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HOMECOMING KINGS: THE CROWNING MOMENT

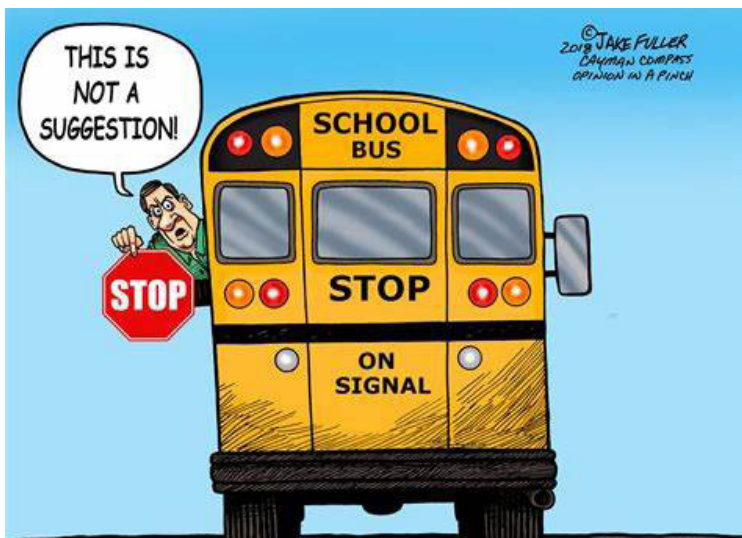
It was a perfect night for football; it was a perfect night for Homecoming; it was a perfect night for what was about to transpire. On Thursday, October 12, the Cave Springs Hornets entertained the Gans Grizzlies to cap their Homecoming celebration. Gans came all the way from Logan County, about a 3 hour bus ride. Still, they came to play. This writer had never seen an 8 man football game. I picked a good one. It would turn out to be epic. Both teams played hard and fast and loose. All game long, there were thunderous hits that reverberated throughout the stadium; in the old days we would say, "the leather was popping." At the end of the half, the scoreboard read: Gans 8 Cave Springs 6. The thought occurred to me that this game would go down to the wire. The crowd roared when the Hornets took the lead in the 3d Quarter, 14-8. The Grizzlies came back to tie the game. And then scored again to take a 22-14 lead in the 4th Quarter. The Hornets responded with a touchdown and a crucial 2 point conversion to knot the score at 22-22. Then the game took the road to its epic conclusion. With a little over a minute left in regulation, the Hornets relinquished the ball to the Grizzlies. Gans took over on their own 30 yard line. With such little time remaining and a long way to go, it was clear that the quickest route to the end zone would be through the air. Three passes and 3 pass interference penalties on the Hornets, moved Gans deep into Hornet territory. The clock showed 15 seconds with the ball

at the Hornet 2 yard line. The Grizzlies were poised to put this game away. The crowning moment was about to happen. Gans called a running play. The runner hit the hole. #44, Isaiah Sam, stepped into that hole and, with a crushing hit, popped the ball loose. It went flying into the air and landed in Isaiah's arms. With nothing but clear field in front of him, he put on the afterburner and made a beeline (or shall we say a "hornet-line") to the opposite end zone. There was a Grizzly in hot pursuit and appeared to be gaining ground, but at about the 20 yard line, Sam veered to his right and crossed the goal line untouched. The crowd went wild. The 2 point conversion was good and the jubilant Hornets walked off the field as "Homecoming Kings" with their ultimate crowning moment. Yet the jewel on the crown was when the coaches and players knelt in prayer at the 50 yard line to God be the glory. This is as good as it gets in high school football. Final: Cave Springs Hornets 30 Gans Grizzlies 22. Cave Springs is now 5-2 with 2-0 in District play. On Thursday, October 19, the Hornets travel to Keota. Kickoff is 7 pm.



Homecoming 2023

Shout out to Andy Massie for the amazing pictures!! I always know when he shows up we are about to get some awesome photos! Thank you sir for capturing these moments for our kids!
Cave Springs Public Schools



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MATTHEW 7:25 KJV

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

Today's Trail Treks To.....

Reeling It In

As I write this, the Republicans are still without a Speaker of the House. Jim Jordan, at this stage of the game, seems to have the inside track. If he gets the nod, some things are sure to change. One of those changes will be in regard to the profligate spending for which the democrats have a penchant. Yet, no one should be surprised by that, since democrats have always been addicted to tax and spend. As of this writing, the Feds are in the hole to the tune of 33 Trillion Dollars, with an annual deficit of more than 1 Trillion. With Jim

Jordan holding the gavel, a priority will most likely be reeling in the debt. I like the concept. It is how I like to roll with my own personal finances. After the necessities are taken care of, anything else is bound by whether I can afford it. I either do without or make do with what I have. It is an approach that could be tried in Congress if Congress ever gets serious about the debt problem. Just the same, I would not hold my breath. Let's see if Jim Jordan, as the Speaker, has the same mindset and starts reeling it in?

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

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ADAIR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP



Watts Engineers: 8 Man Football

On Saturday, October 14, the Oaks Mission Indians came to town to tangle with the Watts Engineers in a District contest. By the looks of the score, the two teams made this game an interesting affair. Watts prevailed in the end, besting Oaks Mission by a score of 44-32. Watts improved their season record to 4-3, but what is more important, the Engineers are now 3-1 in District play and have moved into a favorable position to qualify for extending their regular season into the Playoffs. On Thursday, October 19, Watts will travel to take on Copan. Kickoff is 7 pm.



Westville Yellowjackets

Westville's woes continued on Friday, October 13 where they faced a tough Victory Christian squad at home. Victory proved to be unstoppable as they pounded Westville's defense with a barrage of 60 points. The Yellowjackets managed to score 14. The loss dropped Westville's record to 1-6, 1-3 in District play. With only 3 District games left in the regular season, the Yellowjackets have exhausted any chance of making it to the Playoffs, in light of the fact that 2 of those 3 remaining games are against powerhouse schools, Kiefer and Kansas. On Friday, October 20, Westville travels to Morris in a 7 pm contest.



Stilwell Indians

The 4th ranked Ada Cougars came to James F Bradley Memorial Stadium on Thursday, October 12 to knock heads with the Stilwell Indians. Ada came into this contest sporting a perfect 6-0 season record. The Indians came in at 2-4. The Cougars proved to be too much for Stilwell as they scored early and often, as the scoreboard blinked time and again and finally rested at 62. On a bright note, the Indians did show some offensive prowess of their own with a 28 point output. Final: Ada 62 Stilwell 28. On October 20, the Indians will take a long bus ride to tangle with the Madill Wildcats, who are also struggling this year. In 2022, their game in Stilwell is still one for the ages, as the underdog Indians pulled out an astounding 46-45 overtime thriller with a 2 point conversion. Gutsy and not soon forgotten. Time for a repeat. Kickoff is 7 pm.



Adair County 4-H Officer's working on Operation Shoebox community service boxes. They knocked out over 150 boxes!!! We are proud of this team! We even got to celebrate one of our officer's birthday, HAPPY BIRTHDAY WYATT!

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Searching for a Word: sensitive. Highly responsive or susceptible, easily hurt or delicately aware of the attitudes and feelings of others.

Ex. The young puppy was sensitive to loud voices and would hide under the table.



THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

GETTING SLAPPED

Ever since I can remember I have heard an old expression about slapping some sense into someone. While I do not condone violence, I have also found that talk is cheap and of very little use. If there was ever a time when some of our elected leader needs some sense slapped into them, it is now. The terrorist attack of 9/11 has faded over the years, but the terrorist attack in Israel should be a wake up call for the entire world. There is an evil force in the world, and no amount of bribing and sucking up will change the minds of people who are obsessed with hate and violence. The actions of the Biden administration shows that they think they can give our American taxpayer money to various groups across the world and they will be our friends.

The Biden administration has made a complete disaster of our foreign policy along with the economy and national security. For years we conservatives have pushed our elected leaders to get a handle on our southern border. The liberals, in an attempt to turn red states blue, have promoted their open-door policy. They look at these people who are illegally crossing into

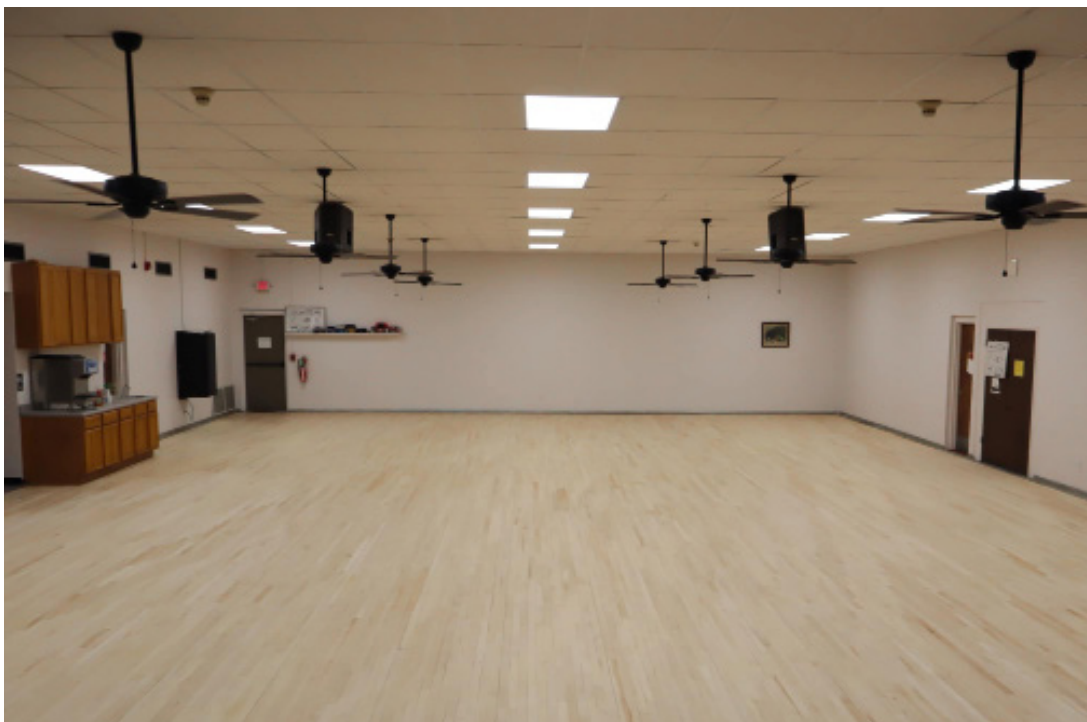
our country as potential democrat voters in the future. Our border guards are completely overwhelmed, but they have apprehended several individuals who are on the terrorist watch list; my concern is how many have slipped in without being caught. We often hear the liberals talk about comprehensive immigration reform; we need to remember that we currently have laws on the books concerning immigration. Biden and his bunch of Marxists are ignoring the current laws which, in my opinion as well as many legal analysts, is an impeachable offense.

The only thing that the Hamas barbarians understand is brute force, and I support whatever the Israelis decide to do. Over the weekend the Biden administration issued a post on X, formerly Twitter, advising Israel to stand down and not respond to the grisly ambush on Israel, which included the shooting down of at least 260 concert goers at a music festival. The post was quickly taken down by the U.S. State Department, but not before it ignited national outrage. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) called for "every single person involved in drafting and ap-

proving the post to be immediately expelled from the U.S. government."

The Biden administration does not have the ability to get priorities straight. Some of the senior people in the Biden administration have an obsession about climate change and nothing else. The people of Israel just suffered the biggest terrorists' attacks in their history, and all the senior staff could talk about was the climate and how it could kill humanity. We need to wake up to the fact that the climate has always changed and there is nothing we can do to change it, at one time the great Sahara Desert was lush and green and it will be lush and green in the future. The biggest threat we face is deranged fellow humans who have no respect for human life and will do anything in the name of their perverted religious beliefs. We Americans need to stop all foreign aid to any country that does not condemn terrorism, no amount of butt kissing and cold, hard cash will ever change these fanatics. At least the people of Israel can identify their enemies and they will slap some sense into them before it is all done.

Senior Citizens Center is Closed for Renovations



Stilwell's Community Building/Senior Citizens Center will be closed this week due to a renovation project. The project included new LED lighting, new paint, new ceiling tiles and the floor is being redone.

There is over 60k being put into the renovation projects. The funding comes from The Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant Program. The REAP Grant is a point-based program designed to assist smaller communities that lack sufficient fiscal capacity.

The City of Stilwell

WHAT'S SO PUNNY?

PUN FUN

It is once again time for another run of PUN FUN! Today we enter the world of "one liners" that are sure to crack you up. Get ready for a funny bone tickle.

1. Loaded Question: What did one DNA say to the other: Do these genes make me look fat?
2. Happy Haircut: How does the Man In The Moon get his haircut? He eclipse it!
3. Will He or Will He? Our child has a great deal of willpower and even more won't power.
4. Parental Control: Among the things that are so simple even a child can operate them are parents.
5. Reportedly Repeatable: You can't believe everything you hear, but you can sure repeat it.

Well Folks, that there runs the gamut for today's PUN FUN. Hope it was better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick and a whole lot funnier! Til more PUN FUN to come. If your ribs have been tickled, keep the tickle going and pass it on! So long!



State Senator Tom Woods Now Airman Tom Woods

Tom Woods, who recently completed his basic training for the Air National Guard, gets a congratulatory handshake from Alan Starr, who is an Air National Guard Major. Woods said that his next assignment will be in San Antonio, Texas, at

Lackland Air Force Base, where he will be undergoing Security training. This training will be completed by February, 2024, just in time for Woods to assume his legislative duties in the Oklahoma State Senate. We salute you Airman Woods!



Correction: The winner of Krypto Kontest 8.0 is Ross Roye. Stay tuned for Krypto Kontest 9.0 coming soon.



Obituary



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Pearl Marie Duck the daughter of Lee and Edna (Thomas) Hamlin was born October 3, 1932, in Natural Dam, Arkansas and she departed this life on October 10, 2023, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 91 years and 7 days.

Pearl was an avid gardener. She loved her flower garden and enjoyed working in the garden outside. She raised beautiful flowers, and she enjoyed growing vegetables as well. She loved going to church and would often times go to singing around the community. She enjoyed camping and going fishing. She worked for Stilwell Public Schools until she retired. Pearl touched many lives over the years and will be dearly missed by all who loved her.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents Lee and Edna Hamlin; her husband Benjamin Duck; her son Benny Eugene Duck; her daughter Janice Sue Hanlin; her brothers Boyd Hamlin and Paul Hamlin; her sisters Effie Pettigrew and Juanita Miggleto; and her grandson Stuart Duck.

She is survived by a loving family which includes her children Shirley Ann Worth of Collinsville, Delbert Ray Duck and wife Patsy of Hulbert, and Frances Lynn Still and husband Elvin of Stilwell; her sisters Wilma Cullars of Oklahoma City, and Faye Isaacs of Stilwell; her brother Bill Hamlin of Tulsa; seven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Numerous nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive her.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the care of Kester Family Funeral Service.



Thelma Mae Newsom the daughter of Ed and Mollie (Honeycutt) Asbill was born June 18, 1941, at home in the Greasy Community and departed this life on October 12, 2023, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 82 years, 3 months and 24 days.

Thelma enjoyed her role as a wife, mother and grandmother. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed cooking. She enjoyed being outdoors, whether hunting mushrooms, fishing or working in the flower garden. She was baptized in 1955 by Bro. Essary, and she served the Lord daily. Thelma 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 Ed and Mollie Asbill; her husband Bill Newsom; her son Billy Don Newsom Jr.; her brother Jerry Asbill and her sister Rosie Honeycutt.

She is survived by a loving family which includes her daughters Tami Eagle and husband Steve and Shela Watie and husband Phil; her brothers Bill Asbill and James Asbill and wife Cookie; her sister Brenda Cureton and husband Jimmy; her sister-in-law Nan Asbill and her grandchildren Sarah Gilstrap, Snow Eagle, Elan Eagle, Joshua Watie, Jade Watie, William Watie, Wyatt Newsom and Emma Newsom. Several nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive her.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the care of Kester Family Funeral Service.



Every year, Gerry fished in the Coca-Cola tournament and took a fishing trip with his cousins and friends to Sardis Lake. And if Gerry ever taught you how to fish, he showed you how to make a Palomar Knot!

Anyone who met Gerry loved him instantly. He knew no stranger, and whether you were in the family or not, he was your "Uncle Gerry". His humor and wit were unmatched, and the joy he brought to every room will be sincerely missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Jewel Vick; his brother-in-law Charlie Burks; and his beloved nephew, Michael Burks.

He is survived by his sister, Jennifer Burks of the Titanic community; brother Larry and wife Patty of Bates City, Missouri; sister Tawna Baird and husband Darrell of Muskogee, Oklahoma; brother Aubrey Vick and wife Diane of Welling, Oklahoma; nieces and nephews: Tammy Withrow and husband Michael, Rodney Vick and wife Shannon, Mandy Collins and husband Logan, Danielle Burks, Derrick Baird and wife Sara, Brandon Vick and wife

Jody, Josh Vick, Jack Vick, and Sophie Vick; great nieces and nephews: Madison Grant and husband David, Holly & Hannah Vick, Journey & Millie Vick, and Mandy & Mason Burks; and a host of cousins and friends.

"Someday you will read or hear that Gerry Vick is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now... I will have just changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God." (Amended quote of Billy Graham's)

Final arrangements were entrusted to the care of Kester Family Funeral Service.



Gene Ketcher, age 83 of Stilwell, Oklahoma passed away Monday, October 9, 2023, at his home in Stilwell, Oklahoma.

Cremation has taken place, Celebration of Life Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 13, 2023, at the Roberts-Reed-Culver Funeral Home with Dan Ketcher reading obituary and Kendall Nakedhead officiating.

Gene Ketcher was born August 4, 1940, in Stilwell, Oklahoma to Herbert Huey and Frances Mattie (Anderson) Ketcher. He grew up in Stilwell, Oklahoma and attended the Stilwell High School.

On February 14, 1977, Gene married Debbie Hatfield in Baron, Oklahoma. The couple made their home in Baron until moving to Cherry Tree. Gene worked in construction, maintenance and was also a welder. He loved to deer hunt, ride horses, fishing and riding 4 wheelers. Gene loved the Lord, his church, and his church family.

Survivors include his wife Debbie of the home; three children Mike Ketcher and wife Alicia, Lori Anne (Ketcher) Hogner, and William Bradley and wife Leslie; Six siblings John (Mary) Ketcher, Robert (Janet) Ketcher, Curtis (Sandra) Ketcher, Patricia Carson, Dan (Judy) Ketcher, and Paul Ketcher; Grandchildren Colt (Marcie) Ketcher, Dakota (Justin) Price, Christian (Morgan) Hogner, Lauren Hogner, Kaciera Watie, Kurt Duncan, Kylenea Bradley, Diamond Bradley, Dazmine Bradley, Dajah Bradley and Snow Bradley; six great grandchildren Paxton, Kennedy, Timber, Briar, Konner and Kole.



Gerry ("That's Gerry with a G.") Lee Vick departed this life on October 14th, 2023, and entered his heavenly home at the age of 64. He was a resident of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He was of the Baptist faith and grew up attending Free-water Baptist Church in Stilwell, Oklahoma.

Gerry (Again, "that's Gerry with a G.") was born on April 30th, 1959, in Arcadia, California. He was the baby of five born to Mary and Jewel Vick. He grew up in Adair County and attended Stilwell High

School, graduating in 1977. He took zoology courses at Northeastern State University. Gerry worked for Coca-Cola for nearly thirty years. While working for Coca-Cola, he made many lifelong friends, especially through the company softball team that he both started and regularly played for. Coca-Cola is also where he met his partner in comedy, Tom Pierson.

After working at Coca-Cola and until his death, Gerry worked for Pratt Industries as a forklift operator, which was a job he loved very much. He also took his job at Pratt Industries as "every lady's Valentine" very seriously and delivered heart candies every year.

He especially loved OU football and the Kansas City Chiefs. He also loved hunting and fishing with his cousins, nieces, and nephews.

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2 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

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