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FULTON RUTLAND: WESTVILLE'S BULL RIDING PRO

by John Bankel

Getting on top of a 1500-2000 lb wild bull whose gyrations are liable to throw the rider to a very unpleasant landing is a sport that is enjoyed by many but has few participants. Twenty-eight year old Fulton Rutland is one of those participants. I had the pleasure of visiting with Fulton, a very personable young man, the other day after I had heard of his success in a recent Extreme Bull Riding competition held in Ft. Worth, Texas. He told me that at first he thought he had won, but at the last second he ended up in second place by a point. Second place still fetches a good chunk of money. When Fulton was 12, he decided to become a professional bull rider. I asked who was his influence in making that decision. He said, "My Grandpa. He was a saddle bronc, bareback and bull rider for many years. I grew up on his 40

acre farm in Westville. I started out riding calves, then steers and then bulls." Fulton graduated from Stilwell High School. He wanted to go to a college that offered bull riding. Two schools showed an interest. One in Oklahoma, the other in Texas. He chose Panola College, a 2 year school in Carthage, Texas. It turned out to be the right choice. He got to train under 2000 World Champion Jeff Collins. Coach Collins' favorite exhortation was, "You gotta want it more than you want to breathe." Fulton, whose ultimate goal is to become a World Champion, flourished under Coach Collins' tutelage. At the age of 21, Fulton joined the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association (PRCA) and went on tour. I asked him, "When did you win your first big event?" He said, "It was in 2017 at the OKC Extreme Bull Riding." I then asked him how he

felt to have that first one under his belt. His response is priceless: "I felt 10 feet tall and bulletproof and I'll never see another broke day in my life." He took home \$8000. Yet the reality of professional bull riding is not a piece of cake. It can become a money roller coaster. It was 4 years ago that Fulton tied the knot with Shayden. She began traveling with him, augmenting their relationship. Their lives are about to change when the baby arrives in March. Fulton has his heart and mind set on a world championship, yet more than that he is fully committed to following his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. One could say "Fulton Rutland is the Lord's Champion." Fulton's next event will be in San Antonio, Texas on February 8,9,10. Tune in on the Cowboy Channel and watch Fulton Rutland ride!



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Fulton and Shayden Rutland

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Congratulations Snowda Watie!!!



Stilwell High School Facebook Picture

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WHAT'S SO PUNNY? PUN FUN

In today's episode PUN FUN takes a musical twist because who does not like music? These puns may strike a chord in your funny bone and become noteworthy for their humor. So strike up the band and give these puns a hand.

1. Be Flat: What kind of music are balloons afraid of? Pop music...
2. Music Lover: What did the guitarist do when his teacher told him to turn his amplifier on? He caressed it softly and told it that he loved it.
3. Owie Fix: How do you fix a broken tuba? With a tuba glue....ouch!
4. I Hop: What do you call a gingerbread man with one leg bitten off? Limp Biskit...
5. Pay Attention: How many conductors does it take to change a lightbulb? Nobody knows because no one ever watches the conductor!...oy veh!

Well, without music one thing is for sure: there would be no music puns for your laughing delight. Hope your ribs got tickled and you got some knee slapping in to boot.

Be sure to Tell all your friends that music jokes can be a hoot! Stay tuned...More PUN FUN to come.

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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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Vocabulary Word:

- **taxation.** The act of
- levying or imposing a
- financial obligation on
- citizens or corporations
- by a government.

- Ex. The taxation on my
- farm was over six hun-
- dred dollars a year.

Into the Hills

Chapter 1, Episode 4

By Donna Boecher

Monday, April 20, 1868
 I was caught between two worlds; I couldn't go west without finding what had happened to Simon and I couldn't go home without being able to tell Maw about Simon. I headed west letting Turko lead the way. Maybe he would show me where Simon was. Midday Turko knickered again and started pawing the ground to the south of the road. There was lots of undergrowth, and I couldn't see, so I swung off to get a closer look. Simon was covered with several pine branches and the only thing showing was the tip of his boots. He was definitely dead. He was face down clutching his Stetson in his right hand, a bloody wound

in the back of his head. Someone had apparently gotten behind him as he was speaking to someone. Why was his hat off? That would have been a respectful stance to a woman – an elder or perhaps a young beauty. I could imagine him holding Turko's reins in his left hand. That could explain Turko rearing and breaking away from the violence that followed. Turning the body over, she saw Simon had been beaten also and his pockets turned inside out. It was foul play. Covering him back up, she rode Turko into Chester. She'd need to talk to a lawman and get someone to help her bury her step-father.



Krypto Kontest 9.0

Hello all you Krypto Kontest fans. Look for Krypto Kontest 10.0 in next week's issue. This Kontest will last 8 weeks. The winner takes home \$25 Cash and a brand new Calculator. Put your arithmetic skills to good use and have some fun doing it. Let's Krypto some more!

Ephesians 4:7

"But unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."

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THE KIPLING KORNER

"Reading (was) a means to everything that would make me happy.
 So I read all that came within my reach."



STILWELL SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Commentary by John Bankel

SHS Wrestling News

At the recent Maverick Conference tournament, three Lady Indians wrestlers turned in outstanding performances. Wrestling at 120 lbs, Joseline Blevins earned a gold medal. Adrianna Chronister, at 140 lbs, also won gold. At 190 lbs, Xexvel Piedra wrestled to a silver medal. Despite the fact that Stilwell entered only 3 wrestlers in the tournament, the Lady Indians remarkably finished as runner-up in the team scoring! Wrestling for the Indians were Alejandro Garcia, Andrew Grigsby and Ignacio Guevera. Only Garcia finished with a medal as he took 4th place. That wraps up the regular season. The post season is just around the corner. Stay tuned for more results.

Indians and Lady Indians Basketball Stilwell vs Idabel

On Saturday, January 27, in an afternoon contest, the Stilwell took a trip clear on down to Idabel to tangle with the 3A state ranked Idabel Warriors and Lady Warriors. The Indians escaped with a hard fought 57-43 victory over the 15-4 Warriors. The Lady Indians took it on the chin, as 15-1 Idabel had too much firepower. The final score was Idabel 73 Stilwell 55. The Lady Indians are now 13-4 on the season, 6-0 in District Play and ranked #5 in Class 4A. The Indians are also 13-4 on the season, 4-2 in District Play and ranked #14 in the Class 4A state rankings. Next game is at home Tuesday, January 30 versus the Poteau Pirates. Tipoff at 6 pm. Come out and watch some exciting basketball!

Stilwell vs. Poteau

Poteau's basketball teams came to town on Tuesday, January 30. The Pirates and Lady Pirates were decisively defeated by more aggressive and talented Stilwell squads. Final: Indians 52 Pirates 40... Lady Indians 66 Lady Pirates 32. Locust Grove comes to town on Saturday. First game is at 3:30. Tuesday, February 6, Muldrow comes to town. Tipoff 6 pm. Friday, Stilwell travels to Sallisaw, with a Saturday game at Roland.

ADAIR COUNTY 7th/8th GRADE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Zion's Lady Jets surround their Gold Ball trophy...

Tussle For The Title

Commentary by John Bankel

I attended the final day of this annual tournament held at the Stilwell High School Sports Arena, aka, the SHS gym. I arrived at 6 pm on Saturday, January 27 hoping to find a parking spot. The place was packed. I asked the gal at the ticket counter if all of Adair County was here or just some of it? She laughed. The gym was standing room only. There were champions to be crowned by the end of the night. In the girls final, it was the Zion Jets battling the Rocky Mountain Rockets. The Zion boys would take on the Maryetta Raiders. But first, there were the 3rd place games. For the girls, Maryetta beat Dhalonegah 35-23. Third place for the boys saw the Rocky Mountain Rockets prevail over the Stilwell Indians by a score of 35-15. The tussle for the title would come next but not before a most moving moment would take place. There was more than a basketball tournament planned for this night. The inductees of the newly formed Adair County Coaches Hall Of Fame were to be presented. The names of the men and women who had served 20 or more years as coaches of Adair County students were announced one by one. The announcer asked those coaches who were in attendance to please stand up. As I looked over the crowd, I could see a few who stood up. Then the announcer addressed the crowd and said, "All those here tonight that have been impacted by one or more of the coaches whose names I just read, please stand up." I was visibly moved as almost all of the people there stood up in unison. Thunderous applause broke out

and lasted for several minutes. I felt tears welling up in my eyes as I reflected back upon my own teaching and coaching career. Where would we be without the teachers and coaches in our lives? Then the final games began. The girls game featured the Zion Jets against the Rocky Mountain Rockets. The level of play among these girls was impressive. Their tenacious hustle wore me out. In the end, Zion prevailed due in large part to the commanding presence, on both ends of the court, by Amelia Price. Zion took home the GOLD BALL by a score of 44-34. It was now the Zion boys who had a chance to make it a Zion sweep. The Maryetta Raiders stood in their way. Both squads played with high energy as they raced up and down the court in a frenetic frenzy. In the end, it was Maryetta who prevailed due in large part to the seeming omnipresence of #11, Denver Bruner, who established himself as a force with which to be reckoned on both ends of the court: snagging rebounds, stealing passes and hitting timely baskets from the outside as well as the inside. When it was over, the two best teams had put on a tussle for the title. Final score: Raiders 43 Jets 35. Denver Bruner fittingly received the trophy. The GOLD BALL belongs with Maryetta. This tournament showcases the talents of Adair County's 7th/8th grade basketball as well as the excellent level of coaching that our students enjoy. The next level will receive some well coached players. Now, onto the ORES playoffs.



Maryetta's Denver Bruner hoists the Gold Ball...



Dear John,

I attended four years of college and have a very good job. I own my house and drive a nice car. I love my career, but I need more in my life. I try to find nice guys to date. My mom says, "You need to attend church and find a good man." Well, I work most weekends because I'm a nurse. This does not leave much room for attending church regularly. I have gone online and signed up for those single social networks. I did have a few dates, but they did not work out for me. My dad says, "You need to find a man that hunts and likes to fish." The problem is I do not do any of those things. My mother did not either and my dad likes getting away from home on his "hunting" trips. My best friend has set up blind dates for me and they were disasters. She says, "You are just a workaholic." She added that I need to "get a life". Well thank you, I have one and I make good money. Mom says, "I would like grandchildren and it's going to be too late for you to have babies." I think maybe I will quit my job, move back home with my parents, go hunting with my dad and get a life. Then I can have a baby like it seems to be the thing these days. Do you think I'm trying too hard or do you have any ideas?

Nerdy Gerdy

Dear Nerdy Gerdy...when it comes to matters of love, there is no one magic formula. Have you ever asked your Mom and Dad how they found each other? And, while you are at it, ask them what keeps them together? The answers to those questions may provide a key that will unlock your stuck love door. In the worst case scenario, you can always comb the nearest homeless shelter, grab a guy, give him a warm home and warm meals, while you get to know him. Love can bloom in the most unlikely places. We just may have it backwards in our society which teaches us to "fall in love, then get married." God's way of doing things is "get married and then fall in love." It works better that way. After all, that is how He handles us.

Sincerely,

Dear John

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL
COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL
Today's Trail Treks To.....
Stitt Commits

The border crisis, which is denied explicitly by the biden regime, is escalating. In the most recent set of events, Texas Governor Greg Abbott has thrown down the gauntlet in response to biden's insistence that the Supreme Court has ruled in his favor with respect to cutting the razor wire deterrent in the Rio Grande. Just the other day, biden declared that he has done all he can do to stop the invasion of illegals crossing the border while at the same time cutting the razor wire. What a world of confusion he must live in? Meanwhile, Governor Abbott, using the U.S. Constitution as his justification for his action to call up the Texas National Guard to help stem the tide, is re-

installing the razor wire as soon as it is cut. Biden responded with the threat of federalizing those troops so that they will fall under his command. But hold on one cotton picking minute! Biden, who is the first to ignore any decisions by SCOTUS, does not yet realize that he may be biting off more than he can chew. 25 RED state governors came to Abbot's support in a consolidated letter which included pledges to send their state guard troops. As of this writing, Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt has enthusiastically responded when asked if he will send troops. He said, "Absolutely!" It is refreshing to know that our RED states have the nation's security interests in mind and are

disposed to act appropriately to safeguard those security interests. Kudos to Kevin Stitt to lead that charge. One more reason to be a proud citizen of Oklahoma.

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

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Westville FCCLA
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
Region STAR Event



Photo from Westville FCCLA Facebook Page

Jenaly Yeager won 1st place. She will advance to State STAR Events at the end of March. Congratulations Jenaly!

Searching for Word.....

money. A medium of exchange that has a perceived value.

Ex. My parents gave me money to buy comic books at the local book store.



OSU Extension Office Adair Co. Oklahoma



4H Dress UP Day at Peavine School

Wednesday January 31, 2023



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Defining Lives by What We Give

THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

I firmly believe that the greatest source of our country's prosperity is the right of private property. Sadly, I see a trend where more and more restrictions are eroding that right. When you own land, it gives you independence and power to live a free existence. We who live and work on our property have an understanding what will work and will not work; government bureaucrats sitting behind a comfortable desk, for the most part, have no idea of the labor and management necessary to operate a farm or other kind of business. All of us who are self-employed live our lives hoping for the best, but preparing for the worst; there is a huge difference between a guaranteed salary from the government and having to make do with what we can produce on our private property. Even with all the obstacles we private land owners must endure, I would not trade places with them. It is my choice to operate my farm; if I want to plant wheat instead of corn, I do not have to get the permission from someone sitting behind a desk. The scenario I just laid out is how our system was designed to work, but there are forces at work that would remove or severely limit our right to private property use.

The current administration is run by a bunch of climate change fanatics who are intent upon a pipe dream of making our country net-zero in carbon emissions; to achieve their goal, our country would have to be blanketed with hundreds of millions of acres of American land with wind turbines and solar panels. However, they are running up against an obstacle, most of the land in America is still privately owned and many Americans do not want these massive industrial installations near their homes. Right now, the Biden administration is working to consolidate power over land and resources, because they believe whoever owns the land and resources of a nation controls the people. Their goal is

to be net-zero emissions by 2050, it has been estimated that to achieve that goal an area the size of Texas would be required to accommodate the wind and solar infrastructure we need to reach that unattainable goal. 70%, or 1.3 billion acres, of the land in the contiguous 48 states is currently privately owned, but that is not deterring the New Green Deal supporters.

There will be new laws introduced that will benefit the Green New Deal, one of the main tools will be the expanded use of eminent domain powers to speed the development of wind and solar projects. The battle we will be facing is a big one, the rich and powerful have deep pockets for campaign donations and they will use that money to fund politicians and their campaigns. At one time our country and its citizens had a thing called integrity, but sadly that trait is becoming in short supply, we are currently being betrayed daily by the very people that were elected to serve and protect the citizens of this country. We need to remember that when any nation loses the right of private property use, the citizens themselves become property of the state. Just last November, the Democrat-controlled Michigan Legislature passed a law that aims to take the control of land use from local communities and give it to state officials for renewable energy projects. There will be companies that will benefit from these projects, and will do so at the expense of the property rights of individuals. Too many of our people have forgotten that America's founders wanted private ownership of land and property, because property rights and political rights go hand in hand. We had better come to the realization that our system of government is under attack by a bunch of socialists who care nothing about the founding principles that our nation was founded upon.



PRESS RELEASE

FOR RELEASE: January 31 , 2024

CONTACT: Jan Wilhite , Secretary of Adair Election Board, 918-696-7221 or adaircounty@elections.ok.gov

VOTERS REMINDED OF ELECTION DAY LAWS

With the February 13 Election approaching, County Election Board officials are reminding voters of Election Day laws.

PERSONS ALLOWED INSIDE ELECTION ENCLOSURE

It is a crime for any person other than voters and election officials to remain within 30 feet of a ballot box while an election is in place. Additionally, it is unlawful for any person other than election officials and voters to be inside the election enclosure where voters are checked in, issued ballots, and vote. This law is not intended to include minor children who accompany voters to their voting location. A news reporter or photographer may, while covering the election being conducted, be allowed inside the election enclosure for no more than five (5) minutes. The reporter or photographer shall not interfere with voters or election officials and shall neither observe any individual voter while the voter marks a ballot, nor photograph any voter who is marking a ballot.

ILLEGAL VOTING

It is a crime to vote more than once at any election, or vote in a precinct after having transferred your voter registration to a new precinct, or vote knowing that you are not eligible. It is also unlawful to vote and submit an absentee ballot issued to another person.

ELECTIONEERING

Electioneering is advocating for or against a candidate or issue that is on the ballot. It is a crime to electioneer within 300 feet of any ballot box while an election is in progress. Electioneering can be verbal or it can include displaying items such as signs, pamphlets, t-shirts, buttons or hats. If voters are unsure whether or not their clothing or accessories would constitute an election crime, it is recommended that those items be left at home.

PRINTED MATERIAL

No printed material other than that provided by the election board shall be publicly placed or exposed within 300 feet of any ballot box while an election is in progress. Voters may, however, bring personal notes to assist them with their election choices while they are marking their ballot. Personal notes must remain concealed at all other times while inside the election enclosure.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND DISCLOSURE OF VOTE

A voter may take a digital image or photograph of their marked ballot while inside the election enclosure. However, it is unlawful for voters to post the image or photograph on social media or otherwise distribute or disclose how they voted until they have left the election enclosure.

ELECTION INTERFERENCE

It is a misdemeanor to interfere with the orderly and lawful conduct of an election. No one, including a lawfully appointed watcher or exit pollster may interfere with a registered voter who is attempting to vote, or may attempt to influence the vote of a person by means of force or intimidation. This includes activity both before and during an election.

POLLSTERS

An “exit pollster” is a person who receives an official commission from the County Election Board Secretary to conduct “polls” or interviews of voters leaving the polling place. No pollster shall be permitted within 50 feet of any ballot box while an election is in progress and shall be limited to written polling materials. Any person conducting an exit poll within 300 feet of any ballot box shall display identification provided by the Secretary of the County Election Board. Voters are not required to participate in exit polls.

INTOXICATION

It is unlawful to take intoxicating liquors of any kind or quantity to within one-half mile of any polling place on an Election Day. Additionally, no person shall attend an election or be within 300 feet of a polling place in an intoxicated condition on an Election Day.

REPORTING POTENTIAL CRIMES

Voters who believe an election crime is being committed, should contact their county election board or local law enforcement while the act is in progress or as soon as possible. Be prepared to provide as much information and documentation as possible. For more information or to report a potential violation of election law, contact the Adair County Election Board at 918-696-7221 or adaircounty@elections.ok.gov .

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EARLY VOTING BEGINS FEBRUARY 8

Early voting begins Thursday, February 8 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 by the County Election Board or 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, February 8 and Friday, February 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Adair County Election Board office in the courthouse located at 220 W. Division, Stilwell, Oklahoma . Wilhite reminds voters that early voting is not available at polling locations. Some voters may need assistance to vote because they are blind or visually disabled, physically disabled or infirmed, or illiterate. Such individuals may request to have an assistant or vote privately and independently using the ATI device attached to the voting device. Those who require assistance should talk to their precinct official or contact the County Election Board directly for instructions.

For questions, please contact the Election Board at 918-696-7221 or adaircounty@elections.ok.gov

Proud Grandma



Picture from Lora Gallardo

Kingston Reyes tells his grandmother Lora Gallardo about his day. He participated in the 4H dress up day at Peavine school.

Stilwell Schools Performing Arts



This past weekend, Tess Buckner, Galilea Flores, and Landon Fields had the opportunity to represent Stilwell in the Oklahoma Baptist University High School Honor Band in Shawnee, Oklahoma. We are very proud of them, they represented Stilwell very well. This next weekend they along with Shelby Burgess, Keegan Hummingbird, and Kadence Reynolds will head to Eufala, Oklahoma, to represent Stilwell in the Eastern Oklahoma Band Directors Association Honor Band.

The world is a complicated place, and there's a lot of division between people. The performing arts tend to unify people in a way nothing else does.

David Rubenstein

ROBERTS & HART

FUNERAL HOME



Rich Gillis
March 2, 1967 — Jan. 20, 2024

Rich was a wonderful, loving and supportive husband, he was my best friend and constant companion for over fourteen years. I loved him deeply with all my heart and I know he felt the same way about me. We had a good life together and we were both happy. I called him my gentle giant and he was, he liked that. He could make me laugh, and never made me cry.

He had a heart of gold too, with a deep love and appreciation for those he called family. He was also extremely touched and proud to be loved and called family by each and every one of them. You all know who you are, and I hope you will keep many fond and happy memories of him too.

Rich was the Southern California Railroad Operations Executive Manager; it was his job to keep

the trains operational and moving throughout the whole rail system before retiring and moving to Oklahoma. On his first day in Oklahoma Rich went to the post office to mail a letter, I jested that I would see him in a few hours, he laughed and left. Two and a half hours later he showed back up saying the people here are so friendly and so real and they talk to you! He moved here soon after and truly enjoyed being an 'Okie' and would jest he was an honorary 'Red neck', I do believe they would be proud to count him among their ranks!

I will miss you every day Rich and will carry loving thoughts and memories of you in my heart always.

Preceded in life by his wife Beverly Gillis.

Children: Duane & Rose Hewitt, Philip Hewitt, Crystal Hewitt and Denise Yamas.

Grand-children Duane Hewitt & Ashton Witte, Alexis Hewitt, Ariel Sanderson, Brandy & Coltorn Fletcher, Jessica and Cody Snelling, Kaden York, Ariel Sanderson; Philip Hewitt & Maridon Wipps, Isaiah Hewitt & Jason Dutton, Trevor Hewitt, Delilah Howell; Amber Hewitt, Cara Hewitt, Joshua Hewitt, Jeremiah & Aimee Hewitt.

And 14 Great Grandchildren.

Kester Family Funeral Service



Robyn Leigh Longshore
Jan. 12, 1967 - Jan. 24, 2024

Robyn Leigh Longshore, the daughter of Bob and Marie (Philpott) Davenport, was born January 12th, 1967, in Stilwell, Oklahoma and departed this life after a courageous battle on January 24th, 2024, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma at the age of 57 years and 12 days. She grew up in the Spade Mountain Community and commonly referred to herself as #9, being the 9th child of the family.

Robyn graduated from Stilwell High School as part of the Class of 1985 and later met the love of her life in 1990 before tying the knot on September 22nd, 1995. The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Robyn. She lived life to the fullest and she loved her family and friends. She enjoyed watching sports, and she loved attending sporting events to watch her children, grandchildren, and other relatives play ball. Robyn was widely known for her karaoke skills and was usually the first

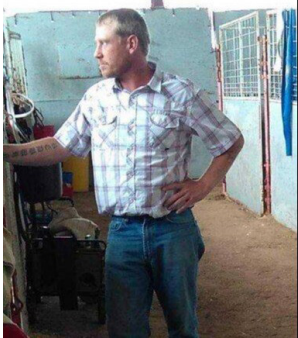
and last to take the stage. She also enjoyed getting together with family, participating in any outdoor activity you could think of, and loving on her pets. Robyn touched many, many lives over the years as a loving foster parent and as a pillar of the community she loved. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents Bob and Marie Davenport; her in-laws Ferrell and Betty Longshore; her sisters Linda Crittenden and Debi Wininger; her brothers Mike Davenport, Russell Davenport, and Doug Davenport; and her great niece Shayla Grant.

She is survived by a loving family, which includes her husband Mike Longshore of the home; her children Brent Davenport of Tahlequah, Jill Longshore of Tahlequah, Chad Longshore and wife Haley of Wagoner and Casey Kennedy and husband Brandon of Muskogee; her sisters Kathy Wilkinson of Sallisaw, Connie Shepard of Baron, Lori Toney and husband Rick of Stilwell and Traci Christie of Baron; her grandchildren Kally, Stormi, Alexis, Autumn, Talon, and Kanyon; and her Shelldawg. Many nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives also survive her.

ROBERTS-REED-CULVER

FUNERAL HOME



Arch Orse Redburn
Sept. 9, 1980 — Jan. 24, 2024

Arch left us Wednesday January 24, 2024, after suffering a massive heart attack due to his renal disease. He left those of us who love him behind, but he's in God's hands now and is no longer suffering.

He is the son of Stephanie Bridges and the late Don Redburn. He was 43 years of age.

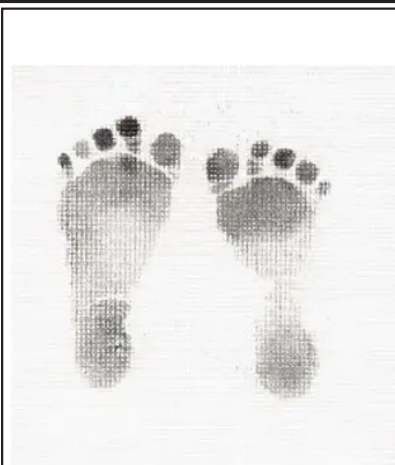
He is survived by his mother Stephanie Bridges, his brother William Redburn and wife Jessica, his niece

Taylor, his great niece Camyrn, his sister Ernestine Lawson and her partner Cory, and his nephew Tre Justus. He is also survived by his four sons Wyatt, Brandon, Rowty, and Tristan Redburn. He is also survived by aunts, uncles, and cousins in the Gore - Sallisaw area.

Besides his father he was also preceded in death by his sister Linzie Lawson, his grand parents James and Carrie Bridges, D. D. Redburn and Margaret Daniels.

Those who knew Arch sometimes didn't like him but always loved him cause if he was your friend, you knew it!!!

Services will be announced at a later time, at this time none are scheduled.



Violet Ray Caton
Jan. 4, 2024 - Jan. 30, 2024

Violet Ray Caton, the daughter of Brant and Hanna (Kindle) Caton, was born January 4, 2024, in Tulsa, Oklahoma and she was carried into heaven in the arms of Jesus on January 30, 2024, at the age of 26 days.

Violet's life on earth was brief but her impression was deep. She

touched the lives of so many people in her short time on earth. She will be dearly missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved her.

She leaves behind a loving family which includes her parents Brant and Hanna Caton of the home; her sister Diana Caton of the home; her grandparents Anne and Blake Littlejohn of Westville, Danny and Sonya Kindle of Stilwell, Cristi and Chris Tomlinson of Stilwell, and Paul and Faye Caton of Siloam Springs; and her great-grandparents Janus Muskrat of Stilwell, Oleta Dornbrack of Guthrie and Linnea Caton of Stilwell. Several loving aunts, uncles, cousins and other family also survive her.

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