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## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

#### The Straight Forward FRDD Press Is 2 Years Old!!!

#### THE ENTREPRENEUR SPIRIT

America is built by the "Entrepreneur Spirit." The word "entrepreneur" has its origin in the French language coming from a 13th century French verb "entreprendre," meaning "to do something" or "to undertake." By the 16th century the noun form, "entrepreneur," was being used to refer to somone who undertakes a business venture. Early America was built by such people who undertook business ventures to meet the needs of the people. Indeed, an entrpereneur sees a need and then fills it. Going into business is always risky but the "Entrepreneur Spirit" thrives on risk. The old sayins is: "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." The "Entreepreneur Spirit" is alive and well in America. May it always be that way.

#### THE STRAIGHT FORWARD FREE PRESS STORY

BY JOHN BANKEL

It was on July 1, 2021 that She was the composer for tervened. When with very the Straight Forward FREE Press launched its first edi-Adair County newspaper took shape around March. Donna Boecher, our editor and production manager, and John Bankel, journalist, had a talk one day about how there is only one newspaper in all of Adair County. An article Donna had submitted to the other paper was heavily edited for content which is a nono in the business. She was rankled. When she told me about it, we both exclaimed, "Why don't we start our own newspaper and deliver a different there was a need. And indeed, we were right. Both Donna and I had had experience in writing through the Stilwell Writer's Group and writing for the former Stilwell Weekly Express, a conservative voice that had closed its doors a few years ago. A seed had been planted. We were excited about the project and about the process to bring it to

fruition. Our greatest di-

lemma from the start was

to find someone who could

compose the paper. Bin-

go! Joy Chuculate, now

Coleman, came to mind.

the Weekly Express when we wrote for that paper. tion. The idea for a second I knew that she had gotten out of the business and moved away. I called her. I asked her if she would like to be back in the newspaper business? She said, "Yes." We got together and our ideas took shape. We gave the paper its name. We decided to make it a FREE publication and use an 11x17 tabloid format on copy paper. We put together a prototype to show potential advertisers what we had in mind. The reception we received was very encouraging. As a matter of fact, one merchant told message?" We believed Donna she had been praying for just what we had in mind. It was then and there that we knew Providence was on our side. With volunteer staff ready to work, all we needed was a printer. We found a used Xerox four color machine. That machine served our needs but had frequent issues. Cy Bray with his technical know-how bailed us out on many occasions. It was in March of 2022 our composer Joy Coleman, retired from the Straight Froward Free Press, enjoying travel with her husband. Providence once again inshort notice Stephanie Cullinane of Wauhillau joined our team as composer. Because of Stephanie's extensive computer knowledge, she was able to learn a new state-of-the-art program, in a very short time. Straight Forward Free Press continues to strive for excellence and we have upgraded our capabilities with a newer machine that produces crisper, clearer text and photos. Along the way, we have received nothing but high praise for our efforts. People routinely tell us how much they love our paper. It is not unusual to be flagged down on the streets of Stilwell by someone asking, "Do you have a paper?" The support we have received from the people of Adair County is a testimony that The Straight Forward FREE Press has found an acute need for a conservative voice and is filling it in the "Entrepreneur Spirit." We are blessed to serve the beautiful denizens of Adair Coun-Oklahoma! WADO!





John Bankel, Joy Coleman and Donna Boecher visited The Adair County Historical and Geneolgical Society in July of 2021. They are each holding a copy of the Inaugural Issue of The Straight Forward FREE Press.



Composer Stephanie Cullinane joined the paper in April 2022, replacing now retired Joy Coleman.

### De The People!

#### **PROVERB POWER**

Galatians 5:1 KJV

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

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

Number 30

By Donna Boecher

Many were the times that I wondered how my grand-parents came to purchase the land I now live on. Why Zion Road? Whatever, my front porch is the perfect point from which to watch the fireworks in Stilwell each July 1st. I'm conscientious enough to realize it would be dangerous

to detonate bottle rockets in my front yard. Perhaps they too enjoyed sitting on the porch in their rocking chairs under the night sky - seeing the firestorm without getting entangled in the downtown traffic. As a teen, adult, and senior, I've enjoyed gazing at Davis Mountain as the rockets fragment and drop off God's giant backdrop. Now, I lean against my truck and watch from Division Street amidst the camaraderie of friends. Like the Strawberry Festival, July 4th brings family and friends together to celebrate. Happy 4th of July!



Dear John,

Every year for our wedding anniversary my husband and I go somewhere special. This year he took me to a resort in Colorado. This hotel was a bit shabby and run down. But I was not unhappy about that. This is what happened. We were eating our supper in the lounge located beside an indoor swimming pool. A woman came running through naked as a jaybird. She was giggling and saying, "Everyone in the pool!" Several of the men in the lounge followed, and my husband stood up and started taking his shirt off. I looked up at my beloved and said, "Where are you going?" He said, "Swimming, is that ok?" I said, "Sure, go ahead and when you are done have a nice walk back to Oklahoma." Well, needless to say he did not go. Instead he pulled his shirt down. Poor thing, he looked like a schoolboy who lost all his marbles at recess. He makes me feel like a wet blanket, or his mother and I just want to be his wife.

#### Balloon Popper

When will this man ever grow up?

Dear Balloon Popper...your question is almost impossible to answer. When it comes to men growing up, that is anybody's guess? Some never do. It is a well established fact that women mature sooner than men although in our modern society that could be open for debate. Your man may be still be in his infancy when it comes to controlling his wanton tendencies in your presence. One thing is certain. You handled the matter as well as his mother would have, so give yourself some kudos and show him often what you got. Keep your flame burning and keep it red hot.

Sincerely,

Dear John

Have you got a question for Dear John? email: dear-john@writeme.com or snail mail: Dear John POB 885 Stilwell, OK 74960

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#### ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

### Today's Trail Treks To..... The Oklahoma Constitutional Controversy

There is a huge controversy brewing in Oklahoma. Ryan Walters, the recently elected State Superindendent of Education, is at the heart of it. Walters is a staunch conservative Republican who is doing everything he can to prevent Oklahoma from going "woke." That has set a lot of folks on the left side of the political aisle ablaze with rancor. What Walters is getting ready to implement is the posting of the 10 Commandments in every Oklahoma public school classroom. These 10 Commandments, directly from the Old Testament in Exodus Chapter 20, have been settled as the foundation of our Nation and its law. Thus, they should be seen not as a religious text, rather as a teaching tool for the youth of this generation and also for generations to

come. Yet therein arises the controversy. are those folks who see this as an infringement of the "freedom of religion" clause in the First Amendment of the Bill Of Rights and therefore have raised a Constituional question. Lawsuits will be filed, no doubt. As a second prong to counter the encroachment of the "woke" agenda, Walters is also going to have a compulsory "Western Culture" class, the successful completion of which will be a requirement to receive a diploma from an Oklahoma public high school. This one has also received fierce backlash from those agents who have infiltrated our school system with their marxist Critical Race Theory and their attempts to erase American history through their bogus 1619 Project.

Ryan Walters is not the kind of man to back down from a fight and a fight it will be. The battle lines have been drawn and as the Lord said to Joshua before his battle: "Be of good courage... for I go before you." The battle belongs to the Lord.

Today's Trail has come to an end. Perhaps we will meet again around the bend

my friend. May your Trail end up on the right side of the fence. Happy Trails to you!

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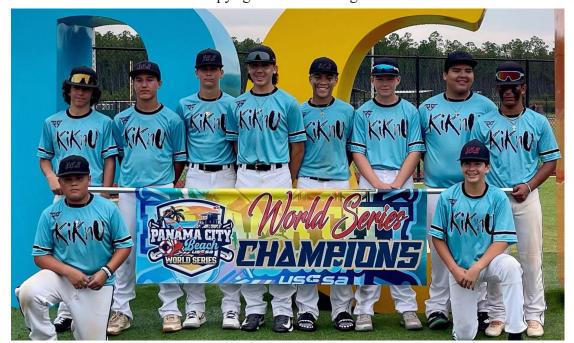
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PROVERBS 29:2–"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."  $^{\prime\prime}$ 

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Shout out and congratulations to KiKnU boys, out of Stilwell, Oklahoma, who won the Panama City Beach World Series 13 AAA Championship.

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#### MISS LOYALTY WESTVILLE RODEO



Miss Loyalty Brooklynn McDonald at the Westville Rodeo.

### END OF THE TRAIL



The Remember the Removal Bike Ride follows the Trail of Tears through over 950 miles and stopping at historic markers around the route where riders discover more about their history and culture. The riders are comprised of citizens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Cherokee Nation. The main goal of the annual bike ride is to honor the riders' Cherokee ancestors that were forced west out of their ancestral homes in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina. The riders made a stop in Stilwell to visit with employees of Cherokee Nation Industries before stopping for the night in Adair County.



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#### THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

#### **SEARCHING FOR JUDAS**

When you want to know where a person's allegiance lies, look at where anyone gets their money. I have found that money will make strange bedfellows. Over the past several months the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is making more provocative moves against the island of Taiwan; those moves include harassing our Navy and aircraft currently stationed in that part of the world. I have found that many Americans care little about the status of Taiwan, but many of those people do not know the importance of that little nation. Taiwan manufactures a huge percentage of the world's computer chips, if the Chinese were to take over Taiwan the world would be at the mercy of the CCP. Today's world computer chips; are in most all of the appliances we rely upon; our autos will not run without them. It wasn't that long ago that new autos were parked at auto plants because the chips needed were not available. We Americans need to wake up and understand that the Chinese are looking out for their in-

terest first, and they don't care about anyone else.

When you look at where the Biden family is getting huge sums of money, China is at the top of the list. Between Hunter Biden and the Big Guy, they have received millions of dollars; while I cannot prove who the big guy is, I do have a pretty good idea. Currently our nation is showing nothing but weakness when it comes to the CCP. In the past few days Secretary of State Antony Blinken went to China with his hat in hand and a pucker on his lips to kiss the backside of the Chinese. We need to remember that the Taiwan people have been an ally of the United States, but you would never know it by his comments while in China. Blinken was quoted as saying the United States will continue to advocate its "One China" policy, under which Washington officially recognizes Beijing rather than Taipei. He went on to say, "On Taiwan, I reiterated a longstanding U.S. 'One China' policy. That policy has not changed. It's guided by

the Taiwan Relations Act, three Joint Communiqués, the Six Assurances. We do not support Taiwan independence. We remain opposed to any unilateral changes to the status quo by either side. We continue to expect the peaceful resolution to cross-state differences." Could it be that all of those millions paid to the Biden family members have had an influence on the actions of the administration? current

One of America's greatest strengths has been having strong, dependable allies. How can we expect our allies to be loyal to us when we are turning our back on our allies in Taiwan, Israel, not to mention the complete fiasco in Afghanistan? Are we Americans so driven to get money any way possible that we are becoming like Judas when he betraved Jesus Christ for 30 pieces of silver? The Chinese are intent upon replacing the United States as the world's most powerful nation, and they are willing to spread some of their wealth around to recruit some American Judases.

## WHAT'S SO PUNNY? PUN FUN

Hey all you punsters! Another week has come and gone. This week marks a special time in the history of PUN FUN. It has been 2 years since PUN FUN was launched in The Straight Forward FREE Press. How many more years of puns there are left is anyone's guess. But you can be sure of one thing? Whether puns are here to stay or not, here are 5 for you today! How about some oneliners and silly dad jokes? Here goes!

- 1. Color Me Daft: I just found out I am colorblind. The news came out of the orange!
- 2. The Last Laugh: Did you hear that laughing

loudly is illegal in Hawaii? They only allow a-low-ha!

- 3. A Real Kick In The Bowl: I found a wooden shoe in my toilet: it was clogged!
- 4. Foggy Water: RIP, boiling water. You will be mist.
- 5. OUCH! Two guys walked into a bar. The third guy ducked!

Silly has its merits. We should all take time out of every day to do or say something silly. Silliness is next to Godliness. Now that is silly! If the Lord is willing and the creek don't rise, stop by next week for more PUN FUN!



#### Psalms 91:1, 2

1  $\P$  He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Psalms 91:1, 2

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**Searching for a Word:** –**Providence** - the protective care of God or of nature as a spiritual power.

Ex. Providence directs my every step leading me by faith and providing abundance.

#### THE KIPLING KORNER

"Our world has passed away,
In wantonness o'erthrown.
There is nothing left to-day
But steel and fire and stone!"
(from For All We have And Are)











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#### Vocabulary Word: Creator-the being worship as the ruler of the universe.

Ex. My Creator has given me peace and abundance throughout my life.

### Community Bulletin Board

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10:00 Sunday Morning Service Bethal Church Everyone Welcome

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting being held at the Stilwell Depot on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm.



#### **Senator Markwayne Mullin**

#### **MULLIN IT OVER**

#### The Fight for Life is Far from Over

On June 24th, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization overturned the unconstitutional right to an abortion, a devastating error from the Roe v. Wade ruling in 1972. On this historic day one year ago, the Court restored the unalienable right to life prescribed by our forefathers and rightfully returned the power to protect the unborn back to the states where it should have been all along.

While this ruling was an incredible step in protecting the unborn, the fight for life is far from over.

Democrats have taken their radical abortion policies to extremes never seen before. For over 50 years, the Hyde Amendment was a bipartisan piece of legislation where both sides of the aisle agreed that taxpayer dollars should never be used to fund abortions. Now, Democrats have abandoned all remnants of Hyde.

Democrats are pushing for abortions on-demand until the moment of birth and exploiting existing loopholes to provide taxpayer-funded abortions and abortion transportation. Their radical legislation overrides existing prolife laws at the state and federal levels that protect both babies and mothers.

To make matters worse, radical leftists have taken to attacking and vandalizing pro-life centers without adequate consequence. There have been at least 85 attacks on pregnancy care centers since Spring 2022. These care centers are nonprofits that offer pregnancy support services, resources, and donations to expectant mothers. Some pro-abortion protestors have even swarmed Supreme Court Justices' homes, vandalized property, and threatened their lives. When protestors pro-abortion tried to intimidate Justices after the Dobbs decision in violation of U.S. Code, the Biden administration looked the other way.

As a Christian and an adoptive father, the fight to protect life is a personal one. Christie and I could never imagine our family without our six wonderful children, including three whom we

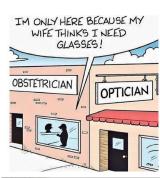
were blessed to adopt.

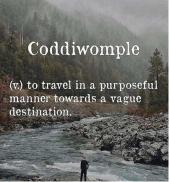
In the Senate, I'm working tirelessly to protect the unborn and save lives. I'm proud to co-sponsor the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortions Act, Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protect Act, Protect Funding for Women's Health Care Act, and Protecting Individuals with Down Syndrome Act. These commonsense measures prevent taxpayer-funded abortions and ensure the unborn have a right to life. The stakes have never been this high.

Every child is wonderfully made by our Creator and worthy of life. As Americans, we have the moral, ethical, and personal responsibility to be the voice for those who cannot speak for them-In Oklahoma, selves. we're already saving lives. but we cannot stop fighting until all of God's children have a chance at life.











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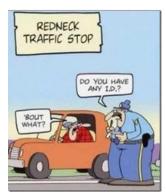
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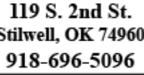
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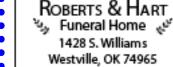
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