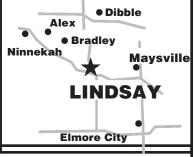


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# What When & Where

2009 Lindsay High **School Junior Class Parents** will be selling tickets for a 1985 Chevy pickup truck. It is a short bed, dark blue, pickup with 350 4 bolt main with a new tranny, new air conditioning. Tickets are \$10 each. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Proceeds will go to the after prom party. Contact Tyson Hendrix at 756-7856 or any junior class parent for tickets.

The Lindsay Round-Up Club will be celebrating their 60th anniversary this year and would like to have the names of past presidents and years served. They are also seeking queen and princess candidates. Please contact Keith Hassler at 580-744-1267 or Una Johnson at 405-756-4266. Deadline is February 10.

**Beekeeping Workshops** Scheduled. A series of workshops for potential beekeepers will be held beginning Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the Nora Sparks Warren Library, 210 N. Willow, Pauls Valley. The first of the four-week workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration fee is \$35 for individuals and \$50 for couples.

For more information please contact Jim Condit at 405-756-2884.

Al-Anon Meetings are held each Thursday at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 300 N. Ash, Pauls Valley. For more information contact LeeAnn Reinert at 405-238-4574.

with proceeds going to the Lindsay after prom party will be held March 7. It will

be a 4 man scramble with a \$200 entry per team. Prizes will be awarded. For more information contact Tyson Hendrx at 756-7856 or any

junior class parent.

Washita Valley Boar Breeders will be putting on a IBGA goat how Saturday, March 7, 2009 starting at 9 a.m. Peewees, juniors, and adults are invited. Come see, admission is free. For more information contact Chuck Robison at 428-2085, Shannon Persinger at 659-5310, Sharon Shepard at 756-8202 or Amanda Medellinat 756-5513. It will be held at the Lindsay Fair Barn north of Lindsay on Hwy 76. The FFA and 4-H Clubs will have a concession available.



**Remy-Schumacher and Friends** 

# Lindsay Civic Arts To Host **Remy-Schumacher And Friends**

February 22, Dr. Tess Remy-Schumacher and Friends will play at the Lindsay United Methodist Church at 3:00pm.

Dr. Remy-Schumacher was born in Cologne, Germany, has studied cello with many greats, and has received many awards. She is now music at the University of Central Oklahoma and the founder and director of the OCU Outreach Music Program together with Dr. Chindarat Charoenwongse.

For this concert she will be playing in a string quartet Isabel Alexander.

professor of cello and chamber which includes Dr.Hong Zhu, Theodora Morris and Dr. Ralph Morris. Dr. David Forbat will accompany them on the piano is several selections.

> "I have heard this group play and it will be an afternoon you do not want to miss," said

#### Free Tax Service To **Be Offered**

In recognition of efforts to help put more money in the pockets of working Oklahomans, Governor Brad Henry declared January 30 as Earned Income Tax Credit and VITA Site Awareness Day.

Tax return filing season has begun sites specializing in seniors. and local non-profit organizations are

prepare and electronically file federal and state returns without charge for thousands of low and moderate income Oklahoma families. Some tribes and most military installations will have sites. AARP will operate

Locally, Delta Community teaming up with community partners to Action will be offering this service.

# **Kennedy Running For FFA Office--**



Brooke Kennedy, senior daughter of Mitch and Jaye Kennedy, is one of three finalists for Central District State FFA Officer. Congratulations Brooke and good luck!

The service will be available on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at

308 SW 2nd in Lindsay. As increasing numbers of working families and individuals are struggling financially, trained preparers at these free tax preparation sites, called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance or VITA sites, will help eligible families apply for a federal earned income tax credit (EITC). This year, eligible families can get as much as \$4,824 from the tax credit.

The EITC helps working Oklahomans bridge the gap between minimum wage and a living wage. It ensures that Oklahoma's business community, particularly small businesses, will continue to find an affordable pool of workers by providing an incentive for lowincome family members to continue working when wages alone do not cover the cost of living.

While the EITC benefits both business and workers it also provides a multimillion dollar stimulus to our economy. Over 63,000 Oklahomans claimed the tax credit bringing in over \$128,000,000 to Oklahoma's economy. Yet thousands more who were eligible did not claim it. Generally, families with a household income of less than \$40,000, or singles with income of less than \$12,800 are eligible.

Free assistance with EITC eligibility and free tax return preparation is available at VITA sites across the state. Sixteen members of the Oklahoma Association of Community Action Agencies and their partners will staff VITA sites in more than 60 communities. For the location of site, you call call 211 or check the Community Action web site at www.okacaa.org.

# **City Council Election** To Be Held March 3

2009 municipal filings for the City of Lindsay were accepted until 5 p.m., Wednesday, February 4. Four council member seats were up for re-election. Each seat is for a 2 year term.

City Council election are Brant Stubblefield, John Branch, Fannie Stephens, Wanda Clagg, William Belknap, Todd S. Hinckley, and Steve Abram.

The City Council Election Candidates running for the will be held March 3, 2009.

# **Local Girls Wanted** To Attend Girls State

Since 1937 more than one million distinguished young women in the United States has had the opportunity to participate in Girls State. The Unit #23 American Legion Ball Smith Auxiliary sponsors those attending from Lindsay High School Junior Class. Applications can be picked up at the principal's office and are due February 20, 2009. Oklahoma Girls State is being held May 24-30, 2009 at Oklahoma University in Norman,

Girls State is a practical application of Americanism and good citizenship. The purpose of Girls State is to provide citizenship training of high school age in every Department of the American Legion Auxiliary; to afford them an opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens; to inform them about the duties, priviliges, rights, and responsibilities of American State get a once in a lifetime citizenship, in order that they experience.

may understand and participate in the functioning of their government.

Girls State is a week dedicated to learning the process of government and teaches students the realization of our veteran's sacrifices. Throughout the week girls participate in mock government, running for city, county, and state offices.

Girls get the opportunity to campaign for offices and then carry out the duties of the offices they are elected to. Bills are introduced and the actual process to pass the bills is followed. They get to exprience the "real

Saturday morning each girl is given a certificate of completion as they cross the stage. It is an experience they will never forget and they will make friends that will last a lifetime. Girls who get the opportunity to attend Girls

# Lights, Camera, Book Fair!



Lindsay Elementary recently held a book fair "Lights, Camera, Book Fair." A contest was held for the students to dress up like actors and actresses. Winners of the contest were (front row I to r) Colin Hacker as Blues Brothers (tie for 3rd), Ariel Cartwright as American Girl (tie for 4th), Austin Platt as Jack Sparrow (tie for 3rd). (Back row I to r) are Kamber Rau as Witch on Wizard of Oz (tie for 4th), Jeffrey Carnell as Gangster (1st place), and Davy Simmons as Terminator (2nd place).

# Weekend Weather



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# Matchbook Memories

by Dr. Jerry G. Nye

#### REMEMBERING HISTORY **PART II**

Recent developments in politics, economics, and government have reminded us once again of the importance of history. As we watch newscasts on television, read newspapers and magazines, and scan websites on our computers, we become aware of the links between the past and the present.

As I am writing this article, President Obama is speaking about how President Franklin D. Roosevelt handled the economic disaster of the 1930s. He is comparing his economic recovery plan to the programs that President Roosevelt established during the Great Depression. Of course, our present economic crisis is nowhere near the crisis that President Roosevelt faced. But, to me, it is encouraging that President Obama is studying that period in our history for possible ideas to solve our present crisis.

As I hear President Obama talk about employing workers to build roads and bridges as well as other public works programs, I am reminded of the WPA program of the 1930s. Some people disapproved of the WPA program as a waste of money. But some of those WPA projects are still standing firm today. The Bradley School building was constructed by the WPA in 1939-40. That building survived the Bradley tornado and still stands firm seventy years after its construction. On the Southwestern campus, three buildings and two dormitories were constructed by the WPA. Those buildings are still strong and useful today.

The pine trees in my back yard were planted in the fall of 1939 by Civilian Conservation Corps workers. The CCC

program was another Roosevelt program which employed men and allowed them to feed their families. A Bradley man, Rube Osborn, the father of my good friend, Paul Osborn, joined the CCC program in order to have a job to support his family. Today's recession is only a slight ripple as compared to the tidal wave of hardship that struck America in the 1930s, but a study of that period can provide solutions to our present

When Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected President in 1932, he inherited an economic disaster. The Republican administration of President Herbert Hoover was leaving power, and the Democrats then had a chance to bring change to America. Change was the keynote of President Roosevelt's new administration. There are striking similarities between the past and the present when we listen to the news today. As we compare the problems, the possible solutions, and even the participants of those two eras, we see shocking similarities. The only major difference between the two eras is that in the 1930s, there was no foreign war to consider. That would come in 1941.

Then, as now, the conflict centered on the two political parties. The conservative Republican party led by President Hoover had been in power as the economy collapsed. The liberal Democratic party led by President Roosevelt won the election by a landslide. Like today, President Roosevelt had a mandate from the people to make rapid changes.

Like President Obama's television appeals to the nation for support, President

Roosevelt began an amazing radio campaign to promote his liberal program that he called the New Deal. In his radio speeches that he called "Fireside Chats," Roosevelt spoke to the American people as though he was sitting in their living rooms. Today, in a manner reminiscent of President Roosevelt, President Obama went to Elkhart, Indiana, for a speech to the citizens of that town promoting his economic recovery plan, a speech which was seen on television across the nation. Hardly an appearance goes by that President Obama does not invoke the name of President Roosevelt.

As I watch the political maneuvering in Washington, I am astounded at the similarities to the economic crisis of the 1930s. Indeed history does repeat itself. I look forward to the days to come as we see the present events acted out against the mirror of the 1930s.

E-mail Jerry Nye at jerrynyej@aol.com or write to 1438 Pine, Weatherford, OK



# **Tales** From Turkey

**By: Amber Minson** 

It has been rainy season here since November and I'm still waiting for the rain to end. I mentioned last week that the rain had caused some leaks in our house, well now we're dealing with mud! I've had a hard time keeping the floors clean, as well as Sam's shoes. He has discovered the mud and how much fun it is to play in. I suppose I should just relax and let him be a little boy, but I just can't bring myself to allow him to roll through mud

Well, you know that if I won't let my little boy roll through the mud, then I certainly won't allow my little girl to roll in the mud. We finally found out this week that we're having a little girl. little sister.

Valentine's Day is upon us. I hope everyone has all their goodies picked out for their sweethearts! Valentine's Day is one of my favorites. Zach is good about always picking out good stuff and surprising me! I can't wait to see what he and Sam picked out for me this year!

I hope everyone has a great weekend! Thank you for reading and until next time, God bless!

# Zach has been saying all along that he thought it was a girl, but I was certain that it was a boy! I was proven wrong when I went to the doctor's office. We are so excited! Sam is going to have a

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# Oklahoma Junior Duck Stamp Contest To Be Held

The U.S. Fish and will be entered into the Wildlife Service is accepting entries for the 2009 Oklahoma Junior Duck Stamp Contest through March 27, 2009.

Students from kindergarten through grade 12 can submit artwork featuring an array of North American ducks, geese and other waterfowl. Artwork will be judged in four categories according to grade level. A panel of local judges will select three first, three second and three third place winners, along with 16 honorable mentions from each group. The "Best of Show" entry

National Junior Duck Stamp Contest.

All entries will be on display at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center throughout the month of April. Every entrant will receive a certificate of participation and first place through honorable mention winners will receive special ribbons. First through third places will also receive cash prizes. The "Best of Show" winner will compete at the National level for a trip to Washington D.C. and a \$5,000 award.

The Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design program was developed to teach students about wetland habitat and waterfowl conservation. Join us in "Connecting Children with Nature Through Science and Art". Submit your entry today!

Contest rules (including a full list of permitted species) and entry forms are available online at: HYPERLINK "http:// www.fws.gov/juniorduck" www.fws.gov/juniorduck. For more information please call 580-429-2193 or email HYPERLINK "mailto:danna mallow@ fws.gov" danna mallow@ fws.gov. Submit entries to: Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, 32 Refuge Headquarters, Indiahoma, OK 73552, Attn: D'Anna Mallow. All Oklahoma entries must be received by March 27, 2009.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.

# NOTICE

**Community Alliance** of Resources for Everyone presents Bullying Prevention including cyber bullying and relational aggression (girl bullying) presented by Gayle R. Jones, Oklahoma State Department of Education co-director safe and drugfree schools. It will be Thursday, February 19, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Health Careers Building-Seminar Center at Mid-America Technology Center in Wayne. Registration and light refreshments begin at 9 a.m. This workshop is provided by C.A.R.E. at no cost to participants as a community service through special project funding from O.C.C.Y. (Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth). Please make your reservation by February 10, 2009 by phone or email to: Donna McClung at 405-527-2424 ext 23 or donna.mcclung@

# **Church Directory**

Take Your Family To Church Sunday 🕇

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# St. Peter's Catholic Church

801 S.E. Second (405) 527-3077

Father Michael Vaught

Mass-Sunday 11 a.m. United Methodist Church 114 W. Chickasaw

756-2382 or 756-2387 Rev. Dr. Stephen Hale, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m.

# Missionary Baptist Church

903 S. Main Steve Boydstun, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.

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# church of Christ

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Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening 5 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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# Cowan-Walden 70 Wed.



Wayne Walden and Leslie Cowan

Mr. and Mrs. William Cowan of Lindsay are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie, to Wayne Walden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walden of Lawrence, Kansas.

Leslie, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University is a guidance counselor at Colleyville Heritage High School in Colleyville, Texas, and currently

resides in Fort Worth, Texas.

Wayne graduated from Kansas University and is an academic counselor for the men's basketball team, women's volleyball team, and the swimming and diving teams at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

The couple will be married at Walnut Creek Chapel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Sunday, June 28, 2009.

# THANK YOU

Please accept our sincere appreciation for all the many acts of kindness to our family during the saddest time in our lives. Words cannot express to each of you how blessed we are to have so many wonderful friends that showed us how much we are loved. Each of you were there when we needed you the most. One never knows how many people truly care until there is a crisis. All of the wonderful food and the many floral tributes and memorial contributions were simply overwhelming. Each of you went above and beyond to be more than helpful in our time of need.

Our sincere appreciation to Tim Keef of the Alex Police Department, the emergency medical staff from Chickasha, and to Larry, Rufus, Dan, and the staff at Sevier Funeral Home.

The comforting words spoken by Reverend Rick Forthmann, Vernon Florence, and Jim Coale were wonderful. Your words were so comforting to us.

It is our wish that we have missed no one or anything that each of you did, and if so, please forgive us and again, thank you so much.

The Larry Otey Family. Donna Otey

Jay, Amber, Traycer, Cody, Resse, Jacob and Brycen Todd, Holly, Kelby, and Sam

ociety

# American Legion Ball Smith Auxiliary Unit #23 Meets

Tom and Alexia Herrin, Jim

and Glynna Condit, Chuck

Hatch, Charles Bray, John

and Thelma Howell, Mary

Robertson, Fannie Stansbury,

Bob and Carolyn Hutto,

Gene and Jerry Jones, Dale

Poppenfus, Doyle Greene,

Auxiliary president conducted

March 3, 2009 at 6 p.m.

with a covered dish dinner.

Any eligible lady interested

in becoming a member may

contact any of the auxiliary

the closing of the program.

Georgia Baxter, Lindsay

The Auxiliary will meet

and L.O. Woodruff.

American Legion Ball Smith Auxiliary Unit #23 and American Legion Post #23 hosted the Elmore City American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion at dinner February 3, 2009. Cecil Covel, Lindsay commander welcomed everyone and Bill Baxter, Chaplain, gave the prayer.

A delicious meal was enjoyed by everyone and the program "I Am An American" was then presented by Joan Hunter and guests. The program is based on the essay "I Speak for Democracy" by Elizabeth Evans. Glen Murray was narrator, Alexia Herrin was pianist, Alyssa Waggoner was soloist, and the chorus was made up of Veterans. The director of the production was Joan Hunter. The program was in honor of our ancestors and all service men who have lived and died and given their blood for our freedom and democracy.

Those attending were: Georgia and Bill Baxter, Price Akers, Troy and Willie Nell McKee, Edgar, Clarene, and Sue Christian, Betty Allison, Allen and Joe Lindsey, Karen and Alyssa Waggoner, Kim Venegas, Joan Hunter,

members.

Robert and Pam Wright, Jason, Dallas, Coberty, and Temple Drew, Bill and Gay Freeman, Judy and Kenneth Holden, Pearlee and Tut Adams, Leon and Leta Adkisson, Ansil Simmons, Buck and Ruby Boydston, Cecil and Freida Smith, Glen and Betty Murray, Thomas Jack,

# Notices

The Lindsay High School Junior Class parents are selling raffle tickets for an over-an-under 12-gauge shotgun. The big winner will be announced Friday, February 13 during conference match play at the LHS gym. Proceeds from the tickets go toward the after-prom party the Junior class parents are planning for March 27. Those wanting tickets or who need more information are asked to contact Terry Hacker at 756-6764 or any junior class parent.

The Lindsay High School junior class parents are hold a bake sale, Friday, February 13 at 9:30 a.m. In addition to plenty of Valentine sweets and treats, Valentine gift baskets full of candles, lotions, and make-up products will be available. It will be held at American Exchange Bank.

# Engaged? Planning a Wedding? Let The Lindsay News publish your **Engagement Photo** and Announcement or **Wedding Photo and** Announcement



Come by the office at 117 S. Main in Lindsay or call **756-4461** for more information.



# Farm Bureau Legislative And Leadership Conference

leaders will have a chance to listen to the state's top legislative officials Feb. 16-17 during the annual Farm Bureau Legislative and Leadership Conference. The conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel on Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City.

"This is a great opportunity for our farmers and ranchers to meet and discuss issues with elected officials," said Mike Spradling, OFB president.

Scheduled to address the group are Lt. Governor Jari Askins, Congressman Tom Cole, Speaker of the Oklahoma House Chris Benge, and Senate President Pro-Temp Glen Coffee.

Much of the discussion will focus on the farm organization's priority issues.

"We want legislators to know our policies on right to farm laws, eminent domain,

Oklahoma Farm Bureau protecting private property rights, renewable energy and other important areas that are attracting attention this year at the capitol," Spradling

Immigration reform will be addressed by Paul Schlegal, American Farm Bureau director of public

"The Oklahoma legislature passed one of the more strict immigration laws in 2007," Spradling said. "We want to make sure agriculture has an adequate labor force to feed this hungry nation."

During the AFBF convention last month, voting delegates adopted policy supporting a stronger guest worker program that would allow for legal immigrants to work in the U.S.

During the Feb. 16 banquet Farm Bureau will present its' prestigious Meritorious Service Awards.

# Happy Valentine's Valentine's

# REGIONAL HOSPITAL Caring for Community

# Advanced Cardiac Care

Duncan Regional Hospital is partnering with INTEGRIS to bring additional Cardiac services to our community. We are once again continuing to grow to bring you more advanced health care. Four of INTEGRIS' finest cardiologists travel to Duncan, bringing with them expert heart care where you need it most - close to home.

# MEL CLARK, M.D.

Dr. Mel Clark is an interventional cardiologist with special interest in consultative cardiology, invasive cardiology and coronary stenting. He attended medical school at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. Dr. Clark also completed his internship, residency and cardiology fellowship at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Dr. Clark is board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease.

# GEORGE CHRYSANT, M.D.

Dr. George Chrysant is an interventional cardiologist with advanced training in advanced cardiac imaging and peripheral vascular disease. He attended medical school at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and completed his internship and residency at the University of Alabama. Dr. Chrysant completed his cardiology fellowship at Barnes Jewish Hospital/Washington School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri with an additional year of training in Interventional Cardiology at Barnes Jewish Hospital/ Washington School of Medicine. Dr. Chrysant is board certified in internal medicine, interventional cardiology and cardiovascular disease.

# VIKRAM KATARI, M.D.

Dr. Vikram Katari is an electrophysiologist experienced in diagnosing and treating cardiac arrhythmias. He attended medical school at Guntur Medical College in Guntur, India, and completed his residency at Indiana University School of Medicine. Dr. Katari completed his cardiology fellowship with and additional year of cardiac electrophysiology training at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. Dr. Katari is board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular diseases and clinical cardiac electrophysiology.

# DOUGLAS HORSTMANSHOF, M.D.

Dr. Douglas Horstmanshof is a cardiologist with advanced training in Congestive Heart Failure and Transplantation. He attended medical school at Northwestern University Medical School and completed his residency and fellowship at Barnes Jewish Hospital/Washington School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Horstmanshof is board certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular disease.





by **Doyle** Greteman

Superintendent, Lindsay Schools



This is shaping up to be an interesting year in the Oklahoma legislature, as more than 2600 new bills have been introduced.

At least 196 pieces of the new legislation relate to Title 70 of the Oklahoma statutes, otherwise known as the "school code."

Like past sessions, some bills will wind their way through the process, while others will die for lack of interest.

One interesting bill is House Bill 1511, which directs the State board of Education to develop and implement an end-of-instruction test for "computer science." This would be in addition to the five other end-of-instruction tested subjects-algebra II, English III, biology 1, geometry and U.S. history-of which two musts be passed to graduate high school with a standard diploma, in addition to Algebra I and English II.

Representative Ann Coody of Lawton, in House Bill 1530, wants to create the Health Education Act and require that school districts provide at least one semester of health education to students in either grade six, seven or eight. Representative Coody is a fine legislator, and I am sure that her heart is in the right place. She will most likely be flexible in the way this legislation is implemented, if it is passed, in order that it not create undue burdens on

Acommon-sense piece of legislation is proposed by Representative Lee Denney, who proposes changing endof-instruction standardized testing that is required for high school graduation to a satisfactory score on the ACT test. The bill also calls for remediation to be offered to those students who do not pass the test before they take it again.

House Bill 1594, called the Parental Choice in Education Act, would allow parents of certain schoolaged children to request and receive a choice scholarship to enroll the student in and pay for private school or to provide home schooling. This bill is of concern to most public schools, because it would divert funding away

We don't have anything against private schools, but it is well known that private schools do not have to accept all students. They can essentially pick and choose which students they want. Any dollars they receive will mean that much less funding for those public schools who are charged with the responsibility to educate anyone who enrolls.

One senate bill that is of some concern to us is Senate Bill 0470, which places the burden of proof, the burden of production and the burden of persuasion in all proceedings related to the provision of free appropriate education for children with disabilities on the local educational agency responsible for providing the student's education. The only exception to this would be in regard to unilateral private school placement. We need to learn more about this bill in order to determine the effect it might have on local school districts.

Last, but not least, Senate Bill 0676, by our very own Senator Paddack, clarifies language related to end-ofinstruction tests. The bill requires that alternative end-of-instruction tests include examinations recommended by the Southern Regional Education Board for algebra 2, biology 1, English III, geometry and U.S. history.

We know Senator Paddack is deeply interested in working with our schools and the state department to find good solutions to complex problems. We will be visiting with her about this legislation as it works its way through the process.

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# Elks Students of the Month



Chase Freeman

Chase Brady Freeman, senior son of Beth Ann Robertson and Royce Lee and Lisa Freeman, is the Lindsay Elk's Student of the Month for February. He has two brothers.

He has been a member of FCCLA for three years, FCCLA senior vice president, FCCLA junior representative, three year member of Stu-Co when he was a freshman, sophomore, and junior class representative, a member of Spanish Club for two years, one year class representative, and he played four years of football and three years of golf.

Chase is a member of the First Baptist Church and a member of the youth group.

He enjoys playing golf and going drag racing with his dad, Royce, and his uncles, Richard and Robert, and hanging out with his friends in his spare time.

Chase plans on attending UCO and eventually transfer to OU and major in Flight Control Management and work for the government.



**Tiffany Cain** 

Tiffany Nicole Cain, senior daughter of Lori Hull and Larry Cain, and Chris and Leandra Gentry, is the Lindsay Elk's Student of the Month for February. She has six brothers and two sisters.

She has been involved in FCCLA for three years where she served as vice president and secretary, student Council for two years, Pep Club for one year, yearbook for three years where she has served as editor, Drama Club for two years, and FISH Club for three years.

Tiffany is a member of the Lindsay First Assembly of God Church.

In her spare time she enjoys hanging out with friends, reading, and doing church activities.

Tiffany works at Grasslands Veterinary Clinic as a receptionist.

After high school Tiffany plans on attending college and majoring in Education.

# Kiwanis Students Of The Month



Tess Robbins, sophomore daughter of Cyndi and Stoney Robbins, is the Kiwanis Student of the Month for February.

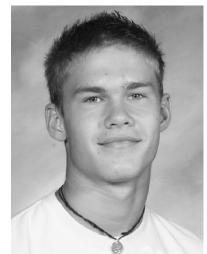
She has been involved in basketball, softball, and was vice president in FCCLA.

Tess is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

In her spare time she enjoys playing basketball, and spending time with her friends.

She plans on graduating high school and going to college.

Her favorite class is Algebra II and her favorite teacher is Coach Jaques.



Carson Tate

Carson Tate, sophomore son of Chris and Carol Tate is the Kiwanis Student of the Month for February.

He is involved in playing football, basketball, and baseball.

Carson is in the youth at First Baptist Church in Lindsay, and helps coach the Spurs little league basketball team.

He loves to hang out with his friends and family, listen to music, beat Brennan at NCAA on the XBox, watch ESPN, play with his dog Charlie, and just having a fun

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Tuesday-\*Fried Chicken, \*BBQ hot link, bun, french fries/ketchup, carrot sticks,

pineapple, milk-variety. Wednesday-\*Sub sandwich, \*Spahghetti/roll, tots/ketchup, peaches, milk-vari-

Thursday-\*Beef Nachos, \*Meatloaf, hot roll, green beans, orange halves, creamed

Friday-\*Burrito, \*Cheese enchilada, spanish rice, salad, peaches, milk-variety.

Grades 5-12 Monday-\*Pizza, \*Chicken pot pie, corn, salad, peanut butter cookies., milk/lem-

Tuesday-\*BBQ chicken/roll, \*BBQ hot link/bun, french fries/ketchup, carrot

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Thursday-\*Beef Nachos, \*Meatloaf, hot roll, creamed potatoes, green beans, orange

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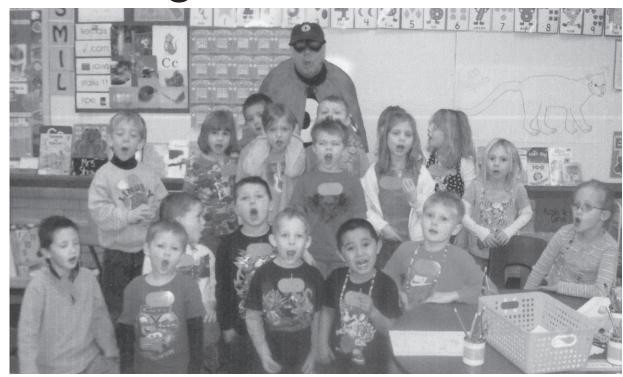


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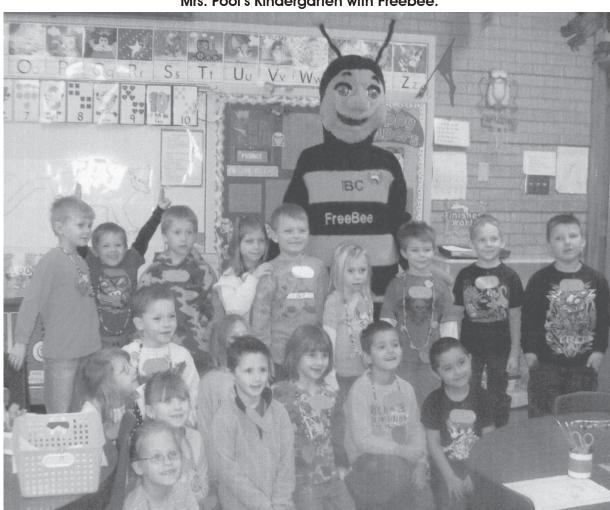
Freebee gave the children 100th day bee coloring sheets. They can color them and take their pictures to the Lindsay IBC Bank to enter a 100th day of school contest.

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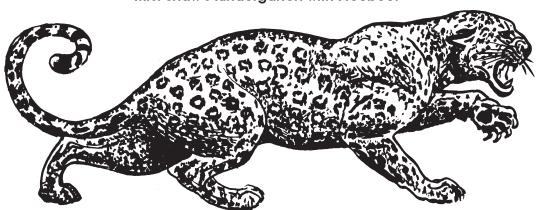
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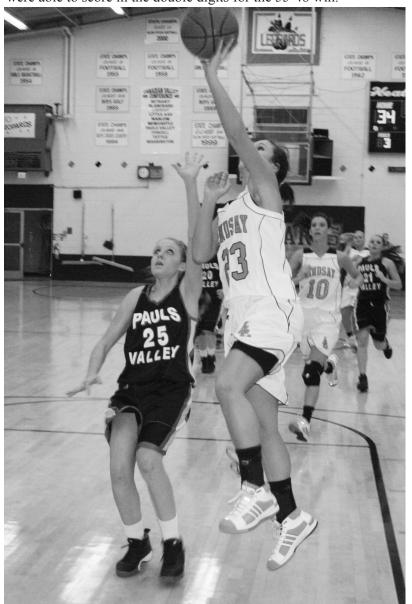
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# **Leopards And Leopadettes Both Win Homecoming Games**

The Leopards fell behind quickly last Tuesday night against the Pauls Valley Panthers following homecoming festivities. Like dedicated artists, they chipped away at their opponent, displaying their tenacity to garner another win, 53-45.

The Leopardettes, finally gathering their composure after the loss of senior Deven Robbins to an arm fracture during the Tishomingo tournament, were able to pull together to defeat the Lady Panthers of Pauls Valley for the second time this season. Three Lindsay players were able to score in the double digits for the 55-48 win.



#23 Courtney Lariscy goes for a lay up against a Pauls Valley defender. The Leopardettes won the contest. #10 Kylie Blough is also pictured. (Photo by Sheryl Kochert).

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#24 Brennan Zurline takes a shot in the Lindsay Leopards win against Pauls Valley during Homecoming. #32 Jordan Lukens and #10 Josh Christie are also pictured. ( Photo by Sheryl Kochert).



#21 Tess Robbins dribbles the ball around a defender from Pauls Valley. The Leopardettes won the contest during Homecoming. (Photo by Sheryl Kochert).



#3 Doug Ezell takes a shot against a Pauls Valley defender. (Photo by Sheryl Kochert).

# Down the WÄLLVILLE

the merry month of February

2009. Now, I suspect some of

you long time readers wonder

about those stories of Paul

Cunningham. Could he be real

or just a ghost writer for old Al Hunt to give him a break in the action. I mean, whoever heard

of a store keeper letting some

one sleep in his store all night

because the rain had made the

roads a big, black mud puddle.

Who would slip in a half-dug

cellar filled with rain water and

have to be saved by his momma.

I mean come on, well wonder no

more, I have got mail, sounds

like the 21st century, doesn't it?

You've got mail. But, no really,

I've got honest to goodness U.S.

mail verifying the existence of the Cunningham family

from down the Wallville Road.

Now, I thought we could all

relate to it, us baby boomers

anyhow, so I thought I'd share

it with you. It starts out Mr.

Hunt Oh! I like it when they

called me Mr. Well, she goes on

buttering me up, telling me how

she likes my little ole column

and reads it every week. But

fattery will get you nowhere, it never worked for me. She

was surprised to read about

Paul and Pauline Cunningham

because she realized Pauline,

Paul's twin, was really my great-

aunt Pauline, married to my

grandfather's baby brother, Jr.

Webb. They had three children,

Linda, Kay, and Ray who were

my sister and I, Donna, my sister

you know they were not only our cousins, but also our best friends

Well, here we go, speeding

into 2009 as the years go flying

by like the highline poles. Well,

pay attention, you don't want to miss any exciting moments

of this week's ride down the

Naomi Hines, announcing the

arrival of their 14th grandchild.

A little girl named Kimberlyn Hope, born February 4, 2009

to parents Michael and Misty

in touch on his world tour. Says,

"Hey Al, I'm not sure exactly

where Slovenia is--but that is

where I'm at. Send map and

Well, I'll get the map. Paula

Kay, Susie, and Becky will have

congregation enjoyed a good

youth rally at Waurika, OK.

Matt Hunt, pastor, February

6. Churches from Kingfisher,

Boyd, Texas, Jacksboro, Texas,

Ozark, Missouri, and Wallville and Waurka were on hand.

Brother Shane Pharris of Ozark,

Missouri brought the closing

message. Brother Andrew

blazers-Clint Driskill and Kristy

Jensen on the 14, Scotty Donaho

and Leon Chandler the 15 of

February, Irene Cheek also the

15, Donnie Teel on the 16,

Scotty Work the 18, the grand

lady Ruth Kizer parties on the

13, Laura Maelna paints the

town red on the 15, and closing

out this week, is Mr. Harrison

Hats off to Rush Creeker Robert Dennison, our ambassador

Owens on the 19.

Birthdays of the trail

Parker also preached.

PS. Cold and snowy here.

The Wallville Church

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with Al Hunt to California, working to see it Turn off the highway and doesn't break off and float into let's go down the Wallville Road. the ocean. Welcome to Wallville country in

Winner of the roses, Steven and Rebecca Mayhan, celebrating big #30 this February 16. They were married at the Cottrell Mission Church years

Paul and Gwyneth Hale, the son of Madge Hale and the late Gene Hale celebrates anniversary 13 this February 11, 2009. One at a time is the way they add up.

Happy anniversary to David and Donna Frost, March 12, 1993. This year makes 16 years of the good life. The children of Willie Ellithorp and Jack Frost.

Wedding bells should be ringing May 30, 2009 in the Maysville Holiness Church for Miss Leslie Jensen, granddaughter of Miss Dorlas Jensen and Barbara Jensen and the late Jesse Jensen. The groom is Mr. Chad Dickenson of Lindsay, employed by Davis Machine Shop. All friends and families are invited.

April 10-11-12, 2009, the annual Wallville Easter meeting starts Friday night at 7:30 p.m., two services Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m., 6 p.m. Saturday youth service and Brother Phillip Bernard night speaker. Two meals served daily. Call 206-7495, or 207-3268. You are welcome.

To put your two cents worth in send your news and views to RR 3 Box 222-A, Pauls Valley, OK 73075 or call 405-207-3268 or 207-1691. Call today, don't

Isaiah Hunt was treated to a shopping spree and a fishing trip from his rich uncle Cecil Hunt. They went to the Pauls Valley Lake. Results are yet to be determined. This took place February 7, 2009. No fish.

The Wallville Veteran's League wishes to salute General Tommy Franks of Wynnewood, OK. The commanding General of the invasion of Iraq. Well

done General.

The Wallville Church was honored with the preaching and singing of Timothy and Hannah Hunt of Boyd, TX. They joined the Wallville pizza patrol at the Hut after church, February 8,

Coming to a curve in the road, until next week, this is be kind to "Kay Bray" week. We will be looking for you in church Sunday, bring someone with you.

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Well, by the old clock on the wall tells us we're out of time for this week. So, we'll try to next week bring you the exciting conclusion to Mrs. Diane "Webb" Perry, Dean Perry's boss and her memories of the Cunningham family she knew down the Wallville



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1. Sealed proposals will be received by the Owner, The Board of Education, Lindsay Public Schools, Independent School District #9, Lindsay, Oklahoma at the Administration Building, until 2:00 pm, C.S.T., on the 4th day of March, 2009 at which time said bids will be opened for furnishing all labor and materials for the Reroof & Mechanical Replacement for Lindsay Public Schools. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at the bid opening at the school located at 800 West Creek, Lindsay, Oklahoma. All interested parties are invited to attend.

2.The Owner reserves the right to waive any formalities, and the right to reject any or all bids. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the date of the bid opening. Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours, excluding Saturday, Sundays and holidays, before the time set for the opening of bids, or after 2:00 pm C.S.T., will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

3.Contract Documents are on file at the Owner's office, the Architect's office, 4612 N. MacArthur Blvd., and the plan rooms of F.W. Dodge/AGC Plan Room, Southwest Construction News & Bid News.

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of employment to be observed, minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract and the non-collusion, business relationship, and non-discrimination provisions of the statutes.

7. Calendar days required for

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8.A contract must be executed

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BY: President, Board of Education

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To be published in the Lindsay News, PO Box 768, Lindsay, OK 73052, two (2) times, February 12, 2009, and February 19, 2009. In the District Court of Garvin

County State of Oklahoma

In the Matter of the Estate of

Rebecca A. White, deceased.
Case No. PB-09-7
Judge: Blake
Notice to Creditors

State of Oklahoma County of Garvin ss.

All persons having claims against Rebecca A. White, deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral, if any, held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to the named Personal Representative at:

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# Representative LEGAL NOTICE

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In the District Court of Garvin County State of Oklahoma

In the Matter of the Estate of Jean Branch, also known as Jerry Jean Branch, deceased.

No. PB-09-06 Notice to Creditors

All creditors having claims against Jean Branch, also know as Jerry Jean Branch, deceased, are required to present the same, with a description of security interest and other collateral (if any), held by such creditors with respect to such claim, to the Personal Representative, James William Freeling, 1301 N. Davis St., Lindsay, OK 73052, or at the offices of Elkins and Hart, Inc., PO Box 428, 308 S. Main, Lindsay, OK, attorneys for the personal representative, on or before the following presentment date: April 14, 2009, or the same will be forever barred.

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# **O**BITUARY

Lyndal Keith Bray 1952-2009



Lyndal Keith Bray of Oklahoma City, OK passed away February 7, 2009 at Southwest Medical Center in Oklahoma City at the age of 57. Lyndal was born January 3, 1952 in Lindsay, Oklahoma to Augusta Lee and Lula Fay (Bunch) Bray. He grew up in Lindsay, and he loved the area and the people of Lindsay.

Lyndal worked at Precision Parts and Remanufacturing in Oklahoma City. He liked to fish and to participate in other outdoor activities. He loved sports, and he enjoyed the company of others.

Mr. Bray is survived by one daughter, Sheri Del Bray of Oklahoma City, OK, two sons; Augusta "Keith" Bray of Oklahoma City, OK, and Kyle Douglas Bray of Guthrie, OK, and one sister, Gail Steelman and husband Charles of Oklahoma City, OK.

Mr. Bray was preceded in death by his parents, Augusta Lee and Lula Fay Bray.

Funeral services for Mr. Bray were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at Erin Springs Baptist Church in Erin Springs, OK with Pastor Bryan Shaw officiating. Interment was at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, OK.

Services were under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, OK. Condolences for the family may be made online at www. boydstonfuneralhome.com.

# **O**BITUARY

Samuel Leon Ashford 1924-2009



Samuel Leon Ashford, 84, of Amarillo, TX, former Chickasha area resident passed away February 9, 2009.

Leon lived a good life, a long life, but most of all, he lived a life of love. At the end of our days on earth, it should be the goal of each of us here to say we did as Jesus asked, "We loved and were loved". This message is the crux of First John, that we might love because he first loved us.

Leon understood that, and lived it. And so today we celebrate his life that began on December 31, 1924 in the little community of Naples, OK. His early life was blessed with a large close family that included two brothers and three sisters. He was the second son of James Leonard and Tima Gorden Ashford. His mother died shortly after childbirth when he was only eleven years of age. His father managed to hold his little family together thru the Oklahoma Dust Bowl Days and the Great Depression. He finished the eighth grade and then had to leave school and go to work in the broomcorn fields to help support the family.

In the early 1940's he met the love of his life Mary Lee Smith from Alex, OK. They were married October 1, 1944 in Anadarko, OK. They moved to Lubbock, TX in 1949 and started the difficult, but rewarding task of raising three daughters, Gail, Kathy and Dena. He was their biggest

fan and supporter.

He worked for Bell Dairy in Lubbock for 15 years before moving back to Oklahoma and building their own dairy farm. In later years they owned a convenience store in Lindsay.

They were a team that worked side by side until Mary Lee died July 3, 2003.

Leon had a deep and unshakable faith in God and was a lover of gospel music. His earthly life ended on February 9, 2009, but a joyous reunion Celebration began in heaven.

He will be missed each and every day by his daughters, seven grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, all of whom he was so proud of, and his extended family and friends.

Death is a passage from life as we know it into the heart of God. A passage into the light, not darkness. This is a grand occasion, Leon has passed from this life, to life ever after.

Survivors include: three daughters and their husbands: Gail and Wayne Stevens of Amarillo, TX, Kathy and George Dowell of Poteau, OK, Dena and Darrin Chambers of Waynesboro, PA; one brother; Gub Ashford; three sisters: Sylvia Wenholz, Margaret Wells, and Shirley Choindire.

Funeral services for Samuel Leon Ashford, will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, February 13, 2009 at the Tabler Gospel Tabernacle. Interment was in the Alex Cemetery under the direction of Sevier Funeral Home.

# DEATH NOTICE

#### Faye King

Services are pending with Wooster Funeral Home in Pauls Valley for Faye King, former Lindsay resident. She passed away February 9 at the home of her daugther in Portsmith, Virginia.

# **Environmental Quality Incentive Program Announces Changes**

Oklahoma NRCS State Conservationist Ron Hilliard has announced an extension of the EQIP ranking cutoff period to April 1, 2009. This will expand the opportunity for producers to apply for conservation payments under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for fiscal year 2009. New rules have been under development for the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, or 2008 Farm Bill. With the publication of the interim final rule, 2009 program activities can now be initiated.

On January 15, 2009, Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer announced changes to EQIP, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's largest conservation program for working agricultural lands. USDA published an interim final rule containing the statutory changes to EQIP in the Federal Register. USDA is seeking public comment on the rule through March 16, 2009.

USDA-NRCS administers EQIP, a voluntary conservation program that provides technical assistance and payments to help crop and livestock producers address environmental concerns through conservation improvements on agricultural and non-industrial private forest lands. Farmers and ranchers can use EQIP to farm in an environmentally friendly manner and still meet their agricultural production goals. It is designed to produce significant environmental benefits to the public, such as improved soil, water and air quality; and enhanced wildlife habitat. In addition, farmers and ranchers use EQIP to meet federal, state, tribal and local environmental regulations.

Under the amended EQIP, socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers as well as beginning and limited resource producers are authorized to receive payments of up to 90 percent of the costs of installing or implementing a conservation practice.

The 2008 Farm Bill reduced the overall payment limitation from \$450,000 to \$300,000 for a six-year period, except for environmentally significant projects.

In order to be eligible to participate in EQIP, an applicant must be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions, have an interest in the agricultural operation, and have control of the land for the proposed contract period. If the applicant is a tenant, written concurrence of the landowner is required to apply a structural conservation practice. Legal entities that apply for the program must provide a list of all members of the legal entity and embedded entities along with members' percentage interest in the operation. Potential applicants are encouraged to update their USDA eligibility at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) prior to making application for EQIP. EQIP applications will not be ranked or considered for funding until the applicant meets all eligibility requirements.

"We are accepting applications for participation in the EQIP program on a continuous basis," adds Brandon Chandler. "However, only applications received by April 1, 2009 will be ranked and considered during this expanded selection period." Evaluated applications will be grouped and selected for funding from a list of high priority

applications until the funding allocation is obligated." Unfunded applications will be maintained for future funding consideration if the applicant chooses to remain on the waiting list. Successful applicants with high priority resource concerns will be contacted to develop contracts to obligate the current funding allocation. Producers that have high priority resource concerns and are interested in participation in EQIP may apply at any time at the local NRCS office, 105 N. Indian Meridian, Pauls Valley, OK or by calling 405-238-6767 ext. 3.

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