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Members of Spring Hollow Bluegrass include: Charla Lacy Myers, Willy Catron, Josh Hammond, Tony Northcott, Charlie Lacy, James Davis and Charles Woods.

Faith Tabernacle Church Hosts Spring Hollow Bluegrass April 3

Submitted by Mary Worsham
Faith Tabernacle Church will host Spring Hollow Bluegrass on Sunday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to an evening of gospel worship and fellowship! Faith Tabernacle Church welcomes Spring Hollow Bluegrass from Siloam Springs. This group of 7 people enjoy getting together to make music for the Lord! The band was started 15 years ago by

Charlie Lacy (mandolin/vocals), Tony Northcott (guitar/vocals), and James Davis (fiddle), all connected by attending the same church. In 2012, Charla Lacy Myers joined the group on upright bass. Shortly after, Charles Woods joined, adding more fiddle and vocal power. When Willy Catron (dobro/vocals) started to church with them, he brought along Josh Hammond (banjo/vocals).

Come join us for this free, fun event; you are sure to be blessed! Faith Tabernacle is located at the corner of Hwy. 51 and Piney Rd., just East of Stilwell. For more information, contact 918-797-8087.

School Board Election Notice

A person must be registered to vote at an address located within the geographical boundaries of the school district in order to be eligible to vote in an election held by the district. In the event that an independent school district or a technology center school district both nominates and elects Board of Education members by Board district, a person must be registered to vote at an address located within the geographical boundaries of the board district to be eligible to vote in a board district. All voters who are eligible to vote in a regular or special election for Board of Education offices are eligible to vote in school bond elections.

Rep. Hardin Presents Jett Sellers with Citation



I'm very proud of all our District 86 youth who made it for OYE 2022. This year, I had the privilege of showing Stilwell FFA member, Jett Sellers', pig during the Legislative Showmanship, and had the honor of presenting her with a citation for her accomplishments. Pictured with Rep. David Hardin and Jett Sellers are her parents, Denise and Buffalo Sellers. David Hardin serves District 86 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Oklahoma Youth Expo 2022 was recently held at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds.

PROVERB POWER

"And if it seem evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." – Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

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Republican Party Candidates, left to right: N. Jack Thorpe, Dist. 27 Attorney, Gentner Drummond, OK State Attorney, Clint Johnson, Dist. 2, U.S. Congress, Tom Woods, Dist. 4 OK State Senate, Hoguen Apperson, and Keith Barrenberg, Dist. 4 OK State Senate.

Adair County Republican Party Meeting Attracts 6 Candidates

By John Bankel

The Adair County Republican Party met on Monday, March 21 at 6:30 pm at the KCS Depot. The 6 candidates, pictured above, attracted a keenly interested standing room only crowd.

The first candidate to speak was Tom Woods, who is seeking election to the State Senate from Dist. 4. Woods spoke about how he was imbued with the entrepreneur spirit from an early age by his dairy farmer parents. At age 12, they gave him his own cow to milk. He ended up milking that cow into acquiring a 30 head herd by age 18. He learned quickly the value of hard work and the value of money. Today Woods has expanded his business acumen to include ownership of a feed store, Woods Feed, a U-Haul Rental business and a trucking business. He has accomplished much as a 27 year old. He understands how to get return on his investment. Woods would like to see all youth understand finances. As a Senator, he will push for "financial

literacy" as part of every junior high and high school curriculum in District 4 and perhaps, even statewide. The benefits of the next generation equipped with "financial literacy" would no doubt be far reaching and even a game changer for our future and would fix many things.

The next speaker was Hoguen Apperson, who hails from Delaware county. He comes from a ranching family that goes back to 1902. Besides ranching, he also travels extensively selling storage tanks for his family business, Apperson Storage Tanks (AST) and along the way his travels have rewarded him with an extensive knowledge of how other Americans in other states operate. He is a staunch Bible believing conservative who would push for a "heartbeat bill" much like Texas has passed. He believes that State Legislatures should have more members who understand business and that the Federal Government, pursuant to the 10th Amendments, has no business mandating anything such as vaccines, lockdowns, etc. Apperson is in favor of local control of the ever expanding and demanding pot growing industry that has cropped up in District 4.

The third Dist. 4 State Senate candidate to address the crowd was Keith Barrenberg. As a former Oklahoma Highway Patrolman and the President of the Oklahoma Highway Patrolman's Association, in which capacity he serve for 10 years, he spoke about how he worked very closely with the State Senate to pass legislation for the benefit of the patrolmen he represented; benefits such as better pay, better working conditions, etc. He said that he understands how an idea becomes a bill and a bill becomes a law, adding that it is a long process. As a State Senator he will see that all 27 Amendments of the Constitution will be protected. Barrenberg closed his talk with an invitation: if he is elected, his door and his phone will always be accessible.

(THE REMAINING 3 SPEAKERS WILL BE FEATURED IN THE NEXT ISSUE.)

A Good Time for All



A traditional St. Patrick's day meal consists of corned beef and cabbage, and most likely, a pint or two of Guinness Stout. Corned beef and cabbage was on the menu St. Patrick's Day evening at the Stilwell American Legion, along with Beans and Ham, but without the Stout. The food was delicious, the atmosphere was Irish and the music, played by Bobbi "The Leprechaun" Parris, was music

for "cutting a rug." What could be more Irish than good food, good music and dancing? And everyone got a gold coin from the "Pot Of Gold"! Yet this will not be the last dance at the Stilwell American Legion. The word is that there are more dances coming up. Please check The Straight Forward FREE Press for the announcement of the next dance. Keep your dancing shoes handy!

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

THE ART OF SABOTAGE

Ever since man has tried to gain dominance over his fellow humans there has been a constant desire to perfect the art of war. Man has found that war can be waged on many fronts, whether it be a bold assault or more secretive, the results can be the same. When you have an opponent that is distracted, in turmoil, and lacks focus you are improving your chances of victory. Sadly, America today is such a nation, we are a nation that does not share a common goal or set of values. One issue today is the cost of energy, all working Americans are sharing a huge pain at the gasoline pump. All of the talk from the radical environmentalists about buying electric vehicles may sound good to some but the fact is simple, our current technology will not allow us to do away with the internal combustion engine or the current system of generating power for this nation. The radical environmental groups have attacked nuclear power along with the burning of oil, coal, and gas. In Europe many nations have mothballed their nuclear plants because they are terrified of these people; now they are in a dangerous conundrum, they are becoming increasingly dependent upon countries like Russia, Iran, etc. We need to ask ourselves how do these groups have so much influence that causes politicians to quiver in their boots? The answer is simple. They have the money to buy media time to promote their demented ideas. We also need to find out where this money is coming from.

A few days ago, I was listening to the radio and I heard a story, written by a French journalist, where there was an accusation that the Chinese and the Russians were funneling huge amounts of money to various environmental groups

in America and Europe. That short story stirred my curiosity, and later that day I did a little searching on the internet for more information. From what I found this practice has been going on for several years. One article was from 2015 and another from 2017; during that time America was having an oil and natural gas boom due to fracking. Because of fracking America had a huge supply of inexpensive natural gas, because of that cheap gas the Russian oil and gas industry had a huge decline in revenues. The accusation was basic; the Russians were willing to spend money to fund groups opposed to the energy industry to sabotage that industry and sway public opinion against domestic energy production. The countries in Europe bought into this rhetoric and are finding themselves between a rock and a hard place; sadly, with the insertion of Joe Biden in the White House, we are not far behind. Because of the refusal to use the God-given resources we have in this country; our elected leaders are destroying our economy and our standing across the world. The sad thing is all of this pain could have been avoided. When we produce our own energy, we create a booming economy with high-paying jobs right here in our own country, and we cannot be blackmailed by oil producing countries who do not like us, but they like our money.

Before we buy into all of the rhetoric by the radical environmentalists, we need to see where they are getting the money to promote their ideas. When it comes down to it, these countries that are supplying money to sabotage our country, and primarily the energy sector, are getting a huge return on their investment.

THE KIPLING KORNER

“And when your back stops aching and your hand begin to harden, You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden.”
(from poem, *The Glory of the Garden*)

Vocabulary
WORD
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the
DAY

Plagiarism

Example: My teacher said, plagiarism was when we didn't give credit to the author's words by putting his words in quotation marks.

• the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.

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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 36

By Donna Boecher

Edward, Lydia's brother, had called her on WhatsApp to check that her trip back to India had gone without problems. Although he was her baby brother by four years, he always acted the part of the “big” brother—maybe because he was 6’5” and 250 pounds. She remembered all the years growing up—they would walk thru the woods to the creek. There was a deep, clear pool of water that was “their private getaway” when the August dry wind and high temperatures raged-on for the whole month.

On the farm they would enjoy the seasons and the flowers planted by earlier generations.

The first generation had planted Lilacs, Daffodils, Tiger Lilies, and seeded Zinnias and Hollyhocks; the second, dogwood and fruit trees—peach, pear, cherry, plum, and apple; the third, wild Purple Phlox, Forsythia, Flowering Quince, Mimosas Trees, and Crepe Myrtles; and the fourth was maintaining it all. They were thinking of reclaiming the old orchard with Columnar Fruit Trees which would give them more in less space and be easy to pick—they would mature at 4’ wide and 8’ tall.

Edward's call ended by letting Lydia know **Spring had come to Oklahoma** because the Forsythia and Flowering Quince were blooming!

SCRIPTURE

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” — **John 3:16-17 (KJV)**

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Health Tips from Larkin...

By Larkin Fouse, CHHP

Natural House Cleaning—Part 1:

In this modern world, we often use chemicals to clean our homes; however, these chemicals get into our bodies and start to have negative effects upon our health. Thus the art of natural home cleaning is of critical importance to maintaining your health. Your challenge for this week is for you to go through your house and check all your cleaning supplies and read the ingredients in them, then look up what those ingredients can do to your health,

that way you know how bad they are for you. Then, once you are good and scared, come back next week, and I will begin to help you make corrections in your house cleaning. Side note: if you start to get panicked about what's in your cleaners, use my stress busting tips from previous weeks to keep you calm till next week!

Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell.



Dear John,

I coordinate social activities for nursing home residents. This also includes their spiritual care. A few days ago, my pastor came to visit me at the office. While we were talking a new pastor in town came to get his worship schedule. This new pastor is a very big man who looks like he enjoys fellowship way too much. Introductions all made, we began to visit. Every time the new pastor walked forward; he would loudly pass gas. I was struggling to keep from busting a gut. I was thinking maybe he shouldn't be on the schedule but I don't know what to do. Help me, John.

Pastor Gas

Dear Pastor Gas...sounds to me like the Pastor put you into a pressure cooker and with each of his eruptions you were ready to pop your cork in howling laughter. How you kept it all in, is a “miracle,” of sorts. You did not say what was the time of day, but for the pastor's sake, he may have overdone the beans at lunch? In that case, it may be just a one time occurrence instead of a chronic problem. I would go ahead and give this man his chance to minister and wait for feedback from his “sheep.” Most people would find his “toot fest” offensive; yet, some others, like yourself, can't help but laugh? Farts can be funny in the right place and at the right time? Put him on the schedule and see if it will be the right place and the right time. God knows!

Sincerely,

Dear John

Have you got a question for Dear John? Send it to: dearjohn@writeme.com.

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Mullin It Over: Light at the End of the Tunnel

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

During Brain Awareness Week, I want to shed light on the millions of Americans who suffer traumatic brain injuries and offer encouragement to the patients and families who are currently going through this. In the past, this week came and went for me. In January 2020, however, this changed.

My son Jim was fifteen when he suffered a traumatic brain injury during a wrestling accident. In less than one day, Jim went from being an elite athlete at a high school learning level to a third-grade learning level, losing most of his motor skills, and suffering severe short-term memory loss. Many of you followed his journey and supported our family through it. We will never forget the prayers and encouragement we received.

Unfortunately, over two million Americans suffer from traumatic brain injuries every year. It is estimated over five million Americans are living with long-term disabilities because of these injuries. Further, those aged 15-19 are among the highest at risk. The brain is precious and vital for everyone, especially these growing teens.

To the families who are currently walking this road, please know you are not alone. As a parent, there is nothing worse than seeing

your child hurt and not being able to do anything about it. Whether it's finding the right doctor, addressing holes in treatment, or simply being heard – your voice matters. We went to multiple doctors before we finally felt like someone was listening.

By the grace of God, we were the lucky ones. Not all stories of traumatic brain injuries end like Jim's. While he is not wrestling anymore, he is living a full and productive life. His motto throughout treatment was, “I learned it once, so I can learn it again.” My wife and I could not be more proud of his hard work.

When telling Jim's story, I cannot go without sharing our immense gratitude for Dr. Mark Ashley and his entire team at the Centre of Neuro Skills in Bakersfield, California. We were very blessed to get Jim the treatment he needed at their facility.

If something is not right, I encourage you to get help and remember to take care of yourself. By taking this week to educate people on the seriousness of traumatic brain injuries, we can make a difference in many people's lives. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

Obituaries

Donna Faye (Duvall) Fourkiller

October 6, 1967 – March 4, 2022

Donna Faye (Duvall) Fourkiller, born October 6, 1967, in Fort Smith Arkansas to Wilburn Duvall and Dora Mae Rosin. She was raised in Marble City with her 2 sisters, where she attended Cave Springs, then went on to OSU Tech and received her Associates, she then began her journey at Baldor where she stayed and enjoyed her job for 27 years. While working there, Donna met her Beloved Husband Woodrow Fourkiller Jr. and shared a lovely first date on Christmas eve of 2014. They married on September 2, 2016.

She is preceded in death by both parents, sister Judy Kay and daughter Krystal Mae, and granddaughter Haidon Adair.

She is survived by her husband Woodrow Fourkiller Jr of the home and her 9 children: daughter Delisha and husband Daniel Marshal of Tahlequah, son Derrick Ross of Bunch, OK, daughter Janessa and husband Eric Teehee, of Vian, OK and son James Ross Jr. (Tiny) of Bunch, OK and son Comingdeer (Buck) and wife Tiffany of Anadarko, OK and son Twoleaf Ross (Baby) of Bunch, OK and Dakota Ross of Tahlequah, OK and daughter Chantel (Baby Girl) and spouse Marcus of Tahlequah, OK and son Kristopher Del (Brother) of Bunch, OK.

“She was more than happy to be the central figure in the lives of her children Anyone who knew them knew that she was the star in their eyes, and that’s all that ever mattered to her.” She also leaves behind her 24 grandkids whom she loved and did anything for, she also has many other loved one’s family and friends uncles and aunts and cousins and nieces and nephews that she loved dearly her affectionate smile and kind heart will be deeply missed but this is only a temporary goodbye for we will meet again.

As Mama always said, “MAMA LUVS U.”

Funeral services were held at 1 pm on Monday, March 14, 2022, at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Dewain O’Fields officiating. Interment followed at Flute Springs Cemetery, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma.

Jacob Daniel Dean

September 17, 2010 – March 5, 2022

Jacob Daniel Dean, son of Meghan Dean and Kyle Morton, was born in Siloam Springs, AR on September 17, 2010. He gained his entrance into heaven on March 5, 2022.

Jacob enjoyed playing with his hot wheels and building model cars with his dad. He also loved cruise nights; burnouts were his favorite part. He loved anything to do with the Fast and the Furious franchise. Jacob recently found a love for basketball and played for the 5th grade team at Westville Elementary.

He was preceded in death by his Great-Grandparents, Sonny and Arlene Farmer, Don and Dorothy Dean, Edith Morton, and Wayne and Mary Jo Isaacs. And Great-Aunt Carolyn Farmer.

He is survived by an amazing, loving family that includes his parents, Meghan Dean and Kyle Morton, twin sister Jaylyn, two brothers Mason Cox and Kayden Morton, all of Westville, OK, Grandparents Dwight and Marsha Dean of Siloam Springs, AR and Johnny and Sharon Morton of Westville, OK. Great-Grandparents Don and Joyce Morton of Yellville, AR. Two aunts, Randi Dean of Junction City, KS, and Jaelyn Morton of Westville, OK. One uncle, Brayden Vaughn of Westville, OK. Cousins Tayvon and Amayia Wright. Special great-aunt, Billie Riepma of Westville, OK. And many great aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation was held from 4 pm-8 pm on Friday, March 11, 2022 at Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK.

Memorial services were held at 2 pm on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at Impact Church with Bro. Navil Vaughan and Bro. Paul Farmer officiating.

James Leroy Hatley

March 30, 1937 – March 4, 2022

James Leroy Hatley, known to friends and family as Jim, passed on March 4, 2022. He was 84 years old and lived in Mesquite, Texas.

Jim was born in Stilwell, Oklahoma, on March 30, 1937; the second son of Alma and Sam Hatley. Jim had one older brother, Ole, and nine sisters—Vivian, Mary Rose, Sally, Alma, Hazel, Hallie, Jean, Betty, and Jessie.

Jim left his home in Stilwell and joined the Air Force at 19 and served from 1956 to 1960. He married Sarah Emogene Frank in September of 1959, and graduated from Arlington State College in 1964 with a Bachelor of Business Administration. He had two sons, James Mark and Michael Leroy. After Emogene’s death in 1999; Jim married Gail Brown in 2001. He is survived by sisters, Jessie and Hallie; sons Mark and Michael; and stepchildren Kenda and Bart.

Jim worked in the insurance industry, earning his CPCU while working for Employers Casualty Company. He later worked for Sleeper Sewell Insurance and Louie Kilgore Insurance Agency.

Jim loved sports, especially baseball, and college and high-school football. His favorite college team was Oklahoma University. He was able to travel to London and the Virgin Islands during his life, but most enjoyed vacationing with family in the mountains of Colorado and New Mexico.

Jim was active in his church, most recently being a member of the Campbell Road Church of Christ, where he enjoyed singing and writing songs with his friends.

No service is planned at this time. Donations in tribute can be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research.

Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.

Julia Ann Eden

September 5, 1938 – March 4, 2022

Julia A. (Wyatt) Eden, 83, died March 04, 2022, due to complications with COPD at Harry Hynes Hospice, St. Francis Hospital. She was born September 05, 1938, in Pratt, Ks. to Joseph L. and Jewell Alice Rebecca (Hoyt) Wyatt.

Julia was warm loving person, a great mentor, protector, teacher, spiritual guide, and great mother. She was a twice married widow. In 1956 Julia married James W. Thurman and they shared their lives together for 21 years. In 1978 she met William L. Eden; they married in 1979 and celebrated 19 years together.

Julia graduated from Isabel High School, Isabel KS Class of 1956. After raising her children, she attended the Wichita Area Vocational Training School earning certifications in book keeping, corporate accounting, and office management skills. Using this knowledge she set out on a new adventure working for the Adair County Health Department, for 18 years and eventually retired in 1999.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by two sisters, Mary Jane Wyatt, Joan (Wyatt) Winters, and a brother, Richard Wyatt.

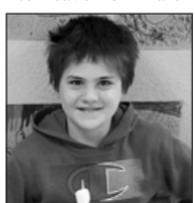
Surviving in addition to her brother, Phillip John Wyatt of Wichita, KS, are daughters: Shelly and her husband Jonathan Wing, Cheney, KS, Lydia Morrow, Derby, KS, sons: James E. and Mary Thurman, Derby, KS, Theodore A. Thurman, McPherson, KS, Richard Allen, Claremore, OK; 15 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside Services were held at Westville City Cemetery, Saturday, March, 12, 2022 at 1:00 PM under the direction of Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK.

Wanda Morris

January 21, 1926 – March 11, 2022

Wanda Morris, 96, of Westville, OK passed from this life on March 11, 2022 at Quail Ridge Living Center. She was born in Chance, Oklahoma on January 21, 1926 to Floyd and Ruth Mitchell. She taught school at Skelly and Procter Ford, and in 1945 she married Leland Morris. Together they had one daughter, Iva Carol. They moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where she finished her education at the University of Tulsa. She taught school at Mingo Schools in Tulsa for 30 years, and during that time she earned her Masters Degree. She moved back to Westville in 1996 and enjoyed traveling and spending time with grandkids, and great-grandkids. She was super sassy and you could always find her with an Icee in her hand. She is survived by daughter, Iva Carol Roberts and husband Paul Lee, grandson Eddie Roberts, and wife Amy, granddaughter Lisa Williams, all of Westville, OK. She was also survived by four great-grandkids, Amber Gonzalez, and husband Barion, Jake Roberts, Vanessa Williams, and Kenda Williams. She was preceded in death by both of her parents, and her husband Leland Morris. Services were held on



March 16, 2022 at 1:00 pm. The viewing was held on March 15, 2022 from 6-8.

Patricia Len Wright

January 1, 1959 – March 7, 2022

Patricia Len Wright, daughter of William and Bertha (Kauffeld) Hogshooter, was born on January 1st, 1959 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and departed this life on Monday, March 7, 2022 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at 63 years of age.

She was loved and she loved those in her life deeply.

She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her children, other relatives and friends.

A gathering of family and friends was held at 1 pm on Friday, March 11, 2022 at Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Commentary by John Bankel

Today’s Trail Treks To Part 3 Of...

THE SAGE OF TWIST MOUNTAIN

In doing my research, I came across stories about the mountain. Some are true, some may be true, and some are just myth. Most of the people that told me stories asked me not to use their names. So here goes, you can be the Judge...

All the water on the mountain was heavy with lime, which caused kidney stones and early death to lots of people.

There is an older cemetery on the south end of Twist Place with Black slaves buried in it.

In the 1930’s some “Revenooers” went up on the mountain, but they never came down.

There is an old Spanish Graveyard with Spanish markings on the north end of Twist.

Two people told me they had seen an old cannon on the N.E. (Dutch Mills) corner of the mountain.

Ghosts or Spirits create an eerie feeling on part of the mountain.

A cowboy riding across the mountain to Dutch Mills saw a hog trough that had petrified sitting under a dripping spring.

Several local cattlemen, Frank Palone, Caleb Wright, and Zeke Starr, started a cattle drive to Dodge City from the area and two of the Twist boys went along as cowboys.

The closest story to a lead mine was of two Indian men, who in the 1930’s, were casting their own bullets from lead they found in a local spring.

And last, but not least, in the 1920’s, 30’s and 40’s, there were great music parties and dances on the mountain. People from Dutch Mills, Piney, and Wrights Chapel would ride horses or wagons to get to these “affairs”! World War II probably ended these, as people moved out, for work or war.

And thus, The Saga Of Twist Mountain has ended, for now.

The foregoing was excerpted from an article by noted Westville historian Terry Rose and is intended for educational purposes only.

Today’s Trail has come to

WHAT’S SO PUNNY? PUN FUN

Today PUN FUN get’s you 3 plus 1. With puns, it is always, “the more, the merrier.” Get ready for some chuckles

Lovin’ The Oven

1. Just burned 2000 calories. That’s the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.

A Buzzless Bee

2. What do you call an indecisive bee? A maybe.

The Veteran

3. The man who survived pepper spray and mustard gas is now a seasoned veteran.

Loose Dogs

4. A police officer just knocked on my door and told me my dogs are chasing people on bikes. I told him that’s ridiculous. My dogs don’t even own bikes. Yikes!

All right, time to wrap up another PUN FUN episode. Till next time, keep on chuckling.

end. Perhaps we shall meet again, somewhere around the bend. My your Trail end up on the right side of the fence. And as the old song goes, “Happy Trails to you, until we meet again.”

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

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Adair County Litter-Free & Green monthly Recycle Day is from 9 am 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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2022 Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt will be held **Saturday, April 9** at 10:00 a.m. at the Adair Park. Age groups are: 0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, and 9-12.

Early Voting Begins Thursday, March 31

Early voting begins Thursday, March 31, 2022 for voters in Adair County. Voters who will not be able to make it to the polls on Election Day, have the option of voting early at their County Election Board.

Adair County Election Board Secretary, Jan Wilhite, said early voting is open to all voters.

“You do not need to provide an excuse to vote early. Oklahoma allows early voting for all elections conducted through the State Election Board—from school board and municipal elections to state and federal elections. This is a great option for those who will be out of town on Election Day or who want to avoid long lines,” Wilhite said.

Early voting is available Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the County Election Board located at 220 W. Division, Stilwell, OK.

Wilhite reminds voters that early voting is not available at polling locations.

The Adair County Election Board is located at 220 W. Division, Stilwell, OK and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For questions, please contact the Election Board at 918-696-7221 or adaircounty@elections.ok.gov.

Following is a list of school districts with elections and candidates that will be on the ballot:

Dahlongeah Public School, office # 2—Troy Littledeer, Gena Kirk.

Peavine Public School, office # 2—Rodney Eagle, Edward Gass.

Stilwell Public School, office # 2—Jess Merriott, Amanda Crozier.

Watts Public School, office #2—Jessica Chaney, Rita Williams.

Westville Public School—Proposition.

A YOUNG WRITER’S STORY

A story about Jack part 7 By Keegan Hummingbird Age 11 - Zion School

I havin't said much about Mac. (I bet you don't even know who or what he is.) Here's a story Mac told me. He likes to over exaggerate everything, but I'm still going to tell the story how he did.

One day I was just a walkin' down the fence, to see if there was any blackberries left. When I saw the biggest hole in the fence, I bet a whole oak tree would go right through it. It looked like fun, so I went through. The grass was so much greener and faster. (Okay, okay I'll say it.) I guess you could say the grass was sookoolant, "no succulent," I said, "whatever!" he said.

He got angry with me after I tried to correct him. So that's all for now. (to be continued...)

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The Chuck E. Cheese-style Oklahoma Ballot Muncher Machine

By Concerned Citizen

Chuck E. Cheese is a youth-oriented pizza restaurant with games that reward by spitting out streams of raffle-like tickets. To redeem tickets for prizes, you feed tickets into a muncher machine that consumes, and purportedly counts, them. You “assume” it counts correctly, or at least “hope” it does.

Oklahoma’s paper entry, computer processed voting procedure is the same, as confirmed by all three Adair County Commissioners. On January 17, 2022, Commissioners were asked if they could confirm that the electronically-derived election results from November 3, 2020 matched the underlying paper ballots cast by We The People. Mike Wininger stated “I hope so,” while Sam Chandler said “I assume so.” Larry Wood admitted he likewise could not so confirm.

Nobody can. You cannot compare two numbers unless you have two numbers. The paper ballots have never been counted. Thus, a group of Patriots met with the County Election Board, offering to donate the labor and cover any additional costs of a hand-count audit. On January 31, 2022, they then simply asked the Commissioners to merely state their support for this pursuit of certainty. To date, the Commissioners have failed to do so. By contrast, the County Commissioners in Otero County, NM unanimously voted for a forensic audit... and pledged \$50,000.00 to fund it!

Even without nefarious software programming (to omit, switch or weight votes), or internet cyber intrusions (hackers), Oklahoma’s voting system still requires flawless, glitch-free automation at each of five stages in the electronic, machine-based process: ballot acceptance, ballot/vote scoring, vote inclusion, vote allocation, and vote tallying.

- Once the machine munches the tickets, sorry – ballots... if not rejected outright, ballots disappear inside a contraption and the software display screen message declares: “Accepted!” Was it really?

- Regardless, ballots could be “accepted,” but the votes on them not scored – in the same way a teacher could collect, but not grade, a practice test.

- Alternately, even if scored, votes could be disregarded and not included in final tallies – like a scored practice test the teacher omits when determining overall course grade.

- Additionally, votes may not be properly allocated to the deserving candidate (“vote-switching”) – imagine a teacher randomly assigning test grades to students, rather than to the true test taker!

- Moreover, votes could be improperly tallied (“weighted ballots/votes”) – like a teacher grading “on a curve.”

Consequently, the comfort some feel because “Oklahoma still uses paper ballots” is wholly unjustified. Paper ballots only ensure election

integrity when we actually seek recourse to them when there is cause to do so. If there is no cause found in the November 3, 2020 election, there never will be. Verily, we effectively have a purely electronic system merely masquerading as a paper ballot system. If we never “discover” the real election results, and instead settle for those “determined” by software, you may as well just enter your vote by tapping a candidate’s name on a touch screen. The data entry method is moot. The data processing method drives the risk. Truthfully, the paper ballots should never NOT be counted. Would you withdraw \$5,000 from the bank and just trust the machine that spit it out? Never. You’d count the cash.

So, the real question is this: will YOU participate in another election using a voting procedure you cannot possibly have confidence in? If you “go along with it,” and indulge in an unnecessarily uncertain system, you will never have a more secure one. By sauntering off to the polls, perhaps afraid of short-term defeat, you endorse the needless inferiority and “win” the long-term consequence of perpetual wonder. Have fun. I’ll be at Chuck E. Cheese, assuming the ticket muncher is accurate... and hoping I can accumulate 7,000 points so I can at least walk away with a pencil. You may walk away from your precinct with not much more.

Election Day Laws and Reminders

Voters in Adair County are reminded to keep the integrity of the election system in mind, when going to the polls next week.

While ballot “selfies” or taking photographs of a marked ballot are legal, voters may not share or distribute the image through social media or by any other means while inside the election enclosure. Voters must wait until they leave their polling place before posting or sharing the picture with anyone. Improper use of the photo could result in a violation of the law. Voters may not use the image to coerce, influence, or intimidate another voter.

Adair County Election Board Secretary, Jan Wilhite, says voters should be aware that violating the law has consequences.

“While some offenses may

seem minor, unlawful activity on Election Day constitutes a serious crime and could result in a misdemeanor or in some cases, a felony conviction. We want all voters to be aware of their actions and be respectful of the rights of others.”

Wilhite said, it is illegal to disclose how you voted with anyone while inside the election enclosure. In addition, you may not remove a ballot from the polling place.

Keep in mind that electioneering is prohibited within 300 feet of any ballot box while an election is in progress. This includes wearing or bringing visible campaign related paraphernalia into the election enclosure. Wilhite notes that no one except election officials and voters waiting to vote are allowed within 50 feet of any ballot box on Election Day. Certain exceptions

are made for media and those assisting disabled voters.

Voters are reminded that consuming alcohol of any kind or quantity within one-half mile of a polling place on Election Day is prohibited.

The polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. April 5, 2022.

Roadside Litter Clean-Up

By Cathy Unger

As a part of the statewide clean-up, Adair County Litter-Free & Green has registered with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful and will be sponsoring several events now through May.

As you all can see, our roadsides are in bad condition when it comes to litter. The best preventive measure would be to “not litter” in the first place but unfortunately, that is not going to happen. We are searching for individuals or groups that would join us in our annual Roadside Litter Cleanup event. If you have a church or school group that would like to help, we will even donate money (per bag) to your group. If you or someone you know needs to complete some community volunteer work, we would love to have your help. For individuals who want to donate their time, we will form small groups to clean designated areas in and out of Stilwell city limits. We provide trash bags, gloves, and vests to those participating.

To register or join a group, contact Cathy at 918-696-1178 or Joyce at 918-696-7316 or contact us on our Facebook page at Adair County Litter-Free & Green.

Request an Emergency Ballot For the April 5 Election

Registered voters who become physically incapacitated after 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 and cannot make it to the polls, still have an opportunity to cast their ballot.

Adair County Election Board Secretary, Wilhite, said that state law permits voters who become emergency incapacitated after 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 to vote under special provisions. Wilhite said emergency incapacitation is something most voters don’t think about.

“Voting is our constitutional right, but life happens. Injury, illness, or even childbirth can prevent a voter from being able to go to the polls. That’s why it’s important to make sure voters know their rights in the event of an emergency.”

If you or someone you know becomes physically incapacitated after 5:00 p.m. March 29, contact your County Election Board as soon as possible. Wilhite says Election Board officials will work with you to make sure you have all of the necessary information to cast your ballot. Forms and information can also be found on the Oklahoma State Election Board website at oklahoma.gov/elections.

The Adair County Election Board is located at 220 W. Division, Stilwell, OK and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Election Board officials can be reached at 918-696-7221 or by email at: adaircounty@elections.ok.gov.

The ROVING REPORTER In and Out and Round About La Junta, Colorado



On March 4 The Roving Reporter strutted his stuff at the La Junta Senior Center Friday night dance...kicking up a heel to the Classic Country and old time rock and roll music provided by Bob Felton and his band. Pictured above is The Roving Reporter and a bevy of his dance partners. Danced till the music stopped. Such a fun time!

Photo by The Roving Reporter

Puzzle Page

KRYPTO KONTEST 3.0 ROUND 4

This round marks the halfway point in this Kontest. The field is still wide open to anyone who would like to compete for the \$25 plus a calculator first prize.

This week’s Krypto uses 5 as the answer. You are playing with 2, 15, 3, 8, 17. Remember,

you have to use all 5 numbers and any combination of addition, subtraction, multiplication or division to write an expression that equals 5.

Have some fun and give it a try. Good luck.

Send your solution to: **Krypto Kontest 3.0, POB 885, Stilwell, OK 74960.**



Stilwell Sports Spotlight

Commentary by John Bankel



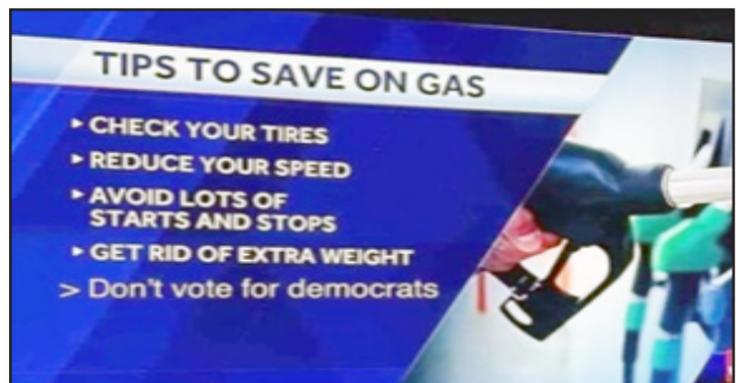
Bryson Bigfeather: Class 3A-6A Powerlifting State Champion

At the recent Oklahoma High School State Powerlifting competition, held in El Reno, Westville High School’s Bryson Bigfeather took top honors in the 168 lb. weight class. Bryson was competing against lifters from Class 3A to Class 6A schools. He not only brought a State Championship home but also dominated his competition as shown by the amounts he lifted in each of the 3 lifts:

Bench Press: 275 lbs.
Squat: 500 lbs.
Dead lift: 565 lbs.

The photo above shows Bigfeather hoisting his stupendous dead lift. Quite a feat of raw power! Congratulations Bryson Bigfeather!

P.S. If you happen to have a fridge that needs carrying up or down a stairway, give Bryson a call...nah, just joking.



TIPS TO SAVE ON GAS

- ▶ CHECK YOUR TIRES
- ▶ REDUCE YOUR SPEED
- ▶ AVOID LOTS OF STARTS AND STOPS
- ▶ GET RID OF EXTRA WEIGHT
- > Don't vote for democrats

Obituaries

Kristie Dawn Sands

April 27, 1975 – February 28, 2022

Kristie Dawn Sands of Westville Oklahoma was born on April 27, 1975 in Tahlequah Oklahoma. Kristie was the daughter of Willard and Reba Bird and Woodrow Sands.

Kristie departed from this life on February 28, 2022 in Westville Oklahoma at the age of 46.

She loved the outdoors, going to the river, and going flea market shopping. She loved being around family, especially her grandchildren. You never would see her happier than when she was with her kids or her precious grandbabies. Another thing that she loved to do was two-step, she could spend all night out with her siblings dancing the night away, and she also taught her kids how to do it too. She often picked up different hobbies. She had been enjoying woodwork and gardening, but she only liked to plant flowers.

Kristie was survived by four children: Chandler Sands and Lisa Smith of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Kane Kindle and Sunnye French of Weatherford, Oklahoma, and Dalton Keen of Proctor Oklahoma; one daughter, Kaylea Kindle of Westville, Oklahoma. She was also survived by 2 grandchildren, Erica, Brinlee and was expecting a 3rd, Finnley. 10 siblings, and all her nieces and nephews.

Kristie was preceded in death by her sister, Kimberly Sands and her grandparents, Laura Mae and JD Bird.

She will be missed by her family and friends dearly.

Funeral services were held at noon on Friday, March 18, 2022 at Illinois River Baptist Church, Chewey, OK with James Wilkerson officiating. Interment followed at Thompson Cemetery, Chewey, OK, under the direction of Roberts & Hart Funeral Home, Westville, OK.



Mellie “Gwen” (Arnett) Schmidt

April 12, 1954 – March 16, 2022

Mellie “Gwen” (Arnett) Schmidt was born in Murphysboro, IL on April 12, 1954, to Mellie Steele & Frank Jacquot. She departed from this life on March 16, 2022 at the age of 67.

Gwen never met a stranger, and was always positive, cheerful, considerate, and loving. She always had a smile on her face, which everyone loved. She worked at Stilwell Memorial Hospital in Medical Records off and on for about 30 years where she retired in 2019. She also enjoyed loving and spending time with her family especially her grandchildren, cooking, baking cakes for birthdays, selling Mary Kay, loved shopping and spending time with her best friend Vicki of 40 years, and last but not least, being a member of the First Christian Church where she loved to serve the Lord.

She is preceded in death by her Mother, Late Husband Mike, and her Step-Sister Melinda Benham.

She is survived by a loving family which includes her husband Dana Schmidt of Stilwell. Her sons, Cory Arnett & wife Desiree of Pryor, OK, with her grandchildren Rylan & Maylie, and Christopher Arnett & wife Michelle of Stilwell, with her grandchildren Michael, Megan, Matthew, and Madelynn. Her brother Gene Jacquot & wife Lynn of Altoona, IA and uncle Floyd Schuetz & wife Paula of Goreville, IL. Several Nieces & Nephews, Cande Jacquot (Gene) of South Carolina, Amanda Snyder (Kiel) and Beau Jacquot (Tony), both of Wichita, KS. Melissa Eagle (Rob), and Misty Nelson (Payton), both of Stilwell. Derick Arnett of Tulsa, OK, Jeremy Arnett of Stilwell, William Arnett of Muskogee, OK, Susan Myers of Owasso, OK, and LeeAnn Muttillio of St. Augustine, FL. She is also survived by other relatives and many friends.

Celebration of Life was held at the First Christian Church in Stilwell, OK at 10 am on Monday March 21, 2022 with Pastor Eldon Wilson officiating. Interment followed at Freewater Cemetery, Titanic, Adair County, OK under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.

Sammie Jo Clemons

June 27, 1928 – March 18, 2022

Sammie Jo Starr Clemons passed away Friday, March 18, 2022 at the age of 93 at her home in Oklahoma City. She was born June 27, 1928 in Stilwell, OK to Samuel Jesse and Nellie Whitmire Starr. She graduated from Stilwell High School in 1946. She attended Northeastern State College in Tahlequah, OK, receiving a bachelor of science in Education in 1953. Sammie Jo loved teaching elementary school. She taught school in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and then in Anchorage, Alaska, until her retirement in 1989. She moved back to Oklahoma in 1990 to be near family.

She was active in her church, including playing piano for services until her health declined. She supported many causes from animals to political, and most of all to her Christian faith.

She loved her Pekingese dogs that she had close by throughout her life and they were the center of her attention.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel J. and Nellie Whitmire Starr; her siblings: Jewel Reid, Colbert Starr, Wynona Nelson, Billy Starr, Betty Jeanne Crittendon; and former spouse, Felix Clemons. She is survived by countless nieces and nephews who loved her as “JoJo”.

She will be buried at the Stilwell City Cemetery by Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home. A celebration of her life is planned in Oklahoma City in the near future.

Terra Eli

March 13, 1973 – March 12, 2022

Terra Eli, the daughter of Steve and Emma Fourkiller, and Opal Daugherty, passed away March 12, 2022 in Stilwell, OK where she was a long time resident of. Terra was born March 13, 1973 in Tahlequah, OK.

Terra is survived in death by Husband Michael Eli, Son Dylan Fourkiller and spouse, Daughter Meagan Eli-Simmons and spouse, and daughter Kaylin Eli, mother Opal Daugherty and spouse, In-laws Johnny and Sharon Eli, as well as 7 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 13 brothers and sisters and, 29 nieces and nephews.

She worked at Mrs. Smith’s the longest time, which she loved. Terra loved watching OSU Football, crocheting, spending time with family, and babysitting her nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed by family, friends, and all who knew her.

A Memorial and Celebration of Life is planned for a later date. Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.

Raymond Walters

May 23, 1940 – March 11, 2022

Raymond Walters was born May 23, 1940, in Proctor, Oklahoma to Lafey (Punk) Walters and Fannie (Vaughan) Walters. He passed on March 11, 2022, at the age of 81 years. He was raised in Red Bird Holler. He attended school at Sanders and Stilwell High School.

As a young man he made trips to California (Hitchhiking) several times, and said he picked a lot of cotton as a child.

In 1962, he married Ilene Kindle, who was born and raised in Turkey Holler, Oklahoma. Raymond and Ilene were both from poor families that were full of love. He loved his family and early life, but he made it a goal in life to never be poor again. He and his family lived in Tulsa, OK, where he worked at Yuba Heat Exchangers from 1962-1970. Raymond and Ilene both worked hard and raised their two sons, David and Brad, on a small farm in West Siloam. From 1982 to 2003, he started to sell used cars in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Around that time, he bought 620 acres in Red Bird Holler, he loved to spend many hours improving the land, pond and deer hunting. He enjoyed spending this time with his sons and nephews. He sold the car business in 2003, when his health started to decline. But he never stopped working. In 2013, he sold the land in Red Bird Holler and bought a bar—yep, a bar! Ilene was mad at him for a very long time, but he and Nick had plans. Nick had his first responsible job for 5 years. Raymond (Pops) made a lot of new friends at Red Dirt, and he became “Pops” to a lot of young people.

In 1988, he got his first Grandson Nicholas (Nick) who he and Ilene raised and later adopted him as their own, which upgraded him from Grandson to Son. So that gave Nick two sets of parents. Mamaw & Pops and Brad & Robin.



He enjoyed buying and selling land, along with bulldozing and brush hogging, no one could do it better than him, not even Brad and David. Even after his strokes. He also liked being outdoors, hunting, fishing, raising cattle, old cars.

Raymond leaves behind to mourn his passing, his wife, Ilene Walters of the home, his children: David Walters and wife Teresa, Brad Walters and Nicholas Walters, grandchildren: Luke Walters, Jaden Farmer, great-grandchildren: Ronnie King, Willie King and Desmond Walters, brother, Arlus Walters and wife Lynda and their son, Mike Walters, Joyce K. McDonald and husband Larry and their children, Joye and Cory.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Lafey and Fannie Walters, four brothers: Franklin, Floyd Ray, and Curtis and an infant brother, Virgil.

Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at Roberts & Hart Chapel, Westville, OK with Bro. Audie Vaughan officiating. Interment followed at Proctor Cemetery, Proctor, OK.

Starling Surprise

By Kathy Francis

March 20, 2022

I remember one morning in late winter a few years back when I was out hanging clothes on the line. There was a huge flock of starlings asleep in the trees in my yard. I had seen them the evening before sweeping through the yard like one huge vacuum cleaner. They didn’t miss an inch as they picked up every leaf and every twig looking for any miniscule life that was left from the year before.

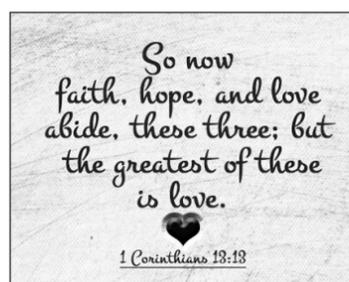
I was startled that morning by the sound of hundreds of black birds as they rose into the air with wings flapping. The minute they got in the air they flew straight back down to their roost in my trees. They must have seen me, but they soon realized I wasn’t a threat and flew back up in the air, circled my yard filling the early morning sky with their black bodies and loud squawks. I was awe struck.

I understood their chatter as it must have been the agenda for their day’s flight. They formed one huge, perfect, close ranked circle in the sky. Then they scattered to the right and formed another huge, perfect circle in the sky, then scattered to the left and formed another circle, repeating the formations as they flew out of sight.

I had always thought they were just a nuisance until this day when I realized God really did have a purpose for them. I think that purpose is to clean up the earth’s surface making it ready for spring.

Feed My Sheep Ministries Offering Free GED Classes

Feed My Sheep Ministries is partnering with Cherokee Nation Career Services and Northern State University’s Educational Opportunity Center to provide GED classes at no cost to the public to anyone who is interested. Applications are available at Feed My Sheep Ministries, 310 W. Locust, Stilwell, OK, every Friday at 4 p.m. Reading classes are being provided at the same location on the same day and same time. There will be a teacher on site for tutoring, if needed. GED classes are online. Computers will be available for use to work on your studies every Friday from 4:00-5:00 p.m., upon arrangement. Feed My Sheep Ministries is a 501(c)(3) non-profit feeding the homeless Monday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m- 12:30 p.m. and Sunday, 12:30-2:00 p.m.



Dollar General Gets Watts’ Greenlight

By John Bankel

At a special meeting at 10:30 am on Friday, March 18, the Town of Watts met with Dollar General to finalize the plans for building a Dollar General in Watts. The structure is planned to contain 10,000 sq. ft. and will be located across from the Watts Fire Department on approximately 5 acres. This facility will be one of the largest Dollar Generals in the area and will, besides the normal goods, offer a produce department.

According to Bridgette Beavers, Town Clerk, construction is scheduled to begin sometime in July with an estimated completion date of 120 days. By that reckoning,

Watts could see a Grand Opening around Thanksgiving! Beavers anticipates a significant economic benefit to Watts and it may be the new catalyst for a new era of growth. Indeed, there is an RV park going in behind the old tavern just north of town, which, when completed, will no doubt draw significant traffic to the store. The world class waterpark at Lake Francis will also be a major contributor to the growth of the Watts’ area.

One thing is for sure, Bridgette Beavers is excited about the possibilities that the Dollar General project will create.

Multi-Use Facility Discussed at March 21 Commissioners’ Meeting

By John Bankel

At the regular meeting of the Adair County Board Of Commissioners held on March 21, at 8:30 am, the Board, consisting of Sam Chandler, Dist. 2, Mike Wininger, Dist. 1 and Board Chairman, Larry Wood, Dist. 3, took on various items on the agenda, one of which is a proposed Adair County Multi-Use Facility. This structure will be able to accommodate large events like concerts, rodeos, indoor sports, etc. Besides offering the youth of the area an indoor recreation arena, it may also create significant economic rewards for Adair County by attracting visitors. A Board, which will act as a steering

committee, is being assembled consisting of 2 members of 5 County organizations, including the Adair County Board Of Commissioners, who voted on appointing Sam Chandler and Associate District Judge, Elizabeth Brown, to serve on that steering committee. The committee is being tasked with preliminary planning for the eventual construction and maintenance of the property. Its location is on the acreage upon which the little league baseball fields once existed. Construction will not begin until funding is in place. Funding will consist of grants and private equity investors. At this time, there is no estimated time of completion.

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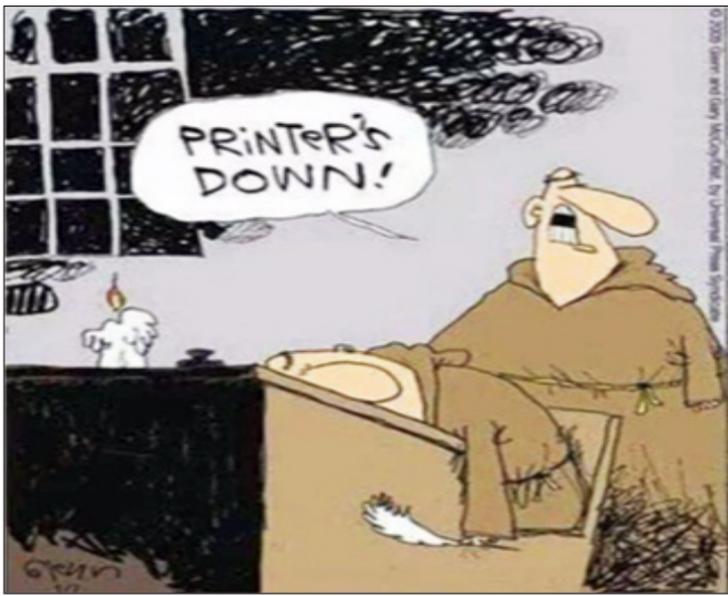
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Rock Springs Baptist Youth to Hold Carwash This Saturday

The Rock Springs Baptist Church Youth Group will be holding a carwash this Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to help raise money to go on a Mission Trip this summer and for Church Camp. They will be washing, vacuuming, and cleaning windows. Please spread the word and help support the RSBC Youth! Rock Springs Baptist Church is located on Highway 100, east of Stilwell, almost to Bell Road.

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Come on By... Bring a Friend!