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## What When & Where

**2009 Lindsay Cubs Football sign-ups** for all age groups will be Thursday, July 16 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the north side of the old gymnasium. Bring your child's birth certificate, a current photo, a non-refundable \$50 player fee, and a refundable \$50 equipment deposit. No player will be turned away due to financial hardship. Call 756-7856 for more information.

**Haskell Cooley Family to sing** at Sunray. The Cooley Family (Haskell and JoLee) from Wichita, KS will be bringing their easy-listening style of gospel music to Sunray Baptist Church Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m. They present gospel music both vocally and instrumentally. Please join the Cooleys for "A Time of Refreshing" and some good southern gospel music at Sunray Baptist Church at 2223 N 9th Street in Purcell. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken. For more information call 405-527-6808.

**Vacation Bible School will be held** at Lindsay United Methodist Church July 20 through July 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. It is for children 3 years old to completed fifth graders. The theme is Power Lab: Discover Jesus's Miraculous Power.

**Lindsay Public Schools** will have their first day of class on August 12. School supply lists will be published in the Lindsay News July 30.

**In Honor of our mother, Leola Shackelford's 90th birthday** an invitation is extended for the presence of family and friends, at a come and go reception at the family home at 601 W. Choctaw in Lindsay Sunday, July 26 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. No gifts please.

## Senator Susan Paddack Receives Honor From OREA

State Sen. Susan Paddack was recently honored by the Oklahoma Retired Educators Association (OREA), who presented the Ada Democrat with their "Friend of Retired Educators" award. Paddack has been an advocate for legislation creating parity between the teacher's retirement system and other state-funded retirement systems.



State Senator Susan Paddack

"These men and women devoted their lives to helping generations of Oklahomans to have the best and brightest future possible," Paddack said. "We owe it to them to ensure their pension system is strong, and that their cost-of-living adjustments are on a par with other systems. It's simply the right thing to do."

Paddack held an interim study last fall on the cost of living issues and the Teacher's Retirement system. As a result of information gathered in the study, Paddack filed legislation in the 2009 session calling for an incremental approach to achieve parity in teacher's

cost-of-living adjustments over a multi-year period. The measure was approved unanimously in the Senate. Although it was not heard by the House of Representatives, the bill remains alive for the 2010 session and could still be heard then.

"We have about 45,000 retired educators in Oklahoma, and I'm proud to speak on their behalf at the State Capitol," Paddack said. "Although the national recession has certainly curtailed our resources at the present time, things will turn around. That's why it is important to continue this discussion and be prepared to act on crucial retirement legislation once our economic conditions have turned the corner."

## Recognized As Academic All-Stater--



John C. Danforth (left) former U.S. senator and former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and David Boren (right), founder and chairman of the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, congratulate 2009 Academic All-Stater James Cash A. Cooper of Lindsay during the foundation's Academic Awards Banquet, held recently in Norman. Cooper, a recent graduate of Lindsay High School, is one of 100 outstanding seniors from Oklahoma public schools who were honored as Academic All-Staters. He received an Academic All-State scholarship sponsored by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. The academic awards banquet is presented annually by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, a non-profit organization that recognizes and encourages academic excellence in Oklahoma's public schools.

## Lavora Dodd Recognized For 30 Years Of Service With Merle Norman



Pictured above are Helen Nethercutt, Merle Norman's Chairman of the Board, Lavora Dodd, and Sandra Haederle, Merle Norman Consultant.

Lavora Dodd, owner of the Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio located at 306 S. Main recently traveled to Orlando, FL, to attend the 78th Annual Merle Norman Convention. The Convention was held May 24 through May 27 at the Marriott Orlando World Center, and was attended by more than 900 delegates.

During a special ceremony, Lavora Dodd, was honored for her 30 years of commitment and service with Merle

Norman Cosmetics. She was presented with the company's Recognition of Service pin by Merle Norman's Vice Chairman of the Board, Helen Nethercutt.

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## Receives Wal-Mart Foundation Grant--



The Lindsay Senior Nutrition Center recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation. The Center used the grant for kitchen supplies, to help refinish the floors at the Center, and for two roll carts. Pictured above with the new supplies are (l to r) Bob Hutto, Wal Mart employee Theresa Johnson, Glen Curley, Lindsay Senior Nutrition Center employees Rebecca Rivera and Anita Medellin, Lindsay Senior Center Nutrition Director Jean Robbins, Carloyn Hutto, and Doris and Jim Norton.

## Weekend Weather



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# Matchbook Memories

by Dr. Jerry G. Nye

**PAUL HEMPHILL  
1936-2009**

When Paul Hemphill died in Atlanta on Saturday, July 11, at the age of 73, America lost one of its best writers. His obituary in The New York Times called him a "Chronicler of the South." He was indeed that, but also much more. He wrote about the blue-collar South, a world that he knew first-hand. His writings about stock-car racing, baseball, and country music explored those worlds as no one else had. From his boyhood days as the son of a long-haul independent truck driver in Birmingham, Alabama, to his brief failed career as a baseball player and on to his years as a popular daily columnist for the Atlanta Journal, he witnessed life among the working people of the South. His newspaper columns, magazine articles, collected essays, and novels speak to us who grew up in those years of the 1940s and 1950s and who reached maturity and middle age in the era of the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights strife of the 1960s and 1970s.

In the writings of Paul Hemphill, I recognize a voice that speaks to me in myriad ways. His love of baseball in his boyhood reminded me of my early years. As a skinny, good-field, no-hit second baseman, he dreamed of being a professional player. In a wonderfully sad essay entitled "I Gotta Let the Kid Go," he describes a five-day try-out camp for the Graceville Oilers, a Class D baseball team in Florida. He feels disgraced when he is cut from the team at the end of the five-day tryouts. But, in later years, he would write a wonderful novel about minor league baseball entitled Long Gone, which was made into a good movie with William L. Peterson as Stud Cantrell, the earthy manager, and Virginia

Madsen as Dixie Lee Boxx, his groupie girlfriend. Later he wrote The Heart of the Game about a struggling minor-league baseball player for the Durham Bulls.

Another one of Hemphill's favorite topics was country music. His book entitled The Nashville Sound: Bright Lights and Country Music is generally regarded as one of the best books on country music ever written. He has articles on Merle Haggard, Bill Anderson, Johnny Cash, and Buck Owens. But his hero was Hank Williams. He tells of riding in the cab of his dad's truck, crossing the Blue Ridge mountains late at night, and listening to Hank's songs from a small portable radio suspended by baling wire from the dash of the truck. I have read dozens of books, essays, and feature articles about Hank Williams. But none of them approached Hemphill's Lovesick Blues: The Life of Hank Williams. Roger M. Williams and Colin Escott wrote good biographies of Hank Williams, but they were Northern writers. Hemphill was a Southern writer who grew up listening to Hank. He understood Hank's songs, the sadness, despair, and loneliness that permeated his music. Like Hank, Hemphill had experienced a broken marriage, a battle with the bottle, and the isolation that comes to public figures. Hemphill not only captures the events of Hank's life but also places those events in the context of life in the rural South in those years. This quote from Hemphill's biography of Hank illustrates what sets that work apart from other biographies.

"He seemed to be living his life and writing his songs

for us, an Alabama trucker and his young son, the sound of his voice a mournful overture for a movie that was sure to end in disaster. Over the ensuing decades our lives would imitate Hank's art well beyond his death. In the best of our times, and most especially in the worst, Hank Williams was always with us. He simply would not go away."

Like Hank, Paul Hemphill had seen the best and worst of life. For two years, he filed stories from Vietnam. For years, he was a pop celebrity for his daily columns in The Atlanta Journal. Perhaps no job is harder than that of a daily columnist. Searching for subjects, struggling for the right words, fearing that perhaps the well has run dry, they struggle to meet their daily deadline. And the strain became too much. In a sad essay entitled "Quitting the Paper," he explained what happened. "I had hung around all-night eateries and gone to Vietnam and hitchhiked and lain around with hookers and shot pool with Minnesota Fats and sat in cool suburban dens with frustrated housewives. And yet, with the next column due by dawn, I had run out of gas."

Paul Hemphill was a talented writer who mastered various literary forms and dealt in a wide range of topics. Over a long career, he left a memorable literary legacy. He liked to tell his younger colleagues, "I have been around the block. I have seen the elephant and heard the owl." Roy Blount, Jr., a noted Southern writer and Hemphill's friend, said, "Old country music had a catch in its voice, and so did Hemphill, writing about baseball or whiskey or his old man or himself. He could tell what it was like for people who were just scraping by." Southern writers are different from other writers. And Southern writing lost a memorable voice with the passing of Paul Hemphill.

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## News from the State Capitol An Update from State Rep. Lisa Billy

A federal proposal that could require farmers and ranchers to implement new tracking devices for livestock (a National Animal Identification System, or NAIS), has many local producers worried the government is about to significantly and needlessly increase their cost of business.

Although touted by supporters as a way to track and prevent the spread of disease, critics see a boondoggle that does little to improve market conditions for farmers and ranchers and may actually harm many small producers.

A recent study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture found that the total cost per head for small producers implementing NAIS was about double the cost facing the largest producers.

That's why the NAIS, if mandated, could have a significant impact on Oklahoma. According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture State Profile, our state is home to more than 86,000 farms/ranches with 5.4 million head of cattle. (That's right: Cattle literally outnumber people in Oklahoma.)

Most of those Oklahoma farms are relatively small operations – "mom and pop" producers.

The USDA report found the per-head average cost of NAIS tagging for operations with fewer than 50 cattle was double the cost faced by operations with herds larger than 5,000 head.

According to Census data, only 29 of 55,000 Oklahoma farms/ranches with cattle exceed the 5,000 herd size and they account for just 465,000 of the 5.4 million total cattle and calves in the state.

On the other hand, more than 35,000 Oklahoma producers have herds of fewer than 50 and they account for 661,730 cattle combined.

For those smaller producers, the NAIS could increase combined operational costs by millions, based on back-of-the-envelope calculations using the USDA estimates.

Many producers who now oppose NAIS note they have long favored country-of-origin labeling on meat products. That simpler proposal was long opposed by many of the groups now pushing the more cumbersome and expensive NAIS.

I believe this issue deserves more scrutiny. Oklahoma farmers and ranchers should not be forced to bear an increased financial burden at the whim of federal regulators.

We need to determine if NAIS would provide real, measurable benefits for Oklahoma producers ... or if it is just the latest reason for people to run when they hear, "I'm from the government. I'm here to help."

As always, feel free to contact me at (405)557-7365.

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Ryanne, Peyton, Emilee, and Carson Macklin would like to announce the birth of their baby brother. Hayden Len Macklin was born June 25 at 11:53 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Parents are Sean and Tiffany

Macklin of Byers, TX.

Hayden was named after his Uncle Len Scoggins of Lynchburg, VA.

Grandparents are Bill and Georgia Baxter and the late Leon Scoggins of Lindsay, OK and Kay and the late Clifford Macklin of Erick, OK.

LETTER TO EDITOR

It's amazing what you hear when you really listen. Since taking office, I have continued efforts to meet with Oklahomans from all sectors to listen and learn about ways to work together to improve and increase the effectiveness of how government serves Oklahomans. Since taking office, I have logged more than five thousand miles at my own expense and participated in more than 90 meetings across the state, in addition to the regular daily public meetings the Commission holds. I consider it investing in good government.

What have I heard? Plenty. Listening has enabled me to hear more than words. I have heard surprise, appreciation, enthusiasm and perhaps a touch of understandable skepticism here and there.

I have heard worry. Worry from our oil and gas producers facing needless federal regulation on hydraulic fracturing, and massive tax increases that could put some out of business. Worry from consumers concerned and frustrated by rate increase proposals from two of our largest utilities, and fear they won't be able to afford the needed services in these tough economic times. Worry from the utility companies about their ability to maintain reliable, cost-effective service without the increases. Worry from my agency's employees, facing unpaid furlough days for at least 6 months because of a cut in state funding. The worry is not only about finances, but about the impact on the state's economy and regulated businesses, as the agency will close once a month from at least August through January. The Commissioners

share these worries and are working to make the best decisions and find solutions during these challenging times.

I heard a desire to move forward with business and job development, while still taking into account the rights of others. Such was the case at a recent meeting I chaired with over 200 oil and gas producers, mineral owners, surface owners, and others on issues involving horizontal drilling, or at a meeting with officials on railroad projects for the Avard and Ardmore areas, or at the sessions I've had with other state Commissioners, utility professionals, and ratepayer groups discussing current issues on transmission and energy matters.

Listening can open doors that lead to action. As a result of the meeting on horizontal drilling, the Commission is forming working groups to address the issues raised. Although the Commission does not have authority over siting of transmission lines and poles, affected residents and local officials voiced concern to the Commission about the placement of such poles and lines. I helped open lines of communication among these groups, the utility company, and local legislators, who are working together to find solutions.

Journalist Walter Lippman observed, "While the right to talk may be the beginning of freedom, the necessity of listening is what makes the right important." Let's keep listening and talking so your Oklahoma Corporation Commission can better serve you in the future. Remember, we're only a phone call or a mouse click away: HYPERLINK "http://www.occeweb.com" www.occeweb.com.



American Legion Ball Smith Auxiliary Group Meets

American Legion Ball Smith Auxiliary #23 held their monthly meeting Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at the Lindsay Senior Citizens Building at 7 p.m. Georgia Baxter, president, called the meeting to order.

Freida Smith gave the opening prayer and Georgia Baxter led the pledge of allegiance. Carolyn Hutto led the singing of the National Anthem. Everyone joined in repeating the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary. Roll call of officers was answered.

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. Linnie Covel gave the treasurer's report.

The following guests were introduced: Whitney Beck, Jennifer Reed, and Jennifer's father, Chris Reed.

Whitney Beck and Jennifer, the delegates to Girls State, gave a very informative program on

their stay at Girls State. The girls brought pictures, certificates they were awarded, and copies of the Girls State Newspaper, which they received each day. Whitney and Jennifer reported they learned about government elections from City to the Governor's Office along with flag etiquette.

Members present were Georgia Baxter, Linnie Covel, Glynnia Condit, Allene Lindsey, Ruby Boydston, Mary Robertson, Pearlee Adams, Thelma Howell, Fannie Stansbury, Freida Smith, Mildred O'Connell, and Carolyn Hutto.

Freida Smith adjourned the meeting with prayer. The next meeting of the auxiliary will be August 4, 2009 with a covered dish dinner at 6 p.m. and the meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Any eligible lady interested in becoming a member may contact any of the auxiliary members.

Oklahoma University Law Center To Offer Free Seminar

The University of Oklahoma Law Center will offer a free Orientation seminar for people interested in a career as a paralegal. The seminar, sponsored by the Department of Legal Assistant Education, will be held Saturday, August 22, 2009, from 9:00-11:30 a.m., at the OU Law Center, 300 Timberdell Road, in Norman. Speakers will include instructors and graduates of the OU legal assistant program and representatives of professional paralegal organizations.

The OU Department of Legal Assistant Education is now enrolling students for classes that begin in August, 2009. The courses are designed to train individuals as paralegals for careers in private, corporate and government law-related activities.

"Legal assistants, or paralegals, work with attorneys to provide legal services to clients," said David A. Poarch, director of the department and assistant dean of the OU College of Law. "Economic surveys indicate

that the demand for paralegals will continue to increase. Many of our students already work in the legal field and want more training. Others are seeking to begin new careers in law."

Classes are offered on Saturdays at the OU Law Center in order to allow students to continue working while studying for their certificate. The classes are taught by lawyers, law professors and legal assistants who specialize in various areas of law. Completion of the OU legal assistant education program, which has been approved by the American Bar Association since 1986, will provide the skills necessary to perform a variety of law-related tasks, including legal research and drafting legal documents.

Additional information on enrollment is available from the Department of Legal Assistant Education, 300 Timberdell Road, Room 3014, Norman, OK 73019-5081; telephone 405-325-1726; e-mail lae@hamilton.law.ou.edu



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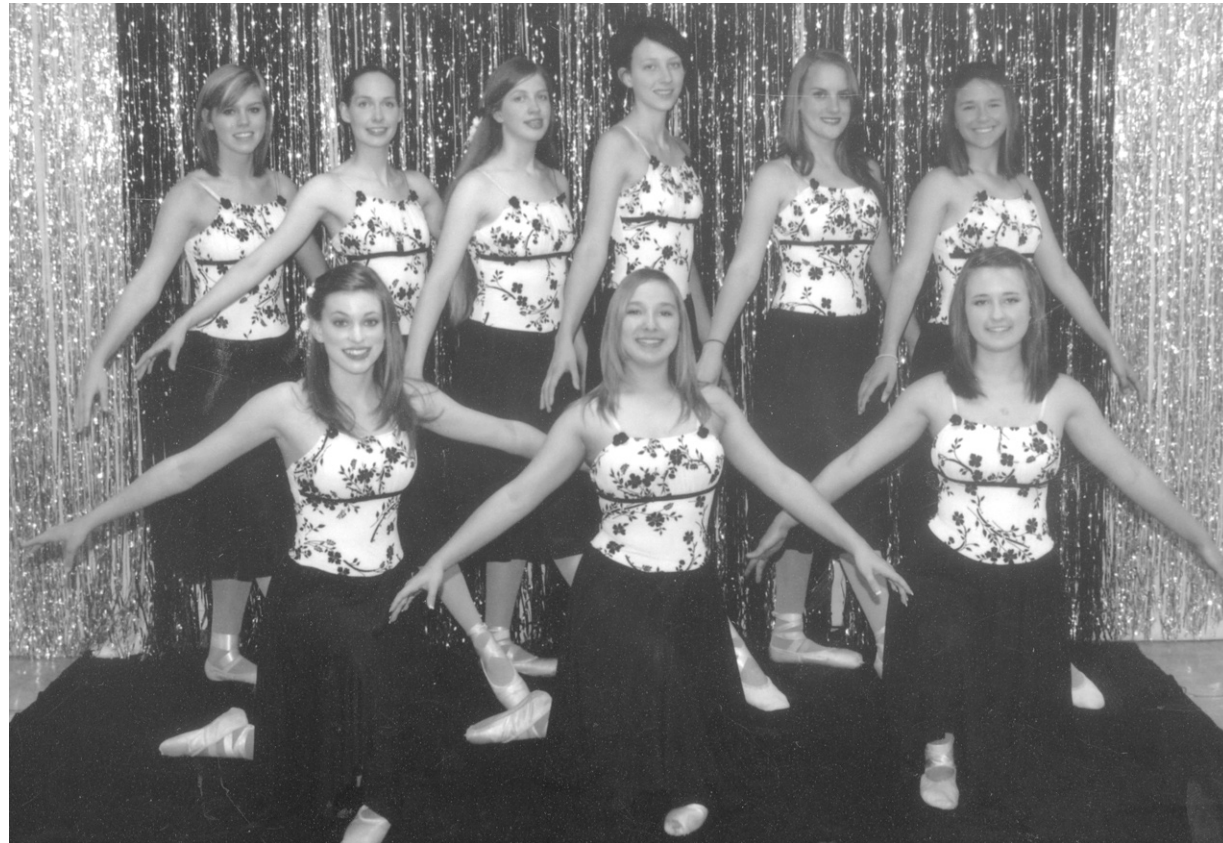
# Janet's School Of Dance Recital Held



Janet's School of Dance Recital, "Dance, Dance, Dance" was held May 29. Pictured above performing to "Come Dance With Me" are (front row l to r) Hanna Tolman, Lilly Alvarado, Lilly Ward, and Tabitha Harrison, (back row l to r) Harlee Wiggins, Elijah Salie, Ashlyn Snelgrooes, and Megan Ward. Not pictured was Mallory Allen.



Janet's School of Dance Recital, "Dance, Dance, Dance" was held May 29. Pictured above performing to "Dance All Night" are (l to r) Makayla Webster, Domonique Pollock, B'Elanna Bancroft, Shellbe Frazier, LeeAnn Adams, and Madison Travis. Not pictured was Delaney Fitch.



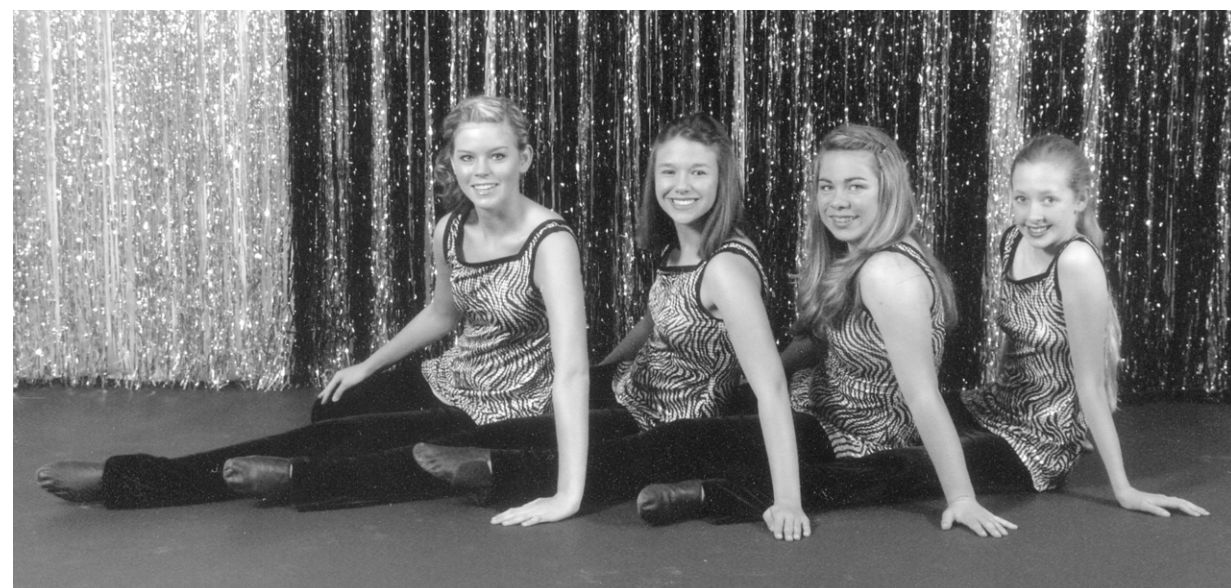
Janet's School of Dance Recital, "Dance, Dance, Dance" was held May 29. Pictured above performing to "I Hope You Dance" are (front row l to r) Allison Bevers, Sara Boyce, and Kalli Postlelewaite, (back row l to r) Cheyenne Frizell, Hannah Harrison, Emily Harrison, Meagan Hillin, Kaitlin Boydston, and Lynnsey Moseley. Not pictured was Whitney Beck.



Janet's School of Dance Recital, "Dance, Dance, Dance" was held May 29. Pictured above performing to "Dancing Down At Papa Joe's" are (l to r) Gracie Edwards, Olivia Greene, Cady Lamb, Gabriele Brandon, Natalie Sullivan, Macy Smith, Kambri Evans, Hallie McGaha, and Nola Salie.



Janet's School of Dance Recital, "Dance, Dance, Dance" was held May 29. Pictured above performing to "You Should Be Dancing" are (l to r) Morgan Stratton, Brooklyn House, Kaedyn Swinford, and Kyra Finley.



Janet's School of Dance Recital, "Dance, Dance, Dance" was held May 29. Pictured above performing to "Dance Me If You Can" were (l to r) Cheyenne Frizell, Lynnsey Moseley, Miranda Hilliard, and Autumn Harrison.

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Turn off the highway and let's go down the Wallville Road. Welcome to Wallville, the jewel of Garvin County where Paul Cunningham, the twin of Pauline and brother of Ralph shares with us his memory of June 28, 1938. Here's Paul.

Had a great time last Saturday. Papa has a grain thresher and hires out to the wheat farmers who don't own their own threshers. June has been a busy month and Papa has been running his threshing machine six days a week. I don't know how much the wheat farmers pay him, but he says the hard work is worth it. The money helps pay the bills until we cut our broomcorn next month. Papa's grain thresher is a really big machine. He pulls it with his Oliver tractor. His Oliver is the first rubber-tired tractor he has owned and he is really proud of it. It even has a road gear. It's rubber tires don't chew up the road like the lugs on his Farmall did. He runs the grain thresher with power off his tractor with a long belt from a pulley on his tractor to several pulleys on the thresher. When the thresher is running, it makes a loud noise. But, it's a lot of fun to watch all those wheels and pulleys turning together. Have yourself a Pepsi and directly we'll here from Paul's days down the Wallville Road.

July 9, 2009, 100 degrees in downtown Wallville, welcome to the good ol' summertime and the folks back home. Legend #866.

The Wallville Church has been honored with visits from Brother Charley Cox and wife Geneva of Oakdale Country. Also on July 8 we had the pleasure of hearing the preaching of Brother Kim Meyers of Dayton, Ohio with Tiffany Coleman of Alabama in service. Matt Hunt and

family were also with us.

The Wallville Veteran's Committee honors the service of Richard Allen Hines II. U.S. sailor, five years in Navy, 2003-2009. Died July 5, 2009. Our hearts go out to the family at such a great loss.

From the Owl Man's birthday list, July 16 to July 23, Taegan Mae Butcher on the 17, it's big #1. Priscilla Mayhan parties on the 17. Joe Hunt paints the town red on the 18. The 19 of July, Isaiah Hunt turns 9. Jr. Hyatt and Butch Teel is also the 19. Hughes graduate Earl Boen on the 21, John Loyd Turner on the 21, the 22, Ambassador to California Robert Dennison parties, Wallville pioneer Emma Bray is the 22, Carrie Donaho parties on the 22, and the man himself, Issac Lawson celebrates on the 23. Over and out.

Winner of the roses, Danny and Sandy Powers, 41 glorious anniversaries this July 22. May your days be merry and bright.

Al and Cindy Hunt were wed July 22, 1977. East Robinson Street Holiness Church, Norman, OK. 32 years and counting.

Also, July 22 makes 27 years of spooning and happy honeymooning for Marvin and Sherrie Dodson. Have a great day.

29 years later, Rocky and Donna Moore celebrate their anniversary July 18, 1980. The American way.

Jason and Sheila Donaho chalk up 15 years of the good life this July 16. Keep on the sunny side of life.

Sunday, July 12, Punkins in the Valley, was the place to be. Old time Wallvilleans caught

there, Al and Cindy Hunt and family, Matt Hunt and family, Joe Hunt and family, Andrew Parker and wife and daughter, Hunt's guest from Texas, Steve Mayhan and family, Alton Brown and family, and Curtis and Priscilla Hines and family. Each enjoying a meal.

The Wallville Church enjoyed visiting and the preaching and singing of the Andrew Parker family for two services, July 12, 2009.

Bill Donaho, and daughter Carrie, spent a big part of the day fishing July 11 at his secret fishing hole. At last report, Bill had caught 7 crappies, Carrie O.

Hello Hughes, Wallville, cottonwood, Happy Holler, and Red Bluff, are you out there? Send your news to Rt. 3, Box 222-A, Pauls Valley, OK 73075 or call 207-3268.

Ramblin around the owl's nest this week has been Joe, Kandace, Kenzie, and Sierra, Matt, Kristi, Anna, Andrew Parker and family, Bill B. and daughter Carrie. Enjoying summer.

Racing through July hitchhiking to Turner Falls to spend the rest of the summer, don't you wish. Until newt week, this is be kind to "Curtis and Priscilla Hines and youngens week. They need some good words.

Our sponsors for this week have been Warrior Ice, Ireney the Meany and Don Juan, head honchoes and Aunt Molly's Fried Ice Cream Farms, It's our sponsors that keep us going. Now, the rest of the story.

Last Saturday, Papa let me go with him to thresh wheat. The job was for a farmer whose place is down near the east Lindsay bridge on the Washita. Evan on a rubber-tired tractor, it seemed like it took us forever to get to where we were going. By 9 o'clock, Papa had the thresher belted up to his tractor and ready to thresh wheat. With shocks

of wheat being thrown into the mouth of the thresher and grain coming out one spout and wheat straw coming out another at the rear, it was quite a show for a 10-year old boy. The grain spilled into the bed of a truck and the straw was blown out on the ground, making sort of a haystack. The noise from the thresher and the tractor was so loud that the threshing crew did a lot of talking with their hands.

While Papa and the crew threshed wheat, I stood in the shade of a tree and watched. He made sure I didn't get near the thresher because it can be dangerous with all those moving parts. When noon came, they stopped threshing so everybody could go eat. The crew didn't bring their lunches because the farmer's wife had fixed lunch for everybody. I got to eat with the crew. I always like meals like this because they usually have two kinds of meat, peach cobbler, and plenty of iced tea.

Before the crew went back to threshing, Papa took his grease gun and wrenches and inspected all the pulleys and bearings on the threshing machine. He found a loose nut on a bolt and asked me to help him tighten it. He had me hold the bolt head with a wrench while he tightened the nut. All of a sudden, my wrench slipped and I hit my hand on a piece of metal. It broke the skin and I began to bleed. Papa took a used handkerchief out of his overalls pocket and wrapped it around hand, covering the cut. He told me to keep it wrapped until the bleeding stopped.

The threshing was all done by the middle of the afternoon. After resting for a while, Papa hooked the thresher to his tractor and we headed for Lindsay. When we got to town, he pulled into the wagon yard behind Willard's Grocery Store and parked. We went into the back of the store and Mr. Willard let us wash up before dinner. We really needed baths, but there was no place to take one. Then Papa took me down the block to Ira Bottoms' beer joint, where the hamburgers are the best in town. I felt a little uneasy in a beer joint, but I was with Papa. Papa doesn't like beer joints either, but he was very tired, I had a leg ache and he didn't want to walk any more than he had to. We each had a hamburger and a big RC. As soon as we finished, we left and headed for the wagon yard. We climbed back on the tractor and headed for home. With seven miles to cover, and pulling a threshing machine, it took Papa's big Oliver tractor almost to midnight to get us home. My leg still ached and my hand still hurt, but I was ready to do it all over again.

Now, you can tell us country boys could make our own fun, down the Wallville Road.

**OBITUARY**  
**LaVerne Smith**  
**Wright Armstrong**  
**1927-2009**



LaVerne Smith Wright Armstrong passed from this life Thursday, July 9, 2009 at the Lindsay Manor Nursing Home in Lindsay, OK. LaVerne was born February 25, 1927 in Shawnee, OK to Ola Bertha (Eatmon) Smith and George Edward Smith Jr. LaVerne was married to George H. Wright from 1947 until 1977. She later married Roger Armstrong in 1982. Mr. Armstrong passed away October 31, 2000 in Antlers, OK.

Laverne grew up in Lindsay, OK. She had lived in Finley, OK since 1980. She moved back to Lindsay in 2008. She was a member of the Church of Christ and previously of the Lutheran Church. She was also a member of the Finley Library Association, Meals on Wheels, and the Senior Citizens Center of Finley, OK.

She enjoyed fishing, camping, bird watching, and cattle management. She especially loved going to the Smith family reunions at Sulphur, OK. She "inherited" her dad's interest in oil and gas. LaVerne did a lot of traveling during her lifetime. She traveled to Japan, Wake Island, Guam, and Colorado. Mrs. Armstrong worked as a clerk, nurse's aid, and for a railroad and army base in San Bernardino.

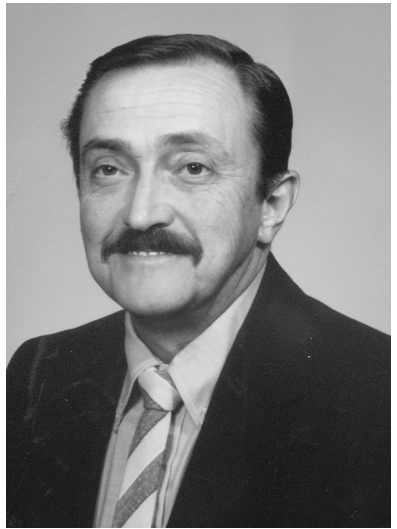
Survivors of Mrs. Armstrong include her son: George (Eddie) Wright and wife Patti of Denton, TX; stepsons: Roger (Butch) Armstrong and Don (Pete) Armstrong; grandchildren: Hank Wright of Denton, TX and Colin Wright of Bedford, TX.

Mrs. Armstrong was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Armstrong were Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 11 a.m. at the B.G. Boydston Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, OK. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com). Memorial Contributions may be made to the Loving Care Hospice, 316 W. Polk,

Purcell, Oklahoma 73080. The family wishes to thank all the nurses, aides, and directors at Lindsay Manor Nursing Home for their kindness and care, the Visiting Ministry of Missionary Baptist Church and the devotion of the nurses and aides of Loving Care Hospice.

**OBITUARY**  
**Del Hardin**  
**1934-2009**



Del Hardin of Lindsay, OK was born to Delmas Howell and Freada C. (Ferrell) Hardin October 26, 1934 in Montana, AR and passed from this life July 10, 2009 in Lindsay, OK at the age of 74 years.

Del grew up and attended school in Montana, AR until he was seven. His family moved to Sapulpa, OK where he graduated from high school. Del served his country in the U. S. Army. October 21, 1961 he married Donna Senn in Wichita, KS. Del retired in 1996 after working for twenty-six years for Burford Corp. in Maysville, OK. In his spare time he enjoyed listening to music and was always working on something.

Mr. Hardin is survived by; his wife: Donna of the home; son: David Hardin and his wife Susie of Bradley, OK; daughter: Della Crull and her husband David of Elmore City, OK; brothers: Doug Hardin and his wife Sharon of Conway, AR, Richard Hardin and his wife Jill of Fayetteville, AR, Phillip Hardin and his wife Shirley of Arkadelphia, AR, and Raymond Hardin of Boston, MA; sister: Carol Page and her husband Lloyd of Little Rock, AR; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hardin was preceded in death by; his parents: Delmas and Freada Hardin, and 1 brother: Gary Hardin.

Pallbearers were grandsons David and Jason Hardin, Cody and Clay Crull, and Trevor and Geoffrey Hughes.

Funeral services were Monday, July 13, 2009 at 10 a.m. in the Greenhill Cemetery in Lindsay, OK with Dr. Bruce McCray officiating. Services were under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com).

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