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ALICE @ WONDERLAND



CAST OF ALICE @ WONDERLAND

The Play's The Thing

Commentary by John Bankel

On Monday, May 9, at the Stilwell High School Fine Arts Auditorium, Alice In Wonderland was catapulted into the 21st century. The original story came from the pen of Lewis Carroll way back in the 19th century, 1865, to be exact. Under the direction of Robin Parris, the SHS Drama Department performed the modernized version called Alice@Wonderland. The action started with Alice waking up to a call from her cellphone! Hah! The tone (no pun intended) was set for the rest of the story. Notwithstanding a number of sound system glitches,

the actors presented an enjoyable excursion into the inner sanctum of modern Wonderland. Ladonna Glenn, a senior, gave an exceptionally fine portrayal of Alice with the entire cast supporting her performance with fine performances of their own. The audience gave their approval as the cast took their curtain call. This play was entertainment bounty right here in Stilwell. And as William Shakespeare so aptly put it so many long years ago: "The play's the thing."



Ladonna Glenn played Alice



Mad Hatter, Jaymee Pritchett, Queen of Hearts, Saydee Putnam and Frog Newsie, Aubry Morris.

CHEROKEE WASTE MGMT AND ADAIR COUNTY LITTER-FREE & GREEN COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

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For questions call the Landfill @ 918 696 5490
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PROVERB POWER

"Be still and know that I am God"

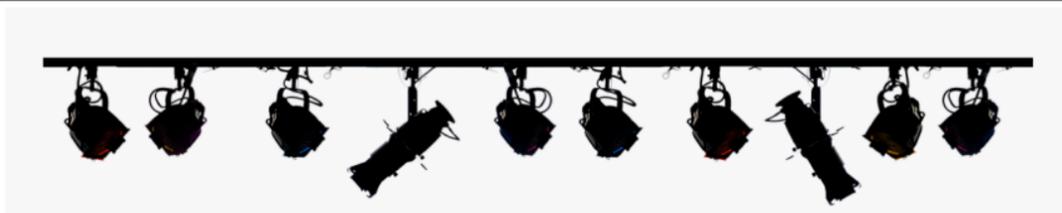
Psalm 46:10 KJV

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STILWELL HAS TALENT...AND HOW!

Commentary by John Bankel

A crowd of about 150 people came to hear and see the contestants at the Kiwanis Stage in downtown Stilwell perform in the Second Annual Stilwell Has Talent show on May 13. The show got underway at 6 pm with Tyler Davis, President of Stilwell Kiwanis, as the emcee. The performers were divided into 2 categories: The Junior Division, Jr. High and younger, and the Senior Division, Sr. High and older. First, Second and Third place winners received cash prizes. In the Senior group, First place received \$500, Second place \$300 and Third place \$200. For the Juniors, First received \$300, Second \$200 and Third \$100. This year's contest attracted a very talented field

of singers, dancers and musicians. Joe Mack, an accomplished singer, songwriter and guitarist, who would entertain the audience at intermission, was the sole judge of the affair. He said picking a winner was not going to be easy. In the Junior division, 3d Place went to Shaylynn Steely for her soulful rendition of "I Am Home." 2nd Place was earned by Kennedy Perry, for her jazz dance. The 1st Place winner was Katie Beth Curtis for her remarkably moving dance to the song "Bring On The Rain." Samantha Crittenden was voted the Peoples' Choice for her powerful rendition of an Adele song, "Go Easy On Me." Picking winners among this host of talented youngsters was in-

deed a tough job. In the Senior group, 3d Place was awarded to Kylee Laginess for her scintillating flag twirling routine. 2nd Place was won by Aneisa White for her smooth country voice rendition of "Blue Moon Of Kentucky." 1st Place was garnered by Betty Jo Palmer for her exquisite jazz dance routine to a modernized version of an old favorite crooner tune, "Mr. Sandman." Interestingly enough, both first place winners performed jazz dance routines and they were both the final contestants? All of the performances brought forth excellent entertainment and the crowd showed their appreciation with enthusiastic applause. Stilwell Has Talent...and how!



Junior Division winners: L-R: Shaylynn Steely, 3rd; Kennedy Perry, 2nd; Katie Beth Curtis, 1st.



Sammie Crittenden, Peoples' Choice Winner...



Savannah Cunningham at the keyboard singing a soulful spiritual song, "Give Me Jesus."

Health Tips from Larkin.....

Health tips from Larkin: The purpose of natural healing: Most people tend to think that natural health is simply about curing illness so that you can get on with your life as it was. However, that is not the case, because natural health is often tied to spirituality to a degree, and because of such, we natural health practitioners know that there is always more to each individual that we meet, than meets the eye. Each individual has a certain purpose that they are to fulfill in life, and in natural health we know that a person's greatest health contributor is how well aligned with that purpose they are. So yes, natural health practitioners are concerned with making you well, but they don't do it so you can go back to your old life, they do it so that you will have the strength to let go of the past, and move forwards to your destiny in life. So when going to a natural health practitioner, don't go expecting a pill to cure your ailments only, expect a path to be shown to you, of how you can heal yourself and others by following your purpose. That is the underlying purpose of natural health. Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell.

Only God can turn a MESS into a MESSAGE, a TEST into a TESTimony, a TRIal into a TRIumph, a VICTim into a VICTory. GOD is GOOD... all the time!

DID YOU KNOW?

The highest point in Oklahoma 4,973 Ft. At the Black Mesa in far North West Oklahoma. The lowest is 287 ft. in McCurtian co., on the Red River East of Idabel.

Oklahoma has the largest Native American population of any state, descendants of the 67 tribes once called it home. 39 tribes still have tribal offices in the state.

Oklahoma was the 46th state to enter the Union and did so on Nov. 16, 1907.

The Lady in the Blue Sari
Serial by Donna Boecher

Part #44

Lydia and Agatha's participation in the Guru's festival day in Udaipur made them feel closer to the family members and others they'd advised and listened to over the years. Later that week they walked and talked in Gulab Bagh amongst society of all ages, castes, and nationalities - remembering how they'd met in early 2001. Back then they'd looked out on the Arabian Sea from The Gateway of India (83' high) in Mumbai; Lydia had held a

small sketchbook and Agatha was standing next to her framing the gate in her camera's view finder. Millions, billions of visitors from around the world had viewed this scene. Some had traveled over 8,000 miles to see and feel the greatness of this vast, beautiful country of over 1.4 BILLION (18% of the world's population)! Their words in 2001, "magnificent." They joined forces in 2001 and learned about India over the next three months.



Dear John,

This is a cautionary tale I was dying to share. I was at work when I noticed my fingertips and thumb nails looked black. My heart went into my throat as I thought something was wrong with my health. I got my smart phone out googling the symptoms. Burger's disease! This is very serious! I might be dying! I was so upset I went into the bathroom and after doing my thing, I looked back at the toilet seat. It had a perfect imprint of my behind?! My new black panties were not such a good buy after all. I had a good laugh at myself and could hear my mother's voice saying, "You should have washed them first". My disease turned out to be the "Made in China Syndrome". I laughed out loud and I hope your readers might find it amusing. We need American made items again. I've noticed online shopping always pushes these great deals. They are anything "but" (no pun intended). China Syndrome

Dear China Syndrome... at least you don't have the dreaded "Burger's Disease." This is one time when lmao might have been Dear John's best response. It is good when we can laugh at ourselves. Your initial panic over your black fingers is so human and something all of us can relate to. And it is a good thing that Google's response ended up not applying to you. Insofar as products from China are concerned, we have been tantalized into buying their stuff because of "low prices" yet so often we end up paying a premium for low quality. In your case, "wash 'em first" may have spared you some grief. Mamas still know what they are talking about. Their voices will always remain with us.

Sincerely,
Dear John
Have you got a question for Dear John? send it to: dearjohn@wri teme.com
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THE KIPLING KORNER

"Our loves are not given, but only lent, At compound interest of cent per cent."

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

Today's Trail Treks To The World Of Idiosyncratic Minds...

OKLAHOMA INVENTORS: Part 1 in a series...

America is truly the land of innovation fueled by FREEDOM. No other land comes close to the astounding inventions that Americans have come up with throughout America's history. Today's Trail takes a ride on a shopping cart. Who doesn't take the seemingly ever present grocery store shopping cart for granted? Yet they have not always been part of our grocery shopping experience. It was a man named Sylvan Nathan Goldman, a grocer in Oklahoma City who owned several large stores in that neck of the woods, who, in the 1930's changed the grocery shopping scene. He observed his shoppers struggling to carry as much as possible in their arms while coming to the register. He got to thinking one day, while sitting in his office chair,

the kind with wheels, when a lightning bolt of an idea hit him! Why not fashion a "basket" on a frame with wheels? Thus, in 1936, the first shopping cart was born. With the help of Fred Young, an engineer, who built the cart from Goldman's design, a patent was granted in 1938 and people have been stuffing their carts with more groceries than their little old arms could carry ever since. Needless to say Goldman made out like a bandit at the register. Indeed, it was he who, thereafter, started the "Piggly Wiggly" grocery chain. One can only imagine Goldman doing cartwheels in his parking lot when the patent came through! Idiosyncrasy and wheelies, anyone? For today the Campaign Trail has come to an end. Til the next time, stay on the

right side of the fence, my friend. May your Trail take you where you want to go. Carry on and sing this song, "Happy Trails to you, until we meet again."

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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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Galatians 13:13

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, because it is written, Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree

SCRIPTURE

Gal 13:13 (KJV)

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Searching for a Word – mail (second definition). Flexible armor composed of small overlapping metal rings, loops or chain, or scales.

Ex. To protect my hand from injury while using wood carving tools, I wore a hand-guard of chain mail.



THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

A MOST DIVISIVE ISSUE

When it comes to a disagreement on a huge issue, the debate over the abortion issue has been going on for decades in this country. On this issue both sides' beliefs are entrenched deeply, the "no abortion under any circumstances" crowd is as popular as the "it's okay to abort a live baby crowd" and neither of these two groups can be swayed. It has been said that politics creates strange bedfellows; the quest for political power, especially in an election year, has already started.

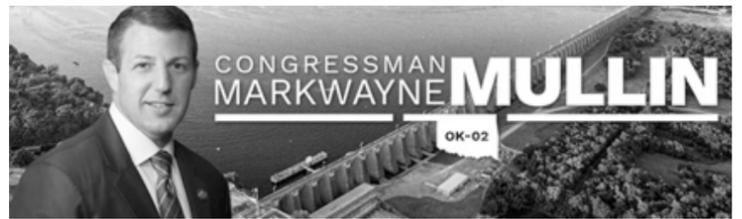
Our country is going to hell in a hand basket, but the desire to gain political power takes a back seat to all of the problems that are facing our nation. Inflation is currently destroying the life savings of many hard-working Americans. The increase of big government and the loss of freedoms should be of concern to all Americans, but now we have an issue that is cater-made to divide our citizens. When the draft from the Supreme Court was leaked concerning the possibility to overturn Roe vs Wade, the left, just like

they were on cue, started the dividing process to try to sway voters from voting for conservatives this fall.

Chuck Schumer immediately started the scare tactics by saying that the reversal of Roe vs Wade would outlaw all abortions across the United States, and even Janet Yellen made the comment that the reversal would be harmful to our economy. In my opinion both of those comments are full of a bunch of balloon juice. And if Janet Yellen happens to be right in her assessment, it is a sad day when we put a dollar figure on a human life. The Democrats could not get 60 votes to codify Roe. It would be equally impossible for the Republicans to get 60 votes to end all abortion. All the reversal of Roe vs Wade would do would be to allow each state to regulate abortions in their respective states. States such as California and New York will never place tough restrictions on abortions, states such as Oklahoma and Texas will impose more restrictive laws. In an ideal world the only reason for abortions

would be those instances where medical problems required the procedure, but we do not live in an ideal world. Our only option is for all of us to make other options available to make the process of abortion a less attractive option for an unwanted pregnancy. For years the main argument that was used to justify abortion was "My body, My choice" however during the pandemic the left with their vaccine mandates surrendered that argument.

Whether you are pro life or pro abortion is immaterial, Roe vs Wade is an affront to the Constitution. It is not the duty of the federal government to decide on this issue, it is the duty of each individual state, just as it is each state's duties to write the election laws in their state. The left in this country has no accomplishments to run on in the mid term election, the only thing they have is to try to create enough division over a divisive issue, such as abortion, in an attempt to sway enough voters to remain in power.



Mullin It Over:

Honoring our Officers during National Police Week

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

As National Police Week is here, we recognize the brave men and women of our law enforcement and pay special tribute to officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. I am immensely grateful for our local, state, and federal law enforcement, and want to remind them that we proudly Back the Blue, despite constant calls from the left to defund the police.

Every day, our men and women of law enforcement put on the badge and bravely place themselves in harm's way to protect our communities. They sacrifice time away from their families to serve the public and are always among the first to respond in a crisis.

To the over 8,000 police officers in Oklahoma, thank you. We know that a single week is not enough time to recognize the extent of your service and sacrifice, but please know that you have our support and gratitude. I also want to recognize the deputies and civilian support staff who work 24 hours a day to protect our communities.

It's also incredibly important we take a moment

to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of others. These fallen heroes will never be forgotten, and we must always support their families as well as their brothers and sisters in law enforcement. We continue to pray for healing and peace for the loved ones of those who have lost their lives in service to our country.

America is a nation of laws. To dutifully uphold these laws, our law enforcement officials willingly pledge their lives to maintaining peace in communities and working with the judicial branch to restore justice under law. We know that the intense pressure and scrutiny from those who wish to undo the rule of law in this country has not made this easy.

This week, I encourage everyone to thank law enforcement members in their community who sacrifice so much in their line of duty to protect our laws, and more importantly, our families, our friends, and our neighbors.

ON THE BALLOT

REPUBLICAN PARTY CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 2 CONGRESS:

- Dustin Roberts
- Clint Johnson
- Rhonda Hopkins
- Marty Quinn
- John Bennett
- Chris Schiller
- David Derby
- Josh Brecheen
- Guy Barker
- Pamela Gordon
- Wes Nofire
- Erick P. Whatt
- Johnny Teehee
- Avery Frix

State Senator Dis. 4

- Tom Woods
- Hoguen Apperson
- Tom Callan
- Keith A. Barenberg

What's So Punny? PUN FUN

There are more puns than Rapunsel had hair. (Does anyone today even remember Rapunsel?) Anyhow, there are always more puns to come and here are a few coming at you... get ready to giggle, maybe wiggle or even jiggle?

1. Speed of Light. Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak! ZAP!

2. Karma Lessons. Did you hear about the restaurant called Karma? There is no menu...you get what you deserve! OUCH!

3. Loose Dogs. A police officer just stopped by my house to tell me that my dogs were chasing people on bikes. I told him, "That's ridiculous. My dogs do not even own

bikes!" WELL SPOKEN!

4. A Kidney Bank. England does not have a kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool! DOO WADDY DIDDY...

This is a good a place as any to end the PUN FUN for today, but take heart there are more puns on the way!

Have you got a funny one? send it to: writewright@journalist.com

Whenever my wife uses the phrase: "I Was Thinking."



That means I have to move, build, paint, or buy something.

Silly Stuff

What do you call two monkeys that share an Amazon account? Prime mates

What did the frog order for lunch? A burger and a diet croke

Vocabulary word – mail. Letters and packages that are transported by the postal service.

Ex. My mail was late because my postal carrier had a flat tire that had to be repaired.



Puzzle Page

YOU NEED TO THINK LITERALLY TO SOLVE THESE PICTOGRAMS

Answers on page 5

1.	2. PROSPECT	3. CHILD -COUPLE
4.	5. ING A COMPLIMENT A COMPLIMENT A COMPLIMENT	6. INTUITIVE
7.	8.	9. GAME
10.	11. GOBBLE GOBBLE	12. SEE I II

A YOUNG WRITER'S STORY

A Story About Jack,
Part 12

My birthday was fun, but I wish it had been longer. If it was longer then I could have more to say. The truth is it has been boring around here lately. Except for the new foal. The new foal's name is

Maria, she is very small (too small). We have all been quiet worried about her, but she seems to act normal. She's walking like a normal foal. That is about all I have to say.

By Keegan Hummingbird, age 11

MILLER FARMS TAKES FIRST PLACE



Miller Farms
75th Annual
Strawberry Festival

Bryce Miller proudly displays his exquisite champion strawberries.



Stilwell Sports Spotlight

Commentary by John Bankel

Spring sports brought many a thrilling and history making moment. The Girls Slow pitch Softball team, ranked #7, qualified for the State Tournament for the first time in school history. Their run at the state title, however, was curtailed in the first round as they lost to #3 ranked Tecumseh, 14-8, in OKC. Congratulations are in order for their stellar season! The Girls Track and Field team

took several competitors to the state competition in Ardmore, with 4 grabbing a spot on the podium. Emily Cruz scored a 5th place finish in the 1600m and garnered 4th place in the 3200m event. Emily has entered her name in the annals of Stilwell High School Track and Field. Three girls jumped their way onto the podium with fine performances, with all of them clearing the bar at 5' or better:

And to put a caper on a great 2021-22 SHS athletic year, Cutter Sheets inked a Wrestling scholarship to compete at Oklahoma State University, following in the footsteps of his brothers and his father, Mike Sheets. Congratulations for your outstanding achievement, Cutter Sheets! Let's see what the 2022-23 seasons bring forth? It is sure to be exciting!



L-R: Coach Davis, Windi Holmes, Gracey Hensley, Shannon Catron, Coach Smith

Congratulations to Cutter Sheets who signed earlier this year to continue his wrestling career at Oklahoma State University.



Front L-R: Kristy Sheets, Cutter Sheets, Mike Sheets Back row: Coach Paul Mayfield.

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FREEDOM



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SOCIALISM

GRATITUDE FOR AMERICA

APOLOGIZE FOR AMERICA

SECURE BORDERS

OPEN BORDERS

DEFEND POLICE

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ABOLISH MS-13 GANGS

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LOWER TAXES

RAISE TAXES

LEGAL IMMIGRATION

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

GOVERNMENT CONTROL

ALL LIVES MATTER

SOME LIVES MATTER

YOU CHOOSE YOUR DOCTOR

GOV'T CHOOSES YOUR DOCTOR

IMPLEMENT VOTER ID

NON-CITIZENS VOTE

KEEP YOUR GUNS

GOV'T TAKES YOUR GUNS

ANTI-ABORTION

PRO FULL TERM ABORTION



Emily Cruz



Westville Loyalty Days Loyalty Queen Kylee Laginess ready to ride in Strawberry Festival Parade

Obituary



Aubree Lynn Murray, daughter of Chad and Sarah Murray, was born on February 1, 2009, in Tahlequah, OK. She went home to be with Jesus on Thursday, April 28, 2022, in Watts, OK, at the age of 13 years, 2 months, and 27 days. Aubree was a beautiful and smart young lady, quiet yet witty and funny. As a child, she had a shrill, tiny voice, and she loved shiny things with lots of bling. She was crazy about her siblings and was wise beyond her years. She gave her heart to Jesus on Easter Sunday at 5 years

of age. She was a prayer warrior, and helped her Momma in Praise and Worship. She had a passion for Children's Ministry and Children's Church. She loved time spent with her family watching old movies and going on their travel adventures. She was an avid deer hunter and a crack shot. She was competitive and loved to play games. She loved her brothers and sister, she was loving and gentle with them. She thought the little ones were hilarious. Her work ethic at the State Line Christian Academy was impeccable; her work near perfect. She was dependable and steady. She was strong. Aubree was preceded in death by her paternal great-grandparents, Dean and Betty Murray, and Walter and Eunice Malory, and her maternal great-grandparents, Bill and Evelyn Fain, and Wynona Galyean.

Aubree entered into the Gates of Heaven with her beautiful mother, Sarah Lynn Murray. She is survived by her loving family which includes her father, Chad Murray; her siblings, Anna Mae, Ryder Chace, Alexis Rhea, Alarah Dayle and Thaddeus David Murray; her maternal grandparents, James (Jim) and Robbin Fain; and her maternal great-grandfather Bob Galyean and a host of friends and other family members who love her. Funeral services were held at 11 am on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at the First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, AR with Bro. Jonathan Fain, Mariah Eubanks, Alicia Baggs and Bro. Ben Cain officiating. Interment followed at Westville City Cemetery, Westville, OK under the direction of Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK.



Sarah Lynn (Fain) Murray, daughter of James and Robbin (Galyean) Fain, was born on April 24, 1988, in Tahlequah, OK. She married the love of her life, Chad David Murray, on July 29, 2006. She left this world to meet her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, April 28, 2022, in Watts, OK, at the age of 34 years and 4 days.

Sarah was an amazing person. She was a wonderful friend to those in addiction/recovery, and prayed for strangers. Her friendships over the years meant the world to her; she treasured all of them and was genuinely concerned about the well-being of individuals and families.

She became involved in ministry for the Lord at an early age. She was the Puppet Ministry Team Leader at age 12, worked in Children's Church, Kids Choir, Nursing Home Ministry, and helped wherever needed. She took it upon herself to paint Sunday School classrooms, purchase equipment, and do anything to further the Gospel of her Savior. Sarah loved Chad from the time she was 8 years old. Ten years later, they were married; she was 18 and he was 21. Their life together was full of many exciting adventures and travel, and their love for each other was evident to all who knew them. One of her favorite things to do was deer hunting with Chad in the fall. She could hardly wait for the season to begin. As their family grew, each one of their children followed her example and have become avid hunters as well. If you saw her trophy wall at home, you'd understand! Sarah was a busy lady. A loving wife, mother to six children whom she adored, their home

was always a place full of energy and fun. She was also Chad's business partner for Murray Plumbing, School Administrator for State Line Christian Academy, Teacher, Pastor, Worship Leader, and an ordained Minister of the Gospel. Her life in service to God was her main focus. She poured her heart and soul into the ministry; teaching, training, discipling youth, counseling, carrying a burden for many who never knew she prayed. She had a burden for Native American Missions, and was planning a trip out West. She loved the people she worked with at SLCA; and she loved her church family. She was a prayer warrior, and when there was a need, you knew she'd be praying. The memories shared with her will remain in the hearts and minds of all those whose lives she touched.

Sarah was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Bill and Evelyn Fain, and her maternal grandmother, Wynona Galyean. She entered into the Presence of God with her beautiful daughter, Aubree Lynn Murray, by her side. She is survived by her family who loves her, which includes her husband, Chad Murray; her children, Anna Mae, Ryder Chace, Alexis Rhea, Alarah Dayle, and Thaddeus David Murray; her parents James (Jim) and Robbin Fain; her siblings, Natasha Fain and Jared Fain; her grandfather, Bob Galyean, her niece and nephew, Kelsey Dugger and Conner Kester; and a host of friends and other family members who love her. Funeral services were held at 11 am on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at the First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, AR with Bro. Jonathan Fain, Mariah Eubanks, Alicia Baggs and Bro. Ben Cain officiating. Interment followed at Westville City Cemetery, Westville, OK under the direction of Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK.



Shelly Denise Byrd Carey, 48, went to her Heavenly home to be with her Lord on May 10, 2022, at her home in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Her firm belief and devotion to God guided her through her life and battles. Shelly was born to Sammy and Lillie Mae Byrd on August 14, 1973. She met the love of her life and her "Sugar Bear", Timothy Carey in 1992. They were married on February 14, 2000. Together they had 2 children, Marissa Marie Carey, and Eli Jordan Carey. She enjoyed reading God's word and attending church services. She also loved fam-

ily and church family gatherings. Her weekend hobbies included mostly yard sales and long drives to admire God's beauty. Shelly, a prayer warrior, enjoyed any chance to be able to worship and sing praises to God and always kept her faith. She kept her prayer list updated daily, which included people she didn't even know. Shelly was preceded in death by her beloved father: Sammy Byrd; her grandmothers: Elsie Vann, and Betty Byrd; her grandfathers: Andy Riddle, and John Byrd; her uncles: Gene Riddle, Albert Vann, Leon Carey, Ocie Byrd, Wesley Byrd, Fabian Byrd; and aunts: Janie Grayson, Laura Bunch, and Lila Gonzales. Shelly is survived by her husband: Timothy of the home; her daughter: Marissa of the home; her son: Eli of Tahlequah. Her mother: Lillie Mae of Tahlequah; one sister: Udie Soap and

husband Larry Don of Bunch, 5 brothers: Jimmy Dale Riddle and wife Toni of Stilwell, Jerry Byrd, Gary Byrd, Kevin Byrd and companion Amanda of Tahlequah, and Sammy Byrd, Jr. Three handsome grandsons: Peyton Jordan Yoder, Echota RedBird Budder, and Spencer Carey. Special aunt and uncle: Mike and Marie Starr of Stilwell. She is also survived by numerous extended family, including in-laws, numerous nieces and nephews, family, church family, and friends. Shelly will be dearly missed, and her love and faith will live on through each of those that knew her. Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Friday, May 13, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Tim Carey and Dexter Vann officiating. Interment followed at the Vann Family Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.



Donald Gene Janes of Watts, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully at the age of 71 years on May 9, 2022. He was born on December 3, 1950, in Gravette, Arkansas to Donald and Lora Janes. Donald was preceded in death by his wife: Myra Louise Janes; and his broth-

er: Chester Wayne Janes. Lovingly remembered by his son: Donald Janes, Jr. of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; son: Bobby Janes and spouse Cherie of Gentry, Arkansas; his daughter: Tina Janes and spouse Jason Tutor of Watts, Oklahoma; 5 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; and his brothers: Bill, Roy, Pat, and Mike; and sisters: Sharon, Linda, and Mary. Donnie was a simple man who enjoyed his grandchildren, spending time with his dogs, gardening, and tinkering. He spent his career working

in maintenance at a few jobs and he enjoyed what he did. Donnie also enjoyed riding his motorcycle and watching westerns. He will be missed. Graveside services were held at 11 am on Friday, May 13, 2022 at Old Baptist Mission Cemetery, Westville, OK with Bro. Terry Wofford officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK.



- Word Picture Answers
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1. Back to square one
 2. Hot prospect
 3. Childless couple
 4. Heard it through the grapevine.
 5. Fishing for compliments.
 6. Counter intuitive
 7. Apple of my eye
 8. Piggy Bank
 9. Shell Game
 10. Egg on her face
 11. Talking Turkey
 12. See eye to eye





Community

Bulletin Board

HAVE SOME FUN at Stilwell Cruise Night, June 4, 6-10pm. There will be a burnout zone for a small fee. Be courteous, be kind and don't forget to pick up after yourself when it is all over. Thanks and ENJOY!

Bethel Church Service: 1st Saturday of the month and last Saturday of the month, service at 5 p.m.-? Rodney Chuculate.

Women's Prayer Meeting. Tuesday nights at 6 p.m.-? Martha Snow.

Adair County Litter-Free & Green monthly Recycle Day is from 9 a.m. to noon at the Adair County Commissioner District 2 Barn located on Hwy. 59 N and Fairfield Road. You may contact Cathy Unger at 918-696-1178 or Joyce Radtke at 918-696-7316 if you have questions or comments.. The following is a list of projected recycle dates and will only change if there is inclement weather conditions that day: April 16th, May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December 17th.

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