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Bell Pow Wow



Gary Littledeer and Deborah West



Ladies from Louisiana

On August 12 and 13th, the surrounding communities enjoyed the culture of the Cherokees at the pow wow at Bell. The memory and spirit of one special Cherokee lady drew me back this year for the celebration. Her name was Mary. I wanted to say "thank you" to her. She had watched over my

husband in 2015 while he was under hospice care. She liked a cow skull that I had painted; said It spoke to her. In gratitude and respect, I gave it to her. She wanted it for the pow wow. As I stepped on the ground at Bell this year, I began looking for her. I wanted to say "thank you" once again

to Mary. As I observed and searched, I felt the power of the occasion. Speaking to several Cherokees, I met old friends and gained new ones. One familiar dancer was Gary Littledeer who I knew when Starr Motors was in business. My new friends were Shayland and Linda Alex Woods from

Lafayette, Louisiana. They felt like neighbors since I had lived in New Orleans for 30 plus years. Such lovely ladies. They had come to dance at the pow wow and said they would be driving back home on Sunday. If you get the opportunity to attend next year, take it. It's worth the drive.



2019-'20 Bell Sr. Powwow Princess Cresencia Two Hatchet, 2022-'23 Bell Sr. Powwow Princess Angel Jones, 2019-'20 Bell Jr. Powwow Princess Aailiyah Teehee and 2022-'23 Jr. Bell Powwow Princess Kaylee Jones. Crowning of the new princesses were held Saturday night.
Photo by: Frankie Duncan

SCHOOL IS IN: Fall Sports Are Ready To Begin

On August 11, Adair County schools welcomed back students to begin the 2022-23 school year. That also means Fall Sports are about to begin. Fall sports schedules for Stilwell and Westville High School are featured in this issue. Cave Springs and Watts' schedules will appear in the next issue. Be sure to mark your calendars or put the schedules on your fridge so you won't miss your favorite sporting event. The athletes work hard to compete in their respective sports. They deserve all the support that our communities can give them. Besides, going to a game or an event is perhaps the best entertainment that money can buy. Nothing quite like being there!



Frontrunner District 4 State Senate candidate Tom Woods has garnered several endorsements ahead of the upcoming August 23 primary runoff election, among which are the following:

Governor Kevin Stitt
The Farm Bureau
Tom Callan, State Senate Candidate
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Be sure to exercise your right to vote on August 23. It is the American way.

PROVERB POWER

Matthew 7:7-8

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be

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Health Tips from Larkin.....

Health tips from Larkin: Bach flowers: Part 2: Agrimony: Those who need the Bach flower essence Agrimony are inwardly troubled by fear and anxiety. They may worry excessively about illness, finances, or problems with their work life. But yet, they present a cheerful, carefree face. Because Agrimony people are sensitive and long for harmony, they go out of their way to be kind to others, and even to sacrifice for them. Because they spread cheerfulness and downplay any problems in their lives, they're very popular people! Unfortunately for those in need of this remedy, Agrimony people not only hide their feelings from the world, they hide their feelings

from themselves. Agrimony is the Bach flower essence indicated for release of inner tensions, anxieties and other hidden emotions. It also provides relief to people who are suffering from extreme anxiety disorders and even such disorders as post-traumatic stress syndrome - in which unpleasant memories have been buried. Agrimony helps to restore a cheerful disposition and increases confidence. After treatment the person can finally feel safe in facing both sides of his or her personality and in not only facing, but discussing life's problems. Larkin Fouse is a certified holistic health practitioner, operator and owner of Crescent Clinic in Stilwell.

MOMENTS WITH MARIE

By Donna Boecker

Serial No. 1

I just spoke to my friend Marie on my cell. She's speaking to me as if she knows I'm at our rendezvous point. BUT it's only 7:45 a.m. I NEVER arrive "before time" at our Friday, 8 a.m. assignation. She must have a "mole" sitting near me? Since she's not M and I'm not 007, I said, "you must have read my mind." That word "ASIGNATION" makes it sound like we're SPIES. MAYBE WE ARE! LOL. Are there spies in small rural Oklahoma towns? Marie's the spy since she knew I was already sitting at a table. Running late, she had called me to order her "usual." The room is lean on patrons; most cus-

tomers will breeze-in at 8. What's with FRIDAYS? Easy to remember? Office treats? All types come in: take-out and sit-down. I sit where I can see the clock. Order and delivery timing is quick; as my spouse used to say, it's "in and out, nobody gets hurt." That's a Danny Kaye quote, but he was probably before your time. We've aged watching time fly; we're gray haired. Well, it's 8:40 and we're off to our appointments. Marie and I should try different days at the café or meet at different locations in town to get the scoop. Seeing and hearing life firsthand is much quicker than the newspaper. But we do like to ponder the written word. See you around.



Dear John,
School is starting again and I'm so happy you can't imagine. I love it when the kids go back to class. I got all the shopping done for new clothes and supplies. My master card has never been hotter than it is now. I slipped in a few things for myself and didn't tell the old man. He just smiles and pays the bill. While I smile and wear my new Birkenstocks and sip champagne while the bus leaves. This is almost as good as a tailgate party at the OSU and OU game. I'm just not sure how to explain why the children needed a massage chair in the living room. Any ideas for my cover story?
Hot Credit Momma

Dear Hot Credit Momma... as adult Americans we all have school experience in common. The memories attached to those days are indelible. The start of school was always episodic. It marked a "new beginning" for parents and schoolers, a real time of anticipation and excitement. New clothes are the iconic symbol of a fresh start along with a maxed out credit card. Yet it is worth every penny. The relief that you mention is worth celebrating. Birkenstocks and champagne could be your logo for your new cover story. It may set the pace for others to follow. Enjoy every drop and every step!

Sincerely,

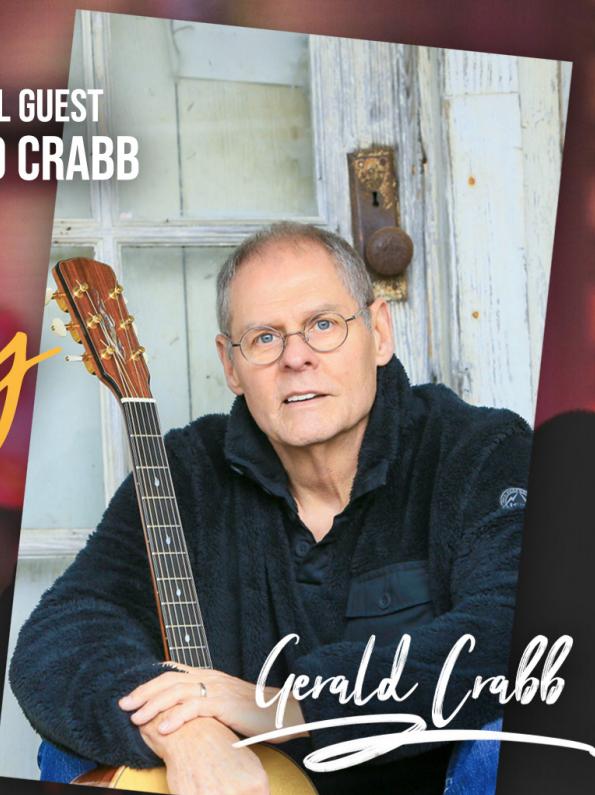
Dear John

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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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**13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**

John 14: 13-14

SCRIPTURE

John 14: 13-14

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Searching for a Word – rendezvous. "A meeting at a prearranged time and place."
Ex. James said they would rendezvous at his house before driving to the football game.

THE KIPLING KORNER

"Good Lord! who can account for the fathomless folly of the public?"

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

PRODIGAL NATION

One of the greatest things about the Holy Bible is the stories within its pages that gives us an insight to our flawed human nature. Even though the stories happened thousands of years ago, I have found that one thing that doesn't evolve is our attitudes and desire for dominance over other humans. We humans also have a bad habit of letting the good times roll and thinking they will never end. One story in the Bible exemplifies that belief, it is the story of the Prodigal Son. The Prodigal Son wasted his inheritance and hit rock bottom; in the end he got a job feeding swine, at that time he was so hungry even ate the slop that was intended for the pigs. After hitting rock bottom, he finally came to his senses and humbly returns to his father's house and asked to be one of his servants and not his son. Hitting rock bottom does have the ability to bring people to their senses, and I just hope that the American people come to their senses as we are hitting rock bottom.

Our political class does have some good patriots, but there is a huge group of degenerates that are only concerned about their own well-being and accumulation of wealth, all at the same time telling the voters they are working in their interest. The people of America need to get their heads out of their backsides and see what is happening. While we have members of Congress having a sham of a hearing about January 6, they are allowing the Chinese Communist party to buy up thousand of acres of our prime farmland and other huge American businesses. While the FBI is raiding the home of former president Donald Trump, the Chinese are in the process of building a military that will surpass that of the United States. While the entrenched political class is hell bent upon destroying Donald Trump, they are ignoring the decline of our nation, all at the same time taking campaign donations from shady characters and front companies just to maintain their positions. It

was Thomas Jefferson who once said that the American people will make the right decision when they are given all of the information. Sadly, today the mainstream media is becoming totally worthless, instead of informing the public they are more concerned with manipulating the public. For a while the topic was Afghanistan, then it was Ukraine, now they are forgotten and the new topic is Taiwan. Our stature in the world is decreasing daily while that of the communist nations is growing.

One thing that we all need to remind ourselves about the elected elite class is they are just a symptom of a bigger problem, the people who elect these narcissists are the bigger problem. While we face danger across the globe, we are our own worst enemy. At the rate our nation is going with the current socialist agenda, it won't be long before we become a third world nation. I just hope that there is enough America left to rebuild after our people come to their senses.

STILWELL SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Commentary by John Bankel

This week's Spotlight shines on the Stilwell Indians Fall Sports schedule: Football, Girls Fast Pitch and cross country. The athletes have been working hard to achieve maximum success for the upcoming 2022 season. Keep this schedule handy so you won't miss any contests.



2022 STILWELL INDIAN FOOTBALL VARSITY / JV & FRESHMAN / 7th & 8th

Varsity

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	TIME
Aug.18(Th)	Jay/Westville (Scrimmage)	Home	6:00
Aug.25(Th)	Colcord/Porter (Scrimmage)	Porter	6:00
Sept. 2(Fr)	Roland	Away	7:00
Sept. 9(Fr)	Keys	Away	7:00
Sept. 16(Fr)	Stigler	Home	7:00
Sept. 23(Fr)	*Hilldale	Away	7:00
Sept. 30(Fr)	*Sallisaw Homecoming	Home	7:00
Oct. 7(Fr)	*Fort Gibson	Home	7:00
Oct. 13(Th)	*Ada	Away	7:00
Oct. 21(Fr)	*Madill	Home	7:00
Oct. 28(Fr)	*Broken Bow Sr. Night	Home	7:00
Nov. 4(Fr)	*Poteau	Away	7:00

* Denotes District game

7th/8th & 9th/JV

Aug. 29(Mo)	Hulbert	Away	5:30	2 games
Sept. 12(Mo)	Jay	Away	5:30	2 games
Sept.19(Mo)	Westville	Home	5:30	2 games
Sept. 29(Th)	Roland	Away	5:30	2 games
Oct.10(Mo)	Keys	Home	5:30	2 games
Oct. 24(Mo)	Muldrow	Away	5:30	2 games

*JH games are subject to time/date change.



Mullin It Over:

A Special Thank You to our Oklahoma Teachers

By Congressman Markwayne Mullin

Education is the most valuable tool that we can give the next generation. As Oklahoma families prepare to and send their kids off to school, I want to recognize our teachers and what they do for all of us, especially our rural communities (a near and dear place to my heart).

As a father of six kids who attend public school in Oklahoma, I have witnessed the dedication of Oklahoma's teachers firsthand. I am constantly amazed by the innovative and creative ways teachers engage their minds and prepare students for the future.

Teachers do more than just educate our kids with reading, writing, and arithmetic. They teach them valuable life lessons that they will carry with them for decades. Especially in rural towns like the one my wife Christie and I grew up in, and where we have

raised our family, teachers and their families become part of our own lives. They are a support system and voice of encouragement, inspiring students to work hard and chase their dreams both in and outside of the classroom. I know I wouldn't be where I am today without the teachers who pushed me to do better.

Every school year comes with new challenges. I could not be more grateful for the teachers in the Second District who have persevered through changing and thrived despite the adversity. Our children are lucky to have resilient role models to look up to.

As our kids begin to head back to school, be sure to thank a teacher in the community for all they do. The success of our children is the success of Oklahoma's future for generations to come.

2022 Lady Indians Fast-Pitch Schedule

Date	Opponent	Home / Away	Time	Games
8/8(Mo)	Muldrow	Home	5:00	V/JV
8/11-8/13(Th-Sa)	Gore Tournament	Away	TBA	V
8/15(Mo)	*Verdigris	Away	5:00	V/JV
8/18-8/19(Th-Fr)	Westville Tournament	Away	TBA	V
8/22(Mo)	Wagoner	Away	5:00	V/JV
8/23(Tu)	*Locust Grove	Away	5:00	V/JV
8/25(Th)	*Westville	Home	4:30	V/JV
8/26(Fr)	Spiro	Home	5:00	V/JV
8/29(Mo)	*Fort Gibson	Home	5:00	V/JV
8/30(Tu)	*Hilldale	Home	5:00	V/JV
9/8 & 9/10(Th&Sa)	Morris Tournament	Away	TBA	V
9/12(Mo)	Wagoner	Home	5:00	V/JV
9/13(Tu)	*Locust Grove (Sr. Night)	Home	5:00	V/JV
9/15(Th)	*Westville	Away	4:30	V/JV
9/19(Mo)	*Hilldale	Away	5:00	V/JV
9/20(Tu)	*Fort Gibson	Away	5:00	V/JV
9/22(Th)	*Verdigris	Home	5:00	V/JV
9/24(Sa)	NSU Festival	Away	TBA	V
9/27(Tu)	Vian	Away	5:00	V/JV
10/1(Sa)	Playoff Play-in Game	TBD	TBD	V
10/3(Mo)	Roland	Home	5:00	V/JV
10/6,7,8(Th,Fr,Sa)	Regional Playoffs	TBD	TBD	V
10/13,14,15(Th,Fr,Sa)	State Tournament	TBD	TBD	V

* Denotes District game

Game times/dates subject to change or cancellation.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

Today's Trail Treks To The Treacherous Territory of...

China: Destined To Run Into A Great Wall

China is headed for a fall. The Great Wall Of China is well known. The Great Wall has been a monument to safety from invasion of inimical hordes for over 2300 years. Donald Trump's border wall pales in comparison. As much time, money and effort that was spent on its construction, most of the Great Wall has disappeared. It is very doubtful that its intended purpose was ever fully realized. As it turns out, China today has a lot more to worry about internally than externally. In the 1990's, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) under the brutal Mao Regime, which killed millions and, under the current dictatorship, is still doing so today, mandated one child per couple in an effort to keep population growth in check. Now,

a generation later, China faces an insurmountable reverse problem. This problem could spell doom for the Chinese. China is headed for a wall. Perhaps little did Mao and his advisors reckon with a fact of life when it comes to population growth. With today's computer modeling technology, forecasts can be very accurately determined. So here goes the math for population growth. It all boils down to the average number of children per woman. The average woman worldwide had 5.2 children in 1960. Today that number has shrunk to 2.4 and is expected to decline to 2.2 by 2060. Replacement level is 2.1 (zero growth) and can still be reversed at that level. Below 1.9, replacement is irreversible and the population

is destined for perpetual reduction. China sits at 1.6. Mao's punitive parenting policy has come to bite China in the butt. Without going into all the details of the ramifications of China's shrinking population dilemma, it is apparent that China is destined to run into the "great wall" of population decline and with it, economic doom.

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.

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Mullin Votes Against Democrats' Inflation Expansion Act

WASHINGTON— Congressman Markwayne Mullin (OK-02) released the following statement after voting no on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 5376, the Democrats' Inflation Expansion Act.

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result," Mullin said. "House Democrats have passed another tax and spend spree that will drive our nation further into a recession and make American energy less affordable, less reliable, and

less secure. The provisions in this bill total \$599 billion worth of tax increases, including billions on small business owners, seniors, energy producers, and middle-class Americans. This is a dangerous bill for Oklahoma and it's a dangerous bill for our country."

The over \$700 billion package includes:

Over \$400 billion in Green New Deal provisions, increasing America's reliance on China.

Socialist drug pricing controls, limiting the number

of live-saving drugs on the market.

\$80 billion to the IRS, hiring 87,000 agents to spy on Americans.

\$54 billion increase to the national debt.

\$17 billion worth of tax increases on Americans making less than \$200K.

\$53 billion tax on small businesses.

\$6.5 billion natural gas tax, raising energy costs for working class Americans by 17 percent.

What's So Punny? PUN FUN

Get ready, get set, go for some more...PUN FUN. This week is sure to tickle your fancy and maybe your funny bone too. A smile, a laugh or a guffaw are the things that make our lives better than monkeys at the zoo! So here goes...puns from all over the map...

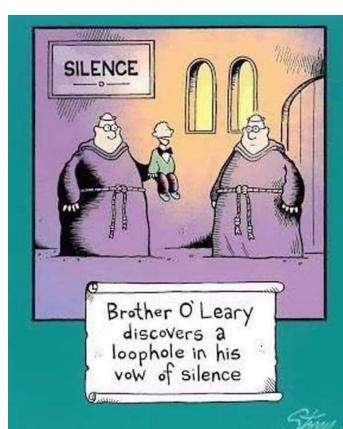
1. Antiquated: Why was the baby ant confused. Because she found out that all her uncles were ants?

2. Colorblind blues: I just found out that I am color blind. The news came clear out of the green!

3. Eggzactly: How do you make a good egg-roll? Push it down a hill. (Oh what a thrill if it is blueberry hill).

4. Boing! Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink.

5. Foggy foggy dew: I wanted to take pictures of the fog this morning but I mist my chance. Maybe I will dew it tomorrow? Well that is all for this week's PUN FUN. Let us score some more next week in What's So Punny!



A MEASURE OF FAITH



"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." ROMANS 12:3 KJV
By William Wear

Why does our past become the present?

For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

Most and likely all of us struggle today for things we have done in the past. It's a human condition to relive things from the past hoping or wishing it wasn't there or that we made better choices. Almost always those things we have done are in fact sin and we should have fled rather than participated in it. Sometimes we play it over and over in our thoughts until we decide that what I've done is too great for even God to forgive. We decide that since it's so bad I will have to punish myself for the rest of my life and since those decisions still bring up consequences today from that long ago God hasn't forgiven me yet. The guilt that we feel is what we should feel when we do something sinful. That IS the Holy Spirit conviction and it's a good thing that we have that help. The problem lies in not putting those things in perspective of God's. Romans 5:9,10

9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him

from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

When we don't accept that forgiveness we are telling ourselves that even Jesus death on the cross wasn't sufficient for the thing I've done. The devil loves to place that thought in our minds so that we doubt God's power and continue to live in a sorrow that leads to death and takes away the freedom that was supplied only on the cross.

Colossians 1:20-21

20 and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. 21 This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.

Today is the BEST of days to free ourselves from our past and no matter how many times you have to face it in your life you can remember that while the memory is there you don't have to punish yourself for it. Today is the day that the Lord has made! Freedom in Christ to really live is what we need so let it rest.



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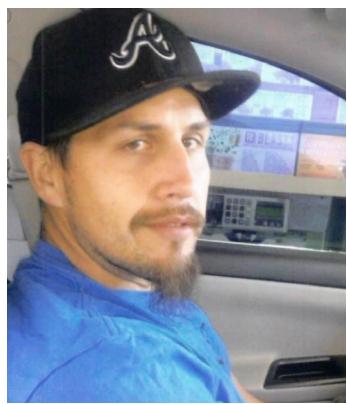
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Vocabulary word – **assumption**. Something assumed. An appointment to meet in secret.

Ex. His meeting or assumption with his girlfriend would be in the barn where they wouldn't be overheard.

Obituary.....

Laurinda Jayne "Duck" Woods passed away on July 27, 2022, in Stilwell, Oklahoma after long struggles with her health. She is remembered for her infectious laugh, generosity of spirit, and a great love for all animals. Laurie was born on February 5, 1974, in Sallisaw, Oklahoma to the late Larry K. and Evelyn Kay (Buckner) Woods. She attended public school at Gans, Oklahoma



Andrew Dwayne Hopkins the son of Samuel Leo Hopkins, Sr. and Karen Gale (Jackson) Brown was born September 24, 1985, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and departed this life on July 16, 2022, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma at the age of 36 years, 9 months, and 22 days. Andy loved spending time with



Janie Sue (Kimble) Johnson was born on January 18, 1932, to Erb and Mamie Kimble in Bunch, Oklahoma. Janie went to be with the Lord on July 31, 2022, in Stilwell, Oklahoma at the age of 90 years, 6 months, and 13 days. She married Bobby Merril Johnson on January 18, 1950, and to this union two children were born: Johnny Johnson and Debbie (Johnson) Knight. Many people knew her from Jim Dandy drive-in and her famous taco salad. She also worked as a teacher's assistant at Stil-

and later Roland, Oklahoma. She graduated in 1993 from Roland High School where she was active in 4-H and choir. Her classmates remember her a true friend who liked to laugh, have fun, and was always there for them. She worked at Wal-Mart in Stilwell for several years. Many people in town knew her from her greetings and conversations at the store. Her parents preceded her in death as did her grandparents; maternal grandparents were Leland Dow and Evelyn Lois Buckner of Stilwell; and paternal grandparents J.K. and Lola Faye Woods resided in Muldrow. She is survived by her son: Noah K. Woods and girlfriend Chrishia Girdner of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; sister: Dr. Evelyn Ritter and husband Chris of Tahlequah; aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Her twin unborn grandsons will learn his family and friends. His children were always number one in his life, taking care of them and teaching them. He also loved hunting, fishing, and anything outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his son: River Kyle Beaver; stepmother: Norma Jean (Cook) Hopkins; uncle: Brian Jackson; cousin: Chris Jackson; and grandmother-in-law: Marry Lee Catron.

Andy is survived by his wife: Savannah Lee (Beaver) Hopkins; 3 sons: Robert Beaver, Justin Duncan, and Kiaan Runningwolf Hopkins all of Stilwell, Oklahoma; his mother: Karen Brown of Stilwell; father: Samuel Leon Hopkins, Sr. of Stilwell; Samuel Leon Hopkins, Jr., Tyler Tommy Hopkins, Justin

well Middle School where she loved and helped many students. If you have ever been to her house, you would have seen how much pleasure she took in her flowers and flowerbeds. She also had a passion for cooking, and no one ever left her house hungry. She knew everyone's favorite dish and took great pains in preparing it. But her main love was her family, she loved each one with a special love that made them each feel like they were her favorite. Janie is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; 5 brothers: Herbert, Denvil, Pete, Lester, and Georgie Bill; 3 sisters: Edna, Lucille, and Margaret; and a special niece: Galedia. She is survived by two sisters-in-law: Lucille Kimble, and Marilyn Hill Russell; son: Johnny Johnson and wife Donna of Stilwell, Oklahoma; and daughter: Debbie Knight and husband Jerry Joe of Stilwell, Oklahoma. Three grandchildren:

about the love she had for them from the memories her family holds in their hearts. She also leaves behind her dogs and cats who knew her better than any of us humans.

Duck is greatly missed by so many. She genuinely enjoyed movies, TikTok, her fur babies, chatting on the phone, crinkle-cut French fries, and chocolate milk. She made it a point to check in with people and make sure they were doing okay. Her laugh, tender heart, willingness to help anyone in need, and way with animals will be comforting memories. Funeral services were held at 4 pm on Friday, August 5, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Family officiating. Interment followed at Ewing Chapel Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.

Cook, Lee Bunch, Rodney Robin, Robbie Beaver, and George Buck Brown all of Stilwell; mother-in-law and father-in-law; Dodie and George Brown; Andrea Tidwell, Ronnie Tidwell and wife Carol, and Michael Tidwell all of Stilwell; sisters: Devoe Brown of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Retha Brown, Shania Brown, Grace Brown, Crystal Atkeson, Jessica Burres, and Amber Renee all of Stilwell. Other relatives, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends also survive him. Funeral services were held at 1 pm on July 29, 2022 at Roberts/Reed-Culver Chapel, Stilwell, OK with Bro. Jimmy Muskrat officiating. Interment followed at Echota Cemetery, Stilwell, OK.

Sherry Cross and husband Cody, Joe Knight and wife Krysten, and Kim Harlin and husband Brian all of Stilwell; and honorary grandchildren: Jonathan McKillop, and Cassy VanTassel. Eighteen great grandchildren: Wyatt Catron and fiancée Samantha, Matthew Catron, Garrett Catron, Mikayla Cross, Taylor Cross, Cody Knight, McKenna Knight and fiancé Dustin, Brody Clay, Avery Knight, Brianna Newby and husband Jace, Brent Harlin, Braydon McKillop, Landon McKillop, Autumn McKillop, Summer McKillop, Barrett VanTassel, Rowan VanTassel, and Katy Frazier. Five great-great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, and many more loved ones also survive her. Graveside services were held at 1 pm on Thursday, August 4th, 2022 at Bunch Cemetery, Bunch, OK with Pastor Max Ford officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Roberts/Reed-Culver Funeral Home, Stilwell, OK.

ELECTION DAY LAWS AND REMINDERS

ELECTION DAY REMINDERS AND TIPS

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 23, 2022, for the Runoff Primary Election. Adair County Election Board Secretary, Jan Wilhite, offers these important tips to voters—especially those who will be casting a ballot for the first time.

VOTING TIPS

Mark your ballot using the example posted at your polling place and inside your ballot booth. If you make a mistake, do not try to correct it. Instead, take your ballot to the precinct officials. They will destroy the ballot and issue a new one.

You do not need to make a selection for each issue on the ballot in order for your ballot to be counted. The voting device will cast votes only for those issues which you have marked.

Ballots can be read by the voting device regardless of how you insert the ballot into the system. If the system detects too many markings for a single office or question, an error code will appear. The voter can choose to submit the ballot as it is or request a new ballot. If you need assistance or would like to use the audio-assisted ballot system, let a precinct official know. You do not have to show proof of a disability to use the audio-assisted ballot system.

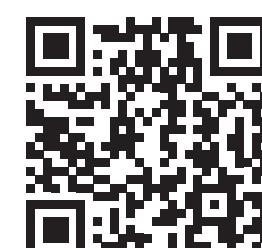
Be sure to bring an approved form of identification. Federal and state issued photo IDs, passports, and tribal-issued, photo IDs are accepted. You may also use the voter identification card you were mailed when you registered.

If you forget your voter ID or your name is not found in the Precinct Registry, you may still cast a provisional ballot by signing an affidavit. A provisional ballot is sealed in a special envelope and counted after Election Day, once the voter's information has been verified by the County Election Board. Election results cannot be certified until all provisional ballots have been researched, verified, and counted.

Wilhite says election officials are there to assist voters and ensure all procedures are followed on Election Day. If you believe a law has been violated. Contact precinct or county election officials immediately. Do not wait until you leave the polling location.

Voting activity is generally slowest during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon, but the Election Board says lines and wait times can vary from precinct to precinct. All voters who want to cast a ballot should be in line no later than 7 p.m.

"Anyone who is in line by 7 p.m. on Tuesday and eligible to vote, will be allowed to vote," Wilhite said. You can locate your polling location using the State Election Board's OK Voter Portal at oklahoma.gov/elections/ovp.



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.





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

Adair County Litter-Free & Green temporarily change operation hours on Recycle Day. New hours will be from 8 am to 11 am during the months of July, August, and September. Drop off 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: July 16th, August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December 17th.

