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EDUCATION SPECIAL: Libraries have been part of society since ancient times. Imagine, for example, an ancient Egyptian Library that housed tablets of stone written in hieroglyphics. Books were really heavy in those days. Checking one out probably required at least 4 strong men. With the advent of papyrus parchment, things lightened up considerably. As a source of information, the Library proved to be indispensable and thus, became the hub of education. Today's Library has moved on with new technology being at the forefront of its transformation from the old days. Stilwell Library has all the modern tools necessary to serve the needs of its patrons. On top of that, Stilwell Library has an exceptional Librarian. For one thing, she speaks fluent Spanish. Read on.

Stilwell Public Library: More Than Books

By John Bankel

The word "library" comes from the Latin word "libra" which means "book." Yes, the library is a depository for books and the Stilwell Public Library certainly has its share of books stacked on the shelves waiting to be read. As part of the Eastern Oklahoma Library System (EOLS), one can find just about all the books that are currently in circulation. If it is not on the shelf, your librarian can order it through the system. On June 1, Rachele Horney celebrated her 2 year anniversary as Stilwell Public Library's Head Librarian. I had a chance to sit down with her and get her story. She tells about how she grew up in the Central Valley of California in a small town that eventually coalesced with 4 other small towns and became Santa Clarita. It was when her oldest child started kindergarten that Rachele decided to volunteer at his school. Through the next several years her volunteering turned into a full time career where she became the school librarian. Along the way, she earned a Master's Degree in Library Science from San Jose State. It was after her son moved his family to Rogers, Arkansas that Rachele decided to search for a Library position that would

put her near her grandchildren. She found an opening at the Muskogee Public Library. With hardly anything more than a toothbrush, she made the move from California to Muskogee where she became Head Of Youth Services. With an eye on working even closer to Rogers, Rachele saw that Stilwell was looking for a Head Librarian. She got the job. Being brand new in a small town like Stilwell always presents the task of "breaking the ice" to form new relationships and becoming known. She hit the ground running. When I asked her what her primary goal for the Library is, she said, "I would like to see more people make use of all that the Library has to offer." The Stilwell Public Library offers much more than books. She said, "It is now possible to access all of the Library's resources from the comfort of your home using your Library card and the Library's website." "Wow!" I said, "I did not know that?" It made me stop and think about how many others also do not know that. Rachele will continue to work toward fulfilling the mission statement, which she helped to craft, which reads: "We empower people by creating opportunities that enrich their lives with in-

formation, activities and services." Children are a focal point of Rachele's work where she promotes the Library's programs with the schools that are designed to meet the needs of Stilwell's youngsters. After two years at the helm, Rachele said, "I am happy to be here." As time goes by, Rachele's work is sure to pay off for which Stilwell will also be enriched. Be sure to look for the weekly calendar of events on the Library's Facebook page which is posted at 7pm every Sunday.



Head Librarian Rachele Horney working with Assistant Haylee Robinson...



Stilwell Public Library...corner of Division and 6th street.



Audree Shaughnessy- ACRES 4-H Native American Achievement Award, sponsored by Cherokee Nation.

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Brianna Burton- Stilwell HS 4-H, I Dare You Award, sponsored by John Auffet.

Maci Atchison- ACRES 4-H, Samuel Patterson- Stilwell HS 4-H. Adair County 4-H Hall of Fame, sponsored by Carson Community Bank. Award presented by Jim Grooms.

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Zechariah 4:6 KJV

Not by might, not by power but by my Spirit says the Lord.

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

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By Donna Boecher

Both my grandparents worked on what is now the ancestral homestead, the Grande Dame! English doesn't have masculine or feminine words, but the French language does. Home, "la maison", is feminine; land is "mother earth." Women birth children and with them, women beautify the home and surroundings. Going beyond the basics, they create order as they plant flowers and fruit trees. Strong

women stand solidly with their spouse. They care for the weak, keep the family together, and prepare for the good and the bad times. My grandfather plowed; she planted. They harvested; she canned. She needed something; he saw that she acquired it - whether from her egg money or the sale of: a crop, cream or hogs. He drove; she rode. She needed an Orange Nehi soda or a yellow cake mix; he drove to town. Granny's

special medicines were: Madeira Vine which she grew outside the back porch; Watkins products - one to rub and one to drink; and my favorites - "railroad daisies" and dandelions, both with medicinal properties which HE located along the roadsides. God is always filling in the gap. HE thinks of everything! Don't start a family without HIM.

4H AWARDS

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Samuel Patterson- Stilwell HS 4-H, and Maci Atchison- ACRES 4-H Adair County 4-H Hall of Fame, sponsored by Carson Community Bank. Award presented by Jim Grooms.



Dear John,

I like to watch videos on my smart phone. Recently I watched one about taxes. The financial expert indicated that there are three kinds of income: earned, portfolio capital gains, and passive. The people who work for an income and capital gains are taxed. The rich are not working at jobs where they are paid an income; they take their money from passive income cash flow that isn't taxed. Because "I am" middle class and was born into "poverty" I do not understand the concept of being that wealthy. My question to you is how will politicians get tax money from the rich when most of their income is passive?

Taxed up to here

Dear Taxed...although Dear John is not a financial guru, there are some essential elements worth knowing when it comes to federal income tax. The rules for taxation are legion and have created a complex network of inscrutable provisions that the average taxpayer can scarcely comprehend. This has been most likely done on purpose. When one considers who makes the rules, the wealthy, well connected and powerful politicians, then one must surmise that the rules will be favorable to the rulemakers. Ergo, the "well-heeled" among us make use of loopholes with the aid of accountants and attorneys. That leaves the rest of the "poor folks" carrying the load and holding the bag. Changes in this apparatus are very unlikely. So, for the "litttle guy" it is foolsih to try and fight it. There is one redeeming aspect to all this. In America, it is still possible for anyone to rise to the top to amass wealth and escape being "taxed up to here."

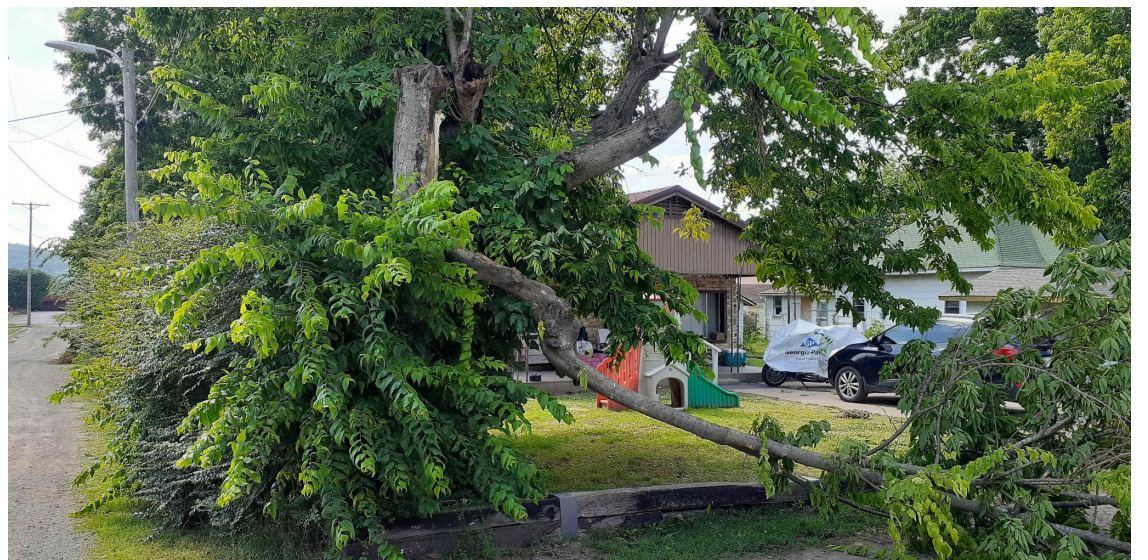
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4-H: Growing a Stronger Community of Kids

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In and out and roundabout...Stilwell



Scenes like this were strewn all about town in the aftermath of a doozie of a storm the other day. High winds or perhaps a mini-tornado left fallen trees and limbs in its wake. This one was next to the alley at City Hall...city crews had their hands full in working to clean up the debris...

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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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GOODWILL GATHERING

By Stephanie Cullinane

My husband and I had just had lunch at El Sombrero in Westville, and we met Cody Poindexter in the parking lot. He showed us such warm hospitality, taking time to visit with us and answering our questions. Cody explained to me about

the Cherokee Nation voting process and that I'm not in his district. He then invited us to attend a gathering, good music, food, and fellowship in Stilwell on the evening of June 20th. We went and the gathering was well attended. Everyone

there welcomed us with warmth and kindness. My husband and I have traveled to many places and can tell you the people of Oklahoma are like no other on God's green earth.



Cody Poindexter welcoming us. He had no idea we were with the Straight Forward FREE Press. He is a very genuine, kind young man.

TITUS I:8

An Overseer Must...

- Be hospitable to strangers
- Appreciate what is good
- Be sensible
- Be honest
- Be moral
- Be self-controlled



JD Hardbarger and Kristina Crittenden entertained with wonderful music.



Roy Rabbit showing us his walkingstick he calls, "The Old Man." Another story!



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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF

I think it was Mark Twain that once said history doesn't always repeat itself, but it certainly rhymes. From what I have seen about the indictment of Donald Trump, it is definitely rhyming with what happened in Germany with the rise of Adolph Hitler. The Nazis would cherry-pick the law to destroy a political opponent with (excuse the pun) trumped up charges. They also had the media of the day in their hip pocket to do their bidding. I am sure that there were good people in Germany that never dreamed that the government of Germany could get so perverted. We Americans had better start waking up because we are headed down the same path as the Germans took in the early 20th century.

Whether you like President Trump or not, it is clear to me that he is a victim of a corrupt bunch of elites that will do anything to discredit and destroy him. Trump was made fun of because of his claims about his campaign being spied upon, the Russia hoax, and a bunch of garbage that was proven untrue by the Mueller and Durham report. What Trump calls the deep state and swamp, along with

the mainstream media, had spread lies and half-truths; it has been proven to be factual and not one of them have issued any kind of apology for their actions. Now we have the same group of liars going after him again with this 37-count indictment.

The left, along with their media allies, are going full bore with their attempt to deceive and manipulate the American people. I am sick of all of the so-called legal experts spouting their legal opinions without citing previous cases that have set precedent. It has been my experience that you can get a legal opinion for a simple case from 12 different lawyers and you will get 12 different answers. I know that it is a fact that all of us do have a political ax to grind, but I will listen to the attorneys that do the research and can provide precedent and an explanation of the law, and not just some cliches that the left pulls out of the air. One of the best attorneys I have listened to is Mark Levin; he is on U-tube, and if you have an internet connection, you can watch him any time.

I also believe that the Trump indictment is just another distraction used

by the left to divert the American people's attention away from the alleged money laundering scheme being used by the Biden family. If the Republicans had not taken control of the House of Representatives, we would have never heard about all of the shell companies and many of the Biden family members receiving huge sums of money from foreign governments, many of which are hostile to the United States. We are living in a country where we have a system of selective prosecution, the antics of the likes of Hillary Clinton and the Biden family are ignored by our justice system and the mainstream media.

For all of you who think that what happened in Germany couldn't happen here, don't fool yourself; we are quickly becoming a banana republic, but fortunately for us our founders gave us the Constitution so that we can change the system without having to shed blood to do it. There is a force of good and a force of evil in the world, it is time we Americans wake up and stop allowing ourselves to be deceived by the people that have embraced the evil side.

WHAT'S SO PUNNY?

PUN FUN

Hello all you PUN FUN fans! Here we go again. Another round of prize winning puns, some of which won the booby prize for being aggravatingly irritating to one's psyche. Just the same, funny is in the ears of the hearer. So get ready for your weekly dose of PUN FUN!

1. Round About: How many sides does a circle have?
Two: the inside and the outside.
2. Farting Around: My dad let one go on an elevator. It was wrong on so many levels.
3. Oh Say, Can't You See? I went to buy some camouflage trousers, but I could not find any?
4. Are You Kidney Me?: England does not have a kidney bank but they do have a Liverpool!!!

5. Literary Concoction: What do you get when you mix alcohol and literature? Tequila mock-ingbird.

That last one was hard to swallow. Kinda stuck in the craw. One for the birds, even! Well folks, it is time to move on to bigger and better things. Leave the PUN FUN for next week. Keep it punny, keep it funny and your life will always be sunny! Chow! That's Italian for "See you later" or it's a cry of hunger? Take your pick...



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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Searching for a Word: -meteorology. A branch of the atmospheric sciences, with a major focus on weather forecasting.

Ex. The television weather man had a degree in meteorology and a minor in broadcasting.

THE KIPLING KORNER

“Under the shade of a thorn thicket sprawled a naked brown baby, and from the brake immediately behind him peered the head of a gray wolf.” (from In the Rukh; rukh means forest)

Stilwell Soccer Club

FALL REGISTRATION:

Last signup for the Fall Season! We will be doing a final registration date on August 6th!

The following age groups are strongly needing some help with either making

- 1team or 2 teams:
- 2013/2014 Boys
- 2011/2012 Boys
- 2011/2012 Girls
- 2009/2010 Boys & Girls
- 2007/2008 Boys & Girls



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Birth Year – Age Division – Cost	
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2013/2014 – U 10 - \$70	2011/2012 – U 12 - \$70
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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

Today's Trail Treks To.....

America The Bananaful

The founders of America envisioned a republican form of government, that is to say, a Republic. Never in their wildest dreams did they entertain a democracy. In a pure Republic, government is done primarily on the local level with townhall meetings. Only upon unanimous agreement among the assembled, did a proposal pass. That is a far cry from a democracy, a government in which only a majority is required to pass proposals. Benjamin Franklin was asked by a citizen, as he was leaving the convention that drafted our Constitution, what form of government was implemented. He replied, "A Republic, if you can keep it." Our Pledge of Allegiance still contains the word "Republic." In effect, because of demo-


crats, that word has been rendered useless. It is through their shenanigans that our Republic slowly but surely morphed into a democracy. A democracy is akin to "mob rule." The majority mob does what it darn well pleases. The present regime is a prime example of mob rule, where the executive has usurped any semblance of our Constiution and replaced it with edict, ala, the executive order. To say that the present regime is tyrannical is an understatement. The two-tiered justice system is endemic of that tyranny. Snuffing out political opponents, such as indicting a former President, who is once again seeking election, is nothing short of operating a "Banana Republic" and is not only reprehensible, but is patently extra-con-

stitutional, treasonous and therefore, criminal. Nothing short of impeachment will provide remedy for the American people and end our "Banana Republic," so that we can once again say "America The Beautiful" instead of "America The Bananaful."

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. Vaya con Dios!

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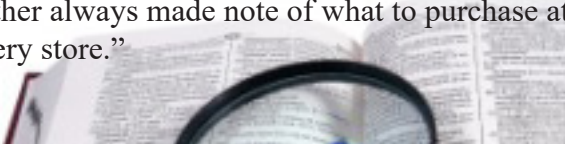
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Vocabulary Word: note – a brief record, especially one written down to aid the memory.

Ex. Mother always made note of what to purchase at the grocery store."



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John 8:31-32 KJV
31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

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