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What, When & Where!

Look Before You Toss! In an effort to help Lindsay Elementary School a challenge has been issued to citizens of Lindsay to save "Labels for Education. These labels are Box Tops (from General Mills), Labels for Education (From Campbell's Soup) and Go Play Labels (From Nestle Pure Life Water). These labels can be turned in to the Lindsay Elementary office, any Lions Club member, or Calvary Baptist Church. For more information contact the Lindsay Elementary at 756-3134 or Michelle Stelzig at 756-2579. Box Top generate 10 cents a piece and are used for educational equipment, books, material etc. Campbell's provide educational equipment, books, materials, etc. Go Play provides physical education equipment.

A Town Wide Garage Sale will be held in Davis, OK May 2 and May 3.

First Assembly of God Revival will be Sunday, May 4 to Wednesday, May 7. Sunday services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. Evangelist Wayne Reid will be the speaker. For more information call 756-3088.

Randy Mulano will be in concert at the Calvary Baptist Church, Sunday May 4 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Open 4-D Jackpot Barrel Races will be at the Pauls Valley Roundup Club Arena at the end of north Willow Street at Wacker Park. They will be Monday nights with exhibitions at 6:45 p.m. and the class at 8:30 p.m. April 14 through September 29. Exhibitions will be \$4 and the Jackpot will be \$19 with 1/2 sec., 1/2 sec., full second split. Added money will be each night. Full concession will be provided. Excellent arena grounds and restroom facilities. For weather update and holiday schedule call 405-238-2776 or cell 405-207-6058.

Relay For Life cancer survivors are having a fund raiser. Six survivors are running for king/queen of Lindsay Relay for Life. The ones receiving the most money in their jars will be the king/queen of this year's Relay, which will be held June 27. They will also ride the Relay for Life Float in the Founder's Day Parade. Those running are Ray and Dorothy Travis, Bonnie Rinehart, Pat Wall, Mike Selzer, and Rick Welcher. Containers are at the American Exchange Bank and First National Bank in Lindsay. The containers will be in place until close of business May 5.

Memorial Day Observance

The Lindsay American Legion Ball-Smith Post 23 will be conducting Memorial Day Services at the following times and place Monday, May 26, 2008.

Ninnekah	9 a.m.	Speaker: Jerry Nye	Music: Rogers' Sisters
Alex	9:45 a.m.	Speaker: Don Chaffin	Music: Rogers' Sisters
Bradley	10:15 a.m.	Speaker: Jerry Nye	Music: Rogers' Sisters
Lindsay-Green Hill	10:45 a.m.	Speaker: David Gauerero	Music: Debbie Whitehead & Cassie Whitehead
Erin Springs	11:15 a.m.	Speaker: Bryan Shaw	Music: Erin Springs
Purdy	11:45 a.m.	Speaker: Keith Lough	Music: Jerry Billingsley & Misty Southern

There will be patriotic songs, blowing of taps, and a 21-gun salute at each cemetery. Everyone is invited to be present and show their support.

LHS Graduate Barry Foster New Marlow Outlaw Coach

**By: Jason McPherson
Marlow Review**

How far can 9 miles actually be?

In a car maybe not much.

But, for Barry Foster, that short distance will be a new, exciting road to travel after he was named the 24th head coach of Marlow Outlaw football recently

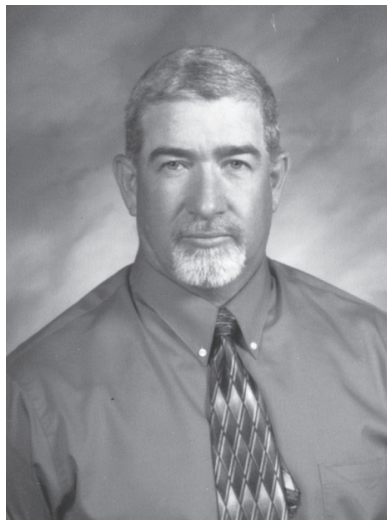
"Football-wise, it is a lot different," Foster said. "Class 3A is about as tough a class as there is in Oklahoma football. It's tough from top to bottom. There's no easy week on our schedule next year, and there haven't been many in the past."

Foster, 46, spent the last three seasons as the head coach of the Rush Springs Redskins, leading each squad to the Class A quarterfinals and a total record of 35-4.

Before that, the 1979 Lindsay graduate was an assistant for 21 years at Rush Springs, including 15 years under the legendary Joe Tunnell.

"I got a message on my answering machine from Joe chanting a Marlow cheer," Foster said with a smile. "He's proud for me."

Tunnell coached Foster at Lindsay, as well. And as a Leopard,



Barry Foster

he has been getting plenty of flack donning the Blue and White.

"They'll say, 'How can you go to Marlow,' but everyone has been pretty happy for me," he said.

As a Leopard, he always respected Marlow, even to go as far as listing Marlow as one of the places he would choose to coach as a student dreaming of one day coaching.

"Marlow always played hard and played the right way," Foster recalled. "There is a great tradition here. Ron Newby, Mickey Hoy, Darvis Cole and Sevil Pickett are all hall of fame coaches that have

been on those sidelines. It is such an honor to be part of this tradition, and that tradition goes a long ways."

Last week, Foster had the opportunity to meet with current and prospective players and saw another glaring difference between his new and old job.

"I counted 19 seniors," he said. "At the quarterfinal game, (which turned out to be Foster's final game as Redskin coach) we suited up 22, including 12 seniors."

In all, 58 players introduced themselves to Foster.

The offense, Foster said, will look similar to that of the Redskins with a multiple-I.

"We will have some one-back sets, maybe add some run-and-gun. We will see what we have, but it will base out of the 'I,'" Foster said. "We are going to make the defense adjust to us."

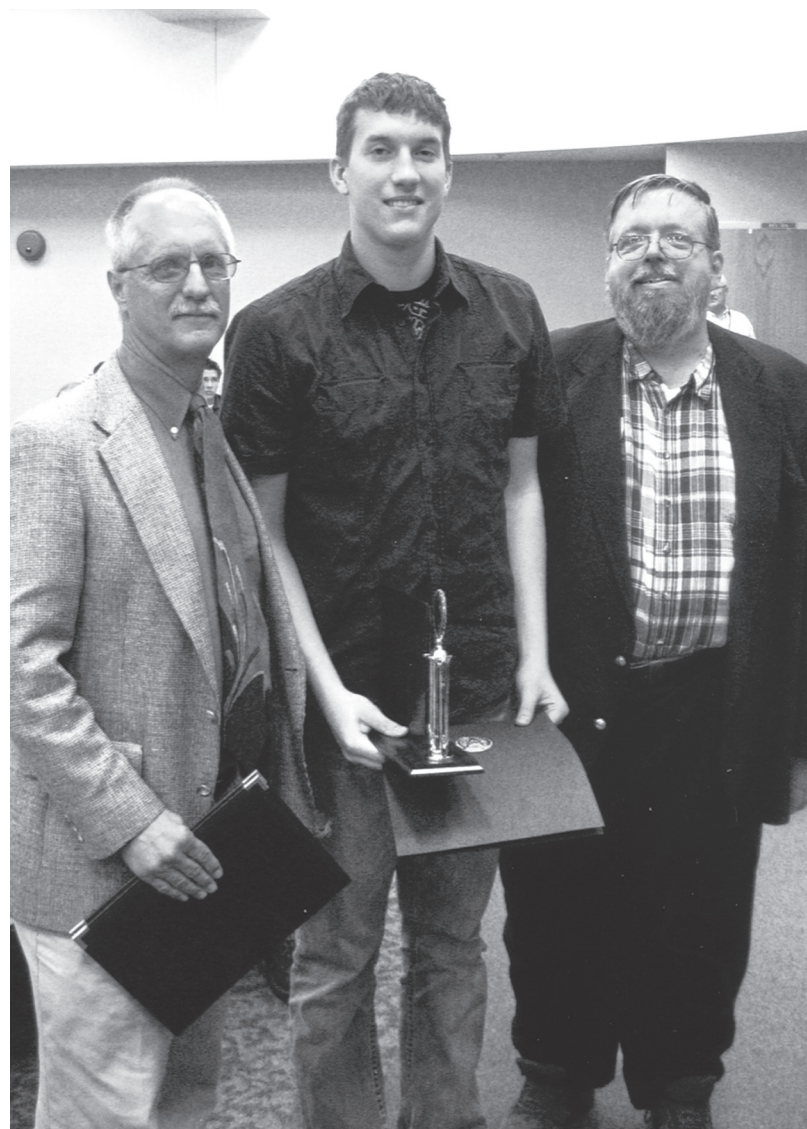
As far as defense, Foster said he is looking forward to working with current defensive coordinator Jeremy Gage.

"I have got a lot of faith in Jeremy," he said. "Our defense is what will give us a chance to be successful."

Foster will waste no time getting acclimated to the new schedule. As a matter of fact, there is a familiar

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Josh Boydston Named To Academic Bowl All-State



Josh Boydston, center, is shown with his award he won when he was named Academic All-State recently. Also pictured are his Academic Coach Tom Herrin, left, and OACA Representative Gordon Bockus.

Josh Boydston, Lindsay High School senior, was named Academic Bowl All-State at an awards assembly at Redlands Community College April 5, 2008. Only 36 All-Staters were named regardless of class. Josh was able to compete in the All-State games that Saturday and then finished the day with a banquet and an awards presentation. Lt. Governor Jari Askins was the main speaker.

Josh has participated in

Grant To Benefit Airport

Senator James M. Inhofe (R-Okla.) announced today that a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation has been awarded to Lindsay Municipal Airport.

"This grant provides the resources to make significant improvements at Lindsay Municipal Airport and continues

our effort to provide excellent air transportation throughout Oklahoma," said Senator Inhofe. The grant in the amount of \$233,875 will be used to rehabilitate the aircraft parking apron to prevent future deterioration and prolong its use at Lindsay Municipal Airport in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

An outstanding student and basketball player, Josh is also president of the NHS and is involved in Student Council. He plans to attend SMJ next year and major in advertising or business.

Lindsay Historical Society To Host Fundraiser

A benefit to raise money for the Lindsay Historical Society will be held June 21 from 6 p. m. to 11 p.m. The cost of the event is \$25.

The event is being held by Insight Paranormal Investigations in conjunction with the Lindsay Historical Society. The event will be unlike any other that will educate, entertain, and raise money to help complete renovation and restoration of the Pikes Peak school building recently acquired by the Historical Society. 100% of the proceeds collected will go directly to the Historical Society.

There are only 40 spaces available to the general public for this booking and seats will go fast so register soon.

Guests are welcome to bring cameras, flashlights, video cameras,

and audio recorders. INSight will provide an equipment demonstration during the event to show the types they use as well as explain their functions in the paranormal field.

Guests will be allowed into the mansion 30 minutes prior to the event starting.

To register for the event print out and complete the registration form available at the website at www.insightparanormal.org and mail it in with payment to the address on the registration form. All checks must be made out to the Lindsay Historical Society. Checks will not be processed until after the event. For more information call Kristen Perkins at 405-413-8525. Check, Cashiers Checks, and Money Order will only be accepted for the event.



The Lindsay Library recently had new carpet installed. The funds to replace the carpet came from the Euvall Charles Trust and \$1500 came from Wal Mart Trust.

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Matchbook Memories

by Dr. Jerry G. Nye

LEAVING BRADLEY PART I

Leaving Bradley is not a simple thing. There are different ways to leave Bradley. Leaving Bradley is more than one single journey. Some of the journeys are physical. Others are psychological. Others are spiritual. A few journeys are almost mystic. And the journeys never end so long as we walk this earth.

My first leaving was a physical one. On December 12, 1953, I left Bradley at 5:30 a.m. to report for induction into the Army. Hoss Crow and I climbed into the car with my brother, A.W., who was going to work in Chickasha. As we drove down the hill from our house toward Main Street, I looked out over the sleeping town. The lone street light beside McCann's Store cast a feeble light in the cold winter air. As we turned to go up the Bradley hill toward Highway 19, I looked down the Main Street of Bradley. Main Street was deserted at that early hour. The buildings on the east side of Main Street were dark and deserted. Bomhak's Cafe, where I had spent so many hours, was dark. The street light cast a dim glow on the porch of McCann's Store, where I spent so many summer afternoons talking baseball to anyone who would listen and watching my limited world pass by along Main Street. At the far end of the street sat Bradley School, where much of my boyhood had been spent. It was a Friday morning, so in two hours the students would start to arrive. Perhaps the Bradley Dragons would play a basketball game that night. But as we drove up Bradley hill, the town was sleeping.

As we reached the highway, I glanced toward Lindsay, wondering how long it would be before I would go back to Harold's Steak House and the Blue Moon Theater. As we turned toward Alex, I began to recall people I knew there and

events I remembered that had taken place there. As we passed the Alex junction, I could almost taste the delicious hamburgers that Birdie Drennan cooked in her cafe. In the next few months, as I sat in a crowded mess hall eating Army chow, I would long for one of Birdie's hamburgers.

As we drove on toward Chickasha, Bradley faded farther into the distance. My brother, A.W., dropped Hoss and me off in front of the Chickasha Post Office where we would join other young men from our area as we boarded a bus to the Induction Center on North Robinson in Oklahoma City. After we had been examined, poked, and prodded, we took the oath and were officially soldiers. As we boarded another bus for the Induction Center at Fort Sill, I realized how far away from Bradley we were now, especially in our new lives.

As we left Bradley that morning, I could not know the changes that would come to that place before I would return in May on leave before I left for Korea. When I returned, the Main Street that I remembered was changed forever. On March 13, 1953, a tornado destroyed the buildings on the east side of Main Street where Bomhak's Cafe, Dennis's Store, and Lane's Store once stood. When I returned in May, that place existed only in my mind. Even now, that Bradley still remains in my mind.

Now, fifty-five years later, when I drive down the Bradley hill, I still can see in my memory the way that place looked back then. I can still see Sonny's Service Station, McCann's Store, Bomhak's Cafe, and Badertscher's Store. In my mind, the same people still walk the streets. Even the cars are the same: Sonny's beautiful metallic blue 1936 Ford, Mac McCann's shiny new yellow and black 1950

Buick, and George McCann's two-tone blue Oldsmobile 88, which was the fastest car in town. When I go there now, no matter what the weather is, in my mind, it is always a warm, clear summer day, with only a slight breeze, perfect baseball weather.

I never leave that Bradley. It will always be there, preserved in time like some magic place.

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Foster

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face awaiting him across the field on Sept. 26.

That night, the Pauls Valley Panthers will come to town. And it's not about the Panthers being the other big rival of Lindsay when Foster played.

It's that his younger brother, Kevin, is the head coach of the Panthers, after being named to the post within the last month.

"He probably knows more about me than I know about him," Foster said. "He's coached at several schools under different coaches, while I'm running plays he and I ran in school."

He said his first step next fall – and even some this spring and summer – will be to make sure the seniors feel comfortable with the new regime.

"It's very important to win the seniors over," Foster said. "I need them to believe in me, because the rest of the team looks up to them. I have been through coaching changes as an assistant, and I have seen how hard it can be on the seniors."

"I am a player's coach," he added. "I like to think I relate well with the kids. It's probably because of my own kids."

Foster and his wife Lesa have three children. Skye graduated from Rush Springs in 2005, and Stormi graduated in 2007 and is currently playing softball at Bacone. Summer will be a junior next year and Kyle will be in second grade.

Even with 24 years of coaching under his belt, you couldn't tell it by his attitude.

"I'm very excited," he said. "I wish we were starting tomorrow."



News from the State Capitol

An Update from State Rep. Lisa Billy

When we're young, we spend all of our time in school, learning about the world from dedicated teachers who spend countless hours preparing us for life in the world.

That's why the issue of education and getting the proper funding it needs is so vital. In one way or another, it affects us all.

Making sure education is funded is a top priority of mine as well as many of my colleagues here at the state Capitol. And just a few weeks ago, keeping our education system funded the right way was continued, as an \$11.5 million measure to fill the House Bill 1017 fund was approved. This emergency act ensures that our state's education system can continue for the rest of the month with no snags. It means schools all over the state can plan out the tail end of their school year without worry.

It was a necessary move because keeping our school's doors open is a top priority. It was also needed because the revenue the state lottery was supposed to deliver just isn't showing up. In fact, it's only delivering about \$70 million a year to our educational system, far short of what was promised when the lottery was first started.

Because of our reliance on

such a revenue stream which is unpredictable at best and unreliable at worst, something else needed to be done. That's why it was important to support this measure, as our state has a dim future if the education of our youth isn't properly taken care of.

Right now, it's obvious that the way we fund education in this state just isn't working. In future years, I hope we can find new ways to help support this realm and ensure its long-term financial security, instead of just plugging holes and putting band-aids over the problem. As a mother, this is a topic paramount in my thoughts on a daily basis. The best way to improve our fortunes as a state is to invest in our educational system. That way, our future can be brighter than our present and past.

What do you think about funding education? Do you have any ideas on what should be done? As your state representative, I'm here to listen to you and your concerns, so please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Vanoss Superintendent Retires After 42 Years

Cheryl Melton, Vanoss Superintendent, will be retiring at the end of this school year after working 42 years in public education. Ms. Melton has family ties in the Lindsay area. She is the niece of Maxine Cameron and of Ralph Horsley.

Ms. Melton began her career at Vamoosa where she taught business for one year. She next spent nine years at Wynnwood as a business teacher, yearbook advisor and counselor. Her Vanoss career began in 1976.

She has been a vital part of the Vanoss community for many years. Her family moved into the community in 1948 and operated the store at Gaar Corner while she attended Vanoss School as a student from 1950 to 1962. When she returned in 1976 as the counselor, she says it was like coming home. "This year I will finish my 42nd year of service in public education and I have always looked forward to each new school



Cheryl Melton

year." Superintendent Melton said. "When you step back, it is amazing to see how much we have accomplished together. This is such a wonderful community. With the local school board, community support and the educator talent we have at Vanoss, we have accomplished great things. I expect more great things for everyone involved with Vanoss. Together we have made the Vanoss School District a

premier rural district in the state of Oklahoma. We should all be very proud of that."

Under her leadership, Vanoss has produced academic scholars and many successful citizens. During her 7 years as superintendent, Vanoss has successfully passed two bond issues allowing Vanoss students to attend classes in modern state-of-the-art classrooms. These are the first bond issues passed since 1977. "To retire was a very difficult decision," Ms. Melton said. "My passion for public education and the Vanoss School District will never wane. I look forward to seeing this community continue to thrive and grow, producing many wonderful future leaders and community members."

There will be a retirement reception for Ms. Melton on May 4 in the Vanoss School Cafeteria from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. with a special presentation at 3:00. All former and current students, teachers, associates, and friends are invited to attend.

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Missionary Baptist Church
 903 S. Main
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 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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 Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship of Living Faith
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Alexis Michelle Scott

Jimmy and Violet Henderson are proud to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Alexis Michelle Scott. Proud parents are Michelle (Shelly) Howard of Lindsay, and Kenney Scott of Durant, OK. Alexis was born April 18, 2008 at Medical Center of Southern Oklahoma of Durant with Dr. Kinion Whittington as the attending physician. Alexis weighed 5 pound 5 ounces and was 17 1/2 inches long. Alexis was also welcomed by her 8-year-old sister Kristian Scott. Maternal grandparents are Jimmy and Violet Henderson of Lindsay. Great-grandparents are Phyllis and Bob Murphy of Lexington. Paternal grandparents are Eddie and Cynthia Scott of Durant, OK.

Fidelis Sunday School Class Meets

The Fidelis Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church met in the church parlor Monday, April 21.

Class president Louise Blakemore began the meeting by having each one present read a Bible verse starting with the letter J. Mary Lee Jones read minutes from the last meeting and Marie Bolton gave the treasurer's report. Prayer requests were given

and Marilyn Bryant gave the prayer. Ruth McConnell, the class teacher, showed a DVD on "Lessons in Faith, No. 2." Nancy Dew gave the closing prayer.

Attending the meeting were Ruth McConnell, Louise Blakemore, Marie Bolton, Jean Bunch, Nancy Dew, Marilyn Bryant, Sue Duncan, Oglene Gordon, Beth Jackson, Mary Lee Jones, and Erna Tannehill.

Library To Host Book Sale

The Friends of the Purcell Library will hold a used book sale at the Purcell Public Library, 919 N. Ninth, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 1; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 3.

The community is invited to donate their used books to be sold at this sale. Book donations can be dropped off at the library. Book sale proceeds are used to help provide library programs, buy special materials

and equipment, and support the mission of the library to serve the community.

Volunteers who are interested in helping to set up for the sale or during the sale may call the library at 527-5546 to register.

"Our sale last fall raised \$900, all of which will directly benefit the library. We deeply appreciate the work of the Friends in helping us reach out to our customers," says Peggy Cook Purcell library manager.

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Burnice Romans

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This special lady came to Lindsay in the early 1900's and ran her own bakery beginning in 1935. She is a wonderful person that has been involved with the senior citizens group of Lindsay for at least 13 years.

Happy birthday Burnice!



Burnice Romans is shown in front of the Romans Bakery Truck.

THANK YOU

To all my family and friends that have prayed, called, visited, helped take care of me, brought food, but most of all the prayers. I just want to thank each and everyone for your support and love through the first stage of this long journey, which without all of you would be impossible.

God Bless You All,
Lenora Wilson

NOTICES

The Lindsay Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Mary Magby, who has been selected as Lindsay's Teacher of the Year. The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a reception Wednesday, May 7 at 3:30 p.m. in the Elementary School Cafeteria to honor all past and present school personnel. Please accept our invitation to be present on this day and help us honor these dedicated individuals.

Lindsay Relay For Life 4th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be held May 17. It will be a four person scramble with no flights and 18 holes of fun. Entry fee is \$30 per person which includes 1 mulligan and each additional mulligan will be \$5 with 3 for the max. Register at 8 a.m. and tee time is 8:30 a.m. It will be limited to first paid 18 teams. Payment with first and second depending on the number of teams. Checks should be made payable to American Cancer Society. Deadline is Thursday, May 15. Prizes will be awarded to longest drive and closest to pin. Send advance payments to Barbra Kelley, PO Box 768, Lindsay, OK 73052. For more information contact Gina or Barbra at 756-4461.

Free Church Camp for ages 8-12 will be at Teen Round-Up in Duncan, OK June 9 to June 11. It will be sponsored by Dibble Word of Life Ministries. Call 405-344-6461 or stop by J&L Insurance Agency at 123 S. Main in Lindsay for camp applications.

The 23rd Annual World's Largest Garage Sale and Summerfest will be held July 18 and 19. This event is open to anyone in the community and will be held at Fuqua Park. This event will incorporate goods for sale, food, contests, and entertainment. Vendors and participants are needed. Please contact the Duncan Chamber of Commerce and Industry if you are interested in space in the park at 255-3644.

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The children of John and Connie Griffith invite all to join them in the joyous celebration

of their parents to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

A come and go reception will be held May 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at their home at 507 Smith Circle.

Erin Springs OHCE Meets

The Erin Springs OHCE Group met April 22 in the home of Allene Lindsey who called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Mary Robertson led the group in singing "You Are My Sunshine."

Shirley Caldwell led the group in repeating the flag salute and Oleda Flud led in repeating the Club Creed.

Roll call was asked by Oleda Flud and was answered by each member sharing names of flowers they have in bloom. Those answering were: Shirley Caldwell, Sue Duncan, Oleda Flud, Allene Lindsey, Julia Murray, Mary Robertson, Sally Scott, and Erna Tannehill.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Oleda Flud

and approved. Mary Robertson gave the treasurer's report.

Erna Tannehill reported on Erin Springs Cemetery finances and upkeep. Sue Duncan gave the Cook Book sales report.

The Social Committee, Julia Murray, and Shirley Caldwell, suggested the group go to Pauls Valley May 5, have lunch and go through the Chocolate Factory, celebrating OHCE week.

Sue Duncan shared with the group that Emery Scheer is working at obtaining donations to help AARP keep the Courtesy Bus going.

The meeting adjourned and Allene Lindsey served refreshments.

The next meeting will be May 13 in the home of Julia Murray.

Gene Autry Film Festival To Be Held

Western and country entertainers, Western film stars, authors and cowboy poets highlight this year's Gene Autry Oklahoma Film & Music Festival, held September 24-28 at the Gene Autry Oklahoma Museum.

Advance tickets are now on sale for this event that put the tiny town of Gene Autry, Oklahoma, on the map. It's located about 12 miles northeast of Ardmore, just east of Interstate 35. The town took its name from film star Gene Autry, who owned a ranch there in the 1930s and '40s.

Country superstar Gene Watson, whose hits include "Paper Rosie" and "Farewell Party," heads a strong list of headline performers that includes Les Gilliam, the Oklahoma Balladeer; Johnny Western, who played for both Gene Autry and Johnny Cash; and Eli Barsi, known as "Canada's Cowgirl." Others to be featured include Judy Coder & Pride of the Prairie, a Kansas-based Western ensemble; singer/songwriter Terry Smith ("Far-side Banks of Jordan"); the hilarious O'Roark Brothers; and Western swing/rockabilly singer Liz Talley from Houston.

Film star guests at the Film & Music Festival include Robert Fuller (Laramie), Barry Corbin (Lonesome Dove), Lisa Montell (Gunsmoke, Maverick), Roberta Shore (The Virginian) and Don Reynolds, Jr. (Little Beaver). (Mr. Corbin will be attending if he is not involved in a film project at that time.) Authors and celebrities confirmed include Bobby Copeland, author of 14 books about various aspects of the B-Western films; Joyce Spizer Foy & Judy Keel, author of Only Make Believe, a biography of actor Howard Keel; and Cheryl Rogers Barnett, daughter of Roy Rogers & Dale Evans. Celebrity MCs include Tommy Wiggins,

John Buttram and Jo Hargrave

The event includes showings of various B Western films and a new film called Trail End, produced by Shannon Keenan and starring Barry Corbin.

The Gene Watson Show will be held Friday evening, September 26, and includes The O'Roark Brothers, Eli Barsi and Liz Talley. The Les Gilliam Show will be Saturday evening, September 27, and will include performances by Johnny Western, Judy Coder & Pride of the Prairie and Terry Smith.

Admission to the event is extremely affordable and discounts are given to Seniors, children 12 and under, and to afternoon tour groups. Contact the Museum at 580-294-3047 or townofgeneautry.com for a ticket price list.

The setting for the Film & Music Festival is the Gene Autry Oklahoma Museum, a three-building complex located just west of Gene Autry. Dedicated to the "legacy of the singing cowboys of the 'B' Westerns of the 1930s, '40s and '50s," the museum contains dozens of displays that evoke the lives, films and careers of the various singing cowboys. Included are Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, Ken Maynard, Eddie Dean, Tex Ritter, and, of course, Gene Autry (among many others).

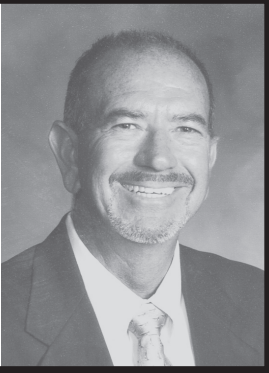
The Gene Autry Oklahoma Film & Music Festival is an annual presentation of the Gene Autry Oklahoma Historical Society and Museum and is funded in part by the Oklahoma Arts Council and the Mid-America Arts Alliance.

For more information about the Film & Music Festival or the Gene Autry Oklahoma Museum in general, log on to www.geneautryokmuseum.com. To order tickets for the Film & Music Festival, call the Museum office at 580-294-3047, Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tall Tales

by Doyle Greteman

Superintendent, Lindsay Schools



In rural Oklahoma, we face a continuing challenge of finding a way to encourage our best and brightest graduates to remain a part of our community. Unfortunately, many communities who have good schools produce excellent graduates who decide to move to an urban or large suburban city to live their lives.

At a conference this week at USAO, we heard from Tom Stellman, president and CEO of TIP Strategies, Inc., of Austin, Texas.

Stellman had some interesting views on how our economy has changed over the past five decades, and what kind of students we need to be producing to fuel the economy of the future.

According to Stellman, the 1970's were a decade of building buildings, the 1980's a decade of creating more jobs, the 1990's a decade of working for higher wages, the first decade of the 2000's an economy driven by technology, and by 2010, finding skilled people to fill jobs will be our number one challenge.

What can we in rural communities do to attract those graduates back home? Young, bright people today tell researchers they like to live in "cool" communities. What constitutes a "cool" community? You might be surprised.

Cool communities are communities where there is an emphasis on lifelong learning, where there is a diverse economy,

things to do after hours, places where it is easy to get around town, where there is an emphasis on healthy lifestyles—example: skateboard parks, walking trails, where there is diversity and inclusion, and where the cost of the local lifestyle is not extravagant.

Stellman went on to say that growth in China is contributing heavily to the world's demand on investment, resources, and talent. Imagine the impact when all of a sudden, 1.3 billion people realize they want a cellphone.

It's amazing how much this new generation, the kids who are in school now, can do with technology. I remember how when we were in school in the seventh grade, our teacher caught one of my classmates, John, passing a note. She gave him a choice: either give the note to the teacher, or eat the note. John displayed a healthy appetite as he chewed up the note, and swallowed it.

That wouldn't work with today's kids. They don't pass notes any more. Text-messaging is the popular method of communicating. Did you ever notice that you could see two teenage girls in the same room, a few feet apart, both feverishly working the keypad on their cellphone? Now, realize they're communicating with each other. I wonder what ever happened to talking as a form of communication?

My point is that we are living

in an age when technology is increasing so rapidly, it is a real challenge for us all. If our rural communities are to grow and develop in order to remain viable, we need to recognize the challenge.

Stellman believes we need to be willing to take risks with new approaches, and use technology to maintain existing relationships. We need to focus on creating a learning environment, and act regionally.

That's why the Southwest School Officials Association and the Southwest Oklahoma

Impact Coalition are forming a relationship. We hope to work with business leaders to develop a regional plan to grow the southwest quadrant of the state in a positive direction. USAO at Chickasha and Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford have taken the lead in this endeavor.

We would like for our kids and grandkids to live and work in the part of the state where they were raised. In order for that to happen, our communities need to, in the words of our kids, stay "cool."

FFA News By: FFA Officer Team



2008-2009 FFA Officer team is (front row l to r) Courtney Hines, historian; Katy Selzer, secretary, Brooke Kennedy, president; Madison Eubank, treasurer, Chelsea Chandler, reporter, and Dalton Dorman, vice president. Back Row (l to r) are John Pinnick, chaplain, Doug Ezell, student advisor, and Ethan Hines, sentinel.

Hello Lindsay, we are your new 2008-2009 FFA Officer Team! We are proud to announce Brooke Kennedy as President, Dalton Dorman as Vice President, Katy Selzer as Secretary, Madison Eubank as Treasurer, Chelsea Chandler as Reporter, Ethan Hines as Sentinel, Doug Ezell as Student Advisor, Courtney Hines as Historian and John Pinnick as Chaplain.

This week, The Lindsay FFA Chapter will attend the Oklahoma FFA Convention at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. We are all very excited to attend this year. Our Chapter will receive the One-Star Gold Chapter Award, which means we are entered in the drawing to win a 2008 Ford F-350 Truck. Dalton Dorman is a Top-3 Finalist in the State Proficiency Award in Agricultural Education. The results will be announced at the convention, we anxiously wait to see if he will be advancing on to the National Level. We are all proud of Dalton's accomplishments and wish him the best of luck. Justin Gosnell will be receiving his State FFA Degree at the Convention. This is the highest degree for FFA members to receive on the state level. Congratulations Justin on your many achievements and awards you have received while wearing your Blue & Gold

Corduroy Jacket. Along with receiving these awards, members of our chapter will be attending different leadership workshop sessions both days of the convention.

Our Chapter has joined the Oklahoma FFA Foundation this year by contributing to the FFA Chapter Trust Fund. Our chapter will be recognized on stage during the first session of the State FFA Convention and will receive a framed certificate recognizing this great contribution. To join the foundation, a chapter contributes \$200 a year for five years until its \$1,000 permanent Chapter Trust is established. Our chapter will receive a framed certificate on stage each year until the \$1,000 Trust is established. A beautiful picture plaque will be presented the final year. Once the Trust is established, our chapter will be listed in the convention program and Foundation Annual Report every year from now on. That means that nearly every dollar of interest earned from our Trust will be used to support future FFA member awards, scholarships, and leadership activities. It's a chance for each of us to do a long-term investment for the program we believe in and love so much.

Next week, we will have the results of all our chapter's accomplishments at the Oklahoma FFA Convention.

Leopard News

By: Josh Boydston



The month of graduation is upon us at last, and sports are now giving way to year end ceremonies and banquets.

Monday, the National Honor Society Installation will be held, honoring the new members and officers.

Tuesday the band banquet will be held. Wednesday senior salutes will be broadcast on KBLP.

Friday and Saturday the State Track Meet will be held and there will be no school Friday.

FCCLA District Officers Selected



FCCLA Officers shown above (l to r) are Southwest Region Vice President Karlea Eisenman from Minco High School; Southwest 2 Vice President Victoria Stewart from Amber Pocasset High School; Southwest 2 Public Relations Officer Jessica Goyne from Alex High School; Southwest 2 Secretary Lisa Locke from Minco High School; Southwest 2 President Taylor Hampton from Dibble High School; and Oklahoma FCCLA President Jackson Alexander from Anadarko High School.

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America members Southwest Region, District 2 have elected 2008-2009 district officers, below are the newly elected officers and some of their thoughts on serving your district.

Taylor Hampton will serve as District President for the 2008-2009 school year. She is a Freshman at Dibble High School. "It is a privilege to serve all of the incredible schools in SW2. I am really looking forward to DOT camp and gaining new leadership skills that we as an officer team can bring back to our District and help our members shine."

Victoria Stewart will serve as the Vice President for the 2008-2009 school year. She is a sophomore at Amber-Pocasset High School. "Don't tell me the sky is the limit when I see footsteps on the moon. This is how I work in all aspects of FCCLA, and I believe that there is no limit to hard work and success."

Lisa Locke will serve as the Secretary for the 2008-2009 school year. She is a sophomore at Minco High School. "I am excited to be serving as your new SW2 Secretary, and I am looking forward to a great year."

Jessie Goyne will serve as the Public Relations Officer for the 2008-2009 school year. She is a Sophomore Alex High School. "I feel it is truly a privilege serving as your SW2 Public Relations Officer, I am really looking forward to expanding my creative mind, and enhancing my leadership skills through this awesome experience called FCCLA."

Oklahoma FCCLA President Elect, Jackson Alexander of Anadarko High School and Southwest Region Vice-President Elect, Karlea Eisenman of Minco High School, were on hand for the elections.

District FCCLA Officers from across Oklahoma will attend District Officer Training Camp in Stillwater on June 4-6.

While at DOT camp, officers participate in teambuilding activities, improve leadership skills, and plan the 2008-2009 district meetings and activities.

Family and Consumer Sciences Education, and its affiliated student organization FCCLA, are integral components in the CareerTech system. This national student organization helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues. More than 13,000 Oklahoma students in 430 chapters on high school and technology center campuses are members of FCCLA.

SW2 FCCLA Advisor, Lindsey Bunch of Alex High School stated, "Our youth have the opportunity through FCCLA to touch so many lives through peer leadership, community service projects, and competitive events." She added, with FCCLA these young people are able to foster positive relationships, important skill building practices, and are strongly encouraged to be their personal best in order to become leaders for life!

On a national level, FCCLA has more than 220,000 members and nearly 7,000 chapters from 50 state associations and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The organization has involved more than 10 million youth since its founding in 1945.

FCCLA is one of seven CareerTech student organizations affiliated with CareerTech programs. The other six include FFA and Agricultural Education, DECA and Marketing Education, HOSA and Health Careers Education, Business Professionals of America and Business and Information Technology Education, Technology Students Association and Technology Education, and SkillsUSA and Trade and Industry Education.

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Tales From Turkey

By: Amber Minson

Just like previous weeks, this week we carried out our weekly tradition of walking to the market. We bought all the fresh fruits and vegetables we were going to need for the week for less than fifteen dollars. Of course, it's nice to be able to get all the fresh produce you're going to need for the week at a low price, but there are a few things about the market that I'm not crazy about.

One of the things about the market that I don't care for is the fact that you can't take two steps without people yelling at you trying to get you to buy their produce. The market is always very crowded, and not just with shoppers, but also with vendors and everyone is shouting and haggling in Turkish and it can be very nerve racking. Something that we've learned in our several trips to the market is that you find the vendors with the nicest, freshest produce and you just buy from them every time; so we've started doing that, and so far those vendors haven't let us down.

Another thing about going to the market that really bothers me is the swarms of young boys who constantly flock to us and follow us around every step we take. They really are harmless and are only trying to help. They try to help you pick out and purchase your goods, but the majority of them can't speak any English so they aren't much help anyway. They also love babies; and not just the young boys, but all Turkish people, so they are constantly touching Sam's arms, hands, and face. They mean no harm, but I can't help but cringe every time they do

it because they've just had their hands in dirty water washing dirty vegetables, and then they put them all over Sam's face. So, I've started covering his stroller with a light blanket to keep them from wanting to touch him as much. Aside from these few things, I really enjoy the market experience and will continue to buy my fresh produce there throughout the summer.

These markets are a major source of income for most of these farmers. Away from the cities, in the rural areas, these people all live in poverty. The conditions they live in are not something I've ever seen. I'm sure the poverty exists in the US, but I've never seen it. As we were driving down the highway away from base, I saw lots of livestock on the side of the road; I was amazed at how malnourished their livestock is. Seeing these things and the living conditions have really opened my eyes and made me very thankful for everything that I have.

On a happier note, this last weekend there was a Spring Fling here on base at the park. It was a half day event sponsored by the Health and Wellness Center. It consisted of live music, tons of food, and fitness events geared toward young children and teens. It was really a fun day. There wasn't anything there for Sam to do, but we enjoyed the live music and the time outside.

I'm not sure what big events are in store for us this week, but you can sure I will share them with you. Thank you for reading, and until next time, God bless.

Becoming A High Voltage Lineman

Garrid Brown, graduate of Paoli High School, is an OSU-Okmulgee student who will help fill the demand for High Voltage Linemen. He is the son of Greg and Michelle Brown of Maysville and the grandson of Haskell and Mazine Harvey, Ozella and Lynn Wilson, and Anvil Brown, all of Lindsay.

Garrid is one of several students earning an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee's Construction Technology-High Voltage Program. Students in the program are preparing to meet a growing demand for linemen, which was underscored lately during the recent ice storm that swept Oklahoma. In the Tulsa area alone, 78% of PSO's customers were without service-more than a quarter of a million people were impacted. Nearly 800 distribution poles were broken, as were 150 transmission poles. It took 4,600 workers to put the area back on line, which included 2,400 line workers, 2,200 tree trimmers, 560 restoration line crews, and 700 restoration tree crews.

After completing the High Voltage Technology program, OSU-Okmulgee graduates may work for such companies as Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Gas & Electric, Texas Utilities, Western Farmers, or one of the many other electrical utility companies or contractors throughout Oklahoma and surrounding states.

Brown, who is from Maysville, says the coursework is helping him master the technical and physical requirements of being a high voltage lineman. "OSU-Okmulgee's High Voltage program has opened many opportunities for me to work in an exciting career field with a great salary."

Demographic and economic factors are driving the demand for high voltage linemen. A 2006 report published by the U.S. Department of Energy states that in 2005, power line installers working for electric utilities numbered 53,780--the highest employment level since 1991. Also, the number of line-workers have averaged a 1.6% increased



Garrid Brown

from 1999-2005. In the last few years, utility companies have been concerned with the prospect of meeting the rising demand for energy using the existing transmission lines and embarked upon a hiring trend focused on employment to maintain, upgrade, and expand the electric utility system.

Jimmy Jones, instructor in OSU-Okmulgee's High Voltage programs says the demand may be greater than the report seems

to indicate. "This report addresses new jobs. However, the need for trained linemen will be even greater than that because a high percentage of current linemen are retiring every year."

Tim Bowmar, Human Resources Manager of Public Service Company of Oklahoma, says PSO now has a shortage of workers. "Linemen are needed to maintain existing systems and to construct new systems. People with high voltage lineman skills are hard to find. We hire many graduates from OSU-Okmulgee and they do an excellent job for us. We need more people with the high level of skills taught in that program."

While attending OSU-Okmulgee, students gain real-world employment experience by participating in five internships with potential high voltage employers.

Jones adds, "Most of our high voltage graduates will have several job offers to choose from, and usually they are able to choose a job that's located in the area where they want to live."

Word Of Life Academy Wins Bragging Rights

Word of Life Academy in Dibble is VERY proud of their students. March 31 through April 4 the students competed at the Regional Student Leadership Convention in Cedar Hill, TX. Their hard work and dedication was richly rewarded when they walked away from the event with 23 Awards.

This is the third year that the school has taken students to compete and this has been an outstanding year. The students that placed will now be able to compete at the end of May in the International Student Leadership Convention. Students will be coming from all over the globe for a week of competition and leadership training. Word of Life students will also receive special recognition at the International Student Leadership Convention for starting a school in a foreign country. The students raised money throughout the year and were able to open their first satellite school for underprivileged children.

Placing in the music category were large instrumental ensemble - first place; Small Instrumental Ensemble - first place; Instrumental Quartet - first place; instrumental trio-second place; instrumental duet, second place, woodwind solo, second place; vocal small



Pictured from left to right are Word of Life students Andrea VanWinkle, Michael Goins, Amanda Griffith, Caleb Volk, Luke Clark, Janice VanWinkle, Joel Hamdy, Sarah VanWinkle, Elizabeth Goins, Jeanaye Perkey, and Janis Taliaferro

ensemble, seventh place; vocal female duet, tenth place.

In the sports category: archer, boys unlimited, free style, second place.

In the academic category, social studies collection exhibit, first place.

In the needlework category: coats/suits, first and second place; knitting, first place; dresses, second place; quilts, fifth, sixth, and seventh place.

In the arts category: color photo plants and animals, fifth and tenth places; color photo

still life, tenth place; black and white photo plants and animals, tenth place; black and white photo plants and animals, tenth place, and black and white photo character trait, tenth place.

Perkey Wins Events At Regionals

The week of March 31-April 4 was an eventful week for Jeanaye Perkey, daughter of Larry and Pearlne Perkey, owners of J&L Insurance in Lindsay.

She was accompanied by her classmates from Word of Life Academy in Dibble and they traveled to the A.C.E. Regional

Convention held annually in Mt. Lebanon, TX. The event lasts from Monday through Friday. It is a week filled with fellowship, and competition among all the participating Regions. They compete in vocal, band, crafts, athletics, and many other fields.

Jeanaye compered in

vocal, band, and sewing, winning four first place medals, and one second place medal.

She and her classmates are now looking forward to a week in Missouri where they will compete in the same categories with students from all over the world.

OBITUARY

Carol Tarantino
1930-2008



Carol Tarantino passed away at the age of 78 April 22, 2008 at Mercy Hospital. She was born February 2, 1930, in Oxford, KS. Her parents were Colonel Hash Wilson and Grace Wilson.

Carol married Pete Tarantino December 29, 1986. Pete preceded Carol in death October 14, 2003 in San Jose

CA. She moved to Lindsay four years ago. Carol chose to be a bookkeeper as an occupation.

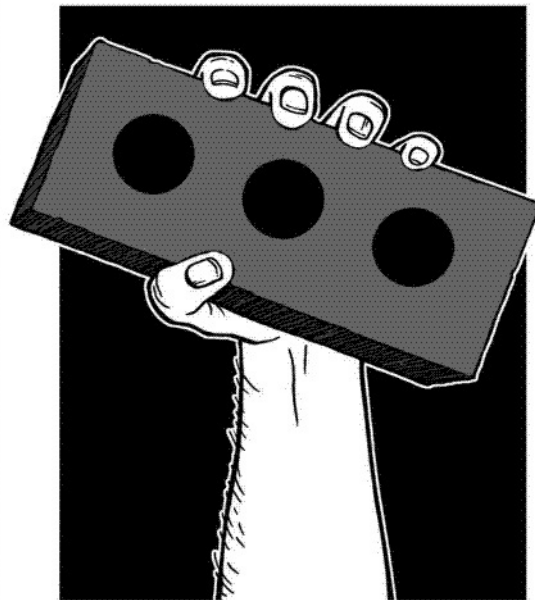
Carol is survived by her sons Danny Goin and wife Mary of Lindsay, OK, Don Goin and wife Mary of Los Banos, CA, and grandchildren; Jennie Myers, Ronald Johnson, Rusty Johnson, Maxine Kelly, Katie Goin and Megan Soares. Carol will be missed also by her great grandchildren, Valary Graham, Rose Kelly, Patrick Kelly, Briana Kelly, Alexander Kelly, Jasmine Johnson, Ashley Johnson, Allen Pesnell, Deidre Myers, Jocelyn Jackson and Grace Soares.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one grandchild, Helen Mulson.

Services for Carol will be Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of B. G. Boydston Funeral Home in Lindsay.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

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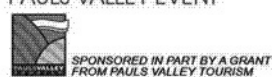
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