

STILWELL SPRING SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Stilwell Indians Baseball

Round-Tripper and No-Hitter

Mom, baseball and apple pie are the 3 pillars of being American, at least that is what we used to say. Let us hope they are all here to stay. "Take me out to the ball game" is still the song that is sung in many stadiums for the traditional 7th inning stretch. While for some, baseball tends to be a slow grind, there is still plenty of excitement that goes into every game, especially if the game is nip and tuck, where strategy plays a big role in getting the win. The home-run, knock-it-out-of-the-park, the roundtripper offers perhaps the greatest thrill. Not far behind, on the defensive side, is the no-hitter, which can leave fans sitting on the edge of their seats as the game moves on to its conclusion as batter after batter fails to get a hit. While getting off to a rocky start to their season, where runs were hard to come by, the Stilwell Indians recently gave their fans some thrills. Freshman Chase Benham, who has already established himself as an athlete to be reckoned with both on the football field and the basketball court, has now forever emblazoned his name in the annals of Stilwell Indians Baseball. In the Easter weekend Ozarks Classic Tournament, held in Harrison, Arkansas, in which Stilwell finished in 3rd place, Benham got the Indians off to a great start as he masterfully hurled his way to a no-hitter against Harrison, posting a 7-1 win. In the second game versus Clinton, Stryder Pritchett gave the fans a thrill when he smacked it out of the park in the first inning. The Indians eventually lost the game 9-5. It was Pritchett's first home-run of the season. In the 3rd game the Indians were out slugged by a Missouri team from Pleasant Hill, 17-11. In the finial game for 3rd place, the Indians overwhelmed Cedar Creek Arkansas 15-0. Stilwell Baseball has enjoyed much success over the years and it looks like it will continue to provide its share of thrills and excitement for the rest of this season. The Indians can play. Come out and see for yourself.

Lady Indians Softball

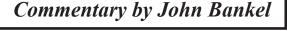




Coach Kyle Decker has reached a milestone in his coaching career when the Lady Indians notched a win that gave him 100 victories. The photo shows Coach Decker holding his Certificate Of Excellence, surrounded by a proud group of Lady Indians. Congratulations Coach Decker and best wishes as you begin working on your second 100.

Indians and Lady Indians Soccer

The Indians and Lady Indians recently played in the Chieftain Classic Tournament. In a thrilling con-





Chase Benham fires no hitter in the Ozark Classic Tournament.



solation finals contest, the Lady Indians emerged victorious, beating Tulsa Memorial by a score of 3-2. The win earned the Lady Indians 3rd place. Congratulations Lady Indians! Meanwhile, in that same tournament, the Indians also played in the Consolation Final, where they met the squad from Glenpool. Unable to score, the Indians fell to Glenpool 2-0, for a 4th place finish. An away game at Hilldale awaits both squads on April 2. The next home game, at Carson Park, for both teams is scheduled for April 9 when Skiatook comes to town. Come out and enjoy some fun soccer.

PROVERB POWER

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

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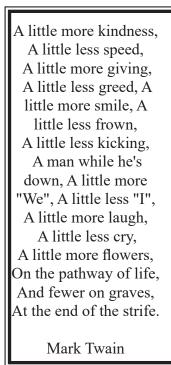
Stryder Pritchett got his first home run of the season.

Dreamstar Connections

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Peavine Public School Skyler Sam Selected to Participate in ORES Intertribal Rising Stars game!



The ORES Intertribal Rising Starts game was played last weekend at the Mvskoke Dome in Okmulgee. Congratulation Skyler, keep up the good work.

WHAT'S SO PUNNY? PUN FUN

Happy are those who love Puns, for they love laughter. Here we go again for a new round of PUN FUN. Today's Puns have a distinct political bent. No matter what side of the aisle you find yourself on or even if you find yourself in the aisle, you will no doubt get a chuckle or two or three or more out of this pun parade:

1. Pun Dit: Q: The president says to his friend: "My poll numbers are dropping. Do you think I should put more fire into my speeches?" The friend hesitates for a moment and replies. "I think you should put more speeches into the fire." Biden, anyone?

2. End Run: If you are not part of the solution, you are probably running for president. Biden, anyone?

Brain Dead: After the president's annual physical, his doctor delivered the news, "Mr. President, the good news is that you have 2 sides of your brain. The bad news is that on the left side there isn't anything right. And on the right side, there isn't anything left." Biden, anyone?
 Turkey Turnkey: What is the difference between Thanksgiving Day and Election Day? On Thanksgiving you get a turkey for a day. On Election Day, you get a turkey for four years. Biden, anyone?

5. House Specialty: Did you hear that Starbucks is offering a specialty drink for Election Day? It is called "fullofcrapuccino." Biden, anyone?

How are puns different form elections? You hate to see puns come to an end. But for now, PUN FUN has run its course. So, until the next time, keep your chin up, your laughter ready and spread the puns. That's What's So Punny.



Into the Hills

By Donna Boecher

Three years had passed since I'd met Bart, I was 17. Bart and his family had become part of our family. It was truly Spring now. The dandelions had popped up everywhere. Amazing how God had created a plant that did so much. I loved frying the blossoms dipped in beaten egg and cornmeal. Mother loved the leaves lightly cooked like other greens or tossed fresh with a little vinegar. Everywhere I

looked on the ground, if the soil was packed, there was a dandelion thriving to loosen the soil. While waiting for radishes or carrots to produce, there were dandelions nearby for our use. As a child I had loved to either blow the delicate seed pods or watched the blooming plant as the wind scattered the seeds at the right moment.

(Friday, April 5 th is National Dandelion Day.)



"Little suns, Exuberant spring heralds you wake one spring night, scurry on your skinny legs to decorate the world's fragrant grass."

> By Pat Mora from Ode to Dandelions



Hello all you Krypto fans! Krypto 10.0 is now in the books. You still have until April 12 to submit solutions and make a run at the prize of \$25 cash and a brand spanking new calculator. The winner will be announced in the April 19 issue. Send your solutions by email: themathguy@usa.com or snail mail: Krypto Konstest POB 885 Stilwell 74960

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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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Vocabulary Word:
flower. The reproductive structure of a plant having showy or colorful parts; a blossom.
Ex. Her grandmother's favorite flower was the Zinnia; they came in many colors.

And behold there was a great earthquake for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled back the stone from the door.

Matthew 28:2

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15th Annual Strawberry Spring Pageant is April 6th, at 9:30 am, and 3:30 pm. **Stilwell Community Building**

Dreamstar Connections and founder directed by; Lora, and Rosita Gallardo

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Dear John,

I have worked at my job for 22 years. About a year ago we got a new manager. He is kind of hard to get along with. He did not like a Friday potluck for staff and said we could do that on our own time. Then he told us no more blue jean days, he said we need to be more professional. The next thing he did was make us take classes on how to answer the phone. He calls me after work hours and on my day off to ask questions about my department. I told him he could not call me after hours. He said because he pays for my work cell phone he can call after hours. I do have my own phone, but I just wonder, can he do this?

Disgruntled

Dear Disgruntled... perhaps it is time to do one of two things: Let your manager know, in no uncertain terms, that your time is your time; you may also try not answering your phone. If his behavior shows no signs of improvement, then Dear John suggests that you take your time to look for another job. The best time to find another job is if you are still working.

Sincerely,

Dear John

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Westville FCCLA



THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW By Russell Turner SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM

Throughout life I have found that we all have challenges that we must deal with on a short-term basis, but we must never forget the future and the challenges we will face in the future. We in the Christian faith are entering into the most holy part of the year, Easter is the time we should all remember the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made to ensure us the ability to exist in eternity in heaven instead of hell. If Jesus had only been looking at the short-term, he could have fallen in with the ruling class of that day and had the good food to eat and a soft place to sleep at night, instead he stood firm in what is right and wrong and was willing to pay the price. Too many Americans today seem to be only concerned with what is going on today and have no concerns about the future. Our nation was founded upon Judao Christian values, and whether we like to admit it or not, those values and the blessings from God are what has made us the most prosperous and strongest nation on earth. Even though we see churches across our nation, in many ways we are becoming a post Christian nation, because of that fact we are seeing chaos and trouble across our land.

We are seeing the quest for political dominance, people obsessed with acquiring political power have made us a mockery of our judicial system, laws are selectively enforced depending upon what political philosophy a person might have, and the trend to limit free speech. Sadly, these trends are spreading in our nation and many others across the world. The rise of antisemitism across the world is unbelievable, the Jewish people were attacked and butchered Oct. 7, 2023, and because they fought back against this barbarianism, now the world is condemning them while ignoring the sub-human monsters who perpetrated the crime. We all see the condemnation of the Jews, but there is also an attack on we Christians as well.

A recent poll conducted by Whitestone Insights asked 2,088 U.K. adults if they agreed with this statement: "Unless the offending parts can be edited out, books containing what some perceive as hate speech should be banned from general sale, including if necessary religious texts such as the Bible." The results showed a substantial number of Brits agreed with the statement above, with 18 to 34-year-olds making up 23% of those who agreed and 35 to 54-year-olds making up 17%. These statistics reflect what we already see in the U.K. In the U.K., street preachers preaching the Bible and pro-life advocates silently praying have been arrested; we are also seeing the same thing happen in our nation. In the past Christians were mostly viewed as upstanding citizens, and their moral norms were relatively the same as the norms of society; today many people view Christians as not only mostly negative, but serve as a threat to the current norms of secular society. Because of the pressure from fringe groups, some churches have fallen away from Truth and modify their doctrine. Romans 12:2a states, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." Yet, we see the church conforming to the world to avoid offending these fringe groups.

Persecution is increasing around the world and in America, those of us of faith need to get ready for it. We need to stand firm on our beliefs and have an eye on the long-term. 1 Peter 4:12 says, "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you." Rather, we are to "rejoice" as we share in Christ's sufferings. "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed; because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you".

All 3 of Westville FCCLA competitors placed in the top 3 of their respective events!

Jenaly Yeager - New Member Facts Addison Pilcher - Entrepreneurship Kipton Means - Food Innovations

Searching for Word.....

dandelion. A perennial plant, considered to be a weed in America, which has edible leaves and flower heads.

Ex. Walking home from school, I picked enough dandelions for mother to fry for supper.

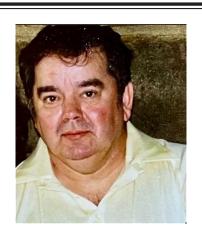


Join us at Stilwell Depot for this year's #StateofOrange: A Day of Cowboy Service on April 13th! We are looking forward to seeing everyone and serving our community!

State of Orange is a statewide effort during Volunteer Month. Students, alumni, staff and friends of OSU are encouraged to participate in community service events in their area. April 13, 2024 12:00 PM



Kester Family Funeral Service



Robert Walter Pierce Nov. 4, 1941 - March 28, 2024

Robert Walter Pierce the son of Ed and Jewel (Sommer) Pierce was born November 4, 1941, in Tulsa, Oklahoma and he departed this life on March 28, 2024, in Welling, Oklahoma at the age of 82 years, 4 months and 24 days.

Bob was a loving husband, father and grandfather who loved his time spent with his wife "Twig" and his children and grandchildren. Bob served his country proudly as a United States Marine. He was a carpet layer by trade, and he laid carpet for Hall and Wynes for many years before moving to Lake Tenkiller to begin a new life adventure. Bob and Twiggy opened the Cookson Smokehouse and there provided a great atmosphere and delicious food for the community to enjoy for many years. Bob thoroughly enjoyed hunting and fishing, although they weren't his only outdoor activities. He loved working on the place whether he was running the dozer or riding his four-wheeler around. He enjoyed spending time on the lake as well. Bob 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; his brother Richard Pierce Jr.; and his sister Mary Ellen Pekrul.

He is survived by a loving family which includes his wife of over 50 years Blanche "Twiggy" Pierce of the home; his children Scott Pierce of Welling, Kevin Pierce of Welling, Terry Collins and husband Beau of Tulsa, Carmen Abel and husband Ted of Collinsville, and Nikki King of Welling; his sister Louise Reneau and husband Merlin of Grand Prairie, TX; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren also survive him.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL Today's Trail Treks To..... Perfect Perfidy

One does not hear the word "perfidy" everyday yet there is always plenty of perfidy going on. The best one word definition would be "treachery" which is closely related to "treason." When one earnestly examines the practices of the biden regime, one is compelled to come to the conclusion that perfidy fits perfectly with his policies. Take the border invasion for example. When taking the oath of office, the president swears to uphold the Constitution. One of the Constitution's tenets requires the President, as the commnader-in-chief of the military, to protect our nation from its enemies, foreign or domestic. From the looks of things, biden has breached the public trust by refusing to stop the flow of illegal invaders. This invasion has put all of us at risk. Our security has been jeopardized both economically and socially. Just recently, the news carried a tragic story of a young lady who had a promising future as a nursing student, who innocently went on a jog only to have her life snuffed out by an illegal immigrant, who had been arrested a number of times and simply allowed to

be returned to the streets. Biden refused to call her name knowing full well that the acknowledgement of uttering her name would put him in the cross hairs of blame. It was during his aberrant state of the union address, that gutsy Marjorie Taylor Green forced biden to say her name, albeit he managed to mispronounce her first name. Instead of "Laken Reily" he referred to her as "Lincoln Reily." His mispronouncement further embellished his reluctance to come clean. Treason and treachery are the biden regime's calling cards. Perfect perfidy knows no truth. America awaits his ouster.

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

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Aberrant

adjective; departing from an accepted standard: "this somewhat aberrant behavior requires an explanation"

ROBERTS & HART



James Kirby

the most uncomplicated of pleasures. Born on July 1, 1961, James had

a deep-rooted passion for horses and roping. He also had a keen interest in history and family genealogy.

James is preceded in death by his father William Kirby.

He is survived by his beloved mother, Mary Kirby; sister Melanie Kirby; and brother Jed Kirby. James also leaves behind a host of cousins and a wide circle of friends who will miss his presence dearly.

James may have been a simple man by nature, but the impact he had on those around him was anything but ordinary. His memory will live on through the stories shared by family and friends, keeping alive the essence of a man who found joy in life's most basic pleasures. May he rest in peace knowing that he was loved deeply and will be dearly missed.

Stilwell Athletics Boys Golf Team Placed 2nd at Keys Tournament March 26th



July 1, 1961 — March 30, 2024

James Mark Kirby, passed away on March 30, 2024 at the age of 62, leaving behind a legacy cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His life, though quietly lived, touched the hearts of many in ways words sometimes fail to capture. He was a gentle soul who found joy in



Hunter Mcleroy placed 3rd overall.

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Ecclesiastes 12:14 KJV

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

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Francis Bacon:

God Almighty first planted a garden. And indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures.

 RECYCLING NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS
 Cathy Unger

 Aluminum foil
 Auto glass or ceramics
 Batteries
 Film canisters
 Light bulbs
 Painted wood
 Paper towels
 Plastic grocery bags (Please return to your supermarket)
 Plastic wrap
 Porcelain
 Styrofoam
 Treated wood

(2nd Saturday)



White ledger paper