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A Joyous Holiday Season To All!



Special Holiday Feature

WATTS HOWARD HOTEL: A Watts Icon Steeped in History

Story by John Bankel

The Howard Hotel stands on a knoll overlooking Hwy. 59, directly across from the Feed Processing Plant, whose chimney can be seen from a distance with its white plume of smoke drifting into the air. The Hotel has stood there as a Watts icon since 1912, according to Phyllis Hagan, noted Watts and Adair County historian, who acquired the Hotel in 1992. The stories she has to tell about those 30 years would easily fill a book and then some.

At the annual Holiday Open House, held December 11 and 12, Ms. Hagan gave an informal tour of her fashionable hotel, which, by the way, is still in full operation. Thanks to her devotion, this magnificent piece of Victorian architecture, is still very much intact as it was when first built. Yes, it does show signs of “wear and tear,” but that is to be expected.

For this holiday season, Ms. Hagan painstakingly and lavishly decorated this stately “old gent” in grand holiday fashion. There are many adjectives that would fit Phyllis Hagan’s persona: humble, gracious, gregarious, luminescent, zesty. She is the personification of “the abundant life.” She fills the room with her fascinating life stories.

She tells about how she housed, at various times, 32 boys in need of food, clothing and shelter in her hotel. Or about how, as a Watts school librarian and part-time Science and History teacher, she ended up knowing everyone in town, and to some measure, still does. Or how about her life in Germany, where her daughter was born, and her life as the wife of her GI husband. He ended up being deployed to South Korea, to stand watch over the DMZ, (Demilitarized Zone). She joined him there and fondly recalls what fantastic people the South Koreans are. And as she says, “my favorite people.”



The Howard Hotel, located in Watts, OK, is beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.

To have had a chance to visit this charming “Hotel on the knoll” and spend time with its illustrious caregiver, was time well



Phyllis Hagan is all smiles as she greets guests who have come to tour the Howard Hotel during the Holiday Open House.

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Top picture: Phyllis Hagan talks with John Bankel about the Howard Hotel.



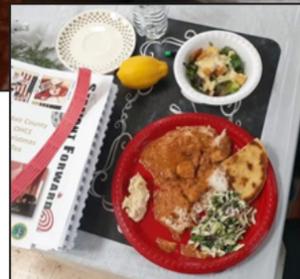
Bottom picture: The owner’s suite in the Howard Hotel.



OHCE Officers, from left to right: Standing for Treasurer Beth Woods is Clair Ann Bynum, Secretary Carolyn Denny, Vice President Rozena Weaver, President Katherine Rackliff, and Penny Meredith, OHCE/OSU Extension Coordinator.

(See *OHCE Christmas* Article on Page 3)

Pictured, at right, is a typical plate of food in India.



THE ROVING REPORTER In, Around, and Out About Town



The Roving Reporter ran into Santa Saturday, who came all the way from the North Pole, at the Breakfast With Santa event held at the Armory Building and sponsored by the Adair County Boys and Girls Club as a fundraiser for the Club.

Photo by The Roving Reporter

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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

THE ART OF UNWINDING

Earlier this week the US House of Representatives passed the 1.9 trillion dollars build back better budget and sent it on to the US Senate. The bill was passed along party lines with only one defection from the democrat side; the republicans were unanimous in their opposition to the tax and spend bill that will do nothing but dig a bigger hole for the taxpayers of this nation to get out of. Hopefully in the Senate it will have a harder time passing, as of now there are two democrat senators that are holding the fate of our republic in their hands, those two senators being Manchin and Sinema. The self-reliant, hardworking people of this nation are not supporting all of the reckless spending and the efforts to degrade our Constitutional Republic.

It is simple what the strategy of the democrats is, they feel if they can cram enough of this garbage down the throats of the American people that when the republicans regain control, they will not have the courage to repeal any part of it. What the democrats are doing reminds me how drug dealers gain addicts to purchase their poison. At first a drug dealer will give people some of their dope with the hope that the people will become addicted, once addicted the drug dealer can charge whatever he wants and the addict will do anything to get more of it. Government programs can be just as addictive as any kind of dope, once self-reliant people can lose that ability when they become dependent upon government programs. History shows that when people look to the government for their needs, they will sup-

port some of the worst degenerates a society has to offer.

All of us can remember how Obamacare was crammed down the throats of the American people. When the republicans were in the minority there were countless votes taken to repeal the boondoggle called Obamacare, but when the republicans regained power, they had the ability to get rid of it. Sadly, when they regained power, they seemed to lose all of their courage, considering they had any in the first place. When voting for individuals to represent us, we need to make sure that the people we elect have the courage to unwind the bad legislation passed by previous sessions. I guess the republicans can take a lesson from the democrats. On the first day resident Biden signed numerous Executive Orders to undo the accomplishments of President Trump. The democrats unwound energy self-sufficiency, the southern border wall, and the respect of our allies across the world. Because of the unwinding of the democrats, we are now paying record high prices for gasoline and all other necessities of life. Our allies have no respect for our country because of the Afghanistan debacle. If our elected republican officials don't have the courage to unwind the disaster made by the current administration, we need to elect someone who does have the courage. From what I have seen, the American people are seeing what these mis-guided liberals are doing and are sick of it. The art of unwinding is not complicated, it only requires the courage to do the right thing.

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Look for our first **2022** issue on **JANUARY 6th**. And **A SPECIAL THANKS** to all our **Readers** and **Advertisers** for making **The Straight Forward FREE Press** a 2021 success!

THE KIPLING KORNER

"Follow the dream, and always the dream, and only the dream."

Vocabulary
WORD
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Aroma
Example: The aroma of the fresh chopped cedar tree was pungent to our noses.
• a distinctive, typically pleasant smell.

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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 Lady in the Blue Sari

Part 24

By Donna Boecher

Lydia arrived to coordinate the wedding plans. She immediately called the seamstresses who had just finished embroidering the wedding dress. Teresa stood still as they slipped the dress over her arms and shoulders, settling the satin along her willowy curves. The wedding zoom would begin at 9 p.m. U.S. time which would be 8:30

a.m. Kerala time. Friends, family, and neighbors would gather for a breakfast reception as soon as the couple said, "I do." Halfway around the world the wedding guests would be having a light supper of Chicken Tika Masala which had been chosen, of course, by Lydia.

Having been pronounced husband and wife by the priest at Palayur, and having breakfasted at an inclusive buffet, the bride and groom slipped

away to change into their "going away" clothes. As a nod to their Indian friends and family, Teresa was dressed in a beautiful white sari bordered in gold and aqua threads with a pallu of pale aqua flowers. Although they had western wedding rings, Teresa was wearing her mangalsutra necklace with its gold cross. By noon they would be on the plane which would take them to Delhi where they would change to a small plane flying directly to Shimla where they would promenade along the public space looking north to the Himalayas before retiring to their north-viewing bridal suite in the Oberoi Cecil Hotel. It had been a perfect day to remember always.

Health Tips from Larkin...

By Larkin Fouse, CHHP

Holistic First Aid, Part 4--Seizures: Seizures occur when the brain goes berserk in its electrical system and starts firing overtime, causing your muscles to convulse uncontrollably. However the problem being electrical gives you a distinct advantage! Because the body is electrical and a seizure is when your body becomes ungrounded and thus starts to short circuit, the best way to stop a seizure in a person is to ground them out. You do this by grabbing the big toes of a person who is having a

seizure and if there is another person around, have them grab the seized person's thumbs this will ground out the electrical currents and end the seizure. After the person has come out of the seizure make sure they are okay and have them inspected by a medical professional if they will consent to it.

Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell. See advertisement in this paper for more information.



Dear John,

This Thanksgiving my family met at our grandparent's house. I've been in college for 2 years and was hoping to have Thanksgiving with my boyfriend's family, but my mother said "this maybe the last time we get to have the family together". I was upset but I went anyway. Grandma didn't cook anything, everyone brought something, I guess that was nice. Grandma tried to get me to tell her what I wanted from her house. That freaked me out. She has all sorts of knickknacks, they are cute but I don't want them. I wouldn't pick anything out. Other people in the family were putting their names on her things I thought it was sick. What do you think?

Knickknack Knot

Dear Knickknack Knot...Your Grandmother has made a grand and loving gesture to her family. One which has tied you in a knot because it came out of the blue. The reality of your grandmother's impending passing would do that to practically anyone. No need to feel bad about the effect it has on you. You are no doubt a very sensitive soul. However, to not choose something that your grandma has cherished, may be a selfish decision on your part. Give your grandma the gift of her delight in choosing something that you will likely end-up also cherishing and perhaps, at your appointed time, would love to give away to a family member. Love has a way of rebounding.

Sincerely,

Dear John

Got a question for Dear John? Email it to: dearjohn@writeme.com.

Real Name Not Used.

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America,

Mother of the World

by Larkin Fouse

Come to me oh children of refuse. Come to me those of whom none other but I shall accept. Whose rejection is so great that their own mothers deny them heart and breast. Come to my land, the land of the great, the land of America where God sees all as his children, and there are no orphans, and all who once deemed themselves worthless and rejected all have a place, a purpose, a home and a family to love and forgive, free of hate.

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Mullin It Over: Fighting the Scourge of Fentanyl

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

The opioid crisis is one of the biggest health challenges facing America. In one year, from April 2020 to April 2021, we saw a record high of over 100,000 overdose deaths. And the latest data shows synthetic opioids, like fentanyl, have contributed to 60 percent of this increase.

Given those statistics, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has issued its first public safety alert in six years, warning the public about fake pills containing lethal doses of fentanyl. And more alarming, our border patrol agents have seized enough fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances to kill every American seven times over. Every community in the country is affected by this crisis and Congress must take a hands-on approach to combat it.

Fentanyl is a controlled substance. However, illicit fentanyl production is the primary driver of the record-breaking numbers we are seeing. Fentanyl abuse has become more prevalent and more dangerous in recent years due to "fentanyl analogues" and "fentanyl-related substances" (FRS), which are similar in chemical makeup but far more powerful.

Fentanyl and its analogues are easier to produce and quicker to make than other drugs. They are also twenty times more profitable. For these reasons, criminal drug cartels are flooding our border with counterfeit pills. The DEA reports that more than 9.5 million counterfeit pills have been seized this year, which is more than the last two years combined. Two out of every five pills seized contain a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl.

I can't state enough the danger this crisis poses to every single

American but based on the numbers alone, I shouldn't have to.

Over the past year, southeast Oklahoma has seen an increase in the availability of tablets containing fentanyl that are being sold as counterfeit Oxycodone. Federal law enforcement recently seized approximately 10,000 fentanyl-laced tablets shipped into the same area as well. In 2020, Oklahoma lost 136 of our own to overdose deaths due to fentanyl—a nearly 152 percent increase from the previous year.

Fentanyl-related substances are only temporarily categorized as a Schedule I substance right now. Schedule I is reserved for drugs that are deemed as having no accepted medical use, a high potential for abuse, and a lack of accepted safety. I joined my Energy and Commerce Committee Republican colleagues in pushing to make this scheduling order permanent. The temporary deadline expires February 18, 2022, and we cannot allow this to expire. We must act to ensure our law enforcement officials have the tools they need to protect their communities from this dangerous substance.

The opioid crisis is blind to age, race, socioeconomic status, and geographic location. We are still learning the toll the pandemic took on many as the overdose numbers come to light. President Biden must address the crisis at the southern border to stop the scourge of fentanyl being brought into our country, and Congress needs to act fast. Too many lives have already been cut short.

Want to stay up-to-date on what I'm doing in Oklahoma and Washington on your behalf? Sign up for my newsletter by visiting Mullin.house.gov/newslettersignup.

Obituaries

Juanita Terrapin

December 5, 1937 – December 7, 2021

Juanita Terrapin, the daughter of William and Sarah (Coleman) Eagle, was born December 5, 1937, in Stilwell, Oklahoma and departed this life to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 7, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 84 years, and 2 days.

Juanita was a loving, caring lady who enjoyed making people happy. She wanted to help anyone in anyway that she could. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Stilwell, where she served for many years. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She also enjoyed cooking, working puzzle books and watching sports with William. Juanita touched many lives over the years and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings: Cecil Eagle, Bonita Eagle, Willeta Duncan, Lee Roy Eagle, and John Eagle.

She is survived by a loving family which includes her husband of over 45 years, William Terrapin, of the home; her children: Nona Burris, Cleta Fourkiller, Nola Glass Jr., Randy Glass and Angela Burgess and husband Tim of Stilwell; her sisters: Oleta Dornbrack of Stilwell, and Kahleetah Sexton of Green Bay, WI; her brother, Lucky Eagle and wife Kazuko of Hayward, CA; and her sister-in-law, Judy Eagle of Fayetteville, AR. Numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, church family and other relatives also survive her.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Monday, December 13, 2021 at the First Baptist Church with Bro. Scott Latta officiating. Interment followed at Tyler Springs Cemetery, Stilwell, OK under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.



Kenneth Glenn Maggard

September 14, 1933 – December 4, 2021

Kenneth Glenn Maggard, the son of John and Belle (Woodard) Maggard, was born September 14, 1933, in Westville, Oklahoma and departed this life on December 4, 2021, in Fayetteville, Arkansas at the age of 88 years, 2 months and 20 days.

Kenneth served his country proudly in the U.S. Army for over 20 years. After retirement, he moved back to Oklahoma to be closer to his brothers so they could hunt together. He enjoyed the outdoors whether hunting or fishing. He and his brothers spent numerous hours in the woods chasing dogs, hunting squirrels and deer. He married Marjorie Williams on April 26, 2001, and for the past 20 years they have enjoyed traveling, going to yard sales and auctions, and gospel singings. 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; his sisters: Lodema Sweet, Lavada Winn, and Lori Dotson; and brothers: Floyd Maggard, Ancil Maggard, Neil Maggard, and Ed Maggard.

He is survived by a loving family which includes his wife, Marjorie Maggard, of the home; his children: Deborah McClellan of Prairie Fredrick, MD, Walter Carlock of Amarillo, TX, Rebecca VanBibber of San Antonio, TX, and Jaqueline Rose and husband Doug of Brownwood, TX; his step-children: Veronica Martin and husband Brad of Checotah, Kevin Thomas and wife Pam of Wagoner and Kelvin Thomas and wife Christy of Wagoner; 20 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Several nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive him.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at Roberts & Hart Chapel, Westville, OK with Bro. Olin Vaughn and Bro. Jerry Gatewood officiating. Interment was at Waco Memorial Park, Waco, Texas on Friday, December 10, 2021 at 11 am.

Paul “Bub” Dewayne Garr

July 15, 1971 – December 7, 2021

Paul “Bub” Dewayne Garr was born July 15th, 1971, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma to Paul David Garr and Ellen Jean (Harlin) Garr. Paul passed from this life to his heavenly home on December 7th, 2021, at Ascension St. John Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma after fighting many battles with his health at the age of 50 years, 4 months, and 22 days.

Paul was known as “Bub” to almost everyone he knew. While spending the last year of his life in the hospital, he found joy in reading his Bible and praying every day. He loved to attend church at the Christian Worship Center in Stilwell, Oklahoma with his family. Bub took great pleasure in deer hunting with his dad, fishing, watching Gunsmoke and the Andy Griffith Show, shopping at Atwood’s, and was always rooting for OU when it came to college football. He delighted in cutting and baling hay in his John Deere and restoring antique trucks. Another great pleasure of his was singing gospel music with the Gospel Troubadours as well as spending time cooking in the kitchen or BBQing with his girls.

At the beginning of his career, he supervised security at Baldor in Westville, Oklahoma as well as several Walmart stores for Professional Security Incorporated located in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. He later began working at Allen’s Canning Company as the Safety and Security Director where he dedicated 18 years of service. As a man of many traits, he created his own lawn care business by the name of Glory Land Lawn Care where he performed lawn care duties for various businesses in the Westville and Stilwell area. In addition, he worked as a maintenance man at both Stilwell and Westville Nursing Homes before joining his dad in the family business of raising cattle and baling hay.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ellen Jean Garr, and his grandparents, Paul and Ellen Garr, and Luther Eugene Harlin.

Paul was a loving father to his two daughters, Brooklyn and Morgan Garr, and son, Brent. He is also survived by his father, Paul David Garr of Westville, OK and sisters, Laura Smith & husband Brian of Rogers, AR, Davinnia Chopper & husband John of Stilwell, OK, and Maranda Foster & husband Todd of Watts, OK, along with his grandmother, Dixie Harlin of Westville, OK.

Bub was able to touch the lives of so many while here on Earth and will continue to do so even in his absence. He will always be loved and deeply missed by all who knew him.

We love you to the moon and back,

Brooklyn and Morgan Garr

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Monday, December 13, 2021 at the Christian Worship Center, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Marty Jones officiating. Interment followed at Proctor Cemetery, Proctor, OK under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.

Sammy “Sam” W. Reed

March 21, 1940 – December 9, 2021

Sammy “Sam” W. Reed was born March 21, 1940, in Stilwell, Oklahoma to D. W. Reed and Ruth (Ward) Reed. Sam passed away December 9, 2021, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma at the age of 81 years.

Sam and his wife Glenda were married on October 16, 1981. Together they raised two sons: Sam W. Reed, Jr., and Michael Blair. Together the Reed family owned and operated Reed’s Grocery for 40 years. The store was located at Four Corners on Highway 100 East.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents; his stepson: Michael; and four

brothers: Frank, Bobby, Tom, and Jack.

He is survived by his wife: Glenda of the home; his son: Sam, Jr. of Arlington, Texas; three sisters: Pat Leatherwood of Stilwell, Oklahoma, Retha and husband Lennie Gunsaulis of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and Gerri Hurley of Houston, Texas; one sister-in-law: Shirley Reed of Nicut, Oklahoma. Many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Sam will be cherished in our hearts forever. Memorial services were held at 2 pm on Monday, December 13, 2021 at Bidding Creek Baptist Church. Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home



Thomas Bullock

December 18, 1941 – December 5, 2021

Thomas Bullock, son of Walter and Beulah (Maxwell) Bullock, was born December 18, 1941 in Bastrop, Louisiana and departed this life to be with Our Lord and his loved ones in Heaven on Sunday, December 5, 2021.

He was a Godly man, always had a Bible in his hand or on the end table. He could quote a scripture at any moment. Thomas was a family man who loved his kids and grandkids. He loved his wife and his dogs, Cornbread and Embe. He would feed them steak. They were a little spoiled. He loved watching Gospel Music and Westerns. The Gaithers Gospel Band was his favorite, but as soon as someone came to visit, he turned the TV off and would give them all of his attention. He was also a stubborn man, but with a kind, gentle soul. Thomas always made sure to hug his family and tell them that he loved them. He was a truck driver and drove heavy equipment. He was a Marine and a Navy man. He will be deeply missed by all.

Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Bullock, parents: Walter and Beulah Bullock, siblings: Myrtle (Bullock) Langston, Charles Bullock, Virgil Bullock, Bertha (Bullock) Neal, Onalia Bullock, Jesse James Bullock, Hilda (Bullock) Wyatt and his daughters: Renee (Bullock) Sanders, Denise Cole.

He is survived by his sister, Helen (Bullock) Lunsford, children: John Hale and wife Hope of Lincoln, Arkansas and his children: Mashayla, Marissa, Letasha, Johnna, Mia, Evan and 3 grandchildren. Scott Hale and wife Rhonda of Westville, Oklahoma and children: Kassi, Brandon, Tiffany, Jonathan, Kiley, Cash, Xyler, Kerryonna, Easton, Hudson and 10 grandkids. Cynthia Hale of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and children, Beth and Jacob and 7 grandkids. Andrew, Kaitlyn, Makayla and 3 grandkids. Sandy Turner, Margie Carroll, Annette and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at 11 am on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Roberts & Hart Chapel, Westville, OK with Carl Clark officiating.

Thomas Eugene Smith

June 17, 1955 – December 2, 2021

Thomas Eugene Smith was born on June 17, 1955, in Stilwell, Oklahoma and departed this life on December 2, 2021, at his home in Stilwell, Oklahoma after a 6 year battle with Mycobacterium Avium Complex (lung disease).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eola and Delbert Smith; his brothers, Alfred and Kenneth Smith and his daughter, Kimberly Smith.

He is survived by a very loving family including his wife, Paula, of the home; his daughters, Brandy Allen and husband James of Stilwell and Amie Vaughan and husband James of Kansas, OK; five grandchildren, Johnathan Hewitt of Christie, OK, Ethan Vaughan of Stilwell, Nathaniel Allen of Stilwell and Kolby and Logan Vaughan of Kansas, OK; great-grandchild, Adrian Hewitt of Tahlequah; and best friend, Jack Sanders and wife Cynthia. Several nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive him.

Memorial services to be held at 2 pm on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at the family home. Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.



Candidate Filing Begins For Town of Westville

Candidates interested in filing for Board of Trustee of the Town of Westville will file Declarations of Candidacy beginning 8 a.m. Monday, December 27, 2021.

Jan Wilhite, Secretary of the Adair County Election Board, said Declaration of Candidacy forms must be completed and submitted to the County Election Board no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 29, 2021 when the filing period ends. Wilhite reminds voters that Contests of Candidacy must be filed no later than Friday, December 31, 2021 and may only be filed by another candidate for that office, unless a candidate files unopposed.

Declarations of Candidacy will be accepted for the following office:

One (1) Board of Trustee - unexpired Term: Expires 2023 .

Declaration of Candidacy forms can be downloaded from the State Election Board website at oklahoma.gov/elections or by contacting your County Election Board office at 918-696-7221 or adaircounty@elections.ok.gov.

The Adair County Election Board is located at 220 W. Division Stilwell, Oklahoma and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The special election is scheduled for February 8, 2022.

Life Tips from Larkin...

By Larkin Fouse, CHHP

The Benjamin Franklin effect and its use in the art of diplomacy:

When Benjamin Franklin was a diplomat, he encountered many difficult people but he always found a way of getting through to them in the end. However one day he came across a particularly difficult person whom no one could get to budge on his position. So Franklin being the ever clever and diplomatic master that he simply performed another one of his tricks and the man became an ally to Franklin, and the trick was this. Franklin became aware that the man in question had a large library full of rare books that Franklin had been looking for. So Franklin simply asked the man for access

to his library, and they formed a relationship over that bond. This technique actually became known as the Benjamin Franklin effect and the principle is summarized by Franklin himself in the following words “He that has once done you a kindness will be more ready to do you another, than he whom you yourself have obliged.” In simple words, if you have a foe that you need to get along with, try asking that person for favors to build a rapport with them, and see if in time you can get them to better align with your interests.

Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell. See advertisement in this paper for more information.



Oklahoma Bigfoot Symposium, March 12-13, 2022, CC Camp near Stilwell. Keynote speaker: Ken Gerhard, noted author, TV star and Cryptid investigator.

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First Saturday Night and Last Saturday Night of Every Month, Bethel Church, Stilwell, OK, 7:00 p.m., Rodney Chuculate.

“A Christmas In India” Theme for OHCE Christmas Tea and County Officer Installation

By John Bankel

OHCE (Oklahoma Home Community Education), also known as “The Homemakers Group” and sometimes even affectionately referred to as “4-H For Seniors,” held their annual Christmas Tea and County Meeting on Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Hickory Village meeting room.

OHCE is an organization that has been around since the 1920’s. It’s main focus is to provide its members and guests with practical information vital to building sound households. This is accomplished through Leader Lessons, workshops, speakers and regular meetings.

Adair County has participated in OHCE virtually from its inception and currently has two active Chapters: Zion Stilwell and Westville Country Acres. The theme, this year, was chosen by Donna Boecher, who has traveled extensively throughout India, including a sojourn to a Christian Church founded by the Apostle Thomas, who made quite a trip from Jerusalem! The ladies were all encouraged to don a Sari, a customary Indian dress. The accompanying photo shows a couple of the ladies in their Saris. The luncheon featured authentic Indian cuisine: Butter Chicken with a pungent sauce over rice, a salad and Kheer, a tasty rice dessert. The aroma of Indian cooking is tantalizing. (See photo of a typical plate.)

Brenda Miller, 26 county district coordinator, was present to install the 2022 officers. The photo shows each officer holding a piece of fruit. Each fruit has characteristics that symbolizes the nature of their office which characteristics Brenda read aloud before Penny Meredith gave each officer her fruit. A very interesting analogy, to be sure!

There is a lot of room for new members. If you would like to be part of an organization whose members are full of wisdom and practical homemaking knowledge, then OHCE would be a good fit. Look for an announcement of the next meeting in this newspaper, The Straight Forward FREE Press.

And oh, by the way, OHCE is not just for women. This writer is a member.

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has **RE-OPENED** for **Lunch and Recreation:** Pool, Cards & Conversation. **Come on By... Bring a Friend!**



Left to Right, Pat Richardson & Mari Elm, members of Adair County Litter-Free & Green brightened up Division Street by adding silk poinsettias to the flower boxes—just in time for the Christmas Parade!
Photo by Cathy Unger.

WHAT'S SO PUNNY?

PUN FUN

Here is a slate full of Santa Puns to soothe the stress of the season as your funny bone gets tickled...

1. Santa Claus' favorite swimming spot? The North Pool!
2. What do you call people that are afraid of Santa Claus? Claustrophobic!
3. Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve? Because it soots him!
4. How do the elves clean Santa's sleigh the day after Christmas? They use Santa-tizer!
5. Santa owes a lot to his little helpers. One might say that he is an elf-made man!

There you go...feel better?
Got a funny one? Email it to: writewright@journalist.com.

MORE PUN FUN

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out the window when he said, "It's going to rain." His wife asked, "How do you know?" "Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

I'd tell you an airplane joke but those seem to fly over peoples heads anyway.

SCRIPTURE

"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God..." – Luke 1:35 (KJV)

"And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her." – Luke 1:38 (KJV)

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24, 8, 15, 7. Remember, you must use all 5 of the numbers but each one only once, and any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to write an expression that equals 6. Give it a twirl. It is fun!

Send your solution to: **Krypto Kontest 2.0, POB 885, Stilwell, OK 74960.**

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