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The Entrepreneur Spirit

Story by John Bankel



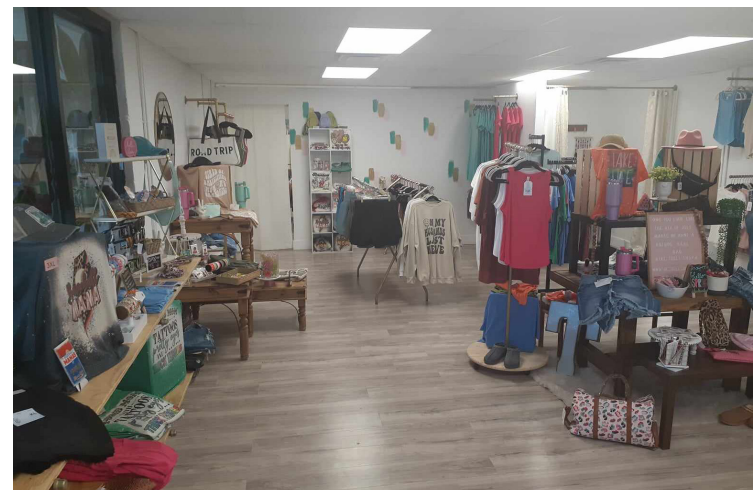
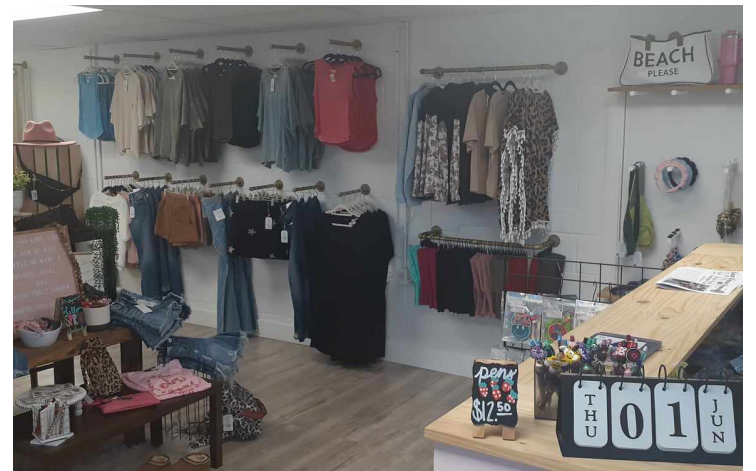
When it comes to energy, Chelsey Tuell seems to have an unlimited supply. She has harnessed that energy in many different ways: as an athlete, as a mother of 3, as a softball and basketball coach, as a dental assistant and now, as a shop creator and owner. Keeping up with Chelsey is no easy matter. She grew up in Rocky Mountain where she went on to distinguish herself with two state track and field championships in the 800 and 1500 meter races as an eighth grader for Rocky Mountain Middle School. At Stilwell high school she was on the basketball team, although she allows that 4 years of coaching problems did not make for a pleasant experience. She graduated in 2010. At the age of 17, Chelsey married John Tuell. Their first child, Paysleigh, 13, was born. Then, it was on to Carl Albert College where she majored in Science. Then Jaeden, 11, came along. Three years

later, Harleigh, 8, joined the Tuell crew. Oh, and along the way, Chelsey started an amateur career in Mixed Martial Arts, just in case there was not yet enough to do. I asked her how she became interested in opening a store? She told me that at an early age, she and her brother would "play store" at the house. Little did her mother know that this was a sign of things to come. Entrepreneurs usually find a need and then fill it. In Chelsey's case, the need of her and John's coaching that the need for t-shirts became apparent. They tried their hand at it by first making shirts for their team. Before they knew it, other teams were knocking at their door also wanting shirts. Voila! A business idea took hold. Chelsey started a website. Her husband set-up a "she shed" for a little workshop. Chelsey recruited members of the family to help. She tells of

The Entrepreneurs of America are the ones that get it done to meet a need in the marketplace. They are the ones who take the risk to venture forth into a new business. Some go so far as to "risk it all." Yet, where would America be without those adventurous souls who have paved the way to America's Greatness? Today we feature:

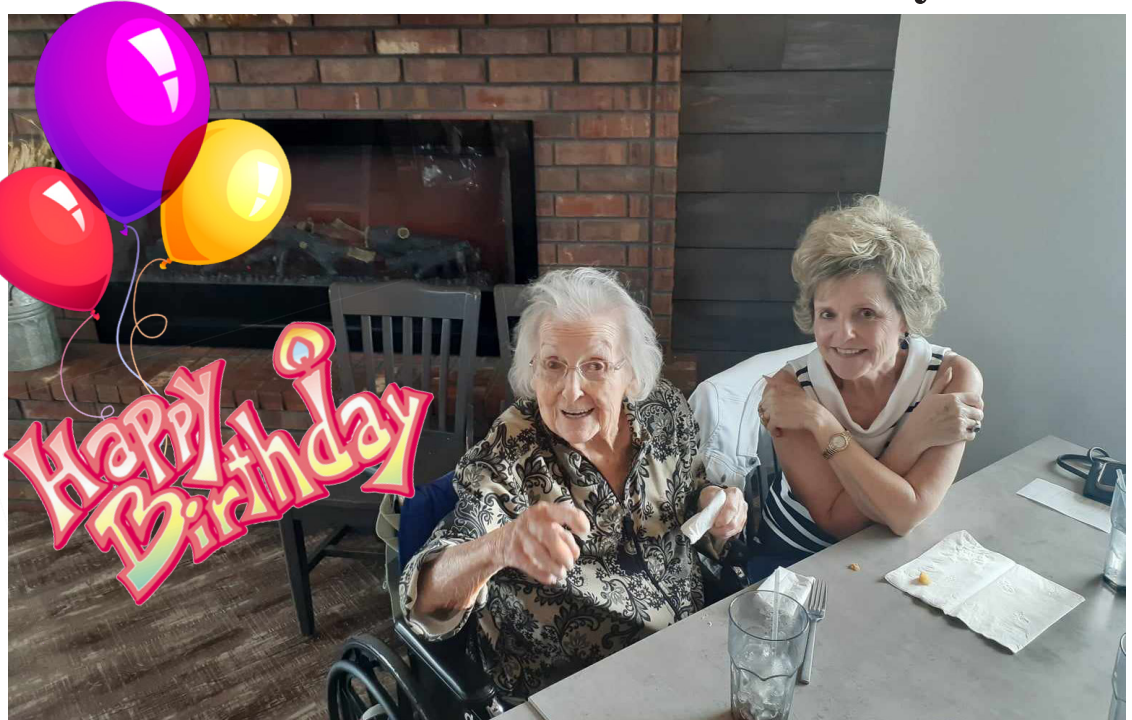
Chelsey Tuell: Creator and Owner of THE TUELL SHOP-BOUTIQUE... eclectic casual chic

getting ready for the 2023 Strawberry Festival where she spent many a sleepless night preparing for this major local event. With an investment of \$2000 dollars hanging in the balance, they set-up shop at the Festival. The outcome? A handsome 3-fold return on investment! Such is the moxie of the entrepreneur. Chelsey's boundless energy and tenacity had paid off. The next step for the business was to acquire a downtown storefront location. An opening came along where the store sits today: on the corner of Division and 2nd Street. Her fashion has gone beyond t-shirts. It caters to the youth. Eclectic casual chic. Stop in and check out this unique boutique.



Inside the Tuell Boutique

Casual Encounter Of The Birthday Kind



Mother and Daughter: Edra Worley Hudgins and Dalana Hudgins Inman at Rowans...

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PROVERB POWER

Jeremiah 29:11 KJV

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

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

Number 45

By Donna Boecher

Ephesians 6:14 – “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.” If you are a parent or grandparent, these days we live in have been dark on many occasions, both in America and in other nations. It’s not the weather, rather the spirit of the nations! Some speak of the end times; others speak of the people falling away from

the churches. One sees evil proceedings today! Fifty or sixty years ago, if you were too sick to go to church, you were too sick to play the rest of the day. To spare the rod (Proverbs 13), was to ruin the children. To understand the times, realize that many children and teenagers today consider the Church a building! Not true! The Church is “a body of believers that have been

called out from the world by God to live as his people under the authority of Jesus Christ.” It is a road map to an eternity with God – the now and hereafter. It is a life filled with abundance! As the Church body, we strive to express LOVE toward our families and neighbors as Jesus did. We know the truth, now we must STAND.

Casual Encounter Of The Birthday Kind

Story by John Bankel

I had the rare pleasure of meeting Edra Worley Hudgins on October 3. As I entered Rowans that afternoon, I was greeted by Andy Inman and his wife Dalana. Dalana was sitting next to an elderly gal who looked a lot like her. It turned out to be Edra Worley Hudgins, Dalana's mother. Dalana said that her Mom was going to be 95 the next day!

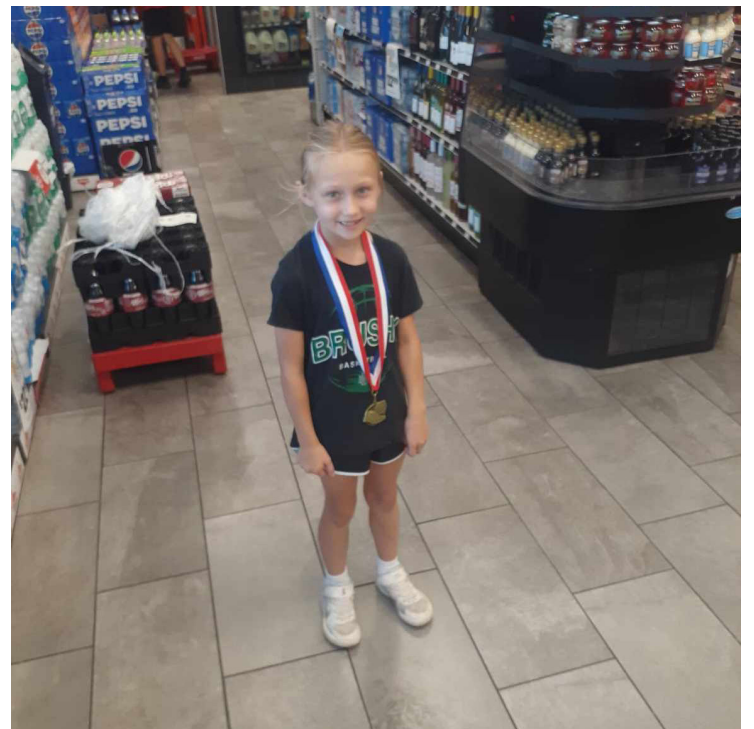
Worley, a cattle rancher who started the Livestock Auction. She recalls going to those auctions as a little girl in the company of her Grandfather while her Father conducted the auctions all dressed up in a suit, tie and cowboy hat. Luke also supplied, what Edra said, "was the best grocery store in town", Greer Grocery, with their meat. This store was located next to the Eagle Theater, on what is now a vacant lot in downtown Stilwell. Edra

is a retired Stilwell Math and English Teacher who has many more stories to tell. Dalana said that they have already laid some groundwork for a book. Meanwhile, Happy Birthday Edra!



THE ROVING REPORTER

In and out and roundabout...Stilwell Casey's



Peyton Campbell: Cross Country Champ

While delivering The Straight Forward FREE Press to Casey's on Friday, September 29, the Roving Reporter, always looking for a good story, ran into a young lady and her mom. I noticed the ribbon and medal around her neck. I just had to find out more about it. Her mother explained that Peyton, a 7 year old second grader, had just finished a cross-country race in a 10 team tournament at Maryetta and took 1st place running against 8 year olds! I asked Peyton if she would like her photo in The

Straight Forward FREE Press, a paper with which they were not familiar, but now are; she nodded her head with a smile. She said she loves to run and is looking forward to competing in the upcoming State tournament. Keep your eye on Peyton. She may just run away with another championship.



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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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MID COUNTY COMMUNITY BUILDING
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MID COUNTY COMMUNITY BUILDING
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“Though all we knew depart, The old Commandments stand: -
“In courage keep your heart, In strength lift up your hand.”

(from For All We Have And Are)



STILWELL SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Commentary by John Bankel

Stilwell @ Sallisaw: Where A Fumble Is Not A Fumble

High school football has always been plagued by what we used to call "homer" Referees. "Homer" referees are referees that are hand-picked by the coach of the home team to give the home team a competitive edge. There are many ways in which a "homer" can bring about unfair advantages for the home team. One way is in short-changing the visitors in the spotting of the ball; another might be in throwing a flag just when the visitor is mounting a comeback. Or maybe calling a fumble not a fumble, when the home team ball carrier was clearly standing upright for all to see when the ball popped loose and the visiting team fell on it. Or when the home team offense continually commits holding on the sweep that resulted in at least 3 touch-down, yet no flag was ever thrown? These examples are not just theoretical; they were part and parcel of the game on Friday, September 29, when the Stilwell Indians traveled to arch-rival Sallisaw to take on the Black Diamonds in a District game. The Indians got on the board first with a 25 yard field goal in Q1. The "homer factor" had not yet kicked in. In was not until Q2 that is

started to become apparent. The Sallisaw sweep was working just ducky, thanks to holding the Stilwell defender. Sallisaw took a 27-3 halftime lead. Stilwell was able to mount a comeback of sorts, as they trimmed the score to 34-17 in the second half, thanks to a couple of TD tosses from QB Juan Martinez, one to Freshman Brayton Carter, who, in doing so, set a new Freshman receiving yards record. The other was a 75 yard strike to Trey Chuculate who did some fancy footwork after catching the ball to find the end zone. The next strike of the game came at the hands of one of the "homers." Stilwell executed an onside kick to perfection as they recovered the ball in Sallisaw territory with plenty of time remaining to mount a comeback. A yellow "homer hanky" dropped to the turf clear on the other side of the field. Off side Stilwell. The Indians had to re-kick but this time it was not successful. On Sallisaw's possession, their running back was stood up at the line of scrimmage and clearly coughed up the ball. Stilwell pounced on it. The "homer" ruled his knee had hit the ground, where a fumble was not

a fumble. Stilwell's back was broken. The "homers" had executed their game plan to a "T". The Indians still have a lot of work to do, especially on defense in stopping the run. On offense, the line has to start blocking for their fine QB, Juan Martinez, who spends most of his time on the run trying to find one of his fine receivers. Personal foul penalties are still a drain. The potential for still making the playoffs is there. With improved blocking and tackling, the Indians can prevail even against the "homer." The Indians travel to Fort Gibson Friday, October 6. Kickoff is 7 pm. By the way, the final score at Sallisaw was 41-17.

John 20:31

But these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through His name.

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Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

A: Pumpkin π Sorry. I'll see myself out.

ADAIR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP



Cave Springs Hornets: 8 Man Football

On Friday, September 29, the Cave Springs Hornets traveled to Porum to battle the Porum Panthers. And a battle it was, one of epic proportions, that is if the score is any indication? The Hornets came out on top of a 54-52 final score. We used to call games like this "barn burners." Cave Springs improved their record to 3-2 and ended a 2 game skid. They next travel to Arkoma to play the Arkoma Mustangs in a Friday, October 6 game. Kickoff is 7 pm.



Watts Engineers: 8 Man Football

The Watts Engineers are off to a 2-0 start in District play. At that rate, we should be seeing Watts in the playoffs this season. On September 30, the Engineers traveled to Bluejacket to administer a 71 -24 pounding of the out-gunned and outmanned Bluejacket squad. Watts is now 3-2 on the year. Next up is a Thursday, October 5 game at Coyle where the Engineers will go for 3 in a row. Kickoff is 7 pm.



Westville Yellowjackets

After starting the season with 4 straight losses, the Yellowjackets seemingly took out the frustration of those 4 losses on the Okmulgee Bulldogs with a swarm of touch-downs that resulted in a lopsided 56-28 victory. The importance of this game cannot be overstated. Not only did Westville finally break into the win column, but this game also gave the Yellowjackets a District win. They are now 1-1 in District play and have a shot at making the playoffs. On Friday, October 6, Westville takes to the road to battle the Sperry Pirates. Kickoff is 7 pm.



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THE CONSERVATIVE VIEW

By Russell Turner

LATE GREAT MIDDLE CLASS

I have grown tired of the liberal politicians' claim that they are working for the middle class. Liberal politicians are not limited to one political party, but I have noticed that the vast majority are the woke progressives in the democrat party. If the democrats from the past such as Harry Truman and JFK could come back to life today, I believe they would be at odds with what their party has become. When you take a good look at the trends today, our middle class is declining and becoming less of a political force. The middle class has always been the strength of our nation, for the most part they were self-sufficient and held our elected class accountable. Today however, big government has got too many of our people hooked on entitlements, and for many people their only means of survival is to suck up to the elite ruling class.

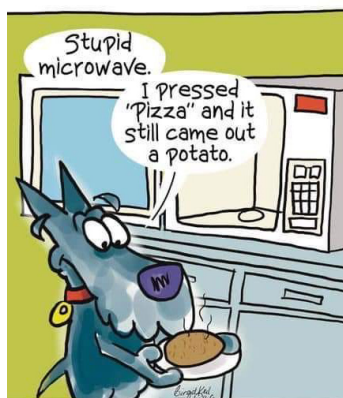
The liberals are nothing short of being socialists, one example that should be of concern to all Americans is the total disregard of our current immigration laws by the Biden administration. Various news outlets report that there are at least 8 million illegals that have crossed into our country, and the real number could be much higher.

I recently read where the legal Hispanics and Black communities are disgusted with the status quo, the illegals are taking the entry level jobs that they relied upon. It is illegal to employ illegal aliens, so many of them are working for cash; American citizens would have been paying state and federal income tax whereas the illegals do not. Most people must take entry level jobs to start up the ladder, without those jobs it is next to impossible to rise to the middle class. The money that our government is using to house and feed the illegals is putting a strain on the existing revenues from tax revenues from our shrinking middle class.

This current woke crowd that is currently in power are nothing but Marxists and Socialists. It was Margaret Thatcher that once said that socialism works great until you spend all the money that someone else has. It has also been said that we humans never learn from history, all these isms such as socialism have been tried in the past and all of them have failed. The socialists in all cases want the average people to just barely survive so that they will have to rely upon the ruling elite to take care of them. We conservatives have a hard time

understanding how anyone in their right mind would allow an invasion on our southern border. Until we understand that the liberals know what they are doing, we will never solve the problem. The invasion from the south is a tool to degrade the middle class and force all of us to beg for crumbs from the ruling class which solidifies their power.

The middle class are educated people that do have some skin in the game, if more people had some skin in the game the current worthless, socialist politicians would not get away with the mess they are making in our nation. All of us would like to be rich; some put all their hopes on buying a lotto ticket and hitting the jackpot, but I have found that 99% of the time getting rich requires a great deal of hard work and sweat. We Americans need to remember that hard-working people do not steal or become a burden upon society; we need a strong, vibrant middle class. We Americans need to get back to our founding and kick the socialists out of office that promise something for nothing.



WHAT'S SO PUNNY? PUN FUN

The Funny Story Series

In the last issue, PUN FUN gave you some funny stories instead of a bunch of puns. We will resume with a funny story and call this version of PUN FUN: The Funny Story Series.

Today's Story takes us back to the "Good Ole Days", which, when you finish the story, you may not think that the "good ole days" were really all that good. Just the same, have a chuckle on us.

Hole In The Head

Ma was in the kitchen fiddling around when she hollers out..."Pa you need to go out and fix the outhouse!" Pa replies, "There ain't nuthin' wrong with it!" Ma yells back, "Yes there is; now get out there and fix it." So...Pa mosies out to the outhouse, looks around, and yells back, "Ma there ain't nuthin' wrong with this outhouse honey." Ma replies, "Stick you head in the hole to see what to fix." So with that, Pa sticks his head in the hole, looks around and yells back, "Ma-dadgummit there arint nuthin' wrong with this outhouse!" Ma hollers back, "Now take your head out of da hole." Pa proceeds to take his head out of the hole and then starts yelling, "Ma, help! My beard is stuck in the cracks in the toilet seat!" To which Ma replies, "Hurts, don't it?"

Well, hope you got a chuckle or maybe a full-on guf-faw on this one. Look for more funny stories in the next PUN FUN: The Funny Story Series.

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HOPE TO SEE Y'ALL THERE!!**

Coming soon: Krypto 9.0. Krypto Kontest 8.0 was a tight fight for first. The winner will be declared in the next issue. Stay tuned.

Searching for a Word: support. To agree with and give encouragement to someone or something because you want him, her, or it to succeed.

Ex. I support our football team in their efforts to win the game.

ADAIR COUNTY OSU EXTENSION 3RD ANNUAL PASTURE TOUR



2023 Adair County Pasture Tour held Sept. 20th. We were blessed with some much needed rain and then nice, cool weather to visit with our local producers. A HUGE thank you to the Snyder family and Collins family for letting us come to your properties and sharing what you do with your operation. You all have beautiful places and it is always interesting to see what others do. What better way to learn than to have the opportunity to see firsthand management practices that are done right here in Adair county. These programs could not

happen without partnerships like this. THANK YOU! We would also like to thank Todd Snyder with L&S Feed and Supply for sponsoring our lunch! The Vaughan family with Double R&P Gas and Grill made a fantastic meal and their service was stellar! Other sponsors included GoBob Pipe, P&C Cattle Pens, Carson Community Bank, Larry Strauss with State Farm Insurance, Adair County Cattlemens Association, Westville Public School, Farmers COOP, Ft Smith Stockyard, and Red Wagon Feed. The community

support that went in today's program was outstanding! We also had our "A" Team with us today.. It is always a privilege to work with our NE District OSU Extension area specialists Brian Pugh, Earl Ward and Scott Clawson. Thank you for your time and effort to plan this and sharing your knowledge with all of us today. If you are interested in our OSU Extension Programs, don't hesitate to give us a call at 918-696-2253. Jennifer Patterson CED/AG/4-H

The Roving Reporter...in and out and roundabout...Stilwell The New City Hall Looks Pretty Ready



From the looks of things, workers are starting to put on the finishing exterior touches on the new City Hall. According to Mayor Jean Ann Wright, the grand opening is slated for around the beginning of December. A celebration awaits as this project comes to completion.



COUNT DOWN Bill Of Rights Day 2023

Friday, December 15

In 70 days.....

The drafting and ratification of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights was a lengthy and much debated accomplishment of our Founding Fathers. James Madison wrote the Bill of Rights, also known as the Amendments, to the constitution. He consulted with many people from the 13 colonies about how to protect individual freedoms. Madison became an advocate for specific prohibitions or limitations to government powers. The First Amendment offered the individual the right to worship free of a government imposed religion, freedom to express thoughts, verbally and in print, the right to assemble in groups, or the right to protest and to petition the government.

a strong central government. Anit-Federalists wanted the government to be limited, they feared monarchy, and tyranny. The Second Amendment caused much debate from the start. James Madison's first copy is as follows: The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; a well-armed and well-regulated militia being the best security of a free country: but no person religiously scrupulous of bearing arms shall be compelled to render military service in person. After the rewrite the **Second Amendment read like this: The Right to Bear Arms - A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.**

The creators of the Constitution and Bill of rights consisted of two factions. Federalists wanted to have

By Stephanie Cullinane

If you would like to respond send comments to; straightforwardpress21@gmail.com



Congratulations National Honors Society Inductees Rebecca Keigley, Madison Kindle, & Kazoua Lee. Watts School

Vocabulary Word: stand. To face or encounter.

Ex. A righteous man must stand to protect his belief.



ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

COMMENTARY BY JOHN BANKEL

Today's Trail Treks To.....

Tenuous Tenure

A history making event took place in the Republican majority House of Representatives on Tuesday, October 3. With 8 Republicans voting with the Democrats on a motion by Florida Republican Representative Matt Gaetz to remove California Republican Kevin McCarthy from his speakership post, the vote carried the motion. McCarthy's position was tenuous from the start. It took 15 ballots to finally reach a consensus in his favor. It consumed 3 days of back and forth negotiation with the Freedom Caucus creating the logjam. The most precarious provision to which McCarthy agreed was that his removal could be brought forth by just one member of the House Majority. Matt Gaetz, who ostensibly is engaged in an ongoing feud with McCarthy, pulled the plug by filing the motion of removal after having garnered the necessary votes

from his Freedom Caucus that pushed the ball over the goal line. One of the main objections to McCarthy's tenure is his caving in to Democrats on the "government shutdown." Instead of standing steadfast on reeling in incessant Democrat spending, he bowed the knee to the liberal left. Patrick McHenry, (R-NC), has stepped in to pick up the gavel as interim speaker. One of McHenry's first moves was to order Nancy Pelosi, (D-CA), to vacate her former office space to make room for McHenry or his successor. The timing of his order could not have been worse, since Pelosi was at her deceased colleague's funeral in San Francisco, the late Senator Diane Feinstein, (D-CA), who passed away last week at the age of 90. Be that as it may, this historic shakeup could be just the thing the House Republicans need to get in gear for the rest of the year in mat-

ters on which McCarthy has perceptibly dragged his feet, the chief of which is the Biden Impeachment Inquiry. The young, the bold and the restless are taking care of business. The old, the timid and the tired are on their way out, from both sides of the aisle; they all have a tenuous tenure. Stay tuned for more action.

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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In honor of National 4-H Week, we would like to highlight Adair County 4-H and the work they do in the community around them!



Dear John,

My husband and I love both of our parents, but when they come to the house unannounced it can upset us both. Last week his parents came over and my husband told me to be quiet. He would not let me answer the door. He even pulled me down on the floor in the kitchen where we hid out while his parents rang the doorbell. We could hear them talking about our car being in the driveway and something must be wrong. His mom walked around the house and looked in the windows. We pressed ourselves against the cabinets while sitting on the floor. I felt bad about doing this. Later they called using their land line and told us they came to see us. Then they made the announcement that they would be getting a cell phone so they could call us right away. I think my husband needs to tell them how we feel about unannounced visits, but he thinks they will do what they want to do anyway. What do you think John?

Newlywed

Dear Newlywed...coming to the house unannounced can be vexing, especially if it is an unwelcome visitor, like a door-to-door salesman. Your aversion for your parent's presence may have an underlying cause? On the other hand, as newlyweds, Dear John can understand that you might be jealous of your privacy. Your parents should be aware of that and as a courtesy to you, should call ahead before they show up at your door and put you in an awkward position, like skulking around the kitchen floor as if you are avoiding a Process Server, not to mention feeling guilty about it. The best advice that Dear John can give you is to level with your folks in as diplomatic a manner as possible. Your skulking days may just come to an end.

Sincerely,

Dear John

Have you got a question for Dear John?
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Curtis Don Kindle, 80, a resident of Proctor, passed away on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa. He was born on December 1, 1942 in Tahlequah to the late Claude Kindle and Emma (Reese) Kindle.

Curtis enjoyed driving around the country and sightseeing as well as going hunting. He most especially enjoyed spending time with his precious grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a

son, Claude Kindle, brothers, Richard Kindle, Cecil Kindle, Johnny Kindle, Virgil Kindle, sisters, Alterine Gordon, infant Anna Kindle, son-in-law, Milan Wilkie, and a grandson, Kenton Wilkie.

Survivors include his loving wife of 52 years, Jennie Kindle, daughters, Carla Kindle and Kim Wilkie, brother, Haskell Kindle, sister, Louise Holderby, grandchildren, Cheyanne Wilkie, Kindle and husband Jared Fain, Josh (Tati) Wilkie, Josie Wilkie, Kendra Wilkie, Lorne Wilkie, Dani Wilkie, Brooke Kindle, Jimmy Collins, Keysha Kindle, great-grandchild, Avery Vaughn, along with a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.



Steven "Steve" Escobedo age 64 of Westville, Oklahoma passed away Friday, September 22, 2023, at his home in Westville, Oklahoma

Steve Escobedo was born September 6, 1959, to Daniel Reece and Janice Pauline (Beede) Escobedo in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He grew up in Bixby, Oklahoma and attended schools there. Steve worked as a farm hand, rock mason and heavy equipment operator for Bears Farms for 25 years. He most recently worked for Miles Kimbell Farms, retiring

in March of 2023.

On August 19, 1977, Steve married Karrie Lynn (Ervin) Escobedo in Leonard, Oklahoma. The couple made their home in Westville, Oklahoma. Steve enjoyed his cows and was an avid deer hunter.

His family includes his wife Karrie of the home; three children Samuel Steven Escobedo who preceded him in death, Rusty Wayne Escobedo and Mandy Lynn Escobedo both of Westville, Oklahoma; five siblings Tommy, Danny, Deborah, Angie and Veronica; grandchildren Wyatt Cole Escobedo, Cristalle Escobedo, Dixie Rose Escobedo, Colton Escobedo, Jacob Girbino and Montana Girbino; and three great grandchildren.



Emmett Ross was born May 22, 1945, in Stilwell Oklahoma, and departed this life on September 26, 2023, at home.

Emmett was a very hard-working man. He built chicken houses and also raised chickens for many years on his farm in Stilwell until he retired. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Stilwell.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jerrie Annette (Welchel) Ross; Kevin Dean Ross, grandson Brandon Kyle Ross, his parents Tom Ross and

Nettie (Caton) Ross, Brothers Rufus Ross, James Ross, Jess Ross, and Bill Ross, his sisters Rosia Holland, Martha Roberts and Juanita Griggs.

He is survived by a loving family which includes son Stephen Ross and wife Pamela of Stilwell, grandchildren Nathan Thomas and wife Zaneta of Stilwell, Brittany Drywater and husband Cody of Stilwell, Tyler Ross and wife Anesa Stillwell, Drake Ross and wife Dev of Stilwell, Kevin Dean Ross Jr of Stilwell, and Kelsey Simmons and husband Anthony of Stilwell, 16 great-grandchildren and one great great grandchild, Brothers Albert Ross and wife Janet of Tahlequah Charles Ross and wife Peggy of Stilwell, sister Kathryn Martin of Coweta and many nieces nephews and other relatives and friends.



Franklin "Mose" Sawney 65, of Stilwell, Oklahoma entered into rest on September 27, 2023. Mose was born to Franklin Sr. and Nancy Sawney on October 21st, 1957 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Mose had lots of activities he enjoyed pouring his interests into. For example. He and his favorite four-legged buddy "Squirrely" went on many walking adventures together. They share a tight bond and Squirrely is already missing his favorite human. Trying to out-fish his grandson Nicholas is another favorite pastime of Mose. The art of canning vegetables and sharing them among a full table with friends and family is part of who Mose was as a husband, dad, and granddad. Mose will be greatly

missed by all those who grew to know and love him.

He is survived by a loving family which includes his wife Joan of the home, children Kat Sawney, Joe Byrd, Lori Lynn Lomen, James Byrd, Leonard Sawney, Molly Sawney, Mia Sawney. Brothers Earnest Sawney of Stilwell, JD Sawney, and Darrell Sawney all of Stilwell, Ok. Special Niece Casandra Buckner, Special Friend, and Neighbor; Nadine Ross.

17 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, aunt Marie Noisewater, and Mary Canoe. He also leaves to mourn a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Franklin D. Sawney and Nancy Sawney. His sisters Lula and Lillie Sawney, one brother Winfred Sawney, one niece Brittany, one nephew Melvin Joe Sawney, one sister in law Vanessa Sawney, uncles and aunts and mother in law Leona Bird Father in law Jim Bird.



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