schedule: April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15,
Aug 18, Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16. Location: Behind
Vonnie's Pawn Shop at 101 W. Walnut St, Stilwell OK. Hours:
9am to noon. For more info. contact Cathy at 696-1178 or
Joyce at 696-7316.**

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting being held at the Stilwell Depot on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm.

Ceremonial signing held for legislation increasing poll worker pay.



Sen. Warren Hamilton, R-McCurtain, joined Gov. Kevin Stitt for a ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 290 in the Blue Room of the State Capitol. Rep. Jim Olsen, R-Roland, and Misha Mohr, State Election Board Public Information Officer, were also present.

OKLAHOMA CITY – Sen. Warren Hamilton, R-McCurtain, attended a ceremonial signing of his legislation to increase compensation for election day inspectors, judges and clerks. Senate Bill 290 was approved in June and ceremonially signed by Gov. Stitt on Friday.

“I’m very pleased that we could take a moment to recognize this legislation that will reward our hardworking election day staff, and hopefully encourage more Okla-

homans to serve as poll workers,” Hamilton said. “Our election inspectors, clerks and judges are essential to running secure, fair elections and I cannot thank them enough for all they do. I’m also very appreciative of the governor for signing this into law and taking the time to recognize these dedicated individuals at Friday’s bill signing.”

Rep. Jim Olsen, R-Roland, was the House principal author of the bill that increased pay for

election inspectors from \$110 to \$225 and pay for judges and clerks from \$100 to \$200.

Hamilton’s legislation will take effect July 1, 2024.

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For more information, contact: Sen. Warren Hamilton at 405-521-5604, or email Warren.Hamilton@oksenate.gov.

GOVERNOR STITT WANTS STATE INCOME TAX ELIMINATED

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt says Oklahoma should eliminate state income tax. Stitt has been calling for tax cuts for a while now, but he flat out said on Fox Business it's time to eliminate the state's income tax. Stitt announced on the Fox Business Network he will ask lawmakers to eliminate the state's income tax altogether. Stitt pushed for an income tax cut last legislative session and didn't get it. Now he wants to do away with the state income tax and the state's portion of the grocery sales tax as well. Stitt says the state has plenty of revenue coming in in other areas and he doesn't plan to dramatically grow government aside from spending a little more to help agencies deal with inflation. Stitt

says he is open to a gradual step down that leads to a zero percent income tax rate or a complete elimination right off the bat. He is open to anything as long as it leads to zero. “Obviously, income tax, we want to get rid of income tax, get that to zero,” Stitt said on Fox Business “When you do that when you have a budget surplus. So it just makes common sense. You either raise expenses or you cut revenue. And so I’m not going to put our core services at risk. But with surplus you should give that back,” Stitt also said. Nine states have no income tax and they're not all republican states either. These states include Alaska, Florida, New Hampshire, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington

and Wyoming. Stitt has been toying with the idea of a special session to cut taxes, but when we asked the Governor's Office if he would wait until the next regular session or call for a special session to eliminate the state's income tax, we got no response. One of the biggest challenges to eliminating such a large source of revenue is there are lawmakers, including some prominent conservatives, who are hesitant to cut taxes because while you can cut taxes with a simple majority vote, it takes a supermajority vote to raise taxes if more revenue is needed.



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FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

The Stilwell Indians open their season at home on Friday, September 1 when they take on an old rival, the Roland Rangers. Game time is 7 pm. Meanwhile, Westville, Watts and Cave Springs got their seasons underway.

visitors no mercy as they steamrolled to an impressive first game victory by a score of 36-0. Watts was exceptional on both sides of the ball. There is no way to have an undefeated season if you don't win the first game. We shall see what lies ahead for the Engineers as they take to the road on Thursday, August 31 to take on always formidable Maud. Kickoff is 7 pm.

Westville Yellowjackets

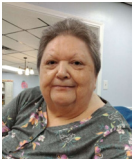
A historic season got underway at Westville's home field on Friday, August 26. The Yellowjackets took on the Arkansas Gentry Pioneers. It was a memorable occasion as the Westville squad took to the field for the school's 100th year of football. The class of 1923 got the ball rolling for Westville High School football! The Gentry game was the fourth meeting for these two schools with Gentry holding the won-lost edge. The Pioneers still hold that edge as things did not go Westville's way against a bigger and stronger opponent. The Yellowjackets were still in the hunt for victory at halftime trailing 28-22. The second half was a different story as Westville could not again dent the endzone while Gentry tacked on 19 more points for a final score of 47-22. Westville plays next on Sept. 1 in a home game versus Lincoln Arkansas. Kickoff 7 pm.

Cave Springs Hornets



Perhaps it was the recent sudden death of the father of one of the Cave Springs players that gave the Hornets, who play 8 man football, something extra to play for that resulted in their lopsided win over the visiting Midway Chargers on Monday, August 28. But perhaps not? It was the Sam family who recently suffered a horrible accident in which Mr. Sam was tragically killed while his wife and son, a Cave Springs football player, were both injured and are still in recovery. In one of the most moving moments in the annals of American High School football, both teams came together and knelt in prayer after the game was over. This moment was captured by Frankie Duncan and will, no doubt, live in the hearts and minds of all those who were there and all those who see this photo. Cave Springs Hornets 56 Midway Chargers 8. The Hornets meet Sasakwa on Thursday, September 7 in an away fray. Kickoff 7 pm.

Watts Engineers



On August 25, the Watts Engineers opened their season with a home game versus Sasakwa in an 8 man football contest. The Engineers showed their





Virginia Riddle-Parra
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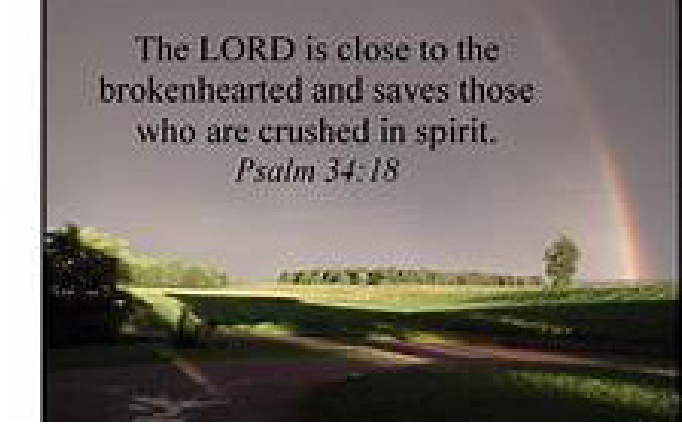

Vinia Presley
Feb 13, 1936 — Aug. 23, 2023




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