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Voter Registration

Friday, August 2, is the last day to apply for voter registration in order to be eligible to vote in the August 27 Primary Election, Muskogee County Election Board Secretary Kenneth Blackburn said today.

Blackburn said that persons who are United States citizens, residents of Oklahoma and at least 18 years old may apply to become registered voters.

Persons who have never been registered to vote before or who are not currently registered in the county of their residence and persons who are registered but who need to change their registration information may apply to register or change their name, address or political affiliation by filling out and mailing an Oklahoma voter Registration Application form in time for it to be postmarked no later than midnight Friday, August 2.

Blackburn said that applications postmarked after that time still will be accepted and processed, but the application will not be approved until after August 27.

The County Election Board will respond in writing to each person who submits an application for voter registration. The response will be either a Voter Identification Card listingthe new voter's precinct number and polling place location or a letter that explains the reason or reasons the application for voter registratior was not approved. Blackburn said that any person who has submitted a voter registration application and who has not received a response within 30 days should contact the County Election Board office.

### **BalloonFest '96**

Negron will perform at the Fourth Annual Illinois River BalloonFest Saturday evening, August 17, in tipour, chairman of the BallonFest Committee. The outdoor concert will and will be the grand finale for BalloonFest '96, a two day festival beginning August 16 which includes balloon races, balloon glow, balloon mass ascension, music, arts, crafts, antique cars and a vintage tractor pulling contest.

Negron's umistakable voice is famous for songs like "Joy to the World", "Easy to Be Hard", "An Old Fashioned Love Song" and "One", disbanding Three Dog Night in 1977 is called "Love Lives a Separate Life."

Admission for Three Dog Night's Chuck Negron and the many other BalloonFest events is by souvenir buttons which are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the gate. BalloonFest buttons are on sale through August 16 at many area locations and at the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce until noon August 17. Cost of buttons is non-refundable.

Karen Hook, BalloonFest entertainment director, said the Saturday Chuck Negron concert will be opened by the group "Big Kidd".

"We have lined up some tremendous talent in addition to Chuck Negron. Our live stage, sponsored year's Illinois River BalloonFest, call by Coca Cola, will feature entertain-

Three Dog Night's Chuck ment starting at 6 p.m. Friday and continuing until the big concert Saturday night", Hook said.

Wednesday, July 31, 1996

Friday's performers include Tahlequah announced Hamid Vahda- Riding Fences, the Cookson Hills Cloggers and Southern Pride. On Saturday, the BalloonFest-CocaCola be held east of the Tahlequah airport live stage opens at 10 a.m. with the Oklahoma Kids followed by Brandon Grissom, Kuntry Kuzzins, Rhonda Veruns, Gennie Lane, Lance Hamby and The Enforcers. Big Kidd and Three Dog Night's Chuck Negron will perform at 8:30 p.m. following the balloon mass ascension at 6:15 p.m.

BalloonFest buttons include: B& J Restaurant, BancFirst, Bank IV, Charlie's Chicken, Del Rancho, among others. His first album since Falcon Floats, Fino's Restaurant, Green Country Flooring, Larry's Decorating, Mary's Liquor, My Place Barbeque, Radio Shack, Texaco Fuel Mart, Workman's Department Store and the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce.

> "We want to remind spectators to allow plenty of time to arrive at the BalloonFest site, park their cars and be ready to enjoy the events," said Vahdatipour of Lake Region Electric Cooperative. "We are encouraging spectators to bring lawn chairs, blankets and a flashlight. However personal ice chests are not permitted," he added.

For more information about this (918) 456-3742 or 4558-2088.

A "pony" no more- Steve Lynch and son "KRUZ" pictured in his last season as Baseball Coach at Kelleyville. Lynch takes over the reins at Mounds.

# Warner athlete is Holland bound

being guaranteed five games. The

squad with the best record from the

American and international pools will

play for the championship on August

Ponies coach has returned to Mounds

High School for the 1996-97 school

year, where he taught and coached

his first year out of college. Lynch

was offered the Oologah baseball and

softball vacancies but declined those

baseball coach, head boys basketball

At Mounds, Lynch will be head

Lynch, a former Kellyville

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positions.

international teams with each team coach.

Steve Lynch, former Warner athlete and 1978 graduate of Warner High School, has been selected to coach one of five American baseball teams in an international tournament in Holland, August 8-15.

The "Holland Cup" is an event organized through Sports Challenge International.

Lynch's team consists of Oklahoma and Texas players and lists nine pitchers on the roster. The tournament will be played at Holland's Leiden University in the city of Leiden, nineteen miles from Amsterdam.

Each US team will play five coach and assistant girls basketball

Total ColiformViolation

Recent tests show that water samples from the Warner Utilities Authority contain total coliform in amounts higher than those allowed by the Oklahoma Department of environmental Quality.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets drinking water standards and has determined that the presence of total coliform is a possible health concern. Total coliforms are common in the environment and are generally not harmful themselves. The presence of these bacteria in drinking water, however, generally is a result of a problem with

water treatment or the pipes which distribute the water, and indicates that the water may be contaminatd with organisms that can cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice, and any associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms however, are not just associated wih disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. EPa has set an enforceable drinking water standard for total coliform ro reduce

the risk of these adverse health effects. Drinking water which meets this standard is usually not associated with a health risk from disease-causing bacteria and should not be considered safe.

At Kellyville, Lynch compiled

a 259-149 record in baseball with his

teams, winning five district champi-

onships and three conference ban-

ners. He also earned three confer-

ence Coach of the Year awards. In

five regional appearances, Kellyville

finished runner-up in 1987. "I've had

a bunch of kids who've helped me out

a lot and made me look good," Lynch

his wife, Kandy and son Austin Kruz.

Steve is the son of Clarence and Jean

Lynch and grandson of Ethel Jones,

Lynch resides in Mounds with

stated.

all of Warner.

11 water samples have been done since the coliform violation occured and have come back as safe samples.

Customers with questions or concern about bacteriological contamination, or any other water problem, should contact David Toney, water superintendent, 463-2696, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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### Historical Society

The Major County Historical Society will host its 11th Annual Old Time Threshing Bee on September 27, 28 29, 1996, 1 1/2 miles east of Fairview on Highway 58.

The three day show features numerous pioneer farming demonstrations, turn of the century equipment exhibitions, and a full blown threshing demonstration powered by steam engines. Demonstrations include grain threshing, stationery baling, plowing, milling grain into flout, corn harvesting, corn grinding. You can also enjoy a unique small gas engine show and a daily parade of steam engines, tractors, equipment and antique vehicles. Exhibitors of all varieties of stcam engines, tractors, equipment, gas engines, and antique vehicles are welcome to attend the show.

A special daily feature is a house moving demonstration using steam engines and an authentic 1910 house moving rig. Other show features are: an arts and crafts show, tractorshow, antique car show, daily musical entertainment, and a variety of food booths.

Special daily events: Friday-6th graders from across the state are special quests of the Society. Noon Re-enactment of the Oklahoma Land Run. Saturday-a millinery style show at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; Dutch Oven cookoff starting at 10:00 a.m.; Silver Strings Musical Concert at 6:00 p.m. Sunday's events begin with a 10:30 a.m. worship service; 2:00 p.m. tractorpull; and a tractor drawing at 4:00 pm. for a 1994 B John Deere.

Admission is \$5.00 per day. Children under 12 free. Call (405) 227-2265 or (405) 883-2233 for full information. The Museum, Veterans 'emorial, Pioneer School, and Pioer House will be open for tours.

#### Candidates to speak at Hot Dog Feed

A Hot Dog Feed/Pie Supper is scheduled to be held on Saturday, August 10. This event is sponsored by the Porum Athletic Booster Club and will be held in the High School Cafeteria.

Area candidates will be on hand to speak.

The Hot Dog Feed will begin at 5:30 pm with the Pie Supper starting at 6:30 pm.

### Sallisaw Lions host Rodeo

IPRA Championship Rodeo has been scheduled for August 1-3.

Kicking off this years events is a Rodeo Dance on Wednesday, July 31st, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Performing live will be Shane Charles and Western Justice. This young group from Oklahoma is on the road with pure country music. Touring heavily in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, etc. Shane Charles and Western Justice guarantee to deliver first class entertainment at this years rodeo dance. Admission is \$6.00 per person. Leaving and re-entering will not be permitted. No coolers, ice chests, or carry in containers will be allowed.

The second event in this years excitement will be the parade which is scheduled for Thursday, August 1st. Line up will begin at Sallisaw Rodco grounds. Politicians welcome. Please limit your party to three vehicles. No 4 wheelers or motorcycles

### **Gospel Singing**

The 17th Annual Cherokee National Holiday Gospel Singing is scheduled for August 30-31, under the green and white tent located next to the Cherokee Nation Gift Shop south of Tahlequah. The singing will be held from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Friday, August 30, and from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, August 31.

The event is open to the public free of charge. The Masters of Ceremonies for this year's performances are Doug Bryant an Matt Anderson of Tahlequah and Beverly Adair of Muskogee.

Sallisaw Lion's Club 53rd are allowed to participate. No candy throwing please, for the safety of the children. Ride in the parade and receive one free pass per horse for Thursday nights performance.

Actual rodeo action will begin Thursday night at 8 p.m. The pony will be given away Thursday night in a drawing.

Be sure to get your teams together for the wild cow milking at each night's performance, all children between the ages of 5 and 11 can pertisipate in 3 nights of calf scrambeling. Ride in the grand entry on Friday or Saturday and receive one free pass per horse. The Waldron Quadrill will perform Friday and Saturday night.

Don't forget the old Sallisaw High School association will hold their annual Bull drop, BBQ, and Politician dunkin tank. Be sure to come to the parking lot across from Lesley's Cafe, Saturday, to dunk your favorite politician.

New this year, a Sunday Worship has been added to the schedule. The worship will begin at 10 a.m., September 1, under the green and white tent.

It is anticipated that this will be a good gospel singing, featuring some of Oklahoma's most talented gospel singers, which will include Cherokee singing. Many people are expected to gather for the evening of family entertainment.

For more information, contact Janie Carey at (918) 456-0671, ext. 210.

### **Colored Gas Fading Fast In Oklahoma**

#### Meetings

**Webbers Falls Lodge** The Webbers Falls Masonic Lodge #14 meets on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 7 pm. at the lodge building.

Porum Lodge The Porum Masonic Lodge #351 meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm. at the lodge building.

### Warner sets date for athletic physicals

Warner High School Head Football Coach Eddie Barnwell has announced that physicals for male athletes in grades 6-12 at Warner will be held on Monday, August 5, beginning at 4:30 pm. at the football fieldhouse. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Also, he stated that varsity football equipment checkout will take place on Monday, August 12, at 5 pm., also at the fieldhouse, and that the first practice of the season will take place on Tuesday, August 13, starting at 6:30 pm.

### **Bean Supper**

The Buckhorn Volunteer Fire Department is now officially in operation. Anyone that is interested in becoming a member can contact Terry Hayes at 989-5316 or Homer Webb at 989-5535.

The Department will hold a bean supper followed by a pie auction. The Benefit will be held on August 17, 1996, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station located on Coffey Road. Everyone is welcome.

#### SHOP THE CLASSIFIEDS

**Ruling Ends 70 Years** Of Using dye to Mark **Grades of Motor Fuel** 

#### **By Patrick Petree**

OKLAHOMA CITY - In 1930, Phillips Petroleum Co. admonished its dealers to identify Phillips gasolines by brand names.

"Let the motorist know that he isn't getting just another red or white gasoline," the company instructed in a magazine for dealers. Conoco named its regular-grade gasoline "Bronze," and an adver-

tising campaign proclaimed that "Gentlemen Prefer Bronze." Those marketing strategies were

tied to a common practice in the 1920s, 30s and 40s of identifying gasolines by their colors.

Such promotions wouldn't sell much gas today. Few motorists know the color of the gasoline they buy or know what the color means. Accordingly, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission has rescinded its requirement for coloring gasolines, effective July 1.

After existing supplies of colored fuel have been exhausted, all motor vehicle gasoline sold in Oklahoma will be "water white," an industry term for a clear liquid.

"Coloration isn't prohibited, but with modern dispensing pumps, no one sees the color of gasoline, so making refiners add dye to the fuel no longer serves any useful purpose," E.R. (Ray) Smith, Fuel Division director, said.

Smith said motorists no longer need to identify gasoline grades by color since Corporation Commission fuel inspectors use computerassisted devices to spot check octane ratings to make sure that the product delivered is the product advertised on the dispensing pump. The commission's decision to let the dye requirement die ends a gasoline identification system that was used for more than 70 years.

Gasoline coloration began in the 1920s when gasoline was displayed in glass cylinders atop handoperated "visible register" pumps that had been developed so motorists could see the fuel they were buying. Color was used to attract customers and identify different grades of gasoline.

Until 1923, petroleum products sold in Oklahoma were graded by Corporation Commission oil inspectors. They tested gasoline, benzene and naphtha — highly flammable refined petroleum liquids — by measuring specific gravity. Liquids testing between 68 and 72 specific gravity were labeled as "good," and those above or below those levels were labeled "inferior."

The coloring was done carefully because gasoline sellers were liable for fines of up to \$500 for misrepresenting the grades of products offered for sale, according to Corporation Commission rules published in 1918.

Coloring gasoline, which had been optional, became a standard practice nationwide after tetraethyl was added to some gasolines in 1923. The lead improved motor vehicle performance, but its use raised safety concerns because lead is toxic. In 1926, lead suppliers reached an agreement with the U.S. Surgeon General to color all leaded motor fuels.

Coloration alerted the public to the presence of lead, and the dye provided a staining quality that made leaded gasoline unsuitable as a substitute for naphtha for cleaning clothing and other fabrics.

The agreement did not specify colors, but most gasoline manufacturers, perhaps to prevent consumer confusion, chose bronze for regular-grade leaded motor fuel and red for premium-grade leaded fuel. Blue was an alternate color.

Sun Oil Co. introduced Blue Sunoco as a premium-grade gasoline, but most refiners used blue dye to identify low-octane "subgrade" gasolines that were sold at Of course not. low prices to attract customers who had little money to spend. Other companies sold unleaded, uncolored gasoline, called "white gas," as an economy-priced motor fuel.

The low-octane gasolines were popular during the depression years, especially in rural areas, because they performed well in farm machinery as well as in older overall government spending. motor vehicles powered by lowcompression engines.

Gasoline identification by color started to diminish in the 1940s when electric pumps began to replace the visible register pumps. To ease the transition for skeptical motorists, manufacturers equipped most early electric pumps with a small glass cylinder between the pump and the fueling hose so customers could continue to see the color of the gasoline.

Color-coding of gasoline changed in the mid 1970s when unleaded fuel became mandatory for new cars and the federal Environmental Protection Agency ordered a phase-out of leaded fuel to reduce air pollution.

Some states did not require coloration of unleaded fuels. In Oklahoma, the Corporation Commission designated red as the color for top-octane unleaded fuel as well as premium-grade leaded fuel. A pink tint was required for medium-grade unleaded gasoline and regular-grade unleaded fuel was uncolored.

The bronze regular and red premium leaded fuels disappeared as production was discontinued.

The Corporation Commission rule change rescinding coloration requirements applies only to motor vehicle gasoline. Red, green and blue tints are still required to designate the octane ratings of aviation gasolines, and a federal regulation requires red dye in diesel fuels used by off-road vehicles as a tax identification device.

Only off-road vehicles, school buses and certain other exempt



### **Congressman Tom Coburn**

#### **Budgeting for Failure**

Imagine a youngster who gets a \$10 weekly allowance. The child goes to his parents and seeks to raise the allowance to \$20. His parents instead give him \$5 extra a week

Would the youngster tell his friends that he got a \$5 cut in his allowance?

But that's what special interest groups have been doing to the U.S. taxayer

Using scare tactics, the special interests have told the American public that Congress has undermined the commitments to Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid. The truth is that there was an increase in spending, not a cut. In addition, there also has been an increase in

Why is this so important to understand?

It is important because the backwards way of thinking by special interests contradicts sound financial policies and eventually will bankrupt America.

When we spend more than we have, we add to the federal debt and that means our children and grandchildren will be forced to pick up the tab.

Dollars for important programs will eventually become more scarce because the interest payment on the debt will grow larger.

To reverse this trend, we need to balance the budget, then concentrate on reducing the debt, so that less money goes to pay for interest.

This long-term approach would free

AYUSA International, a wellrespected high school exchange program, is offering a full scholarship to China. A qualified high school student will spend fall semester 1996 as a guest of the China International Center for Children (CICC) in Haikou, China. Scholarship includes homestay with Chinese family, courses in calligraphy and history, international airfare, and orientation. There is no language requirement for this program as a tutor will be provided. Applications must be received by August 10, 1996.

To apply for the China scholarship or to host an international student, call Renee Bruns, AYUSA Regional Manager at 800-628-2930 or contact AYUSA at http// www.ayusa.com.

#### dollars for needed programs and would do so without raiding the pockets of the American taxpayer, who has already experienced a decline in takehome pay and living standards.

Unfortunatey, Republican leaders in Congress this year have taken the short-term approach. They pushed a budget proposal through the House that spends \$14.5 billion more than last year, increasing the federal debt. 1 voted against this measure because it is irresponsible to pile more debt onto future generations.

My opposition to the Republican leadership was not very popular, but 1 could not in good conscience support a plan that jeopardizes our nation's financial integity.

While some programs should be cut, not all programs should face reductions. In fact, I made a pact with seniors and veterans to make sure that programs which affect them would remain sound and secure.

I hope this column has helped to explain the true debate in this nation. The first step owards a balanced budget will be for people to better understand the complicated budgeting process that the Washington, D.C. politicians have created.

We can and must live up to our commitments to senior citizens, veterans and others who depend on us. We can do this and still balance the budget and preserve opportunities for our children and grandchildren.

Also, AYUSA International is looking for families to host high school exchange students from China. Students live with volunteer host families and attend local high schools. For 15 years, AYUSA has been offering students from 50 countries a chance to learn about American culture through student exchange. This

year, Chinese students join participants from the Europe, Middle East, Asia and Latin America. As the world's top athletes gather in Atlanta, what better way to share in the spirit of international friendship than by hosting an international student. Families who wish to

learn more about China or other world

cultures can host an AYUSA student

by calling Renee Bruns at the number

listed above.

State golfers to battle in championship

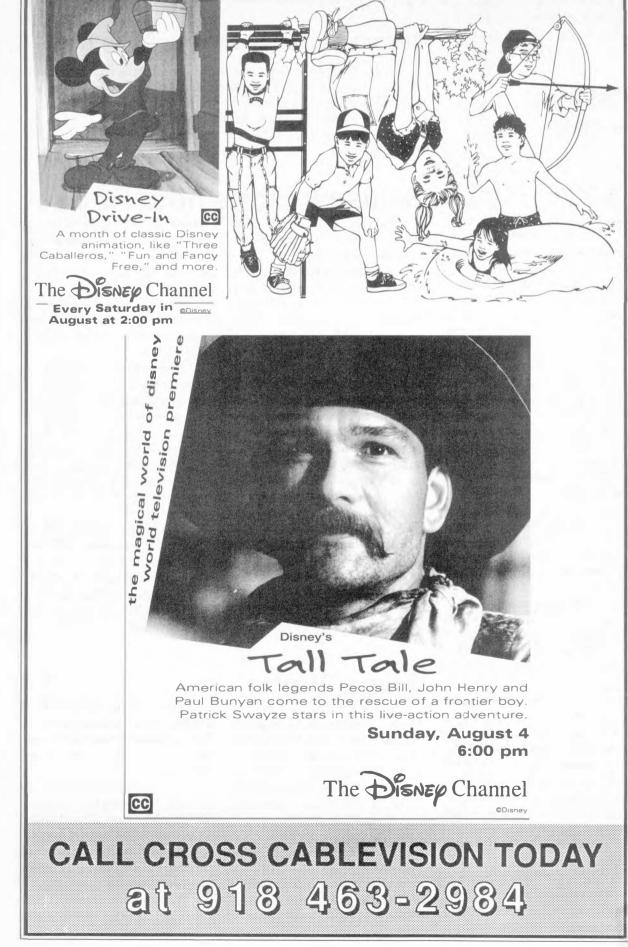
High school scholarship to China

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vehicles are allowed to use the redcolored diesel, which is not taxed for highway revenue.

### Warner town council holds public hearing

A public hearing will be held by the Warner Town Council at 2 pm., August 6, 1996 at Warner City Hall. The public hearing will be held to gather public input into the town's application for rural economic assistance plan funds.

R.E.A.P. Funds can be used for a variety of projects, including water and sewer improvements, street and bridge improvements, or other projects tied to economic development in communities under 7,000 in population.

A discussion of types of projects allowed for funding will be conducted at the public hearing.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

#### Twice-Is-Nice, Inc.

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Heller of Sapulpa have been chosen to participate in the 1996 Max fli PGA Junior Championship on August 19-22 at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens in Flor-

ida.

DeLeon, 15, of Jenks High School will make his first appearance in the Maxfli PGA Junior Championship after a 36-hole performance of 1-under-par 143 (rounds of 69-74) in the South Central PGA Section Maxfli Junior Championship at Coffee Crcck Golf Course in Edmond. DeLcon was a member of a team finishing runner-up in the Class 5A State High School Championship. An outstanding student, he carried a 4.00 grade

Heller, 16, of Bishop Kelley High School in Tulsa, is a six-time South Central PGA Section Junior Player of the Year (1990-95) and winner of the 1996 Jenks Invitational. Heller helped Bishop Kelley to the Class 4A sute girls' high school championship and was third individually with rounds of 76 and 74. Heller owns a 4.00 grade point average.

The Maxfli PGAJuniorChampionship, a major junior championship of the vear for junior players seventeen years and younger, features boy and girl champions from forty-one PCA sections nationwide and selectec winners of national championships.

### Warner Cross-Country teám

students who are interested in trying out for the Warner Cross-Country team this fall, the first official workout meeting will be Wednesday, August 7 at Warner High school football field. Currently, returning runners from last year's state-ranked

For all Warner athletes and girls'team arealready running workout schedules on their own in preparation for the upcoming fall meets.

> If you are interested in participating and want more information, please contact Coach LeAnn Barnwell at Warner High school for details.

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11,000 and up	1.45 per thousand		*

••SEWER RATES WILL INCREASE FROM 5.00 PER MONTH TO \$6.00 PER MONTH ••

### Sims News

#### **By Helen Masterson**

From the Lazy "M", Greetings. Date: July 24, 1996. We're still having rainstorms and showers, which is unusual for July in this area. Monday night's thunderstorm brought 1.19 inches of rainfall. We need it, after so many months of below normal rainfall.

Thursday I called Bea. Her friend, Cherly Leatherman, was pictured in the Phoenix daily newspaper.

Friday, I met sis Evelene at the food court in the mall for lunch, shopped a couple of the marts and Hobby Lobby. Next time, we met at Pizza Inn for lunch. Cartha Fuller and Dorothy Chappell joined us in our booth and we had a good ole Webbers Falls style gabfest.

Others riding the county van on the days I went: Evelyn Wooten, driver; her grandson, Leo Ward, and these other passengers: Mildred Billue, Ozie Stevenson, Louise Harris, Gena Bass, Nellie Washum and Elsie Brown.

Sunday was Liz's birthday. I went with Maurice, Liz, Maureen and Maurice J. to Fin & Feather, where we proceeded to pig out. Marilyn and Rick met us there and we enjoyed a good visit. Saw Eddie and Lou Ann Ward, Jerry, Lisa, Tye, and Grant. Moregood Webbers Falls people.

Monday, I hoped for mowing weather and got it. I mowed the west side and south side of the lawn. Again Wednesday I hoped for mowing weather. The grass was saturated, couldn't have been wetter even if it had rained, which it had on Monday night. Humidity, 90%, with fog. I went and mowed, anyway, and it was still pretty wet at about 10:00 o'clock, but I finished it. Then it got wetter; another shower moved in at about 4:00 p.m.

Thanks to Bea and George, Katherine and Bill. The veggies are just great!

I still watch the hummingbirds. The feeder is hanging just outside my living room window, where I sit at my desk and type, read, do handwork, watch T.V., or just rest after mowing.

Big Boy's tick collar doesn't seem to be working as well as it did, or not at all . One hot humid day he came back to the house muddy, wet and with a satisfied look on his face; he'd been cooling off in the pond, so it probably ruined the effectiveness of the collar.

Here is the poem I used on Liz's birthday card. I forgot to keep a copy, and I'm sure one of the lines isn't the same as I wrote, but this is the best I could do.

#### Birthdays

We hear about them all the time, On mountains, deserts, moors, Spent on horseback or wagon track, But the nicest one is yours.

We wish you days of bright sunshine, Or rain and wind and weather, And many more Happy Birthdays, Piggin' out at Fin & Feather.

Helen Barnes Masterson

### From the Eagle's Nest

#### By: Dr. Jess Blair

There is more "good news" to share from Warner Public Schools this week. The school is abuzz with excitement as we watch the new additions to our school go up. It only took a couple of days to get the steel superstructure up, another couple of days to get the roof on and now the walls are quickly being framed. Progress occurs at what appears to be remarkable speed. The new rooms are not scheduled to be completed by the first day of school, so we have had to prepare a contingency plan for the first few weeks of school. It will be inconvenient, of course, not to be able to be in those rooms on the first day of school, but we'll just have to survive it by focusing on the great new rooms we'll have in a short while. The greatest challenge may well be that we have already received the classroom furniture for the new rooms and there is no place to store it for right now except in the hallways. However, the challenge we face in getting the new rooms open pale in comparison to the excitement of having new facilities in which to serve our students. We truly appreciate the voters approving this much needed expansion of our instructional space. Another exciting happening at Warner Schools centers around our "STAR" program, which is funded by a grant from the Department of Human Services. Connors State College, Indian Capital Vo-Tech and Warner Pubic Schools worked to-

gether to get the grant in order to assist families in their pursuit of greater educational advantages. The director of the program, Larry Oats, has already scheduled several activities including summer science camps and tours of Connors and Indian Capital. On August 24, STAR will sponsor their Family Services Conference at Warner High School. There will be learning opportunities, fun activities for all age groups and a chance to see presentations by many of the support service providers in Muskogee County. Be sure to watch for more information on this conference as we get closer to August 24. Larry Oats is ably assisted by Lynn Shimp, a counselor with vast experience in helping families. Mrs. Shimp will have her office in the Middle School at Warner. Both Mr. Oats and Mrs. Shimp are stongly committed to helping families succeed in provid-

### **Countryside Estates**

By: Wenona Martin

Senior citizens who come to make their home at Countryside Estate have one wish; to be comfortable, to be cared for with loving hands for whatever time they stay here.

They come with variable needs from diverse backgrounds. Each one comes with a complexity of physical, cognitive and phycosocial ailments.

One came recently with a formula for success. We'd like to share it. Written in first person form by her daughter, it says:

Let's get Acquainted

Hi, I'm Jacqueline Cottingham! I'm 80 years old. March 12, 1916, is my birthdate.

I'm here because I need you to care for me 24 hours a day. Life's been cruel to me but God's been real good.

My first stroke was March 29 this year. It took my speech away. The next day, March 30, the second stroke paralized my throat, so I couldn't eat or drink any longer. It also affected my right side. I've got movement in my right foot and leg now, but I'm still unable to stand or walk. When transporting me from bed to chair, ect, I must have an arm support or sling to keep my shoulder from falling down and out of socket. It slips in and out, when I'm in my chairs. Please place my small pillow under my right shoulder for support. I can't seem to hold it up or straight any more. I also must have my safety belt on when up because I will fall forward. If I'm going to be up for a while, you might want to double my depend. It's easier doing that, than

## 7th Annual Pie Supper

The Keefeton Volunteer Fire Department is once again sponsoring their annual Pie Supper, Saturday, August 3, at 6 pm. This year's event will take place at the new fire station in Keefeton.

In addition to the Pie Supper, an auction is scheduled as is the drawing for a Ruger Stainless Steel 10/22 10 shot 22 LR, a Custom Hand Made and Fitted Cowhide Boots, and two drawings for \$100.00. Tickets for these raffles are available from firefighters. Proceeds go to Keefeton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and all laws apply.

The crowd will be entertained with music and food will be available. Many of this years candidates will be on hand. Plan today to attend having to change my gown. And we won't have to worry about swelling or bedsores if you wouldn't mind using my wipes and barren cream. Thank you for any extra trouble I have caused you. I'm suppose to be fed every four hours, but you will have to check to be sure I can be fed. I sometimesdon't digest my milk like I should. Make sure you flush my tube with water. I sure don't want that thing to stop up. For some reason the milk comes back up if I'm not elevated forty-five minutes to one hour after my feeding.

Sometimes at night, when I first go to bed, I can't go right to sleep so I move and scoot around alot. You may have to give me a few minutes before I'm straightened up right in the bed and tucked in for the night.

I want to apologize before you see me have an angry spell. I don't mean to get upset or hurt your feelings. I get angry because I can't talk and get all my anger out or let you know what I want or need. I am also upset over losing my husband on April 3. We were married 49 years. I was in the hospital with the strokes when he passed away and I've never got to talk about it or express my feelings. I miss him very much.

I hope we can become friends! And if you've got any extra hugs or kisses you don't need, please feel free to pass them my way. I love attention.

God bless you for your kindness! Your Friend, Jackie

These very goals are the ones weset for each patient but it's so well said we thought you'd like to share it.

### Horseshoe Pitch Tournament

The Cherokee National Holiday Horseshoe Pitch Tournament will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 31, west of the Cherokee Nation Gift Shop. Registration will begin at 8 a.m.

Awards will be presented to thetop contestants in the men's singles and doubles and women's singles.

The entry fee for this double elimination tournament is \$10 per person per category entered. Preregistration is encouraged because of las: year's contestants' interest in the tournament.

For more information, contact Carla Hubbert, event chairman, at (918) 456-0671, ext. 385, or Kimball Hubbert at (918) 456-5511, ext5007.





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### Library news

Here are several new books for the week of July<sup>2</sup>23, 1996.

Adult Fiction: Flaming Sky-Earl Murray, Time in Mind-Kathlyn Starbuck, Bull Hunter-Max Brand, GraveHunt-J.R. Roberts, Betrayalat El Diablo-Jon Sharpe, Pistol Whipped-Kit Dalton, Beyond the Gate-Dave Wolverton, Conquerors Legacy-Timothy Zahn, WarriorFury-Judd Cole, Cimarron Jordan-Matt Braun.

Adult Non-fiction: Asimov on Astronomy-Isaac Asimov, Of Time and Space and Other Things-Isaac Asimov, Christmas is Coming Vol. 6.

Young Adult: Goodnight Kiss 2-R.L. Stine, Camp Killer-Francine Pascal.

Juvenile Fiction: Ghost Camp-R.L. Stine, Aloha, Baby-Sitters-Ann Martin

#### Video: Oklahoma Athletic Booster Club Meeting

The Warner Athletic Booster Club will be having a very important meeting on Thursday, August 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the administration building at Warner Elementary School.

All coaches and parents of Warner High School and Junior High School athletes, along withall Warner Athletic Booster Club members, are very strongly urged to attend. ing the best in educational opportunities for their children. It is exciting to work with people with such a strong desire to help and it is particularly gratifying that this whole project arose out of a strong spirit of cooperation between Warner Public Schools, Connors State and Indian Capital.

As in previous columns, I invite you all again to stop by my office to visit if you have any concerns or suggestions for making our excellent school even a little bit better. We are always interested in receiving input from our parents and district residents.

Abuse or Neglect HOTLINE 1-800-522-3511 Women in Crisis 1-800-HELP and help the Keefeton Fire Department.

### **Mini-Mesters offered**

Connors State College will offer six August Mini-Mester classes from August 5-15 from 9 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Each course carries three hours of college credit with classes beginning at 9 am, Monday, August 5.

Mini-mester classes on the Warner Campus include "HUMN 2113: General Humanities to 1350", "PSYC 1113: General Psychology", "SPCH 1123: Introduction to Oral Communication" and "GOVT 1113: American Federal Government".

Classes offered at the Muskogee Campus are "HIST 1493: US History Since 1865" and "SOCI 1113: Principles of Sociology".

Interested students should contact the registrars office at either Warner or Muskogee by calling 463-2931 or 687-6747.

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### Connors **Pre-Registration**

Students planning on taking classes during the 1996 fall semester at Connors State Collegearereminded that pre-registration is being accepted now until August 9.

Veterans who may be eligible for VA educational benefits are encouraged to report to the registrar's office before completing pre-registration procedures and should have their schedules approved there.

Students who have pre-registered by July 30 will receive a billing statement and will be allowed to pay by mail prior to the regular registration period of August 12-16.

For more information call 463-2931 in Warner or 687-6747 in Muskogee.

Are you ready for summer? We're not! Please donate blood! American Red Cross

**DEQ** applies for wastewater discharge program The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is in the final stages of getting authority from the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) to administer industrial and municipal wastewater discharge programs. This will benefit businesses, industries and muncipalities in Oklahoma by eliminating duplicative programs and rules effecting their wastewater discharges.

This will help contribute to further economic development in the state. By assuming these programs, existing businesses will benefit by only having one permit to follow instead of separate state and federal ones. In addition, having these programs will aid in the efforts to attract new industry to the state by simplifying the process for obtaining industrial wastewater discharge permits. The DEQ has been actively

pursuing and preparing for the assumption of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program for the state of Oklahoma since 1993. After two years of written revisions to required program documents, rule and statute

changes, the DEQ submitted its formal application to EPA Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, on June 10, 1996

Since the inception of the Clean Water Act and amendments to it in 1972, EPA has administered the NPDES program. Previously, functions related to wastewater management were found in the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) and the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB). This scattering of similar programs across the two agencies was not conducive to the State taking over the federal NPDES program, as unclear jurisdictional lines existed between the agencies. The OSDH had jurisdiction over municipal wastewater discharges while the OWRB administered the industrial facilities. Although both agencies considered pursuing NPDES program assumption for their respective programs from EPA, it was not until the DEQ's formation, by consolidating the NPDES portions of these agencies in 1993, that the program assumption could actually be perused.

Once final approval is given, Oklahoma will be assuming the following programs from EPA: industrial and municipal wastewater discharges, sewage sludge, pretreatment, toxics reduction and, by July, 1997, storn water. The DEQ will permit, review for compliance and enforce the requirements related to these programs.

The DEQ is anticipating a letter of completeness from EPA informing the agency that the application was complete and all required information was included. After this letter is received, the public notice period begins with a proposal to approve the DEQ's program by notice in the Federal Register. Tentatively, a public hearing will be scheduled the EPA in August. After addressing any pertinent comments received at the hearing. EPA will make a final decision to approve the program and, the DEQ will become the sole permitting authority under the Clean Water Act for these programs in the early fall of 1996.

For more information on the NPDES program, call405-271-5205.

#### Theatre presents 1996 dance workshops

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with at least seven years of training.

9:30 am. until 8:30 pm. Monday

through Saturday at the Company's

facilities, located at 4512 South Peo-

ria Avenue. Areas of dance instruc-

tion covered are classical ballet,

pointe, jazz and modern and charac-

ter dancing. Related areas of interest

to dancing, such as nutrition and

· Classes are scheduled from

ages.

Faculty for the two weeks of study include Marcello Angelini, Tulsa Ballet Theatre's Artistic Director, Moscelyne Larkin, the Company's Artistic Director Emerita, and Prinarea dancers will begin Monday, July cipal Dancers Daniela Buson and 29, and conclude August 10, and are Aleksandr Lunev.

Guest instructor the first week have a wide range of experience and for Jazz is Ginger G. Gondron, of the Margo Marshall/Gilbert Rome Stu-Three levels of classes will be dio and performer with the Texas Dance Theatre. Week two brings modern dance instructor Cynthia Riesterer from the faculty at the University of Cincinnati and Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival. Teaching master classes will be Marcello's Father and first teacher, Amaldo Angelini, owner and director of the Harmony School of Ballet of Naples, Italy.

Tuition for both weeks of classes is \$350, \$200 for one week. Master Classes are also available at the cost of \$15 per session. Attendance in all classes is available. For more information about the workshops, or to enroll, call Tulsa Ballet physical therapy, will also be cov- Theatre at 749-6030.



### **Scholarship Opportunities**

National Scouting Report, the nationally-recognized scouting authority with offices in more than 80 metropolitan cities nationwide, announced the opening of a new regional office for Eastern Oklahoma area students. The 16-year-old company focuses on matching deserving high school athletes and fine arts students with available college scholarships.

When it comes to college scholarships, most parents and collegebound student athletes and fine arts students think that scholarship opportunities are highly limited and basically unattainable. According to Charlie Ricks, Area Director of National Scouting Report of Eastern Oklahoma, this is not the case.

There are literally thousands of colleges nationwide offering a tremendously wide range of scholarships to a broad spectrum of talented students. The unfortunate part is that many deserving students simply don't know these financial scholarships exist. Now students in this area will be able to seek out the numerous athletic and fine arts scholarships offered by colleges around the country. "For well over a decade, National Scouting Report has been successfully helping students receive thousands of scholarships to more than 2,000 colleges," said Ricks. "the students we work with are not only the star athletes or straight A students that receive most of the publicity and have a much easier time obtaining

scholarships; but also, and most important, our mission is to match other qualified students who are solid performers in a variety of athletic and fine arts programs with schools offering scholarships in these programs," he continued.

NSR credits its national success to the working philosophy the company has built on, to insure any qualified college prospect that his or her talents and accomplishments will be fully noticed by colleges nationally and they will not be overlooked

#### for scholarships.

Why are so many students overlooked by colleges? The answer is simple. Due to reduced recruiting budgets and personnel constraints, colleges simply don't have the manpower to recruit much further than the "super star". Sadly, in thousands of other cases, other students, both boys and girls, participating in sports such as baseball, soccer, volleyball, softball, tennis, basketball, golf, swimming, etc. are not being recognized by many colleges nationwide due to a lack of information on the student athlete. This also applies to fine arts students in music, dance, drama, visual arts, etc.

Not all students can be accepted by National Scouting Report. Students must meet certain academic standards and must be solid performers.

For more information on the National Scouting Report, contact Charlie Ricks, Eastern Oklahoma Area Director at (918) 459-0690.

#### Starting date set for rural program

October 1 is the start up date for the rural expansion of Sooner-Care, Oklahoma's managed care program for Medicaid recipients, announced Garth L. Splinter, M.D., chief executive officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

With the passage of House Bill 2497, the date for enrollment for all Medicaid recipients receiving Aid to Familes with Dependent Children (AFDC), originally mandated to be complete by July 1, 1996, has been extended to July 1, 1997.

'This change has the greatest impact on the state's rural areas which have not yet participated in managed care," said Splinter. "While legislation requires the Authority to complete enrollment by July 1, 1997, the Authority is committed to begin services under the new program by October 1,' he said. The enrollment extension also will afford greater opporturity for communication with healthcare providers and the Department of Human Services personnel who are responsible for program eligibility. Enrollment materials will be mailed to Medicaid recipients in

August. More than 500 primary care physicians have signed contracts to provide services to rural SoonerCare members.

SoonerCare began enrollment of the AFDC population July 1, 1995, in three metropolitan areas. These include areas in and around Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Lawton. In these

areas, members receive care from participating health plans (HMOs). In the rural areas, where health

plans are not available to Medicaid recipients, participants choose a primary care physician to provide basic health care needs and coordinate specialty care. Basic health care services, such as generaloffice visits, are funded by paying a flat monthly fee to the patient's primary care physician. Services provided outside of the basic health care services are funded by paying fee-for-service rates to primary care physicians as well as other providers.

A pilot project for the rural program began April 1 in Hughes, Okfuskee and Seminole Counties. "Medicaid recipients and physicians in the rural pilot area have been receptive to the new system and problems have been few," Splinter said.

This year's SoonerCare program will include new provisions. Members will have six months of guaranteed eligibility for Medicaid benefits. Members also will be "locked-in" to a health plan or provider for a 12-month period. Exceptions will be made for those who move or for other special circumstances.

Under current law, by July 1, 1999, other Medicaid recipients, including non-institutionalized aged, blind and disabled, seriously and persistently mentally ill and those in long-term care must be enrolled in SoonerCare.

### **Chicken supper**

The Hitchita Fire Department will be holding a chicken supper on Saturday, August 3, 1996, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Members are asked to bring a dessert. Admission is by donation. Everyone is welcome.



### **Fall enrollment**

Warner High School announcesfallenrollment. Warner High School will be enrolling students for the 1996-97 school year on the iollowing schedule:

Seniors (12)- Wednesday, August 7, from 8:00-11:00; Juniors (11)- Wednesday, August 7, from 1:00-3:00; Sophomores (10)- Thursday, August 8, from 8:00-11:00; Freshmen (9)- Thursday, August 8, from 1:00-3:00.

The school will be open for make-ups or problems on Friday, August 9, from 8:30-3:00. There have been several minor changes to the schedule that students saw this spring. It is important that all students enroll during this time. If students or parents have any questions, they should feel free to call the High School Office at 463-5172.

### Webbers Falls Physicals

All male athletes, ages seven (7) through twelve (12), MUSTBE at Webber Falls High School on Monday, August 12, at 4:30 pm for physicals.

The cost will be \$5.00. For more information contact Larry Childers at 464-2334.

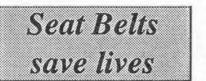
# Obituaries -

### Sandra "Sandy" Phillips

GORE- Funeral services for Sandra "Sandy" Phillips 54, of Gore, Oklahoma, were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday July 25, 1996, at Tom Girty Cemetery at Webbers Falls with the Reverend Jean Rozell officiating. Burial was under the direction of Millsap Funeral Scrvices of Webbers Falls.

Mrs. Phillips was born April 25, 1942 at Gore, Oklahoma to Fred and Marvel Mannon and died Tuesday July 23, 1996, at Saint Edwards Hospital in Fort Smith, Arkansas. She had attended school at Gore and graduated from high school in California. She moved back to the Gore area in 1961 and married Albert Phillips on October 6, 1963, at Stilwell, Oklahoma.

Survivors include her husband; Albert of the home, two daughters and a son-in-law; Tamara and Kelly Lehnick of Vian and Sonja Phillips of Eufaula; two sisters and brothersin-law; Gwen and Bill Page of Vian, Freida and Darrell Ellis of Gore, and three grandchildren; Morgan, Garrett and Blakelee.



#### **Shirley Goodner**

PORUM- Mrs. Shirley Good-

ner, 59, died Friday, July 26, 1996, at Muskogee Regional Medical Center. A native of Porum, Shirley was born December 23, 1936, to Osborn and Ocie (Patterson) Wiggins. She grew up in Porum and graduated from Porum High School in the class of 1956. Shirley was married to L.D. Goodner on January 30, 1958 in Stigler.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodner made their home in several states before returning to Porum in 1956, where they have made their home ever since. Shirley was a member of the Porum Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, L.D. Goodner of the home, a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Patricia Goodner of Muskogee, a granddaughter, Julie Goodner of Muskogee, one sister, Viola Stewart of Porum, one brother, Don wiggins of Porum. Several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 29, 1996, at the Porum Church of Christ with Mr. Alan Lawson officiating. Pallbearers include Mrs. Goodner's nephews. Burial was at Coleman Cemetery. Funeral service arrangements are under the direction of Foster-Petering Funeral Home.

### Important News for Oklahoma Natural Gas Company Checotah Area Customers

If you've been paying your ONG bill at Oklahoma Natural Gas Company's Checotah Office, here's some important information: The Honey Springs Arts & Crafts Gallery, located at 507 W. Gentry in Checotah is now accepting ONG payments during their regular business hours. Our Checotah Office will no longer be open after August 9, 1996.

For even greater convenience, the Payment Automatically Transferred Plan (P.A.T.) allows for automatic payment of your gas bill either from your checking or savings account each month. There's no check to write, not stamp to buy, and no trip to an office.

If you prefer, you can always mail us your payment in the envelope provided with your bill. If you have a question about your account or need to request service you can call us toll free at 1-800-482-4513. Customers in Briartown, Porum, Vian, Warner, and Webber Falls should call us toll free at 1-800-682-3337.

#### Alta M. (Hughart) Duke

MUSKOGEE- Alta M. (Hughart) Duke, 73, of Muskogee, ded Sunday, July 21, 1996, at Broadway Manor Nursing Home.

A native of Braggs, she was bornon October 28, 1922, to William C and Flora Hughart. She grew up at Braggs and attended school there. On May 7, 1945, she was married to Allen O. Duke. They made their home in Muskogee ever since. Mrs. Duke was a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Allen O., of the home; daughters, Vickie Duke, of the home, Barbara Gurwell, of Muskogee, Margaret Sowers, of Wagoner; son, David Lee Duke, of Tulsa; five grandchildien; seven great-grandchildren; biothers, Ishmel Hughart, of Webbers Falls, Silas Hughart, of Webbers Falls, Paul Hughart, of Bixby, Doyle Hughart, of Sand Springs, Marion Hughart, of Sand Springs, Douglas Hughart, of Jenks; aunt, Oda Fox.

Mrs. Duke is preceded in death by her parents, brother, Clifford Hughart and sisters, Irie Rowan and Alice Hughart.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 1996, at Fosters' Ivory Chapel in Foster-Petering Funeral Home with Cletus Jones officiating.

Burial followed at Greanleaf Cemetery at Tahlequah. Pallbearers were Bill, Gerry, John, Kelly, Gary, ard Bill Hughart. Honorary pallbearers were Steve Hughart, John Rowan, Tommy Hughart, Ricky Hughart, Mike Hughart, Louis Sowers, J.W. Berry, Connie Amerson, ard Jerry Nutt.

Funeral service and arrangements were under the direction of Foster-Petering Funeral Home.

#### **Gale Starr**

QUINTON-Gale Starr, 61, of Quinton, Oklahoma, died Friday, July 19, 1996, at his home.

He worked at Ammunition Depot. He was preceded in death by hisfather, Clarence Starr; one brother, Lærry. He also served in the U.S. Army, he loved his job, his church and his community.

Services were 2 p.m., Monday, July 22, 1996, at West Liberty Baptist Church in Quinton, Oklahoma with the Reverend Riley Abel officiating. Burial was at West Liberty Cemetery in Quinton, Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Frost Starr of the home, daughters, Terry Kohler of Euless, Texas, and Dee Ann Sanchez of Gran Prairic, Texas, step daughter; Jerri Sue Diver of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, sons, Jimmie Gale Starr, Jr. of Farmington, Atkansas, step son, Joe Wayne Rhodes of Spiro, Oklahoma, mother and step-father Lora and Bedford Jonnson of Ft. Worth, Texas, brothers, Bill Starr of Porum, Oklahoma, Carl Starr of T. Worth, Texas, Glenn Starr of Hurst, Texas, chief Starr of Sulfur Springs, Texas, and Gary Starr

#### Kenneth Othal Allwhite

MUSKOGEE- Kenneth Othal Allwhite, owner and operator of Muskogee County Insurance Agency, died Saturday at his home. He was 54. His memorial services were held Tuesday, July 30, 1996, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Wainwright. Burial was in Middleton Chapel with the Reverend Marion Graves and the Reverend Tom Fitch officiating.

Pallbearers were Johnny Hatcher, Billy Irwin, Jerry Gerig, Bryan Cox, Mike Fields, Clark McGuire and Dave Bohannon. Honorary pallbearers are Eldon Arnold, Ernest Marshall, Ken Masters and George Albert Young.

He was born January 11, 1942, in Blackwell, Oklahoma, the son of O.R. "Slim" and Elsie Hunter Allwhite.

Mr. Allwhite marrried Leona Faye Cooper on December 31, 1982 and together they shared a farm in Wainwright where he spent most of his happy years enjoying all of his beautiful accomplishments.

He spent his early years as a principal and athletic director at Muskogee High School., Okmulgee High School and Sapulpa High School. He later became an insurance salesman with Farm Bureau and purchased Muskogee County Insurance Agency, which he operated until his death. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Muskogee, and attended Wainwright Baptist Church.

One of his final accomplishments that he and his family was very proud of was becoming a licensed Real Estate Agent, which he had just begun to fulfill.

He is survived by his wife, Leona Allwhite; two daughters and sons-in-law, Amber and Bryan Cox of Checotah and Lea and Jimmy Cox of Hulbert; three sons, Clinton Stanton of Muskogee, Jeff and Angela Stanton of Wainwright and Clark Christy Mcguire of Webbers Falls; one brother, Harry Gregson of Blackwell; 11 grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

Mr. Allwhite was preceded in death by his mother and father, Elise and O.R. "Slim" Allwhite, and one brother, Jimmie Ray Gregson.

Ken lived his life to the fullest and touched so many people. He will be greatly missed.

Bradley Funeral Service has been entrusted with the arrangements.

#### Vernie "Half Pint" Fleming

#### **Jayce Collier Kirk**

PRYOR- Funeral services for Jayce Kirk 16, of Pryor, were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 26, 1996, in the Church of Christ in Pryor. Brother Harry Fitzgerald officiated and burial was in the Oktaha Cemetery in Oktaha, Oklahoma. Services were under the direction of Key Funeral Home in Pryor.

The daughter of James Charles and Judy (Collier) Kirk, Jayce was born April 21, 1980 in Pryor. Her father, James, died when she was only 3 years of age. She attended school in Pryor and completed her sophomore year at Pryor High School this year and was looking forward to entering her Junior year this fall. She enjoyed sports and she really loved music and singing. She had just performed in the Missoula Childrens Theater in their production of "Snow White". She played one of the Trees. Jayce was a member of the Church of Christ and attended in Pryor.

Her survivors include her mother, Judy Kirk, of the home; one sister and brother in law; Shana and Berkley Hefner of Tahlequah; three brothers, James Kirk and wife Brenda of Park Hill, Oklahoma; Alan Kirk and wife Becky of Bixby and Robert Kirk of Tahlequah. Also three nephews, Montana Hefner of Tahlequah, Jimmy Kirk of Park Hill, Ian Kirk of Bixby; one niece, Kylie Kirk also of Bixby; Maternal grandparents, Bill and Marie Collier of Muskogee; two aunts, Billie "Biddy" Collicr of Olathe, Kansas and Elinor Yost of Elmont, New York.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Charles in 1983, and her paternal grandparents, Lillian Kirk and Junius Kirk. The family received friends at the Key Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of other remembrance, the family requests memorials be made in care of Key Funeral Home for the Drama and Music Department of Pryor High School.

#### **Addie Mae Tillery**

PORUM- Funeral services for Addie May Tillery, were held Tuesday, July 30, 1996, at 2 p.m. at Porum Assembly of God Church. Burial followed in Hoyt Cemetery.

Mrs. Tillery died Saturday at Muskogee Regional Medical Center. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Assembly of God Church in Porum.

She is survived by her daughters, Agnes Quinton of Porum, Mary Mendenhall and her husband, Carl, of Porum, Lavada Shamblin and her husband, Wayne, of Porum, Rebecca Phillips and her husband, Mike, of Muskogee, and Pam Chapman; and her husband Stanley, of Webbers Falls: sons Tommy Tillery of Webbers Falls, Joe Tillery and his wife, Francis, of Muskogce, and Robert and his wife, Debbie, of Porum; two sisters, Lois Webb of Idaho and Marie Bryant of Springdale, Arkansas, one brother, Isum Goff of Spiro, Oklahoma; 21 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, T.D.; one sister, Esther Stiles; one brother, Ophir Goff; one son, Timothy. Pallbearers were Billy Sexton, Ivan Kennedy, Jesse Mendenhall, Babe Mendenhall, Loyd Benton and Jerry Farrar. Honorary pallbearers were Aaron Lewis and Wesley Lcwis.

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Customer Service Phone Numbers 1-800-482-4513 Checotah, Canadian, Eufaula, Crowder 1-800-682-3337 Briartown, Eufaula, Porum, Warner, Vian of North Richland Hill, Texas, and eleven grandchildren. Pallbearers were Arlanda Eakle, Leo Monks, Johnny Smith, Enmett Daniels, Carl Cooter and Raymond Rhodes. Honorary pallbearers were Steve Basden, H.B. Smith co-workers at MCAAP, Clurch family and neighbors.

Memorial contributions may be made to McAlester Hospice. Arrangements by the Mallory Funeral Home of Stigler, Oklahoma.

WAGONER- Vernie "Half Pint" Fleming, of Wagoner, died Monday, July 22, 1996, in Muskogee at the age of 73 years. He was born August 10, 1922, in Hulbert to W.A. and Bertha (Harding) Fleming. Vernie married Dora Rader December 2, 1946, in Independence, Kansas, who preceded him in death on January 21, 1996. He was also preceded in death by his parents. Vernie owned Half PintLiquor Store and the Westside DX Filling Station

He is survived by his son, Mike Fleming and wife, Sandy, of Wagoner; daughter, Patsy Fleming of the home; grandchildren, Heather Drake of Broken Arrow and Chad Fleming of Germany; great grandson, Ryan Drake of Broken Arrow; brothers, C.R. Fleming and wife, Nadine of Wagoner, Bill Fleming of Houston, Texas, and A.B. Fleming of Porum and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 1996, in the Hersman Nichols Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Robert Rose officiating. Interment was in Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of Hersman-Nichols Funeral Home.

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### Warner Middle School News

The new Warner Middle School will be kicking off the 1996-97 school year off with an Orientation Night Tuesday, August 13th from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. beginning in the cafeteria and then moving to the new middle school building. During orientation, parents and students will have the opportunity to meet Dr. Jess Bair, Warner School Superintendent, Mr. John Piper, High School Principal; Mrs. Pam Bradley, Middle School Principal and middle school teachers and staff. Afterwards, parents and students will be able to tour the new middle school facility and media center, meet homeroom teachers, pick up class supply lists and schedules, buy a T-shirt, join the PTA, and partake of refreshments.

Besides meeting on several occasins to update curriculum, modif y discipline plans and participate in other brainstorm sessions, the middle school staff (along with our great custodial staff) have been working hard to make the school building more appealing for the students. Walls have been painted, maroon and gold stripes added for accent, and hall decorations are now in the process of being made in accordance with this year's theme, "Star-Spangled Students: Bright and Rising Stars."

An enrollment time has also been scheduled August 5th through August 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for new students and students that have not previously enrolled at Warner Middle School. New students will need to bring an up-to-date copy of their shot record and legal birth certificate with them. Also, all students with unpaid charges (textbooks, lunch charges, and library fines, etc.) from the 1995-96 school year will not be allowed to charge for the upcoming year, nor will they receive last year's report card until such fines are paid.

Come and join us for Orientation Night, August 13th! Discover what fun being "in the middle" is all about!

### **Warner Elementary** School to begin

The 1996-97 school year will begin Thursday, August 15th, for area students. New students who need to enroll at Warner Elementary in grades Developmental Kindergarten through 5th grade, can do so during the week of August 5-9, at the elementary of-

#### Warner School supplies listed Following is a list of school Scissors

supplies students will need for the 1996-97 school year. A copy of this list will also be posted at K-Mart and Wal-Mart in Muskogee and the Wal-Mart in Checotah.

#### Developmental Kindergarten

2-Bottles Elmer's Glue **2-Glue Sticks Fiskar Scissors** 8 Basic Color Washable Markers Water Color Paints 2-Boxes of Kleenex (200ct) 2-Pencils 2-Boxes8 Basic Color Standard Size Crayons 1-Bottle Anti-Bacterial Cleaner PLEASE DO NOT LABEL-WE **KEEPALLSUPPLIESTOGETHER**, THANKS!!

Kindergarten Backpack Elmer's Glue 2-Glue Sticks **Fiskar Scissors** Washable Markers Water Color Paints 2-Boxes of Kleenex (200ct) 2-Pencils 1-Box Crayons 2-Rolls of Paper Towels 1-Bottle of Anti-Bacterial Cleaner 1-School Box (Cigar Size) First Grade 2-Bottles Elmer's Glue 1-School Box 2-Boxes of Kleenex (200 ct) 1-Pocket Folder 5-No. 2 Pencils 1-School Bag Scissors 2-Rolls of Paper Towels 1-Large Oblong Eraser 2-Boxes 8 Small Crayons Water Color Paints 1-Bag Candy for Treats \$2.00 for Art Supplies 1-Bottle Lysol Anti-Bacterial Cleaner (We clean desk with this) Second Grade 1-Wide Ruled Notebook (clear tear edges preferred) 1-Box Crayons

**Child Abuse** Prevention

Muskogee County has been chosen to implement a trial, voluntary child abuse prevention program.

Senator Ben Robinson and Health Department officials will discuss the Children First program and be available to take questions at a press conference to be held at the Muskogee County Health Department at 10 a.m. on July 26. The Health Department is located at 530 South 34th in Muskogee. The Children First program is patterned after Hawaii's Healthy Start program, which involves voluntary home visitation by trained personnel, including nurses and child development specialists. Tentative plans for the program include contacting first-time parents and teen parents while they are in the hospital about programs and services that could help in raising their children. Parent participation will be voluntary.

2-Boxes of Kleenex (200 ct) 2-No. 2 Pencils 1-Bottle Elmer's Glue or Glue Stick 1-Small School Box (cigar size) 1-Backpack 1-Small Pencil Sharpener 4-Laminated Pocket Folders 1-Large Eraser 1-Small Plastic Glass NO LARGE NOTEBOOKS OR TRAPPER KEEPERS--THEY WILL NOT FIT IN OUR DESKS AND WILL BE SENT HOME. Third Grade 1-School Box (cigar size) 1-4 oz Bottle Elmer's Glue 4-Wide Line Spiral Notebooks **Fiskar Scissors** 1-Box (8-10) No 2 Pencils 1-Oblong Eraser 2-Boxes Kleenex (200 ct) **1-Box Crayons 4-Pocket Folders** 1-Spray Bottle of Anti-Bacterial Cleaner NO Magic Markers, Mechanical Pencils or Pens. NO Large Notebooks or Trapper Keepers. They will not fit in our desk and will be sent home.

#### Fourth Grade

1-School Box (Cigar Size) 1-4 oz Bottle Elmer's Glue **1-Box Map Pencils** Scissors (Marked with name) 1-Box (8-10) No 2 Pencils 1-Oblong Eraser 2-Boxes of Kleenex (200 ct) 1-Box Crayons 1-Box Magic Markers **6-Pocket Folders** Fifth Grade 1-Package Graph Paper (1/4 inch) 1-Box Crayons, 24 Count 1-Box Map Pencils Ruler 2-No 2 Pencils **3-Spiral Notebooks** Loose Leaf Notebook Paper 1-Bottle Elmer's Glue 2-Boxes Kleenex (200 ct) May need other items during the school year.

### **Quilting Contest**

A quilting contest has been added to the 44th Cherokee National Holiday schedule of events this year. The quilts will be on display from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., Saturday, August 31, through Sunday, September 1 in the old Talking Leaves Job Corps Building.

This is an open quilt contest. The quilt judging will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, September 1. All quilts

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fice. The elementary office is located in the middle building with the 4th and 5th grade classrooms. When enrolling, you need an original birth certificate and an up to date shot record for your child.

Kindergarten and Developmental Kindergarten students will need to be screened before entering school. If you child has not been screened, you may do so at the elementary school during the week of August 5th through 9th. Please call the elmentary office at 463-2950 for an appointment.

There have been a few changes made by the Oklahoma State Board of Health in regards to immunization requirements of students. These requirements are as follows:

**Developmental Kindergarten** 3 DPT or TD

**3** Polio

1 MMR (received on or after the childs first birthday

Kindergarten 5 DPT or TD 4 Polio **2 MMR** 

Exceptions: If the 4th DPT or 3rd Polio was given after the 4th birthday, the 5th DPT and/or 4th Polio is not required

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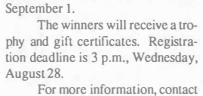
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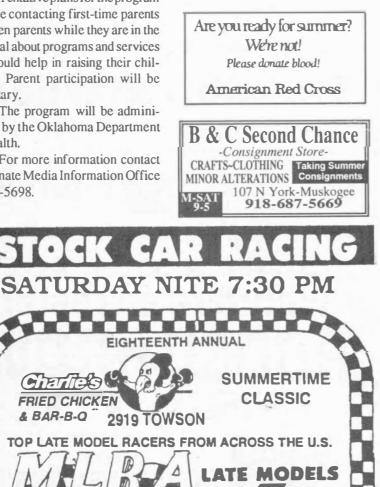
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Pontiac Sunfire 4-door - White



# Stomp Dance to be Held

An exhibition stomp dance will be performed during the Cherokee National Holiday at 6p.m., Saturday, August 31. The exhibition will be held in the field west of the Cherokee Nation Complex.

A traditional stomp dance is considered by many to be sacred to the Cherokees.

For those wanting to learn more about their heritage this is a good place to experience history and culture.

For more information about the ceremony, contact Paulette Thomas at (918) 456-0671, ext 541.

### Rookie Bridge Camp at NSU

Rookie Bridge Camp at Northeastern State University is a fun and exciting experience that helps students make the transition from high school to college.

Two sessions this year, August 12-13 and 15-16, offer insightful information that answers questions, and camp directors and volunteers share what it takes to be successful in college. Rookie Bridge Camp partcipants have the opportunity to meet faculty, staff and hundreds of other freshmen before classes begin.

Camp volunteers from the area are: Jodee Freeman, Brittain Miller, Sallisaw; Jenee Hall, Gregg Simmons, Vian.



### Original Enrollees to be Honored

The Cherokee Nation will honor its original tribal enrollees as part of the 44th Cherokee National Holiday August 31- September 1. The theme for the 1996 holiday, "A Cherokee Homecoming," with a special emphasis on Sequoyah, welcomes home all Cherokee Nation tribal families for a weekend celebration.

Tribal membership in the Cherokee Nation is determined by a person's ancestor(s) being listed on the Dawes Commission Rolls, 1899-1906. These citizenship rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes were created as a prelude to Oklahoma statehood. The Cherokee Nation annually honors its original Dawes Commission enrollees at the Cherokee National holiday.

The tribal registration department will host the reception at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 31, inside the Cherokee Nation W.W. Keeler Tribal Complex Council Chambers for original enrollees and their families.

Original enrollees will be greeted by Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Joe B yrd and Deputy Chief J. Garland Eagle. Original enrollees may have their photos taken with the Principal Chief and will receive certificates and name tags with their Dawes Roll numbers. The oldest enrollee and the enrollee traveling the greatest distance to the Holiday will be presented plaques by Principal Chief Joe Byrd.

For more information, contact Lela Ummerteskee, interim tribal registrar, at (918) 456-0671, ext. 315.

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### **Stamp Celebrates 100 Years of Rural Free Delivery**

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ans, anthropologists and academians

A new United States postage stamp marking 100 years of rural free delivery will be issued August 7 at the 92nd National Convention of the National Rural Letter Carrier's Association (NRLCA) in Charleston, West Virginia.

The stamp will be dedicated by Postmaster General Marvin Runyon at an 8:30 a.m. ceremony at the Charleston Civic Center. Featured speakers include NRLCA President Scottie B. Hicks; USPS District Manager Diarmuid Dunne; and Charleston Postmaster Rick Esslinger.

The stamp image is based on a photograph of an early rural carrier alongside his horse-drawn mail wagon.

"It's hard to imagine the isolation in rural America back in the 1800s," saidRunyon. "There was not much in the way of communications, no telephones, radios, or television. People stayed in touch by mail, period. The problem was, they had to go to the post office to do it. For many people, it was weeks between trips to town, and many, many miles to stay in touch and informed.

"From its very inception, one hundred years ago this October, rural free delivery has proved to be a remarkable success, and a turning point for our organization. It made the mail faster, more convenient, and a more valuable means of communications for the nation.

"Today, delivery of the mail, to everyone, everywhere, every day is the cornerstone of the postal Service," added Runyon. "It's brought our great nation, farmers and businessmen, friends and families, closer together. It was also a shot-in-thearm for the U.S. economy, stimulating the development of roads and growth in merchandising.

"America's rural letter carriers have been a cornerstone of postal success for a century now. I am proud of them and what they do, the thousands of men and women doing top-quality work delivering the mail to every corner of the nation," said Runyon.

"Rural free delivery exemplifies our mission of binding our nation together with a reliable, cost-efficient mail delivery system for every...



point to universal mail service at uniform cost as a turning point in American history, culture and life. Meeting the needs of rural customers gave America a modern highway system of roads and bridges and stimulated trade and commerce, creating a more rewarding and fulfilling

life for our forefathers. "Tocay, rural free delivery continues to live out its heritage, building our future as stakeholders in the U.S. Postal Service and America."

Rural free delivery had its origins in the late 19th century when farmers and others living in rural areas began to question why mail delivery service was provided only to those living in large cities.

This began to change on October 1, 1890, when Congress appropriated \$13,000 for Postmaster General John Wanamaker to test the free delivery system in small towns and villages. During the following year, Wanamaker experimented with delivery in 46 towns having populations under 4,000 and, by all accounts, met with great success.

In 1892, however, a bill introduced by Michigan Congressman James O'Donnell supporting the permanent establishment of rural free delivery, and an amendment appropriating \$100,000 for the service, were rejected by the House Committeeon thePost-Office andPostRoads.

In 1893, Georgia Congressman Tom Watson proposed legislation to conduct another experiment, providing delivery to the rural farmer, not just to small towns and villages. But, a change of administration resulted in the selection of a new Postmaster General, William S. Bissell, who felt that rural free delivery would bankrupt the nation and simply rejected the idea.

Despite a flood of letters to Congress in 1894 supporting rural free delivery, Bissell again refused to spend the \$10,000 appropriation from Congress. The farmers' demands for rural delivery drove Congress in 1895 to directBissell to spend \$20,000 on the experiment, and to report to Congress at its next session

### **Artists-in- Residence Program**

The Oklahoma Arts Council's Oklahoma Touring an Artists-in-Residence programs are accepting applications through September 30, 1996, from artists wishing to be on the rosters of these programs for the on the practicality of extending rural delivery throughout the country. Rather than implement rural delivery, Bissell resigned.

His successor, William L. Wilson of West Virginia, promised to do his best to conduct a successful experiment and obtained a \$40,000 appropriation from Congress. He chose his hometown of Charles Town, West Virginia, and two nearby villages, Halltown and Uvilla, as the first sites where rural free delivery would be officially tried, beginning October 1, 1896 with five routes. Within nine months, 82 routes were operating from 43 post offices in 29 states.

In his october 1897, Annual Report, Postmaster General James A. Gary said, "It would be difficult to point to any like expenditure of public money which has been more generously appreciated by the people, or which has conferred greater benefits in proportion to the amount expended."

"Anothernoticeable fact," Gary added, "is the loyal service of the carriers employed in the rural districts. Though receiving a maximum pay of \$300 a year and furnishing theirown means of conveyance, many of those men ride 20 or 30 miles a day in all kinds of weather, over every description of road, and often across farms where there are no roads at all, with cheerful alacrity."

In early 1898, The Post Office Department announced that if any group of farmers were to petition their congressman, the Department would establish a rural free delivery route. When word reached the farmers, there was a flood of requests and the first nationwide rural free delivery service began in Carroll County, Maryland, the model upon which the rest of the country's rural routes were formed.

A century later, rural carriers deliver the mail daily on 54,442 rural routes over 2.7 million miles to 24.7 million delivery points.

The National Rural Letter Carriers' Association is the postal union which represents the rural carrier craft. It has a membership of over 93,000 regular, substitute, auxiliary and retired rural carriers.

Performing artists interested in the Oklahoma Touring Program must be career artists, non-religious in program content, Oklahoma based and capable of touring throughout the state. Other considerations for

### NPS Pollution Study

#### By Jess Epple Jr.

The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is in the process of beginning a new 319 NPS (Non-Point Source) pollution study of all Oklahoma waterbodies. The study will include both good and bad news about all streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, wetland, and groundwater reservoirs in Oklahoma. It is necessary to gather as much data as possible about these waterbodies because only those mentioned in the NPS report will be eligible for state and federal NPS funding. This includes protection for high quality waters as well as repair work on degraded waters.

Conservation Districts throughout the State will be busy, this summer, identifying waterbodies that have problems and also those that are in good shape. An OCC interviewer will be at the Muskogee County Conservation District/Natural Resource Conservation Service office to receive information about Muskogee County waterbodies September 5th.

If you have knowledge of a waterbody, in Muskogee County, that has a problem or one that you feel is in good condition we invite you to come in to our office, at 125 S. Main-Room 3D14 in Muskogee, and talk with an OCC representative between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., September 5th. If it is not convenient for you to be present on this date you can report the information to our office in person or call (918) 687-3478 at any time.

All programs and services of the U.S. Department Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service and/or the Muskogee County Conservation District are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or disability.

### 11th Annual Bell Powwow

The 11th annual Bell Powwow is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., Friday, August 2, and at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 3, at the Bell Powwow Grounds, located near Stilwell.

The public is encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and cameras. Admission is free.

Head staff includes, George Alexander, head man dancer; Jonita Anquoe, head lady dancer; Orval Kirk and Archie Mason, masters of ceremonies; Charlie Soap and Don Mankiller, arena directors; Drum Busters, host drum and Cherokee



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